Delany home. Visitors will then learn what life was like for some of the nearly 200,000 African American soldiers enlisted during the Civil War.

From Slavery to Freedom also discusses the key issues during Reconstruction, including the 13th, 14th, and 15th Amendments, and the growth of the African American professional class and social clubs in Western Pennsylvania during the late 1800s.

The 20th century brought tremendous change to African American life. The Great Migration from the South generated rapid population growth in the North with many workers leaving a rural lifestyle to seek a better future in Pittsburgh’s industrial mill towns. The issues surrounding employment and housing inequality inspired the growth of the NAACP and the Pittsburgh Courier newspaper, as Western Pennsylvania—and especially the Hill District—became a hub for jazz music and African American culture.

The exhibition concludes by discussing the effects of the Civil Rights Movement, the election of Barack Obama as the 44th President of the United States, and the arrival of modern African immigrants to our region.

From Slavery to Freedom looks at the struggles and triumphs over centuries past through today that have made Western Pennsylvania a destination for African Americans in search of freedom. The creation of this important exhibition was made possible with the help of a team of scholars and historians from across the nation and by a generous grant from BNY Mellon.