

Mable Lee Holloway Huggins (1946-2023)

- *Founder of History on Wheels,*
- *2002 Emerging Preservation Leader*

Mable dedicated much of her life to uncovering & documenting the story of her family - from their six generations in the Twin Lakes area of Hernando County & even further back to West Africa. Her research would eventually become "History on Wheels" a portable museum exhibit she used in schools & communities presentations. Mable's artifacts include information about her enslaved ancestors as well as her Seminole ones. Her oral history was utilized by Florida universities to spread awareness of a largely undocumented part of Florida history. Although she has yet to win the award, she has been a finalist for Great Brooksvillian several times.



"One student asked Mable why she didn't sell her collection on eBay. She asked the sign-of-the-times child,
'How would I teach you with cash?'"

- "Shackles, artifacts part of 'History on Wheels,' *St. Petersburg Times*, February 28, 2008