



SLAVERY'S SECRET

The Lives of Free Blacks

WHO: John Lett is a longtime journalist, native of the Washington, D.C. area and member of Association for the Study of African American Life and History (ASALH). For more than a decade he has collected historical documents that belonged to free blacks during the U.S. slavery era.

WHAT: During the era of slavery, thousands of African Americans lived free. Despite racism and poverty, some became entrepreneurs, accumulated land and wealth, and in rare cases, became slave owners. On February 10, an exhibit will shed light on the lives of these free African Americans. Artifacts on display will include slave papers, freedom documents, land deeds, employment records, photos and court documents.

Saturday, February 10, 2024
Noon - 3:00 PM

Petworth Library
4200 Kansas Ave, NW
Washington, D.C. 20011
