The quest for Discovery and Preservation of the records of The Association of Oldest Inhabitants (Colored) of the District of Columbia

AOI Colored mentioned in Washington History Magazine	Historical Society Librarian Gail Redmann (Vol. 12, No. 2, Fall/Winter 2000-2001) Raises question about parallel African-American Organization, "Oldest Inhabitants, Inc."
AOI's "Cause"	 Nelson Rimensyder & Bill Brown Reconcile Records with DC Gov't & Archives (Incorporation Documents of both organizations were located and provided to Consumer & Regulartory Affairs) 2009 AOI Makes 'Quest' for records a priority, promoting it at meetings and talks
Washington Post's John Kelly	Picks up AOI's cause and writes about AOI's quest for records of AOI(Colored) Even with wide distribution, no replies or inquiries (March 2010)
AOI Member, Author, Historian James Goode "Serendipity"	 While researching new book on DC residential architecture and being familiar with the AOI's search for AOI Colored's history, Comes across custom home designed by William Nixon (Oct 2011) Contacts Nixon's granddaughter for further details about home design and Discovers scrapbooks containing records of the AOI Colored William Nixon was its President from 1942-62
AOI Meets Delores Mounsey	•Nelson Rimiensnyder and Bill Brown meet William Nixon's granddaughter (2011) and put her in touch with Ida Jones of Howard University's Moorland-Spingarn Library (late 2011, early 2012)
Records of the AOI Colored 1942-1962	 Are now preserved and available for research at Moorland-Spingarn William Nixon's family has copies of family papers provided by Moorland-Spingarn Washington Post's John Kelly writes follow-up account of the discovery (Feb. 2012)
We continue to be alert to additional records of:	•The Association of the Oldest Inhabitants (Colored) of the District of Columbia

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