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The Landscape Practices of Freedpeople in Antioch Colony, Texas



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This presentation discusses the spatial practices that members of Antioch Colony, a freedmen's community located in central Texas, engaged with to build and solidify community on the landscape between 1870 and 1954. Using historic aerial imagery and maps as well as oral histories, Dr. Scott explores how African Americans produced empowering geographies suitable for their needs in the post-bellum period. Through this analysis she finds that landownership was an important means to create institutions and routes within the colony; it was also a strategy to ensure that infrastructure built by African Americans would remain under their direct control.



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