



## Pine Street African Burial Ground Memorial Monument

# TIME CAPSULE 2026-2076

**“A Call For Letters To The Future and To The Ancestors”**

*The year 2026 marks the United States’ Semiquincentennial (250th anniversary) and stands as a significant historic milestone for the Pine Street African Burial Ground in Kingston, New York.*

*In December 2025, Harambee Kingston NY, Inc. reached a powerful milestone in Kingston’s history with the official New York State Historic Designation of the Pine Street African Burial Ground at 157 Pine Street, Kingston, NY*

The site is now formally recorded in the *Library of Records in Washington, D.C.*, securing its place as a nationally recognized historic landmark.



*The Pine Street African Burial Ground* served as a sacred burial site for enslaved and freed Africans from the early 1600s through 1855. Located at **157 Pine Street in Kingston, New York**, it stands today as a profound testament to the lives, resilience, and enduring legacy of early African and African Americans living in Kingston, NY. Today, the **Pine Street African Burial Ground** serves as a place of reflection, education and historic preservation for generations to come.

**JUNETEENTH 19, 2026**, will mark another historic moment with the unveiling of the first **Memorial Monument** dedicated to those laid to rest at the site. Harambee will host a parade and a public community ceremony honoring the Ancestors in a powerful celebration of remembrance and unity.

The **TIME CAPSULE** filled with letters written to the **Ancestors** and to **Future Generations** will be presented at the **2026 JUNETEENTH** annual **Pine Street African Burial Ground Ceremony** with the unveiling of **Memorial Monument**. Community members of all ages are invited to participate by **submitting letters to be preserved in the Time Capsule and opened in 50 years, in 2076**. Selected letters will be shared aloud during the ceremony.

Please visit our website for more information on how students, faith-based organizations, community members, business and community organizations can submit a letter by **May 31st, 2026**.

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