



Portsmouth NH
African Burying Ground

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The African Burying Ground Committee wants to insure that donors to African Burying Ground Memorial Park are recognized for their generous support. Donors of any amount will be recognized in public communications about the Memorial Park. Donors who contribute gifts of \$2,500 or more will be acknowledged on a donor plaque installed in a public place.

DONOR LEVELS

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West African Adinkra Symbols known as Adinkra are ubiquitous in Ghana, a West African country on the Atlantic Ocean, which is also home to one of Portsmouth’s Sister Cities, Accra. West Africa was home to many people who became captives and eventual slaves brought to America. On cloth and walls, in pottery and logos, these Asante tribe symbols have distinct meanings. The Sankofa Adinkra symbol is used in the Memorial Park itself as the symbol on the burial vault above the reinterred remains. That Adinkra symbol means “*return and get it*” – *learn from the past*.

The African Burying Ground Trust Fund was established in December 2010 as a repository for the contributions that will fund the construction of the African Burying Ground Memorial Park, *We Stand in Honor of Those Forgotten*. Contributions to the African Burying Ground Trust are tax deductible, in accordance with Internal Revenue Service regulations.

¹ Adinkra symbol meaning “*when you climb a good tree*” – *support, cooperation*

² Adinkra symbol meaning “*seed of the wawa tree*” – *hardiness, toughness, perseverance*

³ Adinkra symbol meaning “*chain links*” – *unity, human relations*

⁴ Adinkra symbol meaning “*know of reconciliation*” – *peacemaking, reconciliation*

⁵ Adinkra symbol meaning “*linked hearts*” – *understanding, agreement*



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We Stand in Honor of Those Forgotten

I stand for the Ancestors Here and Beyond

I stand for those who feel anger

I stand for those who were treated unjustly

I stand for those who were taken from their loved ones

I stand for those who suffered the middle passage

I stand for those who survived upon these shores

I stand for those who pay homage to this ground

I stand for those who find dignity in these bones

- Jerome Meadows, artist and sculptor