

Slave trade shackles evoke America's painful past

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PHOENIX — Of the many cruel aspects of slavery, the shackles used to restrain and dehumanize over 12 million Africans across three centuries may be the most visceral tangible reminder.

At the Roots 101 Museum in Louisville, Kentucky, shackles made 400 years ago in Ghana are among the many relics of the African American experience on display. They were donated by a collector and activist. But Lamont Collins, who founded the museum in 2020, doesn't just show them. He puts them on the wrists of willing visitors.

"It's such a deep learning tool," Collins says. "No matter how we hear people tell stories, how people try to change the story, the reality of the stories is in those shackles. Nobody can deny the reality of what you feel in those shackles."

For European and American slave traders, iron shackles were seen simply as tools that helped run the transatlantic slave trade. Shackles were made for wrists, ankles, waist and the neck. They were even made in children's sizes. They were forced on kidnapped and sold Africans who were brutally crammed into ships as well as in slave markets in the Deep South. Seeing a coffer of enslaved people chained together in a line was commonplace.

Shackles reinforced to those enslaved that they could not even so much as dream of freedom. They were a pun-



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Donna Coburn displays slave shackles at the John Brown Museum on her farm in Guys Mills, Pa. on March 14, 2002.

ishment and a deterrent. A collar shackle even had bells or spiked ends to help slave catchers track runaways.

Last year, video of Collins placing shackles on a white woman's wrists at the museum gained attention on social media. He thinks it's because people want to talk about history through a racial lens as others continue to resist it.

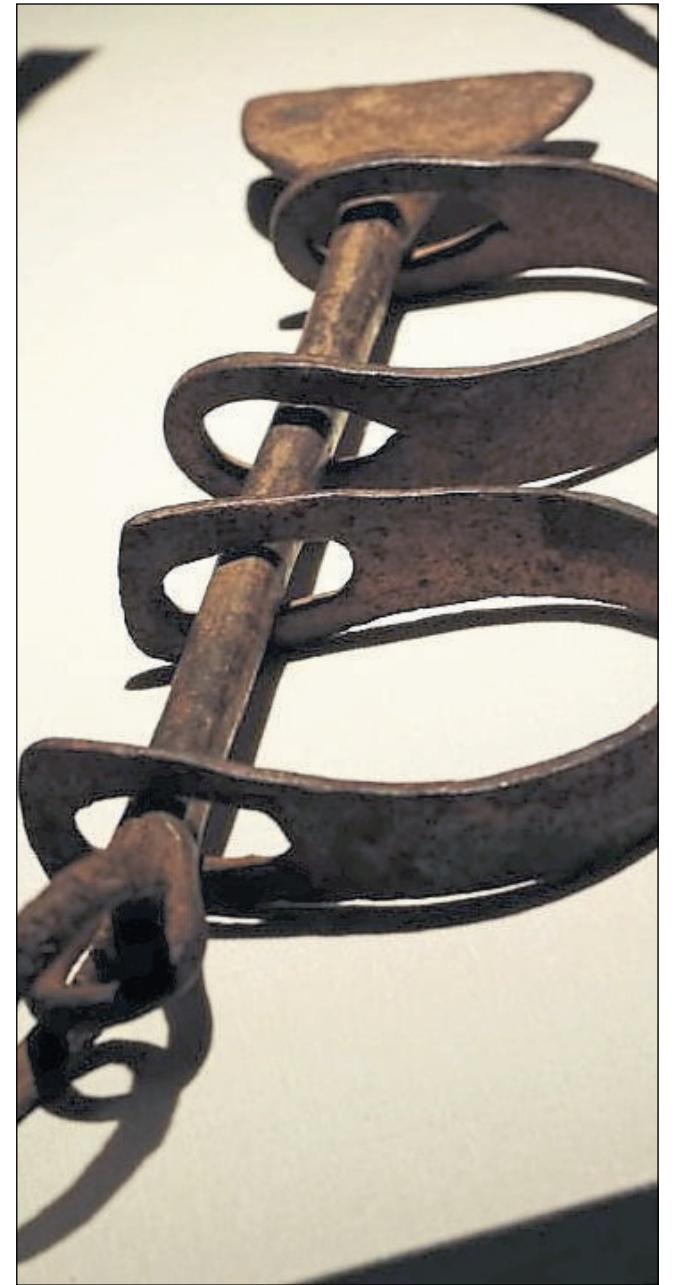
"What I realized is sometimes that a lot of people think they want to know the story. But they want to know the story in their boundaries," Collins says.

White men and women have cried after trying the shackles. Some decline just as Collins is about to cinch them on their wrists.



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These shackles, shown on the property of St. Augustine Church in New Orleans on March 6, 2008, are part of the shrine dedicated to the unknown slave.



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Shown is a set of circa 1700's "Middle Passage Shackles" used on slave ships, on display at the new black history exhibit, "AmericalAm: The African-American Imprint" at the National Constitution Center in Philadelphia on Jan. 14, 2009.

21 hospitalized after possible gas leak at Kentucky senior center

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Twenty-one people were taken to hospitals Thursday after a potential gas leak at a senior citizens center in Monticello, Kentucky, said Wayne County Judge-Executive Scott Gehring.

Two of the people were in critical condition at Lake Cumberland Regional Hospital at Somerset, Gehring said. The others appeared to be stable.

No fatalities had been reported as of 6 p.m.

Thirteen of the people were taken to Wayne County Hospital, said Joe Murrell, CEO of the hospital. Six of those were

admitted to the hospital.

Emergency officials began receiving calls just before noon for people experiencing dizziness, dry mouth, weakness and nausea at the Wayne County Senior Services Center on Columbia Avenue.

People got sick quickly, Gehring said.

The cause of the illnesses has not been confirmed, Gehring said. The Kentucky Fire Marshal's office is conducting air quality testing.

Potential causes include methane gas or other chemical leak.

"Our priority is ensuring the safety of everyone in and around the affected," Gehring said.

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everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?" (John 4:29). The people came, heard Jesus for themselves, and believed. One broken, lonely woman became the instrument through which an entire village encountered the Savior.

Real love always shatters loneliness because it moves toward people rather than away from them. Mother Teresa understood this. On the wall of her children's home in Calcutta hung these powerful words. "1) People are often unreasonable, irrational, and self-centered. Forgive them anyway. 2) If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfishness and ulterior motives. Be kind anyway. 3) If you are successful, you will win some unfaithful friends and some genuine enemies. Succeed anyway. 4) If you are honest and sincere, people may deceive you. Be honest and sincere anyway. 5) What you spend years creating, others could destroy overnight. Create anyway. 6) If you find serenity and happiness, some may be jealous. Be happy anyway. 7) The good you do today will often be forgotten. Do good anyway. 8) Give the best you have, and it will never be enough. Give your best anyway. 9)

In the final analysis, it is between you and God. It was never between you and them anyway."

This is the kind of love that changes everything. It refuses to let loneliness win. It keeps reaching out, keeps forgiving, keeps serving, even when it is hard, even when it costs something.

Who in your life might be feeling lonely right now that God could be calling you to reach out to? How has loneliness affected you or someone you love, and how has God met you in it? Which line from Mother Teresa's poem challenges you the most? This week, what is one practical way you can show love that shatters loneliness?

This week, look for someone who feels invisible or lonely. Offer a kind word, a listening ear, or a simple act of service. Pray for them. Invite them into relationship. As you do, you will discover the same truth the Samaritan woman found: When love breaks in, loneliness loses its power. Jesus is still in the business of turning isolated lives into communities of grace. Let him use you to shatter someone's loneliness with the love that never fails and see God's power become visible in your life.

Al Earley is the pastor of La Grange Presbyterian Church.

NOTICE ABOUT 2026 NELSON COUNTY TAX SALE

The following 2025 Delinquent Real Estate Property Tax Bills (Certificates of Delinquency) will be offered for sale by Jeanette Hall Sidebottom, Nelson County Clerk, and the Nelson Fiscal Court, pursuant to KRS 424.130 on July 23rd, 2026 beginning at 9:00 a.m. All interested participants must register with the County Clerk's office by the close of business on July 13th, 2026. Please contact the County Clerk's office if you need additional information about the tax sale registration process, the required registration fee or the deposit amounts that will be needed. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the County Clerk's Office at 502-348-1820 Option 5. The private purchaser of the delinquent tax bills will be issued a Certificate of Delinquency which represents a lien upon the real estate described on the face of the tax bill. Interest, at the rate of 1.0% per month for a 12-month period, tops out and 12% accrues upon this certificate from the date of issuance.

Bill #	Map ID	Address	Name	Amt Due
19274	49ML1-01-022	MELODY LAKE	ROBERTS CECIL B & ADOLOIDE W	\$119.37
19328	45NE0-36-007	V LOT 208 EAST BRASHEAR	ROBINSON ERNEST	\$125.10
19519	77000-00-005	EGGEN ROAD	ROGERS JOHN ESTATE & JOHN ROGERS JR	\$162.03
19581	45W00-08-002.T14	BURTON MH PARK 99 14X70	ROGERS RALPH	\$121.88
19624	49ML2-04-052	MELODY LAKE	ROMANELLO SAM & BETTY	\$103.79
19634	07T70-07-017	TIMBER TRAILS	ROSATI ALBERT	\$38.70
19681	42000-00-050	6855 OLD LOUISVILLE ROAD	ROWE MARLOWE E & MAYBELLE D	\$2,160.56
19687	36000-00-182.01	520 EDDIE MILES ROAD PLAT IN DB 313-464	ROWLETT WILLIAM R & LAURA ANN	\$699.31
19741	49ML2-05-024	049-ML2-05-025,026	RUCCIOS ST DENIS BAKERY	\$166.05
19742	49ML2-05-022	49ML2-05-023	RUCCIOS ST DENIS BAKERY	\$134.95
19797	07000-00-077	360 TWIN ISLAND LANE BOSTON KY 40107	RUSH PATE T	\$1,576.57
19949	64000-00-162.07	PILES AG DIV TR 19 PC18-74	SALSMAN JOHN B	\$105.25
19959	49ML1-03-094	MELODY LAKE	SAMES RONNIE C	\$119.37
20120	54SSW-02-062	BOURBON DOWNS-LT 77 PC1-149	SCHNEBLE TERRY & JUDY	\$536.63
20170	45E00-28-001	413 NORTH FIRST STREET	SCOTT RUFUS ESTATE	\$77.45
20177	87000-00-006.02	TONY SCROGHAM DIV TR A PC12-99	SCROGHAM ANTHONY	\$1,509.62
20249	49ML1-03-015	MELODY LAKE PL 3 LT 15	SELF ROY & SANDRA	\$119.37
20476	49ML2-05-001	MELODY LAKE PL 5 LT 1	SHEWMAKER TONY LYNN	\$103.79
20565	49ML2-04-045	MELODY LAKE PL 4 LT 45	SHRYOCK MARSHALL H & PHYLLIS J	\$103.79
20571	49ML2-02-061	49ML2-02-062	SHULTS DAVID C & JAMIE	\$134.95
20580	45NE0-15-019	HENRY ADDITION BL G LT 10	SIDEBOTTOM BRANDON WAYNE	\$362.30
20864	26NW0-02-027	HILLTOP LTS 56-59	SMITH ALZO	\$130.54
20946	49ML1-01-258	MELODY LAKE PL 1 LT 258	SMITH EDDIE R	\$119.37
21035	19000-00-027	2500 DEATSVILLE ROAD	SMITH KATHY	\$2,278.71
21036	39000-00-033.07	PLEASURE WOODS	SMITH KENNETH H	\$181.62
21037	54000-00-012.29	HUNTERS RIDGE LT 29 PC8-118	SMITH KENNETH W	\$2,687.44
21094	44SE0-08-003.02	LEO WATHEN DIV TR 3 REV PC 22-69	SMITH RICHARD & REBECCA	\$175.68
21104	57000-00-029.01	3925 ROBERTS ROAD	SMITH RONALD & MELISSA	\$962.11
21193	45000-00-171.T110	ROGANS MH PARK	SNELLEN RICHARD	\$26.95
21194	32SE0-07-034	ROYAL ACRES-LT 23	SNELLEN SHAWNE M	\$1,638.28
21430	08000-00-024	PHELPS DIV TR 15 PC2-79	SPATZ RICHARD & CAROLYN	\$177.52
21435	59SE0-04-010	CHURCH STREET	SPEARS VERA EMMA	\$143.34
21464	49ML1-01-143	MELODY LAKE	SURGEON GLENN E & BEVERLY	\$119.37
21468	57000-00-104.09	SIMPSON DIV TR 4 PC12-166	FLORES JOSE - SQUARED UP WOODWORK LLC	\$1,419.22
21485	59SE0-06-009	LITTLE UNION ROAD	STALLARD SUSIE	\$143.34
21584	73C00-04-017	139 CHAPLIN ROAD	STENGER KEITH E & CINDY	\$1,998.16
21586	49ML1-01-156	MELODY LAKE	STEPHEN CHARLES A & NORMA	\$119.37
21638	19000-00-073.04	TOMMY ROBY DIV TR 3 PC 7-133	STEWART MICAH H & KELSI	\$6,328.50
21694	30000-00-051	5548 DEATSVILLE ROAD	STIVERS THOMAS & ASHLEY	\$2,063.22
21701	46000-00-058	917 LORETTO ROAD	STODDARD RICHARD A	\$10,219.81
21719	59000-00-027	GRAYS RUN ROAD	STONE J C AGENT	\$143.34
21755	45E00-23-008	212 EAST BROADWAY	STONE ROY ESTATE	\$148.90
21826	49ML2-05-003	49ML2-05-002,004,005,006,007,008,009,010	STUCKY ROSIE	\$1,236.26
21829	49ML2-04-112	MELODY LAKE	STULL ARLENE C	\$103.79
21831	45S00-01-005	CARDINAL HILL-LTS 60-63	STUMP BETTY L	\$199.61
22045	63000-00-056.01	DB 594-518 PC 19-42 LT 13A-3-2	TAKIGAWA CORPORATION AMERICA	\$4,675.79
22196	49ML2-03-321	MELODY LAKE	TAYLOR THOMAS W	\$103.79
22255	49ML2-02-068	MELODY LAKE PL 2 LT 68	TWEWELL LEONA M	\$103.79
22275	T2500665204	Tangible PVA LOCID 25 871	THE BLIND PIG BOURBON MKT LLC	\$1,548.38
22595	07T70-05-037.01	7T70-05-037.03 ETC07T70-05-037.02	TIMBER TRAILS PROPERTY OWNERS	\$83.83
22603	49ML1-03-076	MELODY LAKE	TINGER JOHN S & HELEN G	\$119.37
22726	49ML2-02-077	MELODY LAKE	TORGERSEN EUGENE P	\$103.79
22729	45000-00-171.T106	ROGANS MH PARK	TORRES IRIS & JOSE	\$34.33
22856	49ML1-01-179	MELODY LAKE PL 1 LT 179	TRUNNELL DONALD R & EVA M	\$119.37
22873	55C00-03-104	SPRINGHILL-LT 4A PC1-589	TUCKER BRIAN M & CHANTAL	\$661.91
22921	45NE0-05-004	HENRY ADDITION BL F LTS 14-15 DB74-598	TURNER ANN MARIE	\$594.75
22941	49ML1-01-231	MELODY LAKE PLAT 1 LT 231 PB2-15	TWINING ALFRED	\$119.37
22963	35000-00-156	160 ROBERT TAYLOR LANE	ULERY MICHAEL SHANE	\$2,344.97
23002	49ML2-02-020	MELODY LAKE	UNDERWOOD STEWART & PEGGY	\$119.37
23010	T2500665214	Tangible PVA LOCID 25 479	UNIVERSAL AUCTION GROUP LLC	\$214.42
23051	49ML1-01-089	MELODY LAKE	VALLA JOHN C	\$119.37
23057	49ML2-03-167	MELODY LAKE	VAN HORN CHARLES I & MARY C	\$103.79
23094	45W00-08-002.T28	BURTON MH PARK 1988 14X70 CONNES	VARGAS MARTIN & ELIZABETH M LYVERS	\$121.00
23261	13000-00-010	BELLWOOD ROAD	VITTTTOW LUPIE	\$1,418.52
23264	03000-00-005	351 SHADY LANE	VITTTTOW MELISSA LOUISE	\$473.44
23350	49ML1-01-270	MELODY LAKE SUB PL 1 LT 270 PB 2-15	WAKEFIELD BETH R	\$119.37
23352	49ML1-01-269	MELODY LAKE PL1 LT 269	WAKEFIELD LAURIE E	\$119.37
23355	21000-00-059.X1	MODULAR HOME AT 1115 MCCUBBINS LN	WALCOTT CLIFFORD ALLEN SR	\$101.92
23466	54S20-01-010	OKH IND PARK LT 10 PC11-99	WALTON LARRY J	\$992.01
23524	08000-00-060.16	3567 NELSONVILLE ROAD	WASHINGTON DEVIN	\$676.26
23529	49ML1-01-090	MELODY LAKE PL1 LT 90	WATERBERRY CATHY	\$119.37
23530	49ML2-04-116	049-ML2-04-114,115	WATERBURY LAWRENCE MRS	\$166.05
23557	57000-00-002	5045 LORETTO ROAD	WATKINS ANN BARTLEY	\$2,319.15
23593	49ML1-01-013	MELODY LAKE	WATSON WILLIAM	\$119.37
23607	32000-00-055	TOM WALKER LANE AT NEW SHEP ROAD	WATTS LEVI HEIRS-	\$395.16
23702	73W00-05-009	116 HILL STREET	WELLS ANNIE ESTATE	\$436.26
23719	59SE0-06-011	LITTLE UNION ROAD	WELLS JOHN & MATTIE	\$143.34
23726	59000-00-030	GRAYS RUN ROAD 102	WELLS PROPERTY SOLUTIONS LLC	\$3,444.43
23753	64000-00-080	DOWNS & BOBLITT DIV TR 2 PC1-184	WEST BARBARA	\$888.35
23758	64000-00-080.T1	POTTERSHP ROAD	WEST GOLDIE	\$101.92
24196	07T70-05-048	TIMBER TRAILS BL3 LT 1 PB7-13	WILLIAMS ANTHONY WAYNE	\$24.67
24214	11000-00-001	BOSTON ROAD	WILLIAMS JAMES F III	\$83.83
24222	07T70-09-003	TIMBER TR-BL 7 LT 11	WILLIAMS JOSEPH K	\$21.56
24241	15E00-14-006	127 SOUTH MAIN STREET	WILLIAMS MIKE	\$3,119.19
24283	49ML1-01-201	MELODY LAKE	WILLIAMSON LARRY	\$119.37
24294	49ML1-01-017	MELODY LAKE BL 1 LT 17 PB2-15	WILLIS DONNIE & JANICE	\$119.37
24382	70000-00-125.06	360 BOTLAND LOOP	WIMSATT ARTHUR DALE & ROBIN	\$1,085.71
24484	36000-00-101	QUARRY LOOP	WITTHROW RUSSELL R & CYNTHIA R	\$100.33
24615	63N00-08-005	WOODLAWN SPRINGS LT 91 PC2-237	WOOSLEY JASON	\$3,862.66
24702	33000-00-054	1741 LUTHERAN CHURCH ROAD	YAMASAKI STEPHEN K & GLORIA	\$2,666.45
24744	79000-00-027.T1	MH ONLY 1990 14X70 GRAY	YATES MICHAEL	\$165.60
24884	49ML1-01-144	MELODY LAKE PL 1 LT 144	ZOELLER/JOSEPHLYNN & SHELLEY MARIE	\$119.37