

Greer Farms

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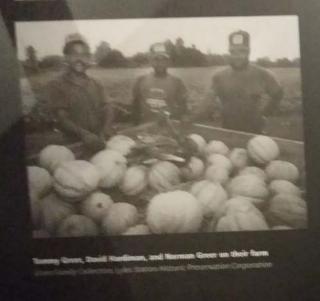




Smithsonian Museum of African American History and Culture Ceremonial Inaugural Opening

ONorman 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.

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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





Where do we go from here?

