



Greer Farms

**Denise
Greer
Jamerson**



Norman Greer



Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture Ceremonial Inaugural Opening

○ Norman Greer recognized as last remaining African American Farmer who is farming family land owned pre Civil war.

LAND



Land ownership has long been a pathway to political and economic power and a means of control over one's destiny—what some have labeled the American Dream. To this day, devotion to the land runs deep in Lyles Station—some families have worked their own farms since before the Civil War.

The land means everything.

NORMAN GREER 2010

Tommy Greer, David Hardman, and Norman Greer on their farm
from Family Collection, Lyles Station Historic Preservation Corporation

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BLACK PIONEERS IN THE OLD NORTHWEST

Lyles Station was part of a broad early migration of tens of thousands of free African Americans from the upper South to the Old Northwest Territory. Between 1810 and 1860, these black pioneers founded over 70 frontier settlements across Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, and Wisconsin. Black pioneers accumulated thousands of acres of land and negotiated the many challenges of settlement on the frontier, including everyday encounters with discriminatory laws and violence.



Greer Family
Land: owned
and farmed
since 1855



The Legacy Continues...





Passing down to the next generation



Heirs Property, Land Preservation and Farm Succession

Where do we go from here?

