

## OVERVIEW

Lest We Forget Slavery Museum is one-of-a-kind in the Philadelphia area. It houses a private collection of historic artifacts that reveal how coming to America was for enslaved Africans. Authentic objects shed light on a dark period of American history. They reveal truths about the Atlantic Slave Trade and the indelible scars that continue to effect American society.



## ABOUT US

J. Justin & Gwen Ragsdale, a husband and wife team established their museum in 2002. Mr. Ragsdale, President & Chief Curator has been collecting rare objects for several decades and is considered an expert in authenticating slave artifacts. Mrs. Ragsdale, President of Operations & Tours is a trained public speaker, author and film maker. She coordinates museum tours and traveling exhibits. Her knack for storytelling adds to the experience.

## EXHIBITS & TOURS

Compelling exhibits include authentic iron slave shackles, Bill of Sale documents Jim Crow objects, segregation signs, vintage photos, African sculptures, exquisite artwork and more. Tours are interspersed with "Little Known History Facts" and the Ragsdale's award-winning documentary films.

## BENEFITS OF LEST WE FORGET

- Offers an opportunity to learn or relearn a sensitive yet significant part of American history.
- Presents a different perspective of coming to America (Chains vs. Choice).
- Corroborates stunning parallels between historic events and current ones.
- Provides an opportunity to engage in open and honest dialogue about race relations.

## MISSION STATEMENT

*Utilize our rare collection to educate and increase awareness of the impact of slavery and its continued effect on American society"*

## VISION STATEMENT

"Our dream is for every child to channel the strength and perseverance of their ancestors and to exemplify the legacy of their greatness"

## LEST WE FORGET PRODUCTS

- **Lest We Forget** – An illuminating film about American slavery, featuring the Ragsdale's **WINNER - Martha's Vineyard/HBO "Best Documentary" Award**
- **My Slave Sister Myself** – A captivating film about survival from Middle Passage to Present **WINNER - Toronto & New York "Best Documentary" Awards**
- **Peculiar Relationships** – A gripping novel about the evolving relationships between Black and White women - By Gwen Ragsdale
- **Little Known History Facts Booklet**  
50+ Hidden Historic Events & Facts  
*Items Available On-Site & On-Line*  
[www.lwfsm.com](http://www.lwfsm.com)

**An extensive collection of artifacts that reveal the history of slavery from Capture to Emancipation and Beyond**

*The Ragsdale*



& TRAVELING EXHIBIT  
5501 Germantown Ave.  
Philadelphia, PA 19144  
{Entrance on Church St.}  
Across from Uncle Bobbie's  
Coffee House



Museum Hours:

Tues – Sat: 10 AM - 6 PM  
Sun: 12 PM - 5 PM

**APPOINTMENT REQUIRED**

General Admission: \$10

(215) 205-4324

**Book-A-Tour Online**

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**Email: [info@lwfsm.com](mailto:info@lwfsm.com)**

- ❖ **A Remembered Past**
- ❖ **A Thoughtful Present**
- ❖ **A Determined Future**

*A 501{c}3 Organization*



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### A VAST COLLECTION OF RARE OBJECTS FROM AMERICAN SLAVERY

*From the private collection of J. Justin & Gwen Ragsdale.*

*To view and touch authentic objects of enslavement "Brings History Alive".*

***Black History is American History 365 Days a Year, Lest We Forget***



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#### Traveling Exhibit

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**We travel the US & Caribbean exhibiting at  
Schools, Universities, Churches, Conferences,  
Black History, Juneteenth Programs,  
Family Reunions, Summer Camps, Bible Schools,  
Community Events and Museum Loans**

