



The History Painting Is Here

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Colin Quashie was here on Saturday to install the North Carolina African-American history painting. It is on the long wall opposite the dining room. I think it looks wonderful and I encourage you to check it out.

We installed special lighting to show the painting, and Colin was especially pleased with it. As he said, the painting "really pops out." Colin originally had planned to install it on separate, specially-designed wooden panels, but a friend recently convinced him that simpler was better. He decided to staple it directly to the wall just as it was when he painted it. It will make it much easier to



remove the painting if we need to move it for any reason, including letting someone else display it temporarily.

I still remember our early conversations about the need to do a significant painting that would accurately reflect the contributions of African-Americans to North Carolina's history. It was not included in the Kughler murals, at least not in a way that was positive or representative. Other paintings are planned (though not yet funded), but this wonderful piece by Colin goes a long way to accomplishing our goal.

Many thanks to everyone who had a hand in making this a reality. Thanks to Random Gott and Faith Thompson for helping on Saturday. I can't wait for the dedication later this month.





