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### **Biographical Summary:**

Char McCargo Bah is a native of Alexandria, Virginia and has been doing genealogical research for over 26 years. She holds a B.A. and A.A.S degrees in Urban Studies and African and African American History from the University of District of Columbia and a certificate in Legal Research Investigation.



She appeared in a number of television and radio interviews. Her most recent television program was with the PBS History Detective which was aired in July 2007. She was interviewed by the British Broadcasting Corp. (BBC) in March 2007 on the 200<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of the Transatlantic Slave Trade by Britain. Also, Char participated in a forum with the Maryland Public Broadcasting television on a segment: "American Lives on Slave Research," in fall of 2006. In November 2005, she did a program on *African American Genealogy and DNA* with FOX5 TV.

She was on the D.C. Genealogical Society Board for 23 years. She served two consecutive terms as Historian on the Virginia Genealogical Society Board. Char was a speaker at 2007 NGS Conference and she participated at 2007 Forklife Festival for the Smithsonian section on "Virginia Roots."

Ms. Bah has lectured throughout the east coast on various genealogical topics.

### **Publications:**

She has published several articles in several magazines and newspapers. She wrote three family booklets, one family telephone directory and was the author of her family newsletter from 1991 – 1999. She contributed to the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society journal. Currently, Char has her own columns with two genealogical/history newsletters. Her most recent publication is in an anthology book titled "Everyday Grace, Everyday Miracle," released in December 2006. She also authored eleven biographical narratives in the upcoming Halifax County, Virginia Heritage Book 2007.

### **Membership Affiliations:**

- Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS)
- Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)
- National Institute on Genealogy Research Alumni
- National Genealogical Society (NGS)
- Halifax, Virginia Historical Society
- Virginia Historical Society (VHS)
- D.C. Genealogical Society (DCGS)
- Genealogical Research Institute of Virginia (GRIVA)
- Friends of the Library of Virginia
- Northern Virginia Historical Society (NVHS)
- Oral History Mid-Atlantic Region (OHMAR)
- Association of Professional Genealogist (APG)
- Genealogical Speakers Guild
- Fairfax County Genealogical Society (FxGS)