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Delaware Historical Society Film Series Documents the Stories of Prominent African American Leaders in Delaware

Voices of the Elders: Stories of African Americans in Delaware film series continues with story of Esthelda Parker Selby.

Wilmington, DE — The Delaware Historical Society's Center for African American Heritage announces the April Voices of the Elders (VOE) program highlighting the life and contributions of Esthelda Parker Selby. Throughout the year, we will tell the story of a prominent African American leader in Delaware through a short film and a mini-exhibition. This month we recognize Milton town councilmember Esthelda Parker Selby's educational leadership and political career with the film *Esthelda "Stell" Parker Selby: Educator and Politician*.

WHAT: April *Voices of the Elders* program, *Esthelda "Stell" Parker Selby: Educator and Politician*

WHO: This program is a collaboration between the Historical Society's Center for African American Heritage, WITN22 and the City of Wilmington.

Esthelda "Stell" Parker Selby is a council woman for the town of Milton, Delaware. She attended segregated schools as a child—Milton's 196-C Elementary School and William C. Jason High School in Georgetown. Stell was also one of the first African American teachers to be hired in the Cape Henlopen School District. She has made a considerable contribution to the community through her activity on many boards and committees throughout Delaware.

WHERE: Christopher Ward Reading Room, Delaware Historical Society Research Library, 505 N. Market St., Wilmington, DE 19801. Free parking provided by Colonial parking in the [6th and Shipley St. lot](#).

WHEN: Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. Future VOE programs will take place on the fourth Thursday of every other month at 6:00 p.m. in June, August and October. The December date is to be determined.

Reservations can be made by calling (302) 655-7161 or deinfo@dehistory.org.

The Delaware Historical Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum; a nationally recognized Research Library; Old Town Hall; Willingtown Square, four 18th-century houses surrounding a picturesque urban courtyard located in Wilmington; as well as the Read House & Gardens located in historic New Castle, recognized as an “American Treasure” by the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the National Park Service; and The Center for African American Heritage, which will be included as part of the expansion of the Delaware History Museum, expected to reopen in 2016.

For more information on the Delaware Historical Society, call (302) 655-7161 or visit www.dehistory.org.

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