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Charles:

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to attend the Second Historical Bus Tour given by the St. Louis African American History and Genealogy Society on October 17, 2009.

With 46 people in attendance it was a "rolling classroom" from start to finish. Our tour guide, Mr. Jim Vincent is a human history book. His tremendous knowledge of St. Louis and surrounding areas regarding African American History and current events, is a wonderful compliment to his enthusiasm. He makes learning satisfying as well as fun. Just as on the first tour, we were **not** able to "stump the tour guide". The entire day was spent learning about black communities in the north St. Louis and St. Charles areas. Having lived my entire life in north St. Louis county, I was amazed to discover just how much I did **not** know regarding the black experience and the cultural history right here in my hometown.

After a stop at the St. Charles County Historical Society for a tour of their genealogy department we headed to a tour of The Old State Capital of St. Charles. With our heads full of this newly acquired knowledge we stopped for a relaxing lunch provided along with our tour. My box lunch was not only fresh and delicious, it was huge, and included a cold drink. More food than I could eat, I was happy to have snacks on the bus on the way home.

The handout I was given to bring home included written information for me to keep for future reference. I also received a Passport To St. Charles, Mo and St. Louis County Environs. A great keepsake.

Thanks again to you and your group for all the hard work so that I can increase my knowledge of my African American heritage. Also thanks for the friendship I always receive with this group.

Sandra Dorton