INTRODUCTION
Since 2010, the Slave Dwelling Project has been dedicated to preserving the living spaces of enslaved Africans and African Americans. Founded by Joe McGill, the project started with McGill sleeping in extant slave dwellings, aiming to honor the enslaved and raise awareness about their history. Over the years, the initiative has expanded significantly, reaching 25 states and growing in impact. The SDP is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

The 8th national Slave Dwelling Project Conference, themed “The Illusion of Freedom: Slavery in the Northern States,” will be held October 3-5, 2024, in collaboration with the University of Pennsylvania’s McNeil Center for Early American Studies. This year’s conference explores the history of chattel slavery in northern states before and after the American Revolutionary War. Despite gradual emancipation, northern states played a significant role in perpetuating slavery. This conference seeks to examine that complex history as the nation approaches the 250th Anniversary of the American Revolution in 2026.

CONFERENCE DETAILS
The conference features a keynote address by Michael Harriot, a prominent columnist and author, and offers over 40 informative sessions with notable scholars in historic Philadelphia. It will be held at the Museum of the American Revolution and the Philadelphia Marriott Old City with several offsite excursions including an exclusive overnight at historic Cliveden.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES
The Slave Dwelling Project has an extensive reach including 3500+ mailing list, 25,000+ Facebook Followers, 24,800+ Instagram Followers. The SDP Conference expects 150 attendees from various parts of the USA.

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