

# African-American History Pathfinder



Thomas Balch Library focuses on the history and genealogy of Leesburg, Loudoun County, and immediately adjacent counties. Our Pathfinders are designed to introduce users to a selection of materials relating to a specific research topic. This Pathfinder

deals with African-American history, and identifies materials that pertain to African Americans in America and Loudoun County. It also offers resources for working on genealogies for African-American families. Materials identified span the variety of library's holding and include reference works, monographs, journals, and special collections materials, such as manuscripts, visual collections, and oral histories. For additional resources, researchers are encouraged to consult the library's online catalog (<http://library.loudoun.gov/>), which it shares with the Loudoun County Public Libraries, Collection Guides for Archives and Manuscripts ([www.leesburgva.gov/library/archives](http://www.leesburgva.gov/library/archives)), and online indices to visual collections, maps, and newspapers.

## Major Call Number Range(s)

305 Social groups –Social Classes – Lower, alienated, excluded classes  
929.375528 Genealogy, names, insignia – Genealogical Sources – Loudoun County  
973.7115 History of North America–United States–Administration of Abraham Lincoln, 1861-1865/Civil War–Fugitive Slave, including underground railroad, Dred Scott decision  
975.528 History of North America-Virginia –Loudoun County

## BOOKS

### General History

306.362 JOH Johnston, James H. *From Slave Ship to Harvard: Yarrow Mamout and the History of an African American Family*. 2012.  
320.1 MOR Morton, Richard. *The Negro in Virginia Politics, 1865-1902*. 1973.  
320.9 BUN Buni, Andrew. *The Negro in Virginia Politics, 1902-1965*. 1967.  
347.731409 JAM James, Rawn. *Root and Branch: Charles Hamilton Houston, Thurgood Marshall, and the Struggle to End Segregation*. 2010.  
348.755 GUI Guild, June Purcell. *Black Laws of Virginia; A Summary of the Legislative Acts of Virginia Concerning Negroes from Earliest Times to the Present*. 1995.  
379.263 TIT Titus, Jill Oglie. *Brown's Battleground: Students, Segregationists, and the Struggle for Justice in Prince William County, Virginia*. 2011.  
810.9896 ROD Rodriguez, Max. *Sacred Fire: The QBR 100 Essential Black Books*. 2001.  
917.480444 LEE Lee, Deborah A. *Honoring Their Paths: African American Contributions Along the Journey Through Hallowed Ground*. 2009.  
917.55 HER Toppin, Edgar Allen, Virginia Tourism Corporation, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Public Policy, African American Heritage Program. *The Heritage and Culture of African Americans in Virginia: A Guide to the Sites*. 2001.

- 917.5528 LEE Lee, Deborah A., Loudoun Museum, Friends of the Thomas Balch Library, Black History Committee. *African American Heritage Trail, Leesburg, Virginia*. 2002
- 920.009296 AFR Gates, Henry L. *The African American National Biography*. 2008.
- 929.1072 HEI Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina from the Colonial Period to About 1820*. 2001.
- 929.50975528 KOE Koenig, Jim. *They Were a Community of African Americans in Leesburg, VA, 1870-1990*. 2011.
- 973.049 SCH Scheel, Eugene M. *Important Events in the History of African Americans in Loudoun County: A Chronology*. 2005.
- 973.0496 BLA Ripley, C. Peter. *The Black Abolitionist Papers*. 1985.
- 973.0496 MAS Massoff, Joy. *The African American Story: The Events that Shaped Our Nation – and the People who Changed Our Lives*. 2007.
- 973.46 STA Stanton, Lucia C. “*Thoase who labor for my happiness*” *Slavery at Thomas Jefferson’s Monticello*. 2012.
- 973.7115 BOR Bordewich, Fergus. *Bound for Canaan: The Underground Railroad and the War for the Soul of America*. 2005.
- 973.7115 CAL Calarco, Tom. *People of the Underground Railroad: A Biographical Dictionary*. 2008.
- 973.7115 SNO Snodgrass, Mary Ellen. *The Underground Railroad: An Encyclopedia of People, Places, and Operations*. 2008.
- 975 BEF Campbell, Edward D. C. *Before Freedom Came: African-American Life in the Antebellum South*. 1991.
- 975.00496 LET Thompson, Elaine L. “*Let Our Rejoicing Rise*”: *Emancipation Day in Loudoun County: The Loudoun County Emancipation Association, 1890-1970*. 1998.
- 975.3 MCQ McQuirter, Maya Annette, District of Columbia Office of Planning Historic Preservation. *African American Heritage Trail, Washington, D.C*. 2003.
- 975.528 GRI Grigsby, Kevin Dulany. *Howardsville: The Journey of an African-American Community in Loudoun County, Virginia*. 2008.
- 975.528 LOU Black History Committee of the Friends of the Thomas Balch Library. *Loudoun County’s African American Communities: A Tour Map and Guide*. 2004.
- 978.00496 KAT Katz, William Loren. *The Black West*. 1987.
- African-American Women**
- 305.48896 BLA Hin, Darlene Clark. *Black Women in America*. 2005.
- 328.73 GIL Gill, LaVerne McCain. *African American Women in Congress: Forming and Transforming History*. 1997.
- 920.72089 EPI Smith, Jessica Conroy. *Epic Lives: One Hundred Black Women who Made a Difference*. 1993.
- 975.00496 KRO Krowl, Michelle Ann. *Dixie’s Other Daughters: African American Women in Virginia, 1861-1868*. 1998.
- Military History**
- 355.0092 WE Latty, Yvonne, Traver, Ron. *We Were There: Voices of African*

- 940.5403 GRE American Veterans from World War II to the War in Iraq. 2004.  
Green, Michael Cullen. *Black Yanks in the Pacific: Race in the Making of a Military Empire in World War II*. 2010.
- 973.34 GRU Grundset, Eric, Diaz, Briana, Gentry, Hollis, and Strahan Jean D. *Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War: A Guide to Service, Sources, and Studies*. 2008.
- 973.7349 MAT Matthew, Harry Bradshaw. *Whence They Came: The Families of United States Colored Troops in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, 1815-1995: A Case Study in Historiographic Genealogy*. 2010.

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Genealogy**

- 016.973 HAM Ham, Debra Newman. *Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives*. 1984.
- 016.9755 HOD Hodges, F. Holly. *Guide to African-American Manuscripts in the Collection of the Virginia Historical Society*. 1995.
- 301.451 LUC Lucas, Townsend. *Loudoun County Virginia Numbered Certificates of Free Negroes*. 1988.
- 382.44 MIN Minchinton, Walter. *Virginia Slave-Trade Statistics, 1698-1775*. 1984.
- 929.1 STR Streets, David H. *Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies*. H. 1986.
- 929.1072 PET Peters, Joan W. *Local Sources for African-American Family Historians: Using County Court Records and Census Returns*. 1993.
- 929.108996 HAI Hait, Michael. *African American Genealogy Research*. 2011.
- 929.108996 MAT Matthews, Harry Bradshaw. *African American Genealogy Research: How to Trace your Family History: Historical and Genealogical Connections*. 2007.
- 929.3755 VIR Morales, Leslie. *Virginia Slave Births Index 1853-1865*. 2007. 5 vols.
- 929.375528 LUC Lucas, Townsend. *Loudoun County Apprentice Indentures of Negro Children 1788-1870*. 1989.

**Diaries, Letters and Memoirs**

- 301.44 FED Federal Writers' Project. *Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the U.S, from Interviews with Former Slaves*. 1976.
- 305.56 WEE Perdue, Charles L., Thomas E. Barden, and Robert K. Phillips. *Weevils in the Wheat: Interviews with Virginia Ex-Slaves*. 1976.
- 305.567 DON Duke, Maurice. *Don't Carry Me Back! Narratives by Former Virginia slaves*. 1995.
- 920.00929 I Taylor, Yuval. *I Was Born a Slave: An Anthology of Classic Slave Narratives*. 1999.
- 921 BRENT LINDA Brent, Linda. *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl*. 1973.
- 921 DOUGLASS FREDERICK Douglass, Frederick. *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass: His Early Life as a Slave, His Escape from Bondage, and His Complete History: An Autobiography*. 1993.
- 921 INBORDEN THOMAS SEWELL Greene, Robert Ewell. *A Biography: Thomas Sewell Inborden: Early Educator of Color*. 1996.
- 921 PARKER JOHN Parker, John P. *His Promised Land: The Autobiography of John P. Parker, Former Slave and Conductor on the Underground Railroad*.

1996.  
 973.0496 BLO Blockson, Charles L. *The Underground Railroad*. 1987.  
 973.711 WAR Ward, Andrew. *The Slaves' War: The Civil War in the Words of Former Slaves*. 2008  
 973.7115 STI Still, William. *The Underground Railroad*. 1992.  
 975.528 ESS Black History Committee. *The Essence of a People V. I & II*. 2001.

### **Government and Organizational Records**

- CD ROM *Freedmen's Bureau Bank Records. African Americans in the 1870 U.S. Census Transatlantic Slave Trade*  
 MICROFILM *Selected Microfilm Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, 1865-1870, concerning Loudoun County.*

### **Newspapers and Periodicals**

- JSTOR *African American Review*  
 MICROFILM *Afro American* (various editions, Baltimore) (1893-19367)  
 JSTOR *American Historical Review*  
 MICROFILM *Genius of Liberty* (1817-1820)  
 JSTOR *Journal of African American History*  
 JSTOR *Journal of American History*  
 JSTOR *Journal of Black Studies*  
 JSTOR *Journal of Negro Education*  
 JANNEY ROOM & JSTOR *Journal of Southern History*

### **Audio -Visual**

- 975.0496 AFR PBS Home Video. *African American Lives*. 2006.  
 975.528 ON Channel 3 Loudoun TV. *On This Ground*.  
 975.528 LOO Lighthammer Film and Video. *Looking Back on Leesburg with Wilson Townsend, Jr.* 2005.

### **Manuscripts and Archives**

Please consult the appropriate *Collection Guide* and submit a *Collection Request Form* to request an item.

- M 012 Black History Committee Oral History Project (*no collection guide; see Oral History Index*)  
 M 013 African American Architectural Surveys in Loudoun County, VA, 2004  
 M 018 Griffith and Mahoney Family Papers, 1846-1944  
 OM 012 Runaway Slave Advertisement, Leesburg, VA, August 1860  
 SC 0006 Black Section of Union Cemetery, Waterford, Virginia, 2003  
 SC0033 Preliminary Research of Free Blacks in Loudoun County, Virginia 1850-1860 Identity, Settlement Patterns and Cultural Landscape, 1850-1866; 2004

### **Maps**

- Map Drawer 2, Folder 4 Loudoun County Mapping Department. *Historically African American Communities of Loudoun County*.  
 Map Drawer 5, Folder 9 Afro-American Historical Association. *African American Heritage Sites*.

Map Drawer 8, Folder 17    McElfresh Map Co. *Freedom's Tracks: A Map of the Underground Railroad*. 2005.

**Vertical Files**

Drawer 1                      African American History (*multiple subjects – see index*)

**Visual Collections**

Please consult the appropriate *Collection Guide* and submit a *Collection Request Form* to request an item.

VC 0003                      Winslow Williams Photograph Collection

VC 0008                      Russell Gregg Photograph Collection

VC 0022                      Martin L. Cook Photograph Collection

**Electronic Resources**

[www.balchfriends.org/blackhistory.htm](http://www.balchfriends.org/blackhistory.htm)                      Friends of the Thomas Balch Library: Black History

[www.loc.gov/rr/mss/guide/african.html](http://www.loc.gov/rr/mss/guide/african.html)                      African-American History and Culture (Library of Congress)

<http://access.newspaperarchive.com/>                      Access Newspaper Archive

<http://infoweb.newsbank.com/>                      America's Genealogy Bank

[www.ancestrylibrary.com](http://www.ancestrylibrary.com)                      Ancestry Library – Military Collection

[www.fold3.com](http://www.fold3.com)                      Fold3.com

<http://africanamericanheritage.proquest.com>                      African American Heritage

[Http://go.galegroup.com](http://go.galegroup.com)                      Freedom Riders of the South

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**Suggested Library of Congress Subject Headings for further Searching**

African Americans – History

Antislavery movements -- United States – History

Civil rights movement -- United States -- History -- 20th century

Slavery -- United States – History

United States – History – Civil War, 1861-1865 – African Americans

United States -- Race relations

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