

Getting Started in African American Family History Research

*Class 2: Records, Resources, and Repositories:
An Introduction*

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OVERVIEW

- **Presentation (60 mins.)**
 - Overview of key records
 - Resources to consider
 - Repositories (online vs. physical)
- **Q&A (30 mins.)**

Joe, Puff, Mary Jane, Patsy, George, Zack.
I hereby promise to furnish
the Land, Team, and Implements, and feed the
Labourers at the rates of 250 lbs Pork and a Peck
of Meal a week to each hand, and give them one
third of the Crop, of Cotton, Corn, Wheat, & Oats, and
allow them to have a Cow, if they wish it, at their
own expense, occasionally, to ride a mule,
provided, they take good care of them, all, however
to be left to Mr Hurt, The Freedmen to
fix up the fences, feed and take care of all the
stock, Cultivate the Garden & Potatoe Patch, and
make good fires, also Mr Hurt, who is to have
the farm. This Contract to last
for one year - -
I am respectful &c to Mr. Hurt.
above Contract made before



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Records

Types of Records

- Census
 - Vital records
 - Church records
 - Probate
 - Manumission documents
 - Land and property
 - City directories
 - Newspapers
 - Voter registrations
 - Military
 - Cemetery/burial records
 - Taxation
 - Bible records
- ...and more!*

Federal Census

- Purpose: To make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes
- Began in 1790 and taken every 10 years
- 1790-1950 available for research
 - Exception: 1890
 - Online sources: American Ancestors, FamilySearch, Ancestry
- 1850 census was the first to name all members in a household

What can you find in a census?

- Name
- Age
- Race
- Place of birth
- Parent's place of birth
- Relationships
- Marital status
- Occupation
- Veteran status
- Education level
- Income level
- Value of real estate
- Immigration and naturalization status

Tip

Begin with the 1950
census and work
backwards

OLD		FOR ALL PERSONS										FOR PERSONS 14 YEARS OF AGE AND OVER					
Agriculture Questionnaire Number	NAME What is the name of the head of this household? What are the names of all other persons who live here? List in this order: The head His wife Unmarried sons and daughters (in order of age) Married sons and daughters and their families Other relatives Other persons, such as lodgers, roomers, maids or hired hands who live in, and their relatives (Last name first)	RELATIONSHIP Enter relationship of person to head of the household, as Head Wife Daughter Grandson Mother-in-law Lodger Lodger's wife Maid Hired hand Patient, etc.	RAOR White (W) Negro (Neg) American Indian (Ind) Japanese (Jap) Chinese (Chi) Filipino (Fil) Other race—spell out	SEX Male (M) Female (F)	How old was he on his last birthday? (If under one year of age, enter month of birth as April, May, Dec., etc.) (Mar, W, D, Sep, Nov)	Is he now married, widowed, divorced, separated, or never married? (Mar, W, D, Sep, Nov)	What State (or foreign country) was he born in? If born outside Continental United States, enter name of Territory, possession, or foreign country Distinguish Canada-French from Canada-Other	If foreign born—Is he naturalized? (Yes, No, or AP for born abroad of American parents)	What was this person doing most of last week—working, keeping house, or something else? (Wk, H, Ot, or U for unpaid family work) (Yes or No)	Hh or Ot in item 15—Did this person do any work at all last week, not counting work around the house? or something else? (Include work for pay, in own business, profession, on farm, or unpaid family work) (Yes or No)	If No in item 16—Was this person looking for work? (See Special Cases below)	If No in item 17—Even though he didn't work last week, does he have a job or business?	If Wk in item 15 or Yes in item 16—How many hours did he work last week? (Include unpaid work on family farm or business)	1. If employed (Wk in item 15, or Yes in item 16 or item 18), describe job or business 2. If looking for work (Yes in item 17), describe last job or business 3. For all other persons, leave blank			
														What kind of work was he doing? For example: Nails heels on shoes..... Chemistry professor..... Farmer..... Farm helper..... Armed forces..... Never worked..... (Occupation)	What kind of business or industry was he working in? For example: Shoe factory..... State university..... Farm..... Farm..... (Industry)		
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20a	20b		
	Kosner, M. Browne	Brother	W	M	22	Nev	Michigan	034	Wk				40	Tool Inspector	Steel Mill		
	Turpin, H. Ben	Head	W	M	52	Mar	Alabama	063	Wk				40	Janitor	Railroad Co.		
	M. Johnnie	Wife	Neg	F	51	Mar	Alabama	063	H	No	No	No					
	H. Vincent	Son	Neg	M	27	Mar	Ohio		Wk				16	Car Washer	Motor Co.		
	M. Ella	Daughter in law	4 Neg	F	25	Mar	New Jersey	022	H	No	No	No					
	H. Vincent Jr.	Son	5 Neg	M	6	Nev	Ohio		U	No	No	No					
	T. Janya	Daughter	5 Neg	F	3	Nev	Ohio		U	No	No	No					
	D. April	Daughter	5 Neg	F	1	Nev	Ohio		U	No	No	No					
	M. Rochelle	Daughter	5 Neg	F	Mar	Nev	Ohio		U	No	No	No					
	G. Ira	Son	7 Neg	M	25	Mar	Ohio		Wk				48	Laborer	Iron Factory		
	A. Genevieve	Daughter in law	4 Neg	F	22	Mar	Ohio		H	No	No	No					
	A. Roger	Son	5 Neg	M	7	Nev	Ohio		Ot	No	No	No					
	G. Ira Jr.	Grand son	5 Neg	M	3	Nev	Ohio		Ot	No	No	No					
	U. Dawn	Grand daughter	5 Neg	F	2	Nev	Ohio		Ot	No	No	No					
	Ruda, H. Mable	Head	W	F	36	D	West Virginia	055	Wk				45	Machine Operator	Plastic Factory		
	Coren, M. Maude	Head	W	F	63	Wd.	Ohio		H	No	No	No					

1950 census, Turpin household

1870 Brick Wall

- 1870 marks the first Federal census post-Emancipation
- First census to include the names of people who were previously enslaved
- Only free people of color noted in previous censuses

Slave Schedules

- Enslaved individuals recorded separately in 1850 and 1860
- Organized by enslaver's name
- Personal names of enslaved not included; described by age, gender, and color
- Additional columns:
 - Fugitive from the state
 - Number manumitted
 - Deaf, blind, etc.

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SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in Dist No 6 **in the County of** Shelby **State**
of Texas **, enumerated by me, on the** 5 **day of** July **, 1860.** J H Clardy **Ass't Marshal.**

NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.		Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the State.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of Slave houses.	NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS.		Number of Slaves.	DESCRIPTION.			Fugitives from the State.	Number manumitted.	Deaf & dumb, blind, insane, or idiotic.	No. of Slave houses.
1	2		Age.	Sex.	Color.					1	2		3	4	5				
1	<u>M W Courtney</u>	1	4	M	B					<u>R E Courtney</u>	1	38	M	B					1
2		1	6	H	B						1	23	M	B					2
3		1	6	M	B						1	23	H	B					3
4		1	6	H	B						1	14	M	B				1	4
5		1	4	H	B														5
6		1	4	M	B														6
7		1	3	H	B														7
8		1	2	M	B														8
9		1	2	H	B														9
10		1	4 1/2	M	B				6										10
11	<u>Zion A Lister</u>	1	47	H	M														11
12		1	40	H	B														12
13		1	30	M	B														13
14		1	20	H	B														14

1860 slave schedule

State Census

- Not every state completed a census on the state level
- Often conducted during years in between the federal census
 - Ex: Massachusetts completed a state census in 1855 and 1865
- Information similar to the federal census, but varies depending on state and year

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POPULATION CENSUS 1935

DADE COUNTY

NAME	ADDRESS	INCOME OR CITY LIMITS	AGE		RACE	RELATION TO FAMILY	PLACE OF BIRTH— IF IN U. S. GIVE NAME OF STATE, OTHERWISE NAME OF COUNTRY	DEGREE OF EDUCATION	OWNER OR RENTER	OCCUPATION
			MALE	FEMALE						
Hanson Robert G.	613 Minorca Ave	CORAL GABLES	X	48	White	Father	Va	High Sch.	Renter	Book Keeper
Hanson Minerva B.	613 "	"		49	"	Mother	Ga.	High Sch.	"	House Wife
Hanson Isbell T.	613 "	"		21	"	Daughter	Mo.	3yr. College	"	Student
Hanson Carrie A.	613 "	"		18	"	Daughter	Tenn.	High Sch.	"	Student
Hanson Howard V.	613 "	"	X	13	"	Son	Ga.	9 th Grade	"	Student
Felt Truman T.	637 "	"	X	35	"	Father	Ind.	College	Owner	Asso. Editor M.D.
Felt Frances M.	637 "	"		34	"	Mother	Ind.	College	"	House Wife
Felt Betty F.	637 "	"		7	"	Daughter	Fla.	2 nd Grade	"	Student
Felt Thomas F.	637 "	"		4	"	Son	Fla.	None	"	None
Neal Ella	637 "	"		40	Black	Maid	Fla.	High Sch.	"	Maid
Ashe Dr. Courtram F.	641 "	"	X	50	White	Father	Penn.	College	Renter	Professor
Ashe Marie Rose	641 "	"		40	"	Mother	Penn.	Normal Sch.	"	House Wife
Ashe Dorothy	641 "	"		14	"	Daughter	Penn.	9 th Grade	"	Student
Ashe Barbara	641 "	"		6	"	Daughter	Penn.	1 st Grade	"	Student
Esterline William C.	641 "	"		70	"	Father	Penn.	Grade Sch.	"	Retired
Esterline John	641 "	"		19	"	Son	Ohio	1yr. College	"	Student
Esterline William	641 "	"		16	"	Son	Ohio	2yr. H. S.	"	Student
Robinson William H.	504 Majorca Ave	"	X	52	"	Father	Penn.	College	Renter	Insurance
Robinson Lilly F.	504 "	"		52	"	Mother	Penn.	High Sch.	"	House Wife
Robinson Jr. William H.	504 "	"		19	"	Son	Kentucky	1yr. College	"	Student
Tabe Mrs. Patricia	645 Minorca AVE	"		23	"	Married	Fla.	College	"	Beauty Opera

1935 Dade County, FL state census

Keep in mind...

- Names may be spelled differently (initials, nicknames, etc.)
- Boundary changes
- Misremembering information
 - Age, place of birth, relationships may not be consistent
- Different surnames from 1870 to 1880

Vital Records

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Often provide the names of an individual's parents and/or spouse
- Can be found at the town/city, county, or state level, depending on location and time period
- Less available in southern states before the 20th century

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County, Marion INDIANA
 Township, Leicester STATE BOARD OF HEALTH.
 Town or City, } Madison Health Officer's Record Number, }
Certificate and Record of Death.

Decedent's full Name _____ Date of Death,

MONTH.	DAY.	YEAR.
7	11	1900

This Blank to be filled by the Physician, if any; otherwise by Health Officer, Coroner or Householder

MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Apr 2 to July 5th, that I last saw him alive on July 5th, that he died on July 5th about 6 o'clock A.M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the CAUSE OF DEATH was as hereunder written:

Disease causing death? Bright's Disease Duration 1 yr
 Immediate cause of death? Hemorrhage of Bladder Duration 2 days
 Contributory causes or complications, if any? Cystitis Duration 6 months

Post-mortem _____

*In case of a Violent Death, state (1) mode of injury and whether accidental, suicidal or homicidal; (2) what was the nature of the injury and the immediate cause of death; (3) contributory causes or conditions, e. g., septicemia. Also whether operation was performed, etc.

WITNESS my hand this 9 day of July
 Signature of Physician, Coroner, Health Officer or Householder, } W. J. Gales
 Address, } 3004 Clifton St

This Blank to be filled by householder or any competent person.

RECORD OF DEATH.

Full Name of Deceased George William Reed Age, 61 9
Years. Months. Days.
 Residence, 2403 Indiana Ave Sex, Male Color, negro
If in a city, give ward, street and number. Single. Married. Widow or
 Occupation? Business Birthplace? Madison Ky.
Scratch out terms not wanted.
 Place of Death? Indianapolis Ind. Father's name in full? George Williams Reed
If in the country, give township. State or Country.
 Father's Birthplace? Madison Ky. Mother's maiden name in full? Agnes Reed
State or Country.
 Mother's Birthplace? Madison Ky. Date of Burial? July 11
State or Country.
 Place of Burial? Crown Hill Signature of Undertaker, W. J. Gales
 Reported by _____ Address of Undertaker, 2nd Ave
 Address, _____

George William Reed death certificate

Tip

Pay attention to
informants and
witnesses

Church Records

- Provide similar information as vital records
 - Additional: baptisms, burials, confirmations
 - Enslaver's name likely included if before emancipation
- Identify ancestor's religion before searching
- Online sources: American Ancestors, FamilySearch, Ancestry

July 30, 1820, James Gorton of Voluntown, and Ruhamah Thompson of Westerly.
→ Aug. 17, 1820, Cato Cuffe and Flora Palmer (people of color).
Dec. 13, 1820, Elisha Faxon, Jr., and Mary D. Smith.
Feb. 6, 1821, John W. Hull and Nancy York.
April 30, 1821, George W. Moss and Caroline E. Hyde.
May 14, 1821, Noyes Ladd of Franklin, and Harriet Z. Williams.
May 20, 1821, Thomas S. Breed and Rebecca Potter.
June 3, 1821, Thomas Swan of Nantucket, and Fanny Wilcox.
June 10, 1821, Jonathan Pendleton and Caroline Pendleton.
July 8, 1821, Charles E. Coles of New York, and Mary Ash.
Oct. 4, 1821, Daniel C. Hammond and Elizabeth S. Blevin of Westerly.
Nov. 1, 1821, Joseph W. Stanton and Grace N. Palmer.
Nov. 5, 1821, Hampton Stuart of New York, and Sarah Wilcox.
Nov. 15, 1821, Jedediah Leeds of New Orleans, and Mary R. Stanton.
Nov. 29, 1821, Joshua Haley and Rebecca Brown.
Feb. 7, 1822, John D. Smith and Maria Niles.
March 24, 1822, Cyrus Wheeler and Lucy S. Browning of North Stonington.
May 19, 1822, Peter McLaughlin of New York, and Sarah Tinker.
July 3, 1822, William R. Palmer and Nancy B. Babcock.
Oct. 22, 1822, Luke Barker of New York, and Abigail Cobb.
Nov. 21, 1822, Samuel Breed and Eliza P. Williams.
→ March 20, 1823, George Green and Mary Noyes.
Sept. 2, 1823, Rufus C. Hamilton and Lilly Ross (people of color).
Sept. 22, 1823, John G. Clark of South Kingston, and Almira D. Page.
Nov. 2, 1823, John Kirby and Almira D. Faxon.
Nov. 13, 1823, Perez Hewitt of North Stonington, and Abby S. Crandall.

Stonington, CT First Congregational Church marriage records

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Race may not be
included in all records

Nov. 30, 1739, Samuel Thorn, and Rebecca Hahes.
Dec. 6, 1739, Crump, negro servant of Stephen Richardson, and Deborah,
indian servant of Jonathan Richardson.
Dec. 18, 1739, William Noyes, and Cybill Whiting.
Jan. 3, 1740, John Benjamin of Preston, and Margaret Jamison.
Feb. 18, 1740, Elihu Chesebrough Jun., and Esther Dennis.
Dec. 30, 1740, Nathaniel Hancox, and Joanna Hilliard.
Feb. 19, 1741, Samuel Frink Jun., and Mary Stanton.
May 10, 1741, Lieut. John Randall, and Mary Palmer.
May, 27, 1741, Samuel Clark, and Mary Jamison.
July, 1741, Edward Hancox, and Lucy Chesebrough.
Aug. 20, 1741, Oliver Stewart, and Rebecca Pendleton of Westerly.
Sept. 28, 1741, David Dewe, and Deborah Tracy.
Dec. 20, 1741, Stephen Mason, and Joanna Newkachuse, Indians.
Feb. 11, 1742, Thomas Clark of Westerly, and Elizabeth Jamison.
 March 17, 1742, Peter, negro servant of Stephen Richardson, and Mary
Jones, an Indian negro mulatto.
March 31, 1742, Joseph Garret, and Katherine, Indians.
July 1, 1742, William Brown, and Joanna Fellows.
July 14, 1742, Ebenezer Austin, and Rebecca Davidson.
Sept. 9, 1742, Thomas Chester, and Sarah Eldredge both of Groton.
Oct. 26, 1742, Joseph Wauheag, and Rebecca Pishetows, Indians.
Nov. 11, 1742, Moses Tyler of Preston, and Joanna Denison.
Feb. 17, 1743, Daniel Fish of Preston, and Rebecca Palmer.
June 21, 1743, Nicholas Newkajous, and Sarah Peter, Indians.
June 23, 1743, James Hancox, and Sarah Ames.
July 7, 1743, Capt. John Denison, and Rebecca Noyes.
Nov. 9, 1743, William Brumly of Stonington and Elizabeth Brown of Westerly.

Stonington, CT First Congregational Church marriage records

Freedmen's Bureau Records

- Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands established towards the end of the Civil War
- Aimed to help formerly enslaved people transition from enslavement to freedom and citizenship
- Some services included:
 - Providing food, housing, legal assistance, medical aid, banking services
 - Assisting in establishing schools (Howard University)
 - Overseeing labor and apprenticeship contracts
- Online sources: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Smithsonian

Examples of Freedmen's Bureau Documents

- Local census lists
- Labor contracts
- Marriage registers
- Applications for rations
- Medical records
- Court records
- Records of back pay for soldiers in the U.S. Colored Troops
- School records
- Narrative reports
- Property records

Names of Husband and Wife		Home Residence	When Married	By Whom	No. of Children
John Williams	Mary Sherburn	Charles Co. Md.	1854	Master	5
John Ender	Mary Robinson	Hanover, Va.	1846	"	5
Adam Jarvis	Mattilda Robinson	Richmond, Va.	1853	Rev. Mr. Jenkins	1
George Jenkins	Emily Diggs	New Orleans, La.	1858	" Robert Grader	2
Gabriel Coleman	Rose Monroe	Caroline Co. Va.	1853	No marriage ceremony	3
Sandy Marshall	Harriet Butter	Charles Co. Md.	1861	Master	1
Zemmon Ward	Ellen Davis	Prince William Co. Va.	1857	Rev. Mr. Sattimon	2
Charles Russell	Mary Minns	New Kent Co. Va.	1860	" " Gimbrick	0
Ambrose Brown	Mary Wolfe	Stafford Co. Va.	1851	" " Corbin	0
William Jones	Sarah Parker	Alexandria Va.	1851	No marriage ceremony	5
Gilbert Rich	Hester Monroe	Stafford Co. Va.	1862	" "	1
Jacob Parker	Sarah Hawkins	Richmond Va.	1861	" "	1
Wallace Collins	Elizabeth Grady	Stafford Co. Va.	1858	" "	4
Nemrod Gibbs	Nancy Hensdell	Madison Co. Va.	1827	" "	13
Lee Carpenter	Everline Thornton	Culpeper Co. Va.	1840	" "	2
Thomton Fitzhugh	Letta Hensdell	King George Co. Va.	1832	" "	11
Perry Turner	Milred Johnson	Rappahannock Co. Va.	1849	" "	3

District of Columbia marriage register

Know all Men by These Presents, That *James L. Talbot* of the County of *Madison*, State of *Tennessee* held and firmly bound to the United States of America in the sum of *two hundred* Dollars, for the payment of which I bind My Heirs, Executors and Administrators, firmly, by these presents, in this Contract: That I am to furnish the persons whose names are subjoined, freed laborers, Quarters, Fuel, substantial and healthy Rations, and the amount set opposite their respective names per month, during the continuation of this Contract==the laborers to be paid in full before the final disposal of the crop which is to be raised by them on *plantation in the County of Madison State of Tennessee*

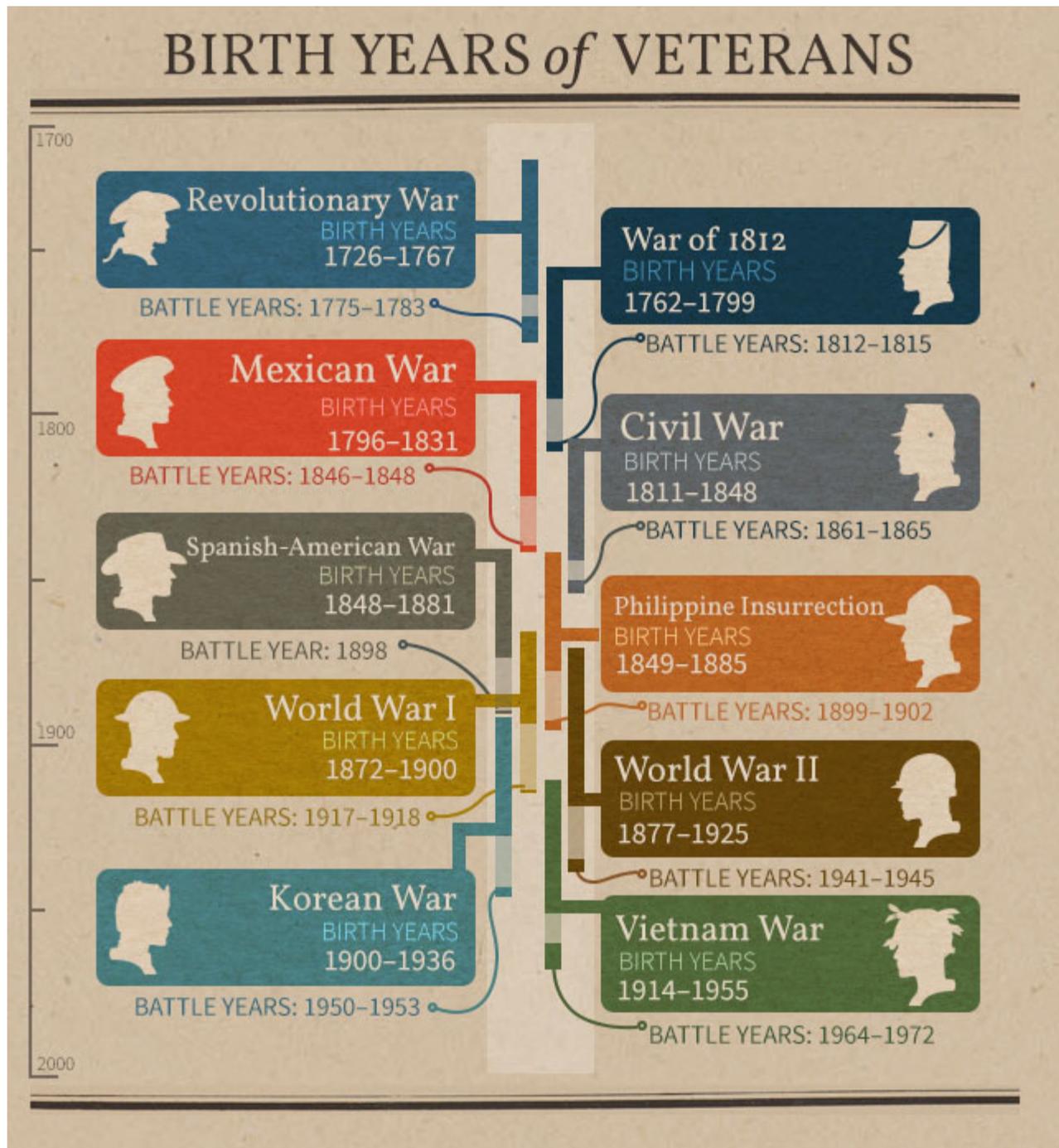
We, the undersigned, free laborers, agree to work faithfully for the said *James L. Talbot* obeying all his instructions, in good faith, and in event we leave his service before the expiration of this Contract, provided we are not driven off or maltreated, we are to forfeit all wages due us at the time of so leaving.

NO.	NAMES.	AGE.	RATE OF PAY per month.		NO.	NAMES.	AGE.	RATE OF PAY per month.	
			Dols.	Cts.				Dols.	Cts.
	<i>Lucinda ^{her} Read</i>		<i>10</i>	<i>00</i>					
	<i>Mary Jane Read</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>00</i>					
	<i>Issa Read</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>00</i>					
	<i>The two lost daughters of Lucinda</i>								

Talbot and Read labor contract (FHL #007677331)

Military Records

- African Americans participated in military conflicts since the colonial era
- Helps identify individuals who served or were eligible for service
 - Pension records
 - Military rolls
 - Enlistment papers
 - Draft cards/records
 - Manuscripts (diaries or letters home)
- Fold3.com holds military records



SERIAL NUMBER 2144		1. NAME (Print) Luther Glenn (First) (Middle) (Last)			ORDER NUMBER 2778	
2. ADDRESS (Print) Derry 949 Northwest Blvd Winston Salem Forsyth N.C. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
3. TELEPHONE		4. AGE IN YEARS 30 DATE OF BIRTH May 16 1910 (Mo.) (Day) (Yr.)		5. PLACE OF BIRTH Gaston (Town or county) N.C. (State or country)		6. COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP U.S.A.
7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL ALWAYS KNOW YOUR ADDRESS Mrs. Frances Glenn (Mr., Mrs., Miss) (First) (Middle) (Last)					8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON Wife	
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON Derry 949 Northwest Blvd Winston Salem Forsyth N.C. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME Crystal Ice & Coal Co						
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS E 7th St Winston Salem Forsyth N.C. (Number and street or R. F. D. number) (Town) (County) (State)						
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.						
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1		16-17105		Luther Glenn (Registrant's signature)		

Luther Glenn WWII draft card

D | **24** | **U.S.C.T.**

Samuel Daniels

....., Co *A*....., 24 Reg't U.S. Col'd Inf.

Appears on
Company Descriptive Book
of the organization named above.

DESCRIPTION.

Age *40* years height *5* feet *5* inches.
Complexion *Gold*
Eyes; *Dark* hair *Dark*
Where born *Quinn Anne, Md.*
Occupation *Farmer*

ENLISTMENT.

When *Dec 7*, 1864.
Where *Camden*
By whom *Capt Wentz*; term *1* y'rs
Remarks:.....

Samuel Daniels, U.S. Colored Troops
compiled service file (Civil War)

Probate Records

- Probate is the process of settling a person's property or estate upon their death
- Helps in identifying heirs (spouse, children, grandchildren, siblings, etc.)
- Generally held at the county level; some exceptions
- Testate (with a will) vs. intestate (no will)
- Types of probate documents:
 - Wills
 - Inventories
 - Petitions
 - Letters of administration (names the executor)
 - Other: adoption, guardianship, divorce

To have and to hold the same for and during the term of the natural life of my beloved wife Margaret Howard for the uses and trusts following that is to say, to keep the said property invested in such a manner as to yield an income sufficient for the comfortable support of my said wife for and during the term of her natural life.

Secondly: Immediately at and after the decease of my said wife Margaret Howard I give & bequeath all the residue and remainder of my estate both real and personal to my children as follows, namely, -
To Edwin F. Howard one fifth part thereof; - to Amelia Margaret Nahar, wife of John P. Nahar, one fifth part thereof; -
To Alfred G. Howard, one fifth part thereof; To Cordelia S. Howard one fifth part thereof; - and to Maria A. Howard one fifth part thereof; - to have and to hold to them their heirs forever.

Will of Peter M. Howard, Suffolk County, MA,
dated 1849 (FHL #107593968)

Probate Pre-Emancipation

- Enslaved people considered property and often named in probate
 - Bequeathed in wills
 - Listed as inventory
 - Emancipated by their enslaver
 - Sold to another enslaver
- Will need to know the name of your ancestor's enslaver

To Negro Samuel 57 Infam	100 00
To Negro Abm 45 Infam	200 00
To Negro Bell 34 years	400 00
To Negro Ebrahim 12 years	200 00
To Negro Fann 7 years	125 00
To Negro Hannah 5 years	100 00
To Negro William 3 years	100 00
To Negro Molly 5 weeks old	25 00
To Negro Hannah 52 years old	50 00
To Negro James 16 years old	300 00
To Negro Susannah 14 years old	200 00
To Negro Aaron 12 years old	250 00
To Negro George 6 years old	150 00
To Negro Harry 4 years old	75 00

Probate inventory of Benjamin Talbot,
Baltimore Co., MD (FHL #101746024)

Land and Property Records

- Use land and property records to:
 - Determine where your ancestor lived
 - Identify relationships
- Grantor (seller) vs. grantee (buyer)
- Maintained at the local level (town or county)
- FamilySearch is a great resource for all states

Enslaved People in Deeds

- Any transaction involving enslaved people could be recorded as a deed in property records
- Need to know enslaver's name
- Types of deeds:
 - Bills of sale
 - Enslaved people being hired out
 - Deeds of gift
 - Transactions related to probate
 - Manumissions (granted freedom)

Drissilla Baker to James J. Baker

I Drissilla Baker of the county of Adams and State of Mississippi have this day bargained and sold unto James J. Baker of the above named and county and State in and for the consideration of eight thousand and sixty nine dollars cash payed in hand for the within named Negroes and other property mainly Denba negromon aged about forty six years, L. Henry negromon aged about twenty two years, Leve or Leven negro man aged about twenty four years, Abe or Abram a negro man aged about twenty six years, Mariah negro woman aged about nineteen years, and infant Daniel a negro boy aged about fourteen years Enaliss negro boy aged about eleven years, Mahala negro girl aged about eight years, Susan a negro girl aged about six years, L. Denba negro boy aged about four years, Henrietta negro girl aged about two years, Daplina a negro woman aged about forty years, L. Bob a negro man aged about twenty years L. Charlotte negro woman aged about nineteen years and infant L. Jim negro boy aged about sixteen years Neel a negro boy aged about fourteen years, Ben a negro boy about thirteen years and Becky a negro girl aged about four years; also seven work horses and mules, six yoke of work oxen and yokes eighty five head of cattle nine plows, three harrows, five pair of double and single trees ten pair of traces

Baker to Baker deed, Adams County,
Mississippi (FHL #007902599)

Manumissions

- Legal documents that granted emancipation
- Can be found in:
 - Probate
 - Land or property records
 - Court files
 - Personal papers/collections
- If not online, check:
 - State and county archives
 - Colleges and universities
 - Local libraries
 - Historical societies

Brooks
Will
Exam^d

In the name of God Amen I Maria Brooks of the City of Louisville being weak in body but of sound mind and disposing memory do make this my last will and testament
Down three slaves named Nelly Maria & Betty for whom
I have a bill of sale from Wm Lagury and I desire
and will that my Executor hereinafter named shall take them into possession and hire them out and when the hire of Nelly shall amount to or she shall pay one hundred and twenty dollars to him he is to emancipate her and when the hire of Maria shall amount to or she shall pay one hundred and seventy two dollars to him he is to emancipate her and when the hire of Betty shall amount to or she shall pay to him one hundred and eighty five dollars he is to emancipate her. I further will that my Executor shall out of the moneys so as above raised and any other funds which may come to his hands purchase of Mr Standiford my Niece named

Will of Maria Brooks, Jefferson County, KY
(FHL # 004819922)

Know all men by these presents that I
John Hoar of Lincoln in the county of mid.^{dx}
in the colony of Massachusetts Bay in New
England Gentleman - in consideration
that my Negro man servant named Cuff
Hath been a good and faithfull servant
unto me - and he now desiring to be made
free: I do therefore by these presents for my
Self fully and absolutely free him and Dis-
charge him the s^d. Cuff to act for himself
So long as he behaves and conducts himself
regularly and well - without the denial
or contradiction of me his s^d. master
Witness my hand
Lincoln May 28th 1746
Benjamin Danforth John Hoar
Abijah Pierce

Manumission of slave Cuff, Lincoln, Massachusetts
(American Ancestors)

QUESTIONS?

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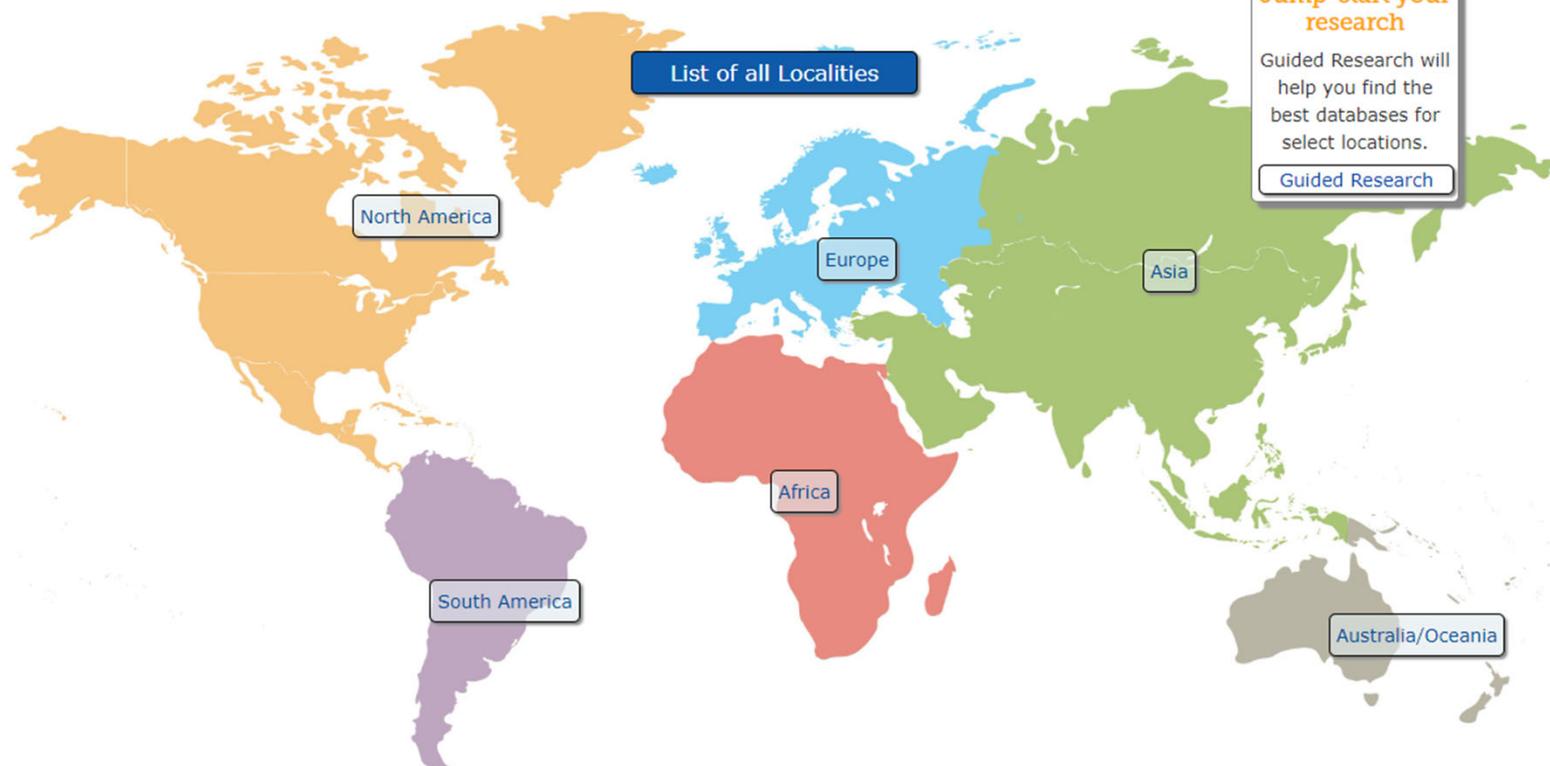
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North Carolina, United States Genealogy

United States → North Carolina

Guide to North Carolina ancestry, family history, and genealogy birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, and military records.

North Carolina Information [edit | edit source]

North Carolina is a state located in the eastern portion of the United States. It is divided into 100 counties. North Carolina was the 12th state to join the Union on November 21, 1789. It was formed from the Crown Colony of North Carolina. The State Capital is Raleigh. [1]

Getting Started [edit | edit source]

Getting Started with North Carolina Research

Links to articles on getting started with North Carolina research.

- Guided Research
- Step-by-Step North Carolina Research, 1880-Present
- Step-by-Step North Carolina Research, 1850-1910
- North Carolina Descendancy Research
- How to Find Birth Records
- How to Find Marriage Records
- How to Find Death Records
- Research Strategies

North Carolina Online Genealogy Records

Ask the FamilySearch Community

North Carolina Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in North Carolina research.

- North Carolina Record Finder
- Boundary Changes for North Carolina Counties
- North Carolina Archives and Libraries
- NCGenWeb
- Geographical Names Information System - U.S. gazetteer of places, cemeteries and post offices in North Carolina.

North Carolina Clickable Map [edit | edit source]

Many genealogy records are kept on the county level in the United States. Click on a county below to go to the county Wiki article listing more information.



North Carolina Wiki Topics



Beginning Research

- Guided Research
- Research Strategies
- Record Finder

Record Types

- Adoption
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- Biography
- Cemeteries
- Census
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- Colonial Records
- Correctional Institutions
- Court Records
- Crime & Punishment
- Directories
- Divorce Records
- Education
- Emigration & Immigration
- Genealogies
- Land & Property
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- Military Records
- Naturalization & Citizenship
- Newspapers
- Obituaries
- Occupation & Business Records
- Online Genealogy Records
- Probate Records
- Public Records
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- School Records
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- Vital Records
- Voter Records

North Carolina Background

- Biography
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- Further Reading
- Gazetteers
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- Maps
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Cultural Groups

- African Americans
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- Cultural groups

https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/North_Carolina,_United_States_Genealogy

County Information [edit | edit source]

Description [edit | edit source]

Randolph County is located in the central portion of North Carolina and was named for Peyton Randolph, the first president of the Continental Congress.^[2]

County Courthouse [edit | edit source]

Randolph County Courthouse

176 East Salisbury St, Suite 201

Asheboro, NC 27203

Phone: 336-328-3000

[Randolph County Website](#)

Register of Deeds has birth and death records from 1913, marriage records from 1800 and land records. Clerk Superior Court has divorce and court records, and probate records from 1786.

Randolph County, North Carolina Record Dates [edit | edit source]

Information for this chart was taken from various sources, often containing conflicting dates. This information should be taken as a guide and should be verified by contacting the county and/or the state government agency.

Known Beginning Dates for Government County Records ^[3]						
Birth*	Marriage	Death*	Court	Land	Probate	Census
1913	1800	1913	1786	1799	1786	1784

*Statewide registration for births and deaths started in 1913. General compliance by 1920.



Record Loss [edit | edit source]

Many court records are missing.

For suggestions about research in places that suffered historic record losses, see:

- [Burned Counties](#). By Michael John Neill at 24-7 Family History Circle
- [When the Records are Gone](#). By Arlene Eakle at Arlene Eakle's Tennessee Blog
- [Burned Counties Research in the FamilySearch Research Wiki](#).
- [List of counties in the United States with Record Loss](#)



Boundary Changes [edit | edit source]

- **1779** Randolph County was created from Guilford County.
- **County seat:** Asheboro^[4]

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Genealogy Records

County Facts

County seat:	Asheboro
Organized:	1779
Parent County(s):	Guilford ^[1]

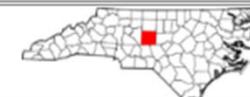
Neighboring Counties

Alamance • Chatham • Davidson •
Guilford • Montgomery • Moore
[See County Maps](#)

Courthouse



Location Map



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Local Histories [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

- [Randolph County, 1779-1979](#) (1980)

Maps and Gazetteers [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

- [FamilySearch Places](#): Map of cities and towns in this county - [How to Use FS Places](#)

Migration [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

Military Records [\[edit | edit source \]](#)

Revolutionary War

- **1778-1833** [Delamar Transcripts of Revolutionary War Petitions](#) at North Carolina Genealogical Society - index (\$)
- **1779-1782** [North Carolina Revolutionary Pay Vouchers 1779-1782](#) at [FamilySearch](#) - [How to Use this Collection](#); index and images

Civil War

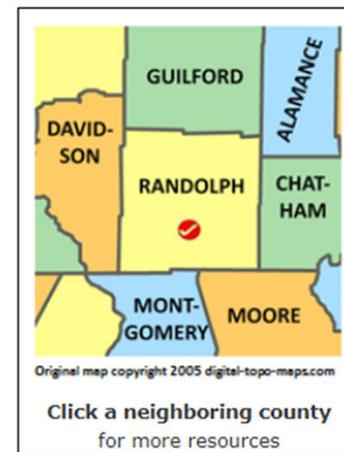
- **1861-1865** [North Carolina, Civil War Service Records of Confederate Soldiers, 1861-1865](#) at [FamilySearch](#) - [How to Use this Collection](#); index and images
- **1861-1865** [North Carolina, Civil War Service Records of Union Soldiers, 1861-1865](#) at [FamilySearch](#) - [How to Use this Collection](#); index and images
- **1861-1865** [U.S., Confederate Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865](#) at [Ancestry](#)
- **1861-1865** [U.S., Union Soldiers Compiled Service Records, 1861-1865](#) at [Ancestry](#)
- **1885 and 1901** [1885 and 1901 Confederate Pension Applications](#) at North Carolina Digital Collections - index and images
- **1885-1953** [North Carolina, Confederate Soldiers and Widows Pension Applications, 1885-1953](#) at [FamilySearch](#) - [How to Use this Collection](#); index and images
- **1861-1870** [Civil War records \(Randolph County, North Carolina\), 1861-1870](#)

Regiments. Men in Randolph County served in various regiments. Men often joined a company (within a regiment) that originated in their county. Listed below are companies that were specifically formed in Randolph County:

- 2nd Battalion, North Carolina Infantry
- 1st Brigade, North Carolina Reserves, Company F
- 1st Regiment, North Carolina Junior Reserves, Company F
- 2nd Battalion, North Carolina Infantry, Company F
- 6th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves, Company A
- 6th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves, Company D
- 6th Regiment, North Carolina Senior Reserves, Company I

World War I

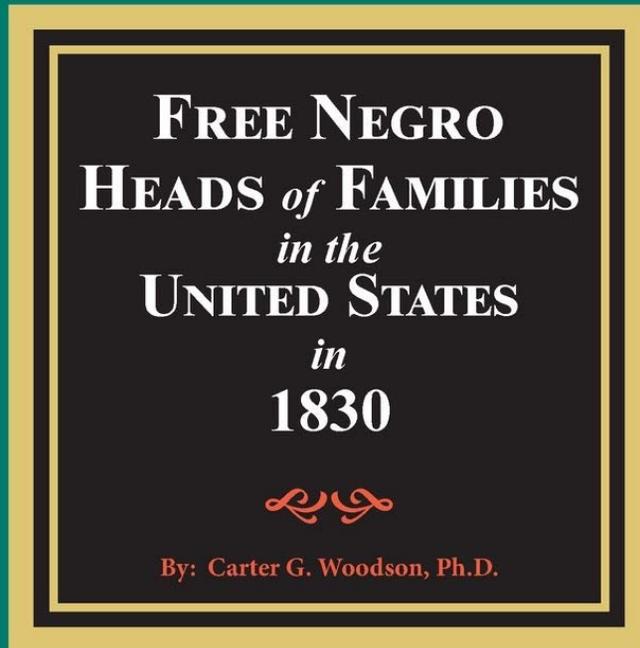
- **1914-1918** [World War I Papers](#) at North Carolina Digital Collections - index and images
- **1917-1919** [North Carolina, World War I Service Cards, 1917-1919](#) at [FamilySearch](#) - [How to Use this Collection](#); index and images



https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Randolph_County,_North_Carolina_Genealogy

Published Resources

- Researchers have conducted study projects or extracted information into published resources
- Can be based on:
 - Record types
 - Subject matter
 - Location
- Consult WorldCat.org and American Ancestors library catalog (library.nehgs.org)



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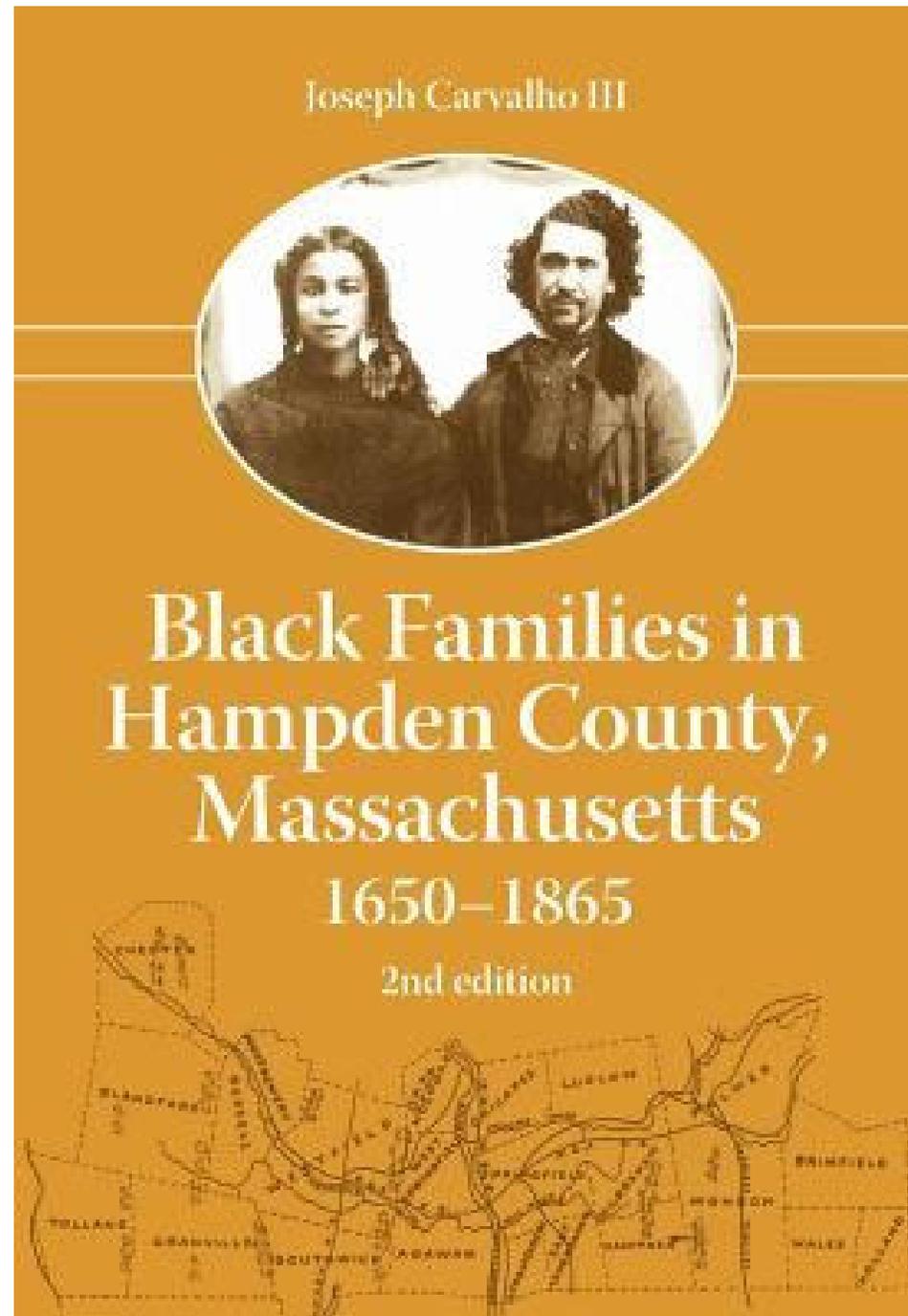
	Age	Total
Wm. Mead (m)	24-36	4
Geo. Fox (m)	24-36	2
Stacy Higgs (m)	24-36	2
Louder Bruce (m)	24-36	6
Mr. Schureman (m)	36-55	8
Saml. Ennolds (m)	24-36	8
Wm. Porter (m)	24-36	2
Anthony Waters (m)	24-36	3
John Mitchell (m)	36-55	7
Isabella Hicks (f)	55-100	11
Capes Meyer (m)	36-55	3
Robt. Jackson (m)	24-36	3
Benj. Elliston (m)	55-100	8
Jacob Simpson (m)	36-55	5
Jas. Stewart (m)	10-24	1
Lewis Harrison (m)	36-55	5
Alexander Elston (m)	24-36	5
Wm. Jackson (m)	55-100	9
Abnr. Laurence (m)	24-36	7
Saml. Lunson (m)	36-55	2
John Miller (m)	36-55	2
David Thornton (m)	36-55	3
Letty Lott (f)	36-55	3
Geo. Lawrence (m)	36-55	3
Jas. Barnard (m)	24-36	5
Arthur Howard (m)	36-55	9
John Williams (m)	24-36	4
Henry Thomas (m)	24-36	2
Jacob Claver (m)	36-55	4
John Kelsy (m)	24-36	4



AFRICAN AMERICAN
AND
AMERICAN INDIAN PATRIOTS
IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR

NATIONAL SOCIETY DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION





Digital Resources

- Scholars have created online databases or resources focused on African American history.
Can also be based on:
 - Specific records
 - Subject matter
 - Location
- Often through colleges and universities

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[Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina](#) (latest updates): 1/1/21: Lawrence, Flood, Banks, Cousins, Gallimore, Hicks, Toney, Spinner; March and April 2021 updated most families; 5/27: Case, George, Perkins. 6/4/2022: Locust.

Foreword by historian Ira Berlin

[Maryland and Delaware](#) (latest update 10/2021 Lett, Banneker)

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[Colonial Tax Lists, Virginia personal property tax lists, Census, and Court Records for Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia](#)

Includes a list of taxable free persons of color in Virginia from 1782 to about 1820. Latest Updates: Fairfax County, Norfolk City and Orange County personal property tax lists

[Service in the Revolutionary War](#) Updated March 20, 2021 Richard Spinner, Thomas Garnes

[19th century photos of free African American and Indian families](#)

[List of Indian Slaves, Free Indians, and Free African Americans identified in Colonial Records Without Last Names](#)

[Virginia Slaves Freed After 1782](#)

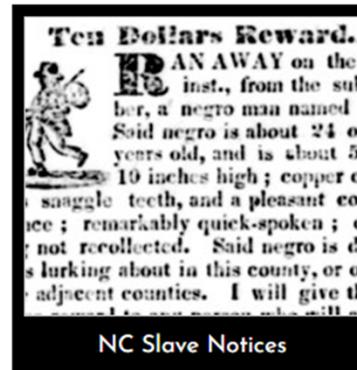
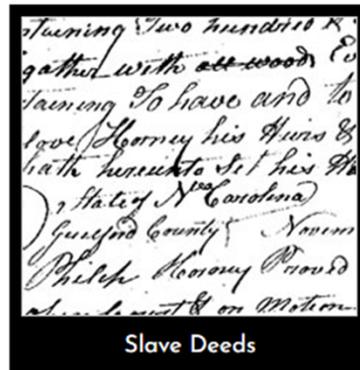
[Northampton County, North Carolina, after Emancipation](#)

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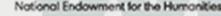
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A database of fugitives from American Slavery

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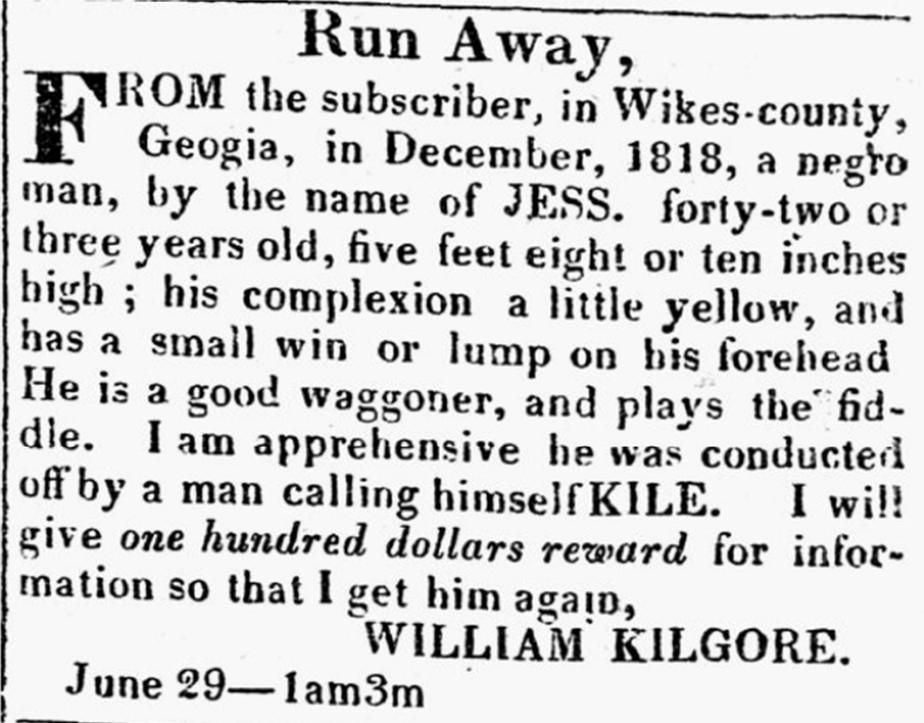
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Run Away,
FROM the subscriber, in Wikes-county, Georgia, in December, 1818, a negro man, by the name of JESS. forty-two or three years old, five feet eight or ten inches high ; his complexion a little yellow, and has a small win or lump on his forehead. He is a good waggoner, and plays the fiddle. I am apprehensive he was conducted off by a man calling himself KILE. I will give *one hundred dollars reward* for information so that I get him again,
WILLIAM KILGORE.
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Local Histories

- Popular during the 19th century
- Rarely cited—be sure to locate other records to confirm!
- Often include biographies or family sketches of prominent figures
- Ancestor may not be specifically named, but can still provide insight into what records to consult
- Ex: *History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater, in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, including an extensive Family Register* by Mitchell Nahum

Digital Books

- <https://archive.org/>
- <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- <https://books.familysearch.org>
- <https://books.google.com/>
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- <http://library.si.edu/digital-library>

Personal Narratives

- First-person accounts can provide powerful details of an individual's lived experience
 - Written works (memoirs, autobiographies)
 - Oral histories
 - Personal letters and diaries
- Can be found at colleges and universities, local historical societies, libraries, archives, and your own home!



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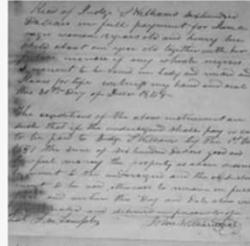
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<https://www.loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938/about-this-collection/>

QUESTIONS?

Repositories

Online Repositories

- General genealogy websites (“Big 3”)
 - Ancestry.com (\$)
 - FamilySearch.org (free)
 - AmericanAncestors.org (\$, free guest option)
- Location-specific websites
 - Archives of a specific state, county, or city
 - Ex: Louisiana Digital Library
- Record-specific websites
 - Fold3.com (military records)

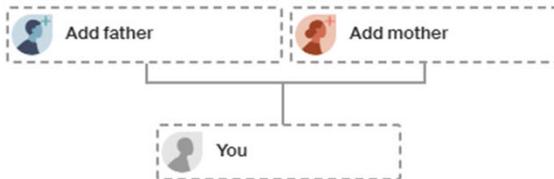
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Harriet Delia Smith

in the Massachusetts, U.S., Town Birth Records, 1620-1850



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Name Harriet Delia Smith

Birth Date Oct 14, 1840

Birth Place Rockport

Father's First Name Johnathan

Mother's First Name Mary T.

Gender Female

Source Vital Records of Rockport

Oct 2	Bluns, Moses Haskell	M	Moses & Diana	Cleaveland
" 3	Rowe, Esther Ann	F	John & Mary	Rowe
" 3	Jacobs, Timothy Augustus	M	Timothy & Deborah	Jacobs
" 14	Smith, Harriet	F	Johnathan & Mary T.	Smith
" 14	Cleaves, Rauben Hamilton	M	Aaron & Eliza	Cleaveland

Tip

Always locate the
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Wildcards

- Symbols used to replace or represent one or more characters
 - ? = 1 character
 - * = 1 or more character
- Example: You can use the following variations to search for “Rose”
 - Ros?
 - R*e

The screenshot shows the FamilySearch website homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Family Tree, Search, Memories, Get Involved, and Activities. On the right, there are icons for location, social media, and help, along with 'SIGN IN' and 'CREATE ACCOUNT' buttons. Below the navigation bar, there is a red banner for 'rootstech by FamilySearch' with the text 'Discover your story through inspiring classes and speakers from all over the globe.' and a 'SIGN UP NOW!' button. The main content area features a large blue header with the text 'What will you find out about your ancestor?' and a search form. The search form includes fields for 'First Names', 'Last Names*', 'Place Lived', and 'Birth Year', and a 'SEARCH' button. A dropdown menu is open over the search form, listing options: Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog (circled in red), Books, and Research Wiki. The background of the page features a large, smiling family photo of a young girl, a woman, a young boy, an older man, and a woman, with the boy holding a framed historical photograph of a group of men in military uniforms.

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Latin

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References: (Digital Collection) [Illinois, Chicago, Catholic Church records : COLLECTION RECORD, 1833-1925](#)

Notes

Illinois, Chicago, Catholic Church Records are available online, [click here](#).

Microfilm of originals and typescript at Old St. Patrick's Church, Chicago, Illinois.

Text in English and Latin.

Includes partial index.

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Baptismal index, Nov. 1869-Mar. 1920	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502548 Items 1-4	4332253	
Baptismal records, Feb. 1862-Jan. 1896	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502548 Items 5-8	4332253	
Baptismal record, Mar. 1895-Sept. 1905	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Item 1	4332254	
Baptismal records, item 3--Mar. 1895-Dec. 1913 (Note: Duplication found in this record. Whether all of the baptisms are duplicate or not hasn't been verified. Also dates not in complete order.); items 4-5--Jan. 1906-Jan. 1915 (only 1 for 1915)	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Items 3-5	4332254	
Marriage records, Nov. 1869-Jan. 1895	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Item 6	4332254	
Marriage records, Feb. 1895-July 1909	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Item 2	4332254	
Marriage record, July 1909-Dec. 1915	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Item 7	4332254	
Confirmation and communion records, 1899-1911	Family History Library	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1502549 Item 8	4332254	

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The screenshot displays the FamilySearch.org interface for film 004332253. At the top, there are navigation tabs: Records, Images, Family Tree, Genealogies, Catalog, Books, and Wiki. Below these, the film number '004332253' is shown with a dropdown arrow. To the right are buttons for 'Source Box' and 'Attach to Family Tree'. Below the film number, it says 'Image 1 of 876' with left and right navigation arrows. Further right are icons for 'Print', 'Download', and 'Tools'. A large red arrow points from the top right towards the 'Source Box' button. The main area is a grid of 40 thumbnail images of document pages, mostly showing lists of names and dates. On the left side of the grid, there is a vertical toolbar with a plus sign, a minus sign, a magnifying glass, and a crop icon. The first thumbnail in the top row is highlighted with a green border and contains the number '502518'.

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Date.	Name of Child.	Lawful Child Of.		Born.	Sponsors.	Priest.	
Apr 4 th	born Harriet	Edward	Truett & Luisa Mulloney	Dec 6 th 1871	W B Campbell & Mary Murray	W B	Campbell
" 7 th	Patrick Thomas	James Joseph	Shawton & Mary Ann Hudson	March 21 st 1872	Patrick Caranagh & Mary Letitia Murray	W B	Campbell
" "	"	Samuel	Truett & Mary Moore	Apr 1 st 1872	Frank Johnson & Mary Emmett	W B	Campbell
" "	Jacob Fortunatus	William	Bothe & Cecelia Brislac	Feb 1 st	Jacob Bruggleton & Catharina Small	W B	Campbell
" "	Catharine	John Lee	& Hannah Gordon	Nov 23 rd	Richard John & Julia Webster	W B	Campbell
" "	Margaret	William	Harrod & Margaret Christoph	" 9 th	James B. Cleptom & Catharine Murray	W B	Campbell
" "	Margaret	James	Tipton & Bridget McFarland	" 8 th	Phil McFarland & A. McNeill	W B	Campbell
" 8 th	Leor	Leopold	Coster & Mary Bennett	Aug 30 th 1871	" " Anne Saffery	Edw ^d A	Terry
" 11 th	Richard	Frank	Johnson & Catharine Madigan	Apr 8 th	John Powers & Ellen Madigan	Edw ^d A	Terry
" 12 th	Ellen	Louise	Truett & Mary Morgan	" 12 th	Edward Truett & Maria Seibel	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	William Thomas	William	McLane & Antonia Wessack	March 24 th	James McLane & Margaret McLean	W B	Campbell
" "	Hennette	John	McFarland & Mary Bennett	Feb 6 th 1870	M. L. Brennan & Roselee		
" 14 th	Mrs Agnes Grace	Martin	Carroll & Louisa Hester	March 29 th 1872	M. V. McGrath & Margaret McKeel	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	William	James	Truett & Hannah O'Hearn	April 18 th 1872	John Truett & Mary Truett	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	Samuel	William	Truett & Mary Truett	March 30 th	James Truett & Leath Truett	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	Mary Jane	Francis	Collins & Mary Saffery	April 12 th	James Saffery & Maria Collins	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	Thomas	John	Bentley & Jane Bennett	" "	Patrick Bennett & Jane Bennett	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	Sarah Anne	William	Harper & Margaret Smith	" 9 th	Thomas Harper & Margaret Smith	Edw ^d A	Terry
" "	Mary Agnes	Justin	Harrod & Mrs Harrod	Feb 15 th	James Truett & Mary Ann Harrod	Edw ^d A	Terry

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			American Ancestors Magazine
			American Canadian Genealogical Society: Index of Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1840-2000
			American Genealogist, The
			Argentina: Baptisms, 1645-1930
			Arlington (West Cambridge), MA: Civil War Tax List, 1863
			Atkinson, NH: Marriages Performed by Rev. Stephen Peabody, 1789-1814
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Alabama: Marriages, 1816-1957

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			United States 1850 Census (Slave Schedule)
			United States 1850 Federal Census
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			United States 1910 Federal Census
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			North Carolina: Deaths, 1906-1930
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			On the Battlefield: Records of Soldiers, Veterans and Refugees
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African American Inventors

Indiana Historical Society - Smith Memorial Library

Folder contains lists of African American inventors, what they invented, and when. One of the lists also includes patent numbers

Contact Information

View the Catalog Record

African American History

Indiana Historical Society - Smith Memorial Library

Folder contains materials relating to African American History across the United States. Materials include clippings regarding individuals, black history month, migration history, family histories, pamphlets, speeches and more

Contact Information

View the Catalog Record

African American newspapers

Indiana Historical Society - Smith Memorial Library

A copy of "African-American Newspapers and Periodicals: A National and Bibliography and Union List" compiled by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin

Contact Information

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Research Guides

- Tools created to help you identify various resources relating to a particular subject
 - Also called subject guides and libguides
 - May contain recommendations for books, articles, collections, databases, web resources
- Many repositories have created research guides related to African American history and genealogy
- Can help you get acquainted with the repository's resources

African American Genealogy

Are you trying to find your roots? If you're running into some brick walls with your genealogical research, or just don't know how to get started, this guide should be helpful to you.

Why Is African American Genealogy Different?

African American genealogical research is different from other ethnic backgrounds. Because slaves were considered property, they were prohibited from reading, writing, attending school, legally marrying, owning land, owning a business, voting, and participating in many other activities that generate records on which much genealogical research is based.



Recommended Resources

Internet

- [National Archives and Records Administration](#) - Features a [guide](#) for genealogy researchers (includes upcoming workshops and events, templates, and research tools).
- [Maryland State Archives](#) - Features a [guide](#) for genealogy researchers, a [guide](#) to records specific to African Americans, a [database](#) of records and [website](#) about slavery in MD, additional [images](#) of primary resource records, and [Baltimore City Freedom Records](#).
- [Library of Congress - Local History and Genealogy Reference Services](#) - Features [guides](#) for genealogy researchers and [digitized collections](#) pertaining to U.S. History (e.g. Slavery and Law, [Slave Narratives](#), African American Pamphlets).
- [Digital Maryland](#) - Includes collections such as the [African American Funeral Programs](#), [Manumissions](#), [Indentures](#), [Bills of Sale](#), [Mapping Maryland's Counties](#), [Slave Documents](#), and [Views of African American Life in MD](#).

<https://www.prattlibrary.org/research/guides/african-american-genealogy>



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the American Ancestors website. The logo on the left reads "American Ancestors" with "by NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY" underneath. To the right of the logo is the tagline "A National Center for Family History, Heritage & Culture". Further right are links for "Bookstore", "About Us", and "MY ACCOUNT". Below the navigation bar is a horizontal menu with "Search", "Events", "Membership", and "Give" on the left, and "10 Million Names", "Publications", "Expert Help", "Tools", "Signature Projects", and "Centers & Initiatives" on the right. The main content area features a large historical photograph of a family of four. Overlaid on the bottom of the photo is the text "African American Genealogy". Below the photo is a white box containing an "Introduction" section. To the right of the introduction is a vertical list of navigation links: "Historical Context", "Getting Started", "Research Guides", "Records for African American Genealogy Research", "Other Resources", and "Societies, Library, Museums, and Websites".

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African American Genealogy

Introduction

Researching African American ancestors can be challenging and often requires creative researching methods. Many African Americans find it difficult to trace their family earlier than the 1870 United States Federal Census, the first federal census following emancipation and the first to record many formerly enslaved individuals by name. Locating records of enslaved ancestors prior to emancipation requires researching the enslaver's family since most of the records where the enslaved may be named, such as probate, account, and deed records, will all be in the enslaver's name. Locating ancestors that were free prior to emancipation also has unique challenges as records are dispersed and can be difficult to navigate. The process of locating African American ancestors can be time consuming but the effort can be extremely rewarding.

- Historical Context
- Getting Started
- Research Guides
- Records for African American Genealogy Research
- Other Resources
- Societies, Library, Museums, and Websites

<https://www.americanancestors.org/tools/african-american-genealogy>

Finding Aids

- Describe the history of a collection and how the materials are arranged
- Parts of a finding aid:
 - Summary of the collection
 - Abstract or brief biography
 - Inventory outline (includes series, boxes, folders, items)
 - Linear feet

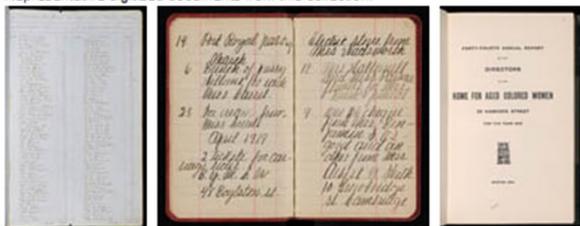
Home for Aged Colored Women Records

1843-1949; bulk: 1860-1949

Guide to the Collection

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Representative digitized documents from this collection:



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Restrictions on Access

Use of the originals is restricted. This collection is available as color digital facsimiles (see links below).

COLLECTION SUMMARY

CREATOR: Home for Aged Colored Women

TITLE: Home for Aged Colored Women records

DATES: 1843-1949

BULK DATES: 1860-1949

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION: 9 document boxes and 1 cased volume

CALL NUMBER: Ms. N-1429

REPOSITORY: Massachusetts Historical Society , 1154 Boylston Street, Boston, MA 02215 library@masshist.org ^{CP}

ABSTRACT

This collection consists of the records of the Home for Aged Colored Women, a charitable organization founded in 1860 to provide services to aged and indigent African-American women in Boston. Records include financial records, donor lists, committee notes, descriptions of women helped, board meeting minutes, and printed annual reports.

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Arranged chronologically.

This subseries contains correspondence with Home administrators from 1867 to 1937, primarily related to donations and subscriptions. Correspondence from 1930 to 1937 deals primarily with the donation from resident Daisy Phillips of a house she owned in Abington, Mass. Prominent correspondents include William E. Pike, Judge James T. Kirby, and Charles G. Willard.

Correspondence, 1867-1872	Box 6	Folder 7	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, Jan.-Apr. 1873	Box 6	Folder 8	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, Jun.-Dec. 1873	Box 6	Folder 9	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, 1874-Jul. 1875	Box 6	Folder 10	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, Aug. 1875-1876	Box 6	Folder 11	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, 1882-1885	Box 6	Folder 12	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, 1887-1926	Box 6	Folder 13	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, 1930-1934	Box 6	Folder 14	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, Jun.-Sept. 1937	Box 6	Folder 15	DIGITIZED
Correspondence, Oct. 1937	Box 6	Folder 16	DIGITIZED

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