

# The Silver People of Panama



## Our Ancestors Are Counting on Us!

The Silver People Heritage Foundation is a non-profit organization based in Panama City, Panama.

### What we seek to do:

- Restore and preserve the history and intangible cultural heritage of the people of West Indian descent of Panama.
- Work to have passed in Panama's National Assembly a law to declare National Cultural and Historic Patrimony, the Silver Cemeteries of Gatun, Silver Corozal, and Mt. Hope, thereby bringing them under the protection they need and deserve.
- At present our only visible presence in the Silver cemeteries in Panama, which are disappearing rapidly with many old graves being dug up, will soon will be wiped out with all traces of our cultural presence on the former Black Canal Zone, if we do nothing to stop it!!
- Carry out a massive information and awareness campaign in Panama, the U.S., and all over the world to bring the issue of our cultural heritage into focus.
- When the cemeteries do become Cultural Patrimony we seek to build a new Visitor's Center on premise including maintaining an archive and database for visitors to consult. We also foresee dedicating a monument to the West Indian Silver Workers who gave their lives to make the Canal construction possible and brought the World's Social and Economic changes we see today.

### What we have done:

- Started on line publications such as [The Silver People Chronicle](#) and [The Silver People Heritage Foundation](#) which are in English, and [Rapsodia Antillana](#) in Spanish.
- Started a public forum and database of many of our West Indian people in Panama and abroad who search for their ancestors.
- Started memorial pages for many of our ancestors thus honoring them with a

tribute.

- We partner with The World Monuments Fund, a world cultural heritage preservation organization based in New York City, which have promised to help in our campaign. They placed our Silver Cemeteries and also the City of Colon Center in their [World's 100 Most Endangered Sites List for 2010](#). You can view their on line catalog here to find us on page 33 of their catalog.
- Brought [The Silver People Law](#), La Ley Silver People, before the National Assembly and it has passed Second Debate before the Culture and Education Commission. It is known as Proyecto de Ley 348.

What we need:

- We need your moral as well as \$\$ financial \$\$ support to cover our increasing Internet service costs and purchase of new equipment in order to get out the message. We also need to cover transportation costs to the different cemeteries.

### **To send money:**

You may send donations of \$5.00 or more to **Roberto Reid** through our **Paypal** account. We also accept checks for any amount over \$100.00 or more since processing fees here in Panama are hefty. **NO MONEY ORDERS PLEASE!!** They are not accepted ANYWHERE in Panama.

### **Checks:**

Make checks payable to **Roberto A. Reid** with a note of sender's name and address and phone number attached please. Our mailing address is:

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Thank you for your support and your prayers.

