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Memorabilia sought for Boggs Museum

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A Boggs Academy Museum is in the making — but it will take help from the public.

“We are looking for Boggs anything and everything,” said Jacqueline Bosby, campus administrator of Boggs Rural Life Center in Keysville.

She hopes to open the museum on Oct. 11 with the help of the JPN Leadership Group at Burke County High School. The all-female team of teens has taken on the museum and the gathering of memorabilia, historical documents and photographs as one of their leadership projects.

“We need anyone who attended Boggs, or knew someone who attended Boggs, to look around and see if there is something they can contribute to the girls’ cause,” Bosby said, noting photos, yearbooks and sports and graduation memorabilia are sought.

If all goes as planned, the museum will document Boggs’ history back to 1906 when it was founded under the aegis of the Board of Missions for Freedmen, Presbyterian Church in the USA.

Over the years, the college preparatory academy’s reputation for academic excellence prompted prominent African- Americans from all over the nation to send their children to Keysville for their SECONDARY EDUCATIONS. Among the students were Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the daughter of Rev. A.D. King; Elizabeth Williams, daughter of Civil Rights leader Hosea Williams; and Ronald and Julius Williams, the sons of writer and teacher Essie Mae Washington-Williams, who was the daughter of legendary South Carolina Senator Strom Thurmond.



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