

## Juneteenth/Korach 6/19/26

### Family Narrative

Ed Hill - Born into slavery, ; fighting for Union; move toward freedom

Bravery, Courage, Liberation, Freedom

Backlash after Black folks were made free (Korach?)

What does true freedom and equality look like?

### Commemoration

Marking Juneteenth in 2026 when we, as a country, and specifically Black folks, are becoming less free

Connect with prophetic ideals of not celebrating rituals without the work of justice

### General Order #3

<https://www.archives.gov/news/articles/juneteenth-original-document>

<https://www.galvestonhistory.org/news/juneteenth-and-general-order-no-3>

“The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a Proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves an absolute equality of personal rights and rights of property between former masters and slaves, and the connection heretofore existing between them, becomes that between employer and hired labor. The Freedmen are advised to remain at their present homes, and work for wages. They are informed that they will not be allowed to collect at military posts; and that they will not be supported in idleness either there or elsewhere.”

Frederick Douglass

[https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/douglass\\_july\\_4\\_speech.pdf](https://www.gilderlehrman.org/sites/default/files/inline-pdfs/douglass_july_4_speech.pdf)

National Law for Juneteenth

<https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/senate-bill/475/text>

### Amos 5:21-24

שְׂנֵאתִי מִאֲסוֹתַי חֲגִיגֹתְכֶם וְלֹא אֲרִיחַ בְּעִצְרֹתֵיכֶם:

I loathe, I spurn your festivals,

I am not appeased by your solemn assemblies.

כִּי אִם-תַּעֲלוּ-לִי עֹלוֹת וּמִנְחֹתֵיכֶם לֹא אֲרַצֶּה וְשָׁלֵם מְרִיאֵיכֶם לֹא אֲבִיט:

If you offer Me burnt offerings—or your grain offerings—  
I will not accept them;  
I will pay no heed  
To your gifts of fatlings.

הִסַּר מֵעַלִּי הַמִּזְבֵּחַ וְזִמְרַת נְבֻלָּיִךְ לֹא אֶשְׁמָע:

Spare Me the sound of your hymns,  
And let Me not hear the music of your lutes.

וַיִּגַּל כַּמִּים מִשְׁפָּט וַיִּצְדָּקָה כְּנַחַל אֵיתָן:

But let justice well up like water,  
Righteousness like an unfailing stream.

#### **Dad's Family From North Carolina:**

- Ancestors were slaves in Greenville, Pitt; Edgecombe County, North Carolina
- <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~ajac/ncedgecombe.htm>
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryan\\_Grimes](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bryan_Grimes)
- Ed Hill (1841-1920) was in 14th Regiment US Colored Heavy Artillery
  - <https://www.nps.gov/civilwar/search-battle-units-detail.htm?battleUnitCode=UUS0014RAH0C>
  - Serves during the last year of the war (22-23 years old)
  - How did he escape enslavement? Or was he set free? What happened after the war when he went back to Edgecombe County? Was he a sharecropper?