

## African-American Genealogy Resources

### Web Sites

#### African-American Cemeteries Online

<[www.prairiebluff.com/aacemetery](http://www.prairiebluff.com/aacemetery)>  
Click on a state and a cemetery name to find information about the cemetery and transcriptions from gravestones.

#### African-American Coal Miner Info Page

<[freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~blackcoalminers](http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~blackcoalminers)>  
Historical information, a list of coal miners and links to other resources

#### The African-American Genealogy Ring

<[afamgenealogy.ourfamily.com](http://afamgenealogy.ourfamily.com)>  
More than 90 connected sites for researching African-American roots

#### African-American Lives

<[www.pbs.org/wnet/aalives](http://www.pbs.org/wnet/aalives)>  
A companion to the PBS documentary with Henry Louis Gates, this site features a research guide and resource list

#### The African-American Mosaic

<[lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html](http://lcweb.loc.gov/exhibits/african/intro.html)>  
The Library of Congress' resource guide for the study of black history and culture

#### African-Ancestored Mailing Lists

<[www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen\\_mail\\_african.html](http://www.rootsweb.com/~jfuller/gen_mail_african.html)>  
A compilation of mailing lists with instructions on joining each list.

#### The African—Native American History & Genealogy Web Page

<[www.african-nativeamerican.com](http://www.african-nativeamerican.com)>  
Information on former slaves and free African-Americans who lived in Indian Territory (present-day Oklahoma) and among the Five Civilized Tribes

#### African Voices

<[www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices](http://www.mnh.si.edu/africanvoices)>  
Smithsonian National Museum of Natural History exhibit

#### AfriGeneas

<[www.afrigeneas.com](http://www.afrigeneas.com)>  
Help finding data on African-Americans prior to the 1870 census

#### Black Bostonians and the Civil War

<[www.nps.gov/boaf/54th.htm](http://www.nps.gov/boaf/54th.htm)>  
The story of the 54th Massachusetts, the African-American regiment immortalized in the 1989 film *Glory*

#### Born in Slavery

<[memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html](http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/snhtml/snhome.html)>  
More than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 photographs of former slaves

#### Christine's Genealogy Website

<[www.ccharity.com](http://www.ccharity.com)>  
Links and information about the post-Civil War Freedmen's Bureau records and other resources

#### Civil War Soldiers and Sailors System

<[www.itd.nps.gov/cwss](http://www.itd.nps.gov/cwss)>  
Search for soldiers' names and regimental histories of the Union Army's African-American units

#### Cyndi's List: African-American

<[www.cyndislist.com/african.htm](http://www.cyndislist.com/african.htm)>  
Hundreds of African-American genealogy links

#### The Encyclopædia Britannica Guide to Black History

<[blackhistory.eb.com](http://blackhistory.eb.com)>  
Articles, film clips and audio recordings, photographs, links and more

#### Family Tree Magazine African-American Toolkit

<[www.familytreemagazine.com/ethnic\\_intro.asp](http://www.familytreemagazine.com/ethnic_intro.asp)>: Click on African-American.  
Research tips, organizations, resources and Web sites from *Family Tree Magazine*

#### Free African Americans

<[www.freeafricanamericans.com](http://www.freeafricanamericans.com)>  
The text of Paul Heinegg's Free African Americans of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Delaware

#### The Freedmen's Bureau Online

<[freedmensbureau.com](http://freedmensbureau.com)>  
Records from the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, established in 1865 to aid freed slaves

#### Homecoming

<[www.pbs.org/homecoming](http://www.pbs.org/homecoming)>  
Web companion to the PBS film about black farmers from the Civil War to the present

#### In Motion: The African-American Migration Experience

<[www.inmotionaame.org](http://www.inmotionaame.org)>  
The 13 defining migrations that transformed African America

#### The National Archives and Records Administration: African-American Research

<[archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/african-american](http://archives.gov/genealogy/heritage/african-american)>  
The US government's record-keeping agency wrote this guide to researching African-American ancestors.

#### US Colored Troops Organized in South Carolina

<[www.blackcamisards.com/sc-usct](http://www.blackcamisards.com/sc-usct)>  
Resources for finding information on the 5,000-plus African-American soldiers who joined the Union in the Civil War

#### The USF Africana Heritage Project

<[www.africanaheritage.com](http://www.africanaheritage.com)>  
Online records documenting slaves, freed persons and their descendants

### Books

*African-American Genealogical Sourcebook* edited by Paula K. Byers (Gale Group, \$85)

*African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* by Curt Witcher (Round Tower Books, \$19.95) Available only through publisher, (219) 637-7098.

*Bibliographic Checklist of African-American Newspapers* by Barbara K. Henritze (Genealogical Publishing Co., out of print)

*Black Genealogy* by Charles L. Blockson and Ron Fry (Black Classic Press, \$14.95)

*Black Indians: A Hidden Heritage* by William Loren Katz (Aladdin Paperbacks, \$10)

*Black Names in America: Origins and Usage* by Newbell Niles Puckett (G.K. Hall, out of print)

*Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* by Tony Burroughs (Simon & Schuster, \$13)

*A Comprehensive Name Index for the American Slave* by Howard E. Potts (Greenwood Press, \$95)

*Family Pride: The Complete Guide to Tracing African-American Genealogy* by Donna Beasley (IDG Books Worldwide, \$12.95)

*Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity* by Dee Parmer Woodtor (Random House, \$18)

*From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans* by John Hope Franklin and Alfred A. Moss Jr. (Knopf, \$49.95)

*A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African-American Ancestors* by Franklin Carter Smith and Emily Anne Croom (Betterway Books, \$21.99)

*Generations Past: A Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research* by Sandra M. Lawson (Library of Congress, out of print)

*Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies* by David H. Streets (Heritage Books, \$19.50)

*A Student's Guide to African American Genealogy* by Anne Johnson (Oryx Press, \$24.95)

## CD-ROMs

*African Americans in the 1870 Census: Family Archive CD 165* (Genealogy.com, \$29.99): Alphabetical index of approximately 660,000 African-Americans enumerated in the 1870 federal census

*African-Americans in the 1870 U.S. Federal Census* (Heritage Quest, \$24.95): Covers heads of household and people living in a household of a different name, but not all individuals.

*Database for the Study of Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy 1699-1860* edited by Gwendolyn Midlo Hall (Louisiana State University Press, \$45): Searchable database of individual records for 100,000 slaves

*Freedman's Bank Records* (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, \$9.95): Lists more than 70,000 African-American banking customers from 1865 to 1871.

*Slave Narratives CD-ROM* (Ancestry, \$39-95): Firsthand accounts of more than 2,300 slaves narrated to researchers in 26 states; compiled by the Works Progress Administration between 1936 and 1938.

*The Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade: A Database on CD-ROM* by David Eltis, David Richardson, Herbert S. Klein and Stephen D. Behrendt (Cambridge University Press, \$195): Records of 25,000 trans-Atlantic slave-ship voyages made between 1595 and 1866 from all over Europe

## Organizations & Research Facilities

**African-American Genealogy Group**  
Box 27356  
Philadelphia, PA 19118  
(215) 572-6063  
<www.aagg.org >

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society**  
Box 73067  
Washington, DC 20056  
<www.aahgs.org >

**Family History Library**  
35 N. West Temple St  
Salt Lake City, UT, 84150  
(800) 346-6044  
<www.familysearch.org >: Click the Library tab, then Family History Centers to find a branch Family History Center near you.

**International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry**  
Box 436937  
Chicago, IL 60643  
<www.rootsweb.com/~ilissdsa >

**Julius K. Hunter & Friends African American Research Collection**  
St. Louis County Library  
1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.  
St. Louis, MO 63131

(314) 994-3300  
<www.slcl.org/branches/hq/sc/jkh/sc\_jkh\_main.htm >

**National Afro-American Museum and Cultural Center**  
Box 578  
Wilberforce, OH 45384  
(800) 752-2603  
<www.ohiohistory.org/places/afroam >

**The National Archives and Records Administration (NARA)**  
700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  
Washington, DC 20408  
Toll-free: (866) 272-6272  
<archives.gov >  
Visit <archives.gov/locations > to see locations of NARA's regional research facilities.

**National Underground Railroad Freedom Center**  
50 E. Freedom Way  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45202  
(513) 333-7500  
<www.freedomcenter.org >  
To make a research appointment at the **John Parker Library/Family Search Center**, call (513) 333-7654 or send an e-mail message to familysearchnurfc@yahoo.com.

**The Newberry Library**  
60 W. Walton St.  
Chicago, IL 60610  
(312) 255-3512  
<www.newberry.org/genealogy >

**Public Library of Cincinnati and Hamilton County History and Genealogy Department**  
South Building, 3rd Floor  
800 Vine St.  
Cincinnati, OH 45202  
(513) 369-6905  
<www.cincinnati.library.org/main/hi.asp >

**The Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African-American History & Culture**  
830 E. Pratt St.  
Baltimore, MD 21202  
(443) 263-1800  
<www.africanamericanculture.org >

**The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture**  
515 Malcolm X Blvd.  
New York, NY 10037  
(212) 491-2200  
<www.nypl.org/research/sc/sc.html >