Do You Know…

...how DOS connects with these notable black pioneers? We have the honor of providing maintenance and stewardship of their sacred burial sites.

The Department of State (DOS) Division of Cemeteries oversees the establishment, maintenance, and preservation of burial grounds for approximately 1,700 not-for-profit cemeteries in New York State.

As authorized by the Not-for-Profit Corporation Law, the division works with cemetery officials on a wide range of issues including the sale of lots, service fees, and the acquisition of lands.
Susan Maria McKinney Steward was an American physician and author. She was the third African-American woman to earn a medical degree, and the first in New York state. McKinney-Steward's medical career focused on prenatal care and childhood disease.

Dr. McKinney is buried in Green Wood Cemetery - Freedom Lots in NYS.

Harriet Tubman was an American abolitionist and social activist. After escaping slavery, Tubman made some 13 missions to rescue approximately 70 enslaved people, including her family and friends, using the network of antislavery activists and safe houses known collectively as the Underground Railroad.

Tubman is buried in Auburn, N.Y.

Garnet Douglass Baltimore was born in Troy, New York on April 15, 1859. He was the first African-American engineer and graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York, Class of 1881.

He is buried in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy NY.
Shirley Anita Chisholm was an American politician who, in 1968, became the first black woman to be elected to the United States Congress. Chisholm represented New York's 12th congressional district, a district centered on Bedford–Stuyvesant, for seven terms from 1969 to 1983.

Chisholm is buried in Forest Lawn Cemetery.

James Hubert "Eubie" Blake was an American pianist and composer of ragtime, jazz, and popular music. In 1921, he and his long-time collaborator Noble Sissle wrote Shuffle Along, one of the first Broadway musicals written and directed by African Americans.

Blake is buried in Cypress Hills Cemetery, Brooklyn, New York.

Frederick Douglass was an American social reformer, abolitionist, orator, writer, and statesman. He became the most important leader of the movement for African-American civil rights in the 19th century.

Douglass is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Rochester, NY.
Malcolm X was an American Muslim minister and human rights activist who was a prominent figure during the civil rights movement. A spokesman for the Nation of Islam until 1964, he was a vocal advocate for Black empowerment and the promotion of Islam within the Black community.

He is buried in Ferncliff Cemetery in Greenburgh NY.