

BIO: Wills, Anita L.

Anita Wills is a writer Author and Activist living in the San Francisco Bay Area. She is the Author of 7 books 5 of which detail her afro/indigenous roots and history. Her published works include A Nation of Flaws JustUs in the Homeland, a Historical Account of the History of Policing in America. Ms. Wills is also a mother, grandmother, and great grandmother.

Ms. Wills is a Legacy Fellow with MAPB (Mother's Against Police Brutality), and a Policy Outreach Leader with Fair Chance for Housing, an Advocacy Group Advocating for Housing for the Formerly Incarcerated. She is on the CTPF Grant Committee for Borealis Foundation and is on the Leadership Commission of Essie Justice Group

Ms. Wills attended San Jose City College, Laney College, Merritt College, and Chabot College, where she majored in History, English, and Early Childhood Education. She holds a Certificate in Early Childhood Education.

- April 25, 2023, Ms. Wills spoke to a UN Commission on Human Rights in Atlanta Georgia about her Wrongfully Convicted Son and the Police Killing of her grandson. She and other Family Members spoke on behalf of Mother's Against Police Brutality (MAPB)
- On May 19, 2019 - Filmmaker Elle Wen and Anita Wills received Best Picture Award for Short Film On Mother's Day. New Yorker Magazine have purchased the film rights. It is titled "A Son's Note from Prison" and has won several film awards. <https://www.newyorker.com/culture/the-new-yorker-documentary/a-sons-note-from-prison-your-love-is-a-verb>
- July of 2021 - Borealis Grant Making Committee Member - Examining Grant Applications from Non-Profit Organizations.
- August 2014 – Organizer for Essie Justice Groups; Essie Advisory Board and State Wide Leadership Commission

Publications

- Notes and Documents of Free Persons of Color (Amazon) - Revised Edition of Notes and Documents of Free Persons of Color, by Author Anita L. Wills. The expands and continues Chronicles from the first Edition. It is historically accurate and includes newly uncovered information on Mary and Patty Bowden, Charles and Ambrose Lewis, and the Lancaster and Northumberland County VA Pinn Lines, Sarah Evans-Pinn, and their allied lines. This edition also includes information on DNA Testing, Genealogy, and a how to for beginning researchers.
- Pieces of the Quilt the Mosaic of An African Family (Amazon) - Author Anita Wills, spent over thirty years reconstructing her family's lost history. This book is about those in her family who had extraordinary achievements, such as Elijah Johnson, one of the settlers of Liberia. The search is complicated by the multiracial lines that Ms. Wills had to work with. The task is to document the oral history passed down through so many generations. The result is an amazing family history of a people who were labeled, Indian, Mulatto, Colored, Negro, black, and now African American. They are a people who intermixed and married in the Great Valley Region of Pennsylvania. The stories are of culmination of the history of the Authors ancestors beginning in Colonial America.
- A Nation of Flaws JustUs in the Homeland – The policing of black and brown people in America beginning with the Native Americans African slaves and up to the present day. For instance, in 2014 the FBI wrote a report about White Nationalist being hired in Law

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Enforcement. In the UN China wrote a report about the treatment of African Americans including Police Killings and Mass Incarceration. The work includes the killing of Ms. Wills grandson Kerry Baxter Jr., the Wrongful Conviction of her son Kerry Baxter Senior. She covers some of the black and brown victims of Police killings and their stories. In the book Ms. Wills compares the treatment of black and brown civilians to how whites who kill are treated in the United States with many who reached cult like status.

- **Black Minqua the Life and Times of Henry Green** - Along the Great Minqua Path has been added. Black Minqua was a name coined by Europeans on Contact with First with Natives in The Great Valley. The Natives traversed the Great Minqua Path from Philadelphia into the Interior of what is now Lancaster County. The book details the Green and Davis Lines who owned businesses and settled throughout what is now the Delaware Valley. The record on these lines goes back to the mid 1600's and covers succeeding Generations. Henry Green is still the catalyst for the book, as the first to, Step Out into History during the Christiana Resistance. This is a must read for Historians and Students everywhere!
- **Along the Rappahannock the Homeland of the Nanzatico Indian Nation (Amazon)** – An entire tribe has been written out of history. The Nanzatico lived along the Rappahannock River in Virginia for thousands of years. They lived in intricate longhouses and communities along River. An incident took place in 1704 that caused a backlash felt by descendants to this day. The Author tells the story as a descendant of the Nanzatico Indian Nation through her Ancestors Indian Charles and Charles Lewis.
- **Minqua Unami Okehocking & The Down River Nations** - Minqua Unami Okehocking & The Down River Nations is historical in that those who here when Europeans arrived are centered. Ms. Wills documented her family history which spans thousands of years in America back to Spain in Europe Mali in Africa Canada and Columbia South America. In the pages of Minqua Unami Okehocking is a continuation of the history and historical figures entangled in her lines. Minqua Unami Ockehocking & The Down River Nations tells of the Indigenous People who occupied the North and Southeastern regions of what is now America. Ms. Wills Ancestors were the indigenous occupants of the region for at least 10,000 years before Colonization.