

The Yellow Springs 365 Project is pleased to announce the publication of *Legacy of Grace, Musings about the Life and Times of Wheeling Gaunt* by Brenda Jean Hubbard.



Hubbard chronicles the true life and times of a formerly enslaved man named Wheeling Gaunt who purchased his

own freedom and through hard work, diligence and disciplined real estate investment slowly built his fortune. Moving to Yellow Springs, Ohio in 1864, Mr. Gaunt became an important leader and philanthropist in the village as he continued real estate investment. Upon his death in 1894 he gifted both family and community with impressive and substantial gifts including a sizable bequest to Wilberforce University. He is perhaps most famous for his creation of The Poor Widows Fund gifting flour and sugar to older women in the community each Christmas, a tradition the village still observes. Through an exploration of the times in which he lived Mr. Gaunt's remarkable story of achievement is investigated. Author Brenda Jean Hubbard was born and raised in the Yellow Springs. She is donating proceeds from the sales of the book to The Yellow Springs 365 Project. Hubbard says, "Writing this book is my small attempt to pay homage to the history and accomplishments of the Black community while also conveying important and timely inspirational history about a great American." The book is available online at Amazon, Barnes and Noble and Author House.

