



Mount Zion–Female Union Band Society *Cemeteries Information System* Enhancements

The **Black Georgetown Foundation** is seeking \$16,000 of investment funding for enhancements to the *Cemeteries Information System (CIS)*. The work to be undertaken is in response to feedback received from the public, educators, Black history research professionals, and descendants of those interred in the burial grounds and includes:

- Recording ‘at risk’ privately held historically important decedent and historic Black Georgetown community information, photo images and documents within the CIS database (E.g., information held by the Mount Zion Church and Vincent deForest),
- Research, information curation and presentation of the life stories of historic Georgetown and Washington area enslavers and enslaved persons,
- Tools to analyze the rich data of the CIS for community / population studies, of historical Georgetown and Washington (cultural / social / economic / enslavement influences on employment, business ownership, formal education, dwelling, health and causes of death) taken across enslaved, freed, or born to freedom persons, and relative to the contemporaneous White population,
- Integration of the CIS database with “Geographic Information Mapping” technology. Visually relating life story locations from individual and groups of biographies – places of birth, residence/dwelling, formal education, worship, enslavement, manumission, emancipation, occupations / military service, business ownership, death and burial overlaying historic and present-day Georgetown maps to create community insight.

