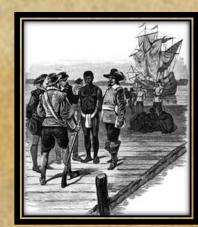
## PERSEVERANCE







The first documented Africans in English America arrived at Jamestown in August 1619. A Dutch man-of-war captured them from the Spanish, who had enslaved them, and sold them to the Virginia colonists. The "twenty and odd" Africans, some of whom had been given Spanish names, may have been treated like indentured servants and later freed after their periods of servitude expired. From this beginning the institution of slavery evolved during the 17th century as the Virginia colonists extended the longth of service for Africans from a fixed term to life. The United States abolished slavery in 1865.



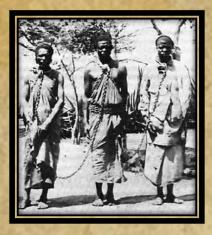
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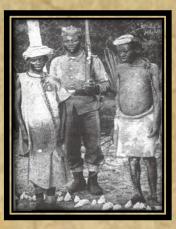
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PRIME HEALTHY NEGROES, CONSISTING OF Thirty-nine MEN, Fifteen Boys Twenty-four WOMEN, and

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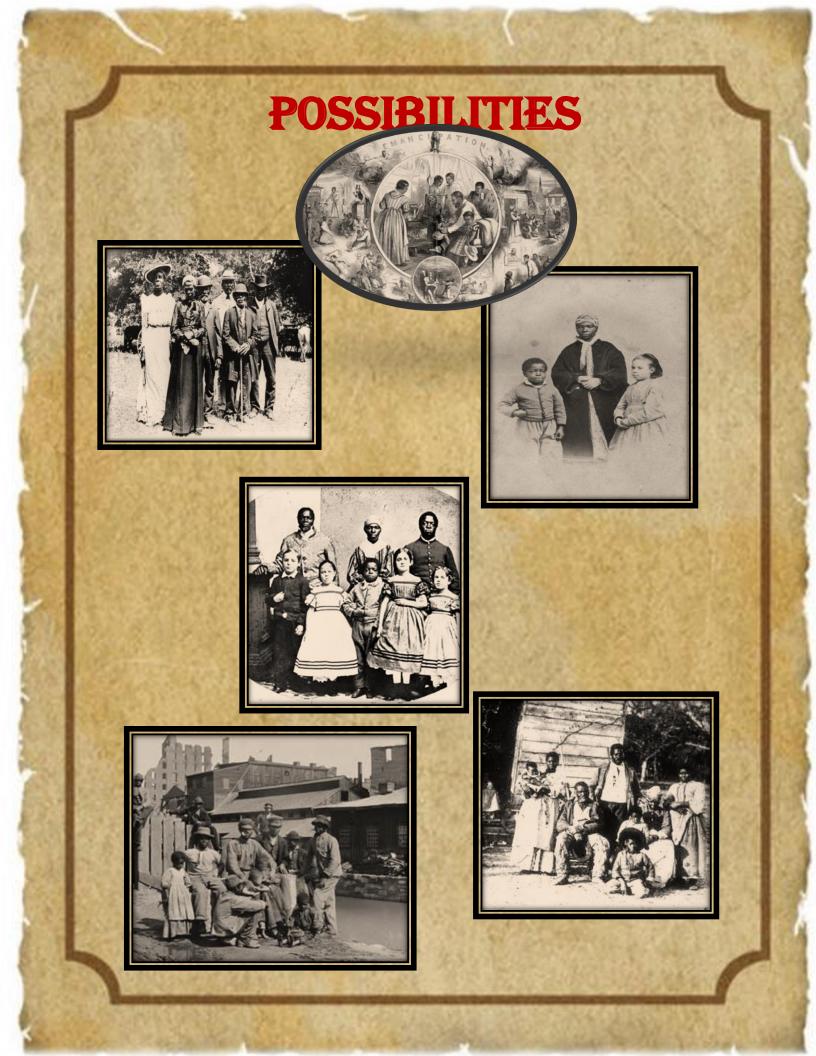












## PROGRESS JUNETEENTH ~ GALVESTON, TEXAS 150th Anniversary Juneteenth TEXAS JUNETEENTH

COMMEMORATED ANNUALLY ON JUNE 19TH, JUNETEENTH IS THE OLDEST KNOWN CELEBRATION OF THE END OF SLAVERY IN THE U.S. THE EMANCIPATION PROCLAMATION, ISSUED BY PRESIDENT ABRAHAM UINCOUN ON SEP. 22, 1862, ANNOUNCED, THAT ON THE 1ST DAY OF JANUARY, A D. 1863, ALI PERSONS HELD AS SLAVES WITHIN ANY STATE...IN REBELLION AGAINST THE U.S. SHALL BE THEN, THENCEFORWARD AND FOREVER FREE. HOWEVER, IT WOULD TAKE THE CIVIL WAR AND PASSAGE OF THE 13TH AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION TO END THE BRUTAL INSTITUTION OF AFRICAN AMERICAN SLAVERY.

AMERICAN SLAVERY. AFTER THE CIVIL WAR ENDED IN APRIL 1865 MOST SLAVES IN TEXAS WERE STILL UNAWARE OF THEIR FREEDOM. THIS BEGAN TO CHANGE WHEN UNION TROOPS ARRIVED IN GAIVESTON. MAJ. GEN GORDON GRANGER, COMMANDING OFFICER, DISTRICT OF TEXAS, FROM HIS HEADQUARTERS IN THE OSTERMAN BUILDING (STRAND AND 22ND ST.), READ "GENERAL ORDER NO. 3" ON JUNE 19, 1863. THE ORDER STATED "THE PEOPLE OF TEXAS ARE INFORMED THAT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH A PROCLAMATION FROM THE EXECUTIVE OF THE UNITED STATES, ALL SLAVES ARE FREE. THIS INVOLVES AN ABSOLUTE EQUALITY OF PERSONAL RIGHTS AND RIGHTS OF PROPERTY BETWEEN FORMER MASTERS AND SLAVES." WITH THIS NOTICE, RECONSTRUCTION ERA TEXAS BEGAN. CREED AEBICAN AMERICANS OBSERVED "EMANCIPATION DAY." AS

NOTICE, RECONSTRUCTION ERA TEXAS BEGAN. FREED AFRICAN AMERICANS OBSERVED "EMANCIPATION DAY," AS IT WAS FIRST KNOWN, AS EARLY AS 1866 IN GALVESTON. AS COMMUNITY GATHERINGS GREW ACROSS TEXAS, CELEBRATIONS INCLUDED PARADES, PRAYER, SINGING, AND READINGS OF THE INCLUDED PARADES, PRAYER, SINGING, AND READINGS OF THE PROCLAMATION IN THE MID-20TH CENTURY, COMMUNITY RELEBRATIONS GAVE WAY TO MORE PRIVATE COMMEMORATIONS. BECOME A STATE HOLIDAY IN 1979, INITIALLY OBSERVED IN TEXAS, BECOME A STATE HOLIDAY IN 1979, INITIALLY OBSERVED IN TEXAS, BECOME A STATE HOLIDAY IN 1979, INITIALLY OBSERVED IN TEXAS, BECOME A STATE HOLIDAY IN 1979, INITIALLY OBSERVED IN TEXAS, BECOME A STATE HOLIDAY IN 1979, INITIALLY OBSERVED IN TEXAS, THIS LANDMARK EVENT'S LEGACY IS EVIDENT TODAY BY THIS LANDMARK EVENT'S LEGACY AND AND THE TRIUMPH OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

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