



MONTPELIER DESCENDANTS COMMITTEE: FULL OFFICER BIOS

Henry Anglin

B. Henry Anglin is a founding member of the Montpelier Descendants Committee (MDC) and serves on the MDC Communications and Education Subcommittee. He is also a member of the Montpelier Futures Committee, a cohort of Descendants and Montpelier Foundation board members tasked with addressing parity issues to help ensure a more inclusive narrative. Henry grew up in Orange County's Jacksontown Community, founded by his great-grandfather who was born on the Newman Plantation at Bloomfield, adjacent to Montpelier; his grandfather worked at Montpelier. He brings experience to his roles from the field of education as a former teacher and supervisor/mentor, and business through extensive experience with academic publishing companies, such as Oxford University Press, among others. He is a retired vice president of Pearson. Henry graduated from George Washington Carver High School in Culpeper, Bowie State University, and earned a graduate degree in education from the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Iris Ford

Iris Carter Ford is a professor (emerita) at St. Mary's College of Maryland, The Public Honors College at Historic St. Mary's City. Her research and teaching focus on consumption and materialism in Africa and the African Diaspora, and include ethnographic fieldwork in East and West Africa, and archival work at Oxford's Bodleian Library. She was the recipient of two National Endowment for the Humanities grants to explore materialism in human life, and serves as a Descendant Advisor on a research project, *Understanding the Overseer: Examining Status and Identity at James Madison's Montpelier*, also funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Ford's great grandfather is a descendant of planter Reuben Newman, whose work camp was adjacent to Madison's, and Orange County resident and former Virginia governor James Barbour. She is a current Fellow and former board member of Sotterley, the only Tidewater plantation in Maryland open to the public that offers visitor activities and educational programs. She is also a former two-time board member at Historic St. Mary's City, a museum of living history and archaeology on the site of Maryland's first capital. Ford earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at Howard University and her Ph.D. in cultural anthropology from The American University.

Patricia J. McDaniel

Patricia J. McDaniel is an Information Technology (IT) Attorney with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs located in Austin, Texas. She retired from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Corps in 2009, where her last position was Chief, U.S. Army Trial Defense Service, an independent Field Operating Agency. She holds a Juris Doctor from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit University, and a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University. She is a 2017 Senior Executive Fellow of the Harvard Kennedy School. Patricia is married to Professor William F. West and is the mother of five adult children. She is descendant of Benjamin McDaniel of Montpelier (1790-1875).

Bruce Monroe III

James Bruce Monroe, III, Senior Master Sergeant, USAF Retired and WS-10, U.S. Department of Defense Civilian Technician, was raised in the Freedman's Village of Little Petersburg, and attended Orange County, Virginia Public Schools. He earned his Business Management Degree from Piedmont Virginia Community College, and is a graduate of the U. S Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy. Bruce served in the military for more than 30 years, and worked another 25 years as a civilian technician. He held senior leadership positions at the 192 nd Tactical Fighter Group, Virginia Air National Guard. As an Aircraft Mechanic Foreman, Bruce planned, scheduled, and coordinated maintenance and inspections of F-16 tactical aircraft. Prior to that, he was a certified crew chief performing inspections, maintenance, and data collection on cargo and tactical aircraft. Bruce was recognized for Sustained Superior Performance, and was selected 1990 Non-Commissioned Officer of the Year for the 192nd Tactical Fighter Group. Bruce brings many years of dedication and experience to sharing the history and stories of Orange County's African Americans as told in the documentary "[Rediscovering Little Petersburg.](#)"

Rev. Lawrence Ellis "Larry" Walker, Sr.

Larry is a Montpelier descendant of Benjamin McDaniel. His family roots trace back to other Orange County locations as well. He has served as a family historian for over 30 years having spent many hours in the Orange County Courthouse gathering important information. In his professional career he is Deputy Pastor and Chief-of-Staff for Celebration Church at Columbia, a congregation of over 2,000. Rev. Walker oversees all ministry operations, manages the staff and is the community liaison. As a community activist he serves as the President of the African American Community Roundtable of Howard County, Maryland. Larry volunteers in several capacities including the Howard County Racial Equity Collaborative, and the Howard County Library System's Racial Equity Alliance. He has served the Public School System in several roles including as a member of the Board of Education. Rev. Walker continues to be an effective community leader. Larry and his wife Alfreda live in Ellicott City, Maryland. They have two adult sons, a lovely daughter-in-law and two adorable grandchildren.