



## ***MARY FEARS***

### **Story Teller, Civil War Re-enactor, Genealogist and Author**

Mary L. Jackson Fears, a retired Volusia County school media specialist, graduate of Bethune-Cookman College and Florida State University, is a professional Storyteller/Civil War re-enactor/ Genealogist, and author of four books.

Her books consists of *The Jackson-Moore Family History and Genealogy* (a genealogy of Mary's extended family), *Slave Ancestral Research, It's Something Else* (a guidelines on how to search for slave ancestors and their slave owners), *Julie's Journey* (an inspirational memoir about her daughter, Julie Anderson), and *Civil War and Living History Re-Enacting About "People Of Color," How to Begin - What to Wear - Why Reenact?* (a primer on re-enacting as a means of celebrating the heroic deeds of black people during the Civil War).

The latter title has been placed in each Volusia County school media center and in the high schools of Seminole County, Florida.

Mary Fears specializes in telling stories based upon historic documents, rather than fictionalized versions of African-American History in Florida public schools. Mary has written and directed plays, which were presented to Volusia County school students as field studies. For three consecutive years, "Storytelling: Just Like Magic!" with over a hundred cast members, was presented at the Peabody Auditorium in Daytona Beach, Florida.

For over thirty years, she has presented storytelling performances in numerous schools, churches, colleges, museums, and historic sites supported by civic, social and religious organizations. She is committed to telling African-American history stories for the education of all listeners.

