

## **“We Be Anointed People:” The Gullah-Geechee Nation and Culture**

October is observed as The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Month. Located along the Lowcountry region, amongst the coast of North and South Carolina, Georgia and up until the coastal peak of Florida— The Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor and Nation is a community preserved by its geographic location, literary and oral history. Barrels of indigo, pigeon peas, or weaving Sweetwater grass baskets; this community’s cultural survival is seen in every day images and elements. The Gullah Geechee culture is a community uniquely comprised of West and Central African descendants, and some Georgia Native American tribes. Upon arriving to what is now considered the southern states, these individuals also fashioned their own “Gullah” language, an English-based creole, in an approach to preserve their African languages.

Not only did this community preserve their historical legacy; yet, fellowshipped and established schools, churches, and entrepreneurial businesses within the Gullah Geechee community. Residents are knowingly referred to as “Geechee.” Terms like Freshwater and Saltwater Geechee distinguish residents born on the mainland or the Sea Islands.

This listing provides historical narratives and oral histories of residents and local communities near the Gullah Geechee Historical Corridor and Nation. Children’s adaptations of Gullah histories and television productions as well as the iconic Daughters of the Dust are included.

Sources include call numbers, for patrons to easily inquire and obtain resources. Auburn Avenue Research Library maintains non-circulating policies of its collection; however, patrons are able to utilize materials in-house. Suggested search terms and keywords are provided to further guide patron’s research amongst Auburn Avenue Research Library and the Atlanta-Fulton Public Library catalog and digital libraries.

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**Author:** Bullard, Mary Ricketson

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**Author:** Bullard, Mary Ricketson

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**Author:** Society for the Preservation of Spirituals

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**Author:** Cate, Margaret Davis

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**Author:** Parrish, Lydia Austin

**Pub Date:** 1942

**Call #:** WR 784.7 PARRISH

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**Author:** Kinlaw-Ross, Eeleanor

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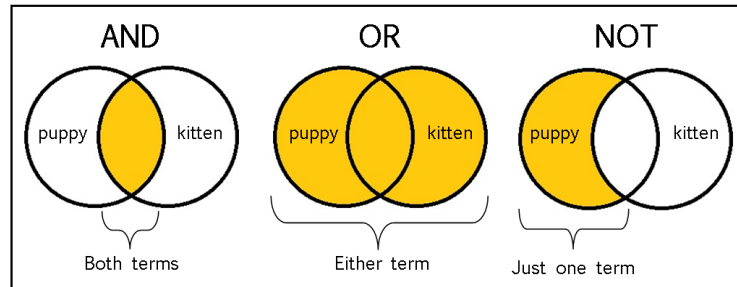
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- Gullah Geechee Cultural Heritage Corridor
- Sea Isles
- Sea Islands and Communities
- Gullah Language
- Gullah Creole OR dialect
- Gullah /Gullahs OR
- Geechees/ Geechies
- Georgia Sea Isles
- Georgia islands AND West African AND low country
- Glynn county AND Gullah OR Geechee AND African influence
- Queen Marquette Goodwine OR Queen Quet
- Golden Isles OR Georgia Sea Isles
- Golden Isles Highway AND slavery routes AND south Georgia
- Native Americans OR Indigenous Americans AND Gullah or Geechee AND social cooperation
- Native Americans OR Indigenous Americans AND Gullah or Geechee AND land ownership
- Property ownership OR land ownership AND Indigenous Americans AND Gullah or Geechee
- Saltwater OR freshwater Geechee
- Low country/ Lowcountry
- Rice company AND Rice plantation AND Savannah, Georgia AND Georgia Sea islands
- Geographical isolation AND rice plantation AND Georgia Sea islands
- Indigo dye AND Indigo blue AND African print marking
- Indigo dye AND Indigo blue AND Gullah garments AND economy
- Sweetwater baskets AND economy AND Gullah or Geechee community
- Sierra Leone AND Angolan influence AND Gullah or Geechee community
- West African AND Gullah or Geechee community AND cultural similarities
- **Carolina Lowcountry and Atlantic World (CLAW) Program**

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