

## **N.C. Transportation Museum** **News Release**

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### **N.C. Transportation Museum seeking history of Historic Spencer Shops' African American Workers**

SPENCER, N.C. — Did your parents or grandparents happen to work in the Historic Spencer Shops Southern Railway repair facility? Do you know a loved one's Back Shop or Roundhouse trials and triumphs? If so, then the North Carolina Transportation Museum (NCTM) wants to hear from you.

Currently, the NCTM is collecting African American Spencer Shops workers' personal histories for a new interactive exhibit, opening December, 2006. The exhibit will become a permanent fixture in the Roundhouse, portraying the positive and negative aspects of an African American's daily life as a rail operations worker.

Share your story and become an important part of North Carolina's history. All contributors will be interviewed in July and August. The collected information will be used to design interactive material for the exhibit.

To make your family's history a permanent part of the NCTM, contact Brian Moffitt at 704-636-2889 ext. 257 to schedule an interview.

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*The Department of Cultural Resources is a state agency dedicated to the promotion and protection of North Carolina's arts, history and culture. For more information about the Department of Cultural Resources go to [www.ncculture.gov](http://www.ncculture.gov).*