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**“Experiences of Black People in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1844-1974”
A Brown Bag Lecture with Robert J. Booker**

PROGRAM: *Experiences of Black People in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1844-1974* | a Brown Bag
Lecture by Robert J. Booker

DATE: Noon, Wednesday, August 16, 2017

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE | Attendees are encouraged to bring a “brown bag” lunch



(Knoxville, TN) From the institution of slavery to the black church, to businessmen, politicians, Knoxville College, schools, segregation laws, and much more, Knoxville historian Bob Booker will discuss 130 years (1844-1974) of black history in Knoxville. His encyclopedic knowledge was earned through decades of historical research and from the perusal of thousands of pages of old newspapers. Much in demand as a speaker, Booker is the author of three books, several booklets, and is a long-running newspaper columnist and a former executive director of the Beck Cultural Exchange Center in Knoxville. Mr. Booker’s new book, *Experiences of Black People in Knoxville, Tennessee, 1844-1974*, will be available for purchase and signing following the lecture.

The program is sponsored by the Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel and Crematory and is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at noon at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Guests are invited to bring a “Brown Bag” lunch and enjoy the lecture. Soft drinks will be available. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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