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## CELEBRATING GASTON

Through a 1969 Hammond Vindicator Article called “The Mighty Hammond Oak” a name has preliminarily been found for the “Unnamed Slave Boy” currently in the Peter Hammond grave site - Gaston. Concerted research to confirm this name as well as research to discover the details of this young man’s life has begun. The Hammond Historic District is acting as facilitator for this research. The plan for moving forward with the story of Gaston is the following:

FIRST: There was a wreath-laying ceremony at the grave site on Wednesday, November 1st, to honor

Gaston who has laid unknown for more than 150 years.

SECOND: Solicit the help of our community to learn more about Gaston — particularly to confirm his name.

THIRD: Plan a ceremony to celebrate the changing of the marker.

If you would like to get involved or have information that might lead to finding out more about Gaston, feel free to reach out to the office at [historicdistrict@hammond.org](mailto:historicdistrict@hammond.org)!”

*For more information visit their website: [hammondhistoricdistrict.org/gaston-home](http://hammondhistoricdistrict.org/gaston-home)*

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