Documenting Our Experiences: George Floyd and Racial Justice

Hennepin History Museum is collecting personal stories to document the experiences of Hennepin County residents. Your story is important and will contribute to the broader history of Hennepin County during this turbulent time. Each Documenting Our Experience project gives you the option to share your thoughts with our community now and also to create a lasting record for future generations.

This project focuses on the recent unrest surrounding the killing of George Floyd, a 46-year old Black man from St. Louis Park, who was taken into police custody in Minneapolis and was killed by one of the four arresting officers. Citizens rose up to demand justice for Mr. Floyd’s death, changes to police department policies and an end to systemic inequality based on racial prejudice. Peaceful demonstrations were overshadowed by violent actions that destroyed businesses and disabled neighborhoods. The aftermath saw communities coming together in mutual aid while another concern grew: the potential of increased spreading of the COVID-19 virus.

Please take a few minutes to share your experiences of this time using our question prompts below. Thank you for sharing.

*Required

1. What are your first and middle names? (You may choose to be Anonymous)

2. What is your last name? (You may choose to be Anonymous)

3. What is your age? Please choose one.
   - 18-33 years
   - 34-49 years
   - 50-65 years
   - 66 and over
   - Prefer not to say
4. What is your email address? (We will only contact you if we need additional permissions to use your story.)

5. What city in Hennepin County are you writing from? * (We are collecting stories from Hennepin County residents only at this time.)

6. How have you been affected by current events?

7. What matters the most to you right now?

8. What previous historical events have helped you understand the current situation?
9. What else would you like future researchers to know about this moment in history?

10. Any additional comments?

**Saving Your Story For Later:** "I give Hennepin History Museum the right to add my responses as included above into its archival collections and preserve it for future generations of students, scholars, and researchers with the understanding that submission of this material does not guarantee it will be retained by the museum. I unconditionally transfer any copyright or intellectual property interest in this submission; to make the materials accessible to researchers and staff in print and digital format, to promote its use in exhibits, displays, publications and online formats. I understand that Hennepin History Museum reserves the right to not accept or retain any portion of this gift that falls outside of the parameters of its collection goals."

Please choose one:

_____ I agree to the terms above. Consider my responses for submission into the museum archival records, with my name and responses made available to the PUBLIC.

_____ I agree to the terms above. Consider my responses for submission into the museum archival records, with my name remaining ANONYMOUS while my responses are made available to the PUBLIC.

**Sharing Your Story Now:** Would you be interested in having your story shared now, along with your name, on our website, social media accounts and print publications?

Please choose one:

_____ Yes, you’re welcome to share my story, using my first name only and my city!

_____ Yes, you’re welcome to share my story, using Anonymous and my city!

_____ No thanks!

**Today’s Date:**