



African American Online Genealogy Records

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These are genealogy links to African American online databases and indexes that may include birth records, marriage records, death records, biographies, cemeteries, censuses, histories, immigration records, land records, military records, newspapers, obituaries, or probate records. Some subscription websites listed below can be searched for free at a FamilySearch center or FamilySearch affiliate library. (https://www.familysearch.org/fhcenters/locations/)

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Vital Records

Births

■ 1780-1846: US Slave Birth Records (https://www.familysear ch.org/search/collection/3418453) at FamilySearch; index & images

Marriages

- 1861-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau Marriages (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1414908) at FamilySearch; index & images; Also at: Findmypast (https://search.findmypast.com/search-world-records/united-states-freedmens-bureau-marriages) (\$)
- Marriage Records (https://cfh.iaamuseum.org/marriage-records/) at International African American Museum; index & images
- Unidentified New Hampshire Marriages, <u>Certificates of</u>
 Marriage, Persons Unknown (beginning #394) (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:S3HT-DTF7-JVR)

Deaths

Divorce

Bible Records

Biographies

- 1790-1950: <u>African American Biographical Database (http://aabd.chadwyck.com/)</u> at African American Biographical Database
- 1936-1938: Born in Slavery (http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/ snhtml/) at Library of Congress; images only
- Biographies of Famous African Americans (http://www.infoplease.com/spot/bhmbios1.html) at Infoplease; index only
- First-Person Narratives of the American South (http://docso uth.unc.edu/fpn/) at Documenting the American South; index only
- Slave Biographies (http://slavebiographies.org/) at Atlantic Database Network; index only
- North American Slave Narratives (http://docsouth.unc.edu/n eh/texts.html) at Documenting the American South; index only
- Most Important Black Women in US History (https://www.thoughtco.com/notable-african-american-women-4151777) at ThoughtCo; index only
- Slave Narratives (http://www.accessgenealogy.com/black-g enealogy/slave-narratives.htm) at Access Genealogy; index only
- Virginia Untold: Slave Narratives (http://www.virginiamemor y.com/collections/aan/search-the-narrative) at Digital Collections Library of Virginia; index & images (\$)
- Voices Remembering Slavery (http://memory.loc.gov/amme m/collections/voices/) at Library of Congress; audio files

Cemetery Records

Census

- 1850: US Federal Census Slave Schedules (http://search. ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=8055) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- 1860: US Federal Census Slave Schedules (http://search. ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=7668) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

Funeral Home Records

Land Records

■ 1827-1828: US Definitive List of Slaves and Property (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60419) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

Medical Records

■ 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau Hospital and Medical Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/24 32992) at FamilySearch; index & images

Migration Records

■ 1790-1860: US Southeast Coastwise Inward and Outward Slave Manifests (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.asp x?dbid=1714) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

Military

- See United States Colored Troops in the Civil War
- 1861-1865: US Records of Confederate Prisoners of War (h ttps://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/1916234) at FamilySearch; images only
- 1861-1865: US Register of Colored Troop Deaths During the Civil War (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?d bid=2130) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- 1861-1866: US Compiled Military Service Records Of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With The US Colored Troops (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/351 8724) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1863-1865: US Civil War Service Records of Union Colored Troops (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/193 2431) at FamilySearch; index & images; Also at Ancestry (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1107) (\$)
- 1864: US Descriptive Lists of Colored Volunteer Army
 Soldiers (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2
 132) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- Colored Troops Pension Files (https://cfh.iaamuseum.org/united-states-colored-troops-usct-pension-files/) at
 International African American Museum; index & images

Newspapers

- 1827-1998: African American Newspapers (http://www.read ex.com/content/african-american-newspapers-1827-1998) at Readex (\$)
- 1829-1947: US African American Newspapers (http://searc h.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=2346) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

<u>Obituaries</u>

 Obituaries and Funeral Programs (https://cfh.iaamuseum.or g/obituaries-and-funeral-programs/) at International African American Museum; index & images

Occupations

Oral History

■ 1936-1938: US Interviews with Formerly Enslaved People (https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/1944/) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

Church Records

 1903-1939: African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church Records, 1903-1939, Winchester, Conn (https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1: 3Q9M-CS8S-S8R3)

Court and Criminal Records

Freedman's Bank Records

■ 1865-1874: US Freedman's Bank Records (https://www.fam ilysearch.org/search/collection/1417695) at FamilySearch; index & images; Also at Ancestry (https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8755/) (\$)

Freedman's Bureau Records

- 1863-1872: District of Columbia, Freedmen's Bureau Field
 Office Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collecti
 on/2333782) at FamilySearch; index & images; Also at
 Ancestry (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=61568) (\$)
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Records of the Superintendent of Education and of the Division of Education (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2 427894) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Records of the Assistant Commissioner (https://www.familysearch.org/sear ch/collection/2427901) at FamilySearch; images only
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Records of the Commissioner (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2431126) at FamilySearch; images only
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Records of Freedmen's Complaints (https://www.familysearch.org/searc h/collection/2492627) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau Labor Contracts, Indenture and Apprenticeship Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2475025) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Land and Property Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/25 15867) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau Miscellaneous Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2575789) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau Ration Records (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2431759) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1872: US Freedmen's Bureau, Records of Freedmen (https://www.familysearch.org/search/collection/2721171) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1865-1878: US Freedmen's Bureau Records (https://www.a ncestry.com/search/collections/62309/) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- 1872-1878: US Freedmen's Branch Records (https://www.fa milysearch.org/search/collection/2333780) at FamilySearch; images only

Periodicals

■ 1825-1995: African American Periodicals (http://www.reade x.com/content/african-american-periodicals-1825-1995) at Readex (\$)

Probate Records

Slavery and Bondage

- 1490-2007: Slavery, Abolition, and Social Justice (http://www.amdigital.co.uk/m-collections/collection/slavery-abolition-and-social-justice/) at Adam Matthew (\$)
- 1740-1860: Slaves and the Courts (http://memory.loc.gov/a mmem/sthtml/sthome.html) at Library of Congress; images only
- 1765-1821: Inspection Roll of Negroes No. 2 (https://catalog.archives.gov/id/5890797) at National Archives Catalog; images only (\$)
- 1790-1860: US Southeast Coastwise Inward and Outward Slave Manifests (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.asp x?dbid=1714) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- 1827-1828: US Definitive List of Slaves and Property (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=60419) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- 1780-1846: US Slave Birth Records (https://www.familysear ch.org/search/collection/3418453) at FamilySearch; index & images
- 1936-1938: US Interviews with Former Enslaved People (htt p://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1944) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)
- American Slavery (http://library.uncg.edu/slavery/) at The University of North Carolina Greensboro

Southern Claims Commission

- See Slavery Era Insurance Registry
- 1871-1880: US Southern Claims Commission Master Index (http://search.ancestry.com/search/db.aspx?dbid=1216) at Ancestry; index & images (\$)

Tax Records

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