Arch/Phys Lunch Talk

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Kojo’s Legacy: Rekindling the True Spirit of Our Ancestors

The Jamaican Maroon epic has captured the attention of historians for centuries. Paradoxically, the Trelawny Town Maroons appear to be both the most romanticized and least understood Jamaican Maroon group. This situation arose following the Second Maroon War, in 1796, when nearly the entire Maroon community in Trelawny Town was deported from Jamaica, to first Nova Scotia, and then to Sierra Leone. After the abolition of slavery many Sierra Leonean Maroons repatriated to Jamaica, thus leaving the Maroon population divided by the Atlantic and colonial policy. The documentary film, Kojo’s Legacy: Rekindling the True Spirit of Our Ancestors, chronicles the journey of two Trelawny Maroons from Jamaica on their quest to document Trelawny Maroons oral histories in Jamaica and Sierra Leone, to rekindle the spirit of their ancestors.