

Short Bio - Bettye Kears

According to eight generations of family oral history, Dr. Bettye Kears, a writer and retired pediatrician, is a descendant of an enslaved cook and her enslaver, President James Madison. She is her family's oral historian and the author of the acclaimed memoir *The Other Madisons: The Lost History of A President's Black Family*. Dr. Kears's writings have appeared in multiple well-regarded magazines, such as *the New York Times* and *TIME*. Her engagements include television, multiple podcasts and radio shows, James Madison's Montpelier, the Afro American Historical and Genealogical Society, the American Bar Association, Harvard University, and the National Museum of African American History and Culture.