



Perseverance: Episodes of Black History from the Rural South was inspired because many aspects of black history in many parts of the rural South are both underappreciated and under documented. Many of the local episodes of black history in this book occurred in Flagler County, Florida and are excellent microcosms of black history from the rural South. Some of these historic episodes are remarkable and include Ku Klux Klan ties to the county's founder, the "Famous Christmas Letter to Flagler's Colored Voters" (which was a community-wide physical threat to prevent blacks from voting), a black bootlegger killed the County Sheriff during a Prohibition raid, no high school was provided for blacks for 32 years, many of the county's elite white citizens were

members of the Citizens' Council, and the county's school board filed one of the last and most frivolous law suits of the Civil Rights era as a last-ditch effort to prevent desegregation. You are invited to take a journey through various episodes of black history from the rural South featuring local historical adventures weaved into broader national and international events that span from the European Invasion of the New World, the Plantation-era South, the American Civil War, Jim Crow laws, the two World Wars, the Civil Rights Movement and beyond.

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