FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
September 3, 2013

A Special, New Exhibition Opening to the Public in the Delaware History Museum
September 27, 2013


WHY: Forging Faith, Building Freedom launches DHS’s new project, the Center for African American Heritage scheduled to open in 2015.

WHO: Delaware’s champions of religious freedom Absalom Jones, Richard Allen, Peter Spencer, and Samuel Cornish led in the creation of independent black churches in the US in the late 1700s and early 1800s. In Wilmington, the former enslaved African Peter Spencer founded the nation’s first independent, incorporated black denomination, the Union Church of the Africans, and the Big August Quarterly.

This exhibition has developed into a full collaboration with the faith community throughout Delaware and consultant Dr. Lewis V. Baldwin of Vanderbilt University, the leading scholar on Peter Spencer churches and Dr. Connie Cooper, Chief Curator of DHS. This has resulted in the first public presentation of a rich, exciting collection of documents, images, and objects. These heritage materials explore two centuries of diverse faith experiences, and the story for freedom and equality for African Americans in Delaware.

WHEN: Friday, September 27, 2013

WHERE: Delaware History Museum, 504 N. Market Street, Wilmington

HOW: For days and hours of operation, visit www.dehistory.com.

Our Mission: The Delaware Historical Society collects, preserves, and shares the largest private collection of Delaware historical resources in the world. The Society owns and operates the Delaware History Museum, a nationally recognized research library, several historic houses and a picturesque urban courtyard on our downtown Wilmington campus, as well as the Read House & Gardens in historic New Castle, Delaware.