

# African American Genealogical Research at the DAR Library

The past twenty years has seen an explosion of publishing in African American studies including works on African American genealogical research. The DAR Library has developed a strong and growing collection of basic and detailed printed sources on this subject. In the Library's General/African American section library patrons will find research manuals and guidebooks, histories on slavery and abolition, the "Great Migration" of the early twentieth century, general reference materials and scholarly and popular journals, including a complete run of the *Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*.

At the beginning of each state section in the library is a subsection for African American history and genealogy in that state. Within the county holdings of the collection, researchers will find an increasing number of new publications including community histories, cemetery records and other county specific materials dealing with African Americans.

Histories and genealogies of specific African American families are located in the Family History section, a significant portion of the Library's book collection. In addition, researchers will want to examine family histories and genealogies of white families for the information they may reveal on slave owners, their records and their movements.

Since the colonial era, African Americans have made enormous contributions in America's wars. The DAR has had a project for many years to document minority service in the Revolution. This project has so far resulted in the publication of a series of booklets under the title *Minority Military Service . . . 1775-1783*. Thus far booklets have been published for Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire/Vermont, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, Rhode Island, South Carolina and Georgia, and Virginia.

Additional works on African American research in the DAR Library include:

## General Histories

*The Black Family in Slavery and Freedom, 1750-1925* by Herbert G. Gutman.

*The Black Presence in the Era of the American Revolution* by Sidney and Emma Nogrady Kaplan.

*Chronology of African-American History: Significant Events and People from 1619 to the Present* by Alton Hornsby, Jr.

*From Africa to America: African American History from the Colonial Era to the Early Republic, 1526-1790* by William D. Piersen.

*Historical and Cultural Atlas of African Americans* by Molefi K. Asante and Mark T. Mattson

## Family Histories

*Free Men in an Age of Servitude: Three Generations of a Black Family* by Lee H. Warner.

*The Kigh, Mann, Reagin and Sykes Families: A genealogy and Family History* by Marion Mann.

*The Nickins Family, Non-Slave African American Patriots* by Karen E. Sutton.

*We Were Always Free: the Maddens of Culpeper County, Virginia, a 200-Year Family History* by T.O. Madden, Jr.

## Military Records and Studies

*The African American Soldier from Crispus Attucks to Colin Powell* by Michael Lee Lanning.

*The Black Civil War Soldiers of Illinois: the Story of the Twenty-ninth U.S. Colored Infantry* by Edward A. Miller.

*Black Soldiers, Black Sailors, Black Ink: Research Guide on African Americans in U.S. Military History* by **Thomas Truxtun Moebis**.

*On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier: Biographies of African Americans in the U.S. Army, 1866-1917* by **Frank N. Schubert**.

*The Unwept: Black American Soldiers and the Spanish-American War* by **Edward V. Scott**.

## **Research Aids**

*African American Genealogical Source Book* edited by **Paula K. Byers**.

*Black Indian Genealogy Research: African American Ancestors Among the Five Civilized Tribes* by **Angela Y. Walton-Raji**.

*Liberia Genealogy Research* by **Roma Jones Stewart**.

*Local Sources for African-American Family Historians: Using County Court Records* by **Joan W. Peters**.

## **State and Community Studies**

*African-American Cemeteries, Anderson County South Carolina* by **Bvenitta J. Williams**.

*The African American heritage of Elgin, Illinois and the Greater Kane County area* by **Raleigh Sutton**.

*Africans in Georgia* by **Roma Jones Stewart**.

*The Black Pioneer in Michigan* by **Melvin E. Banner**.

*The Free Negro in Maryland, 1634-1860* by **James M. Wright**.

*A Heritage Uncovered: the Black Experience in Upstate New York* by **Myra B. Young Armstead**.

*Lt. Carl A. Bailey Cemetery, Cleveland, Florida and Other Early Black Burials, Charlotte County Florida* compiled by **Austin B. & Jeannette P. Youmans**.

## **Slavery and Emancipation**

*Enslaved Ancestors Abstracted from Deed Books, Granville County, North Carolina* by **Barnetta McGhee White**.

*From Calabar to Carter's Grove: The History of a Virginia Slave Community* by **Lorena S. Walsh**.

*O Freedom: Afro-American Emancipation celebrations* by **William H. Wiggins**.

*Slave Ancestral Research: It's Something Else* by **Mary L. Jackson Fears**.

*Slave Testimony: Two Centuries of Letters, Speeches, Interviews, and Autobiographies* edited by **John W. Blassingame**.

*Slavery and Freedom* by **James Oakes**.

*The WPA Oklahoma Slave Narratives* by **T. Lindsay Baker and Julie P. Baker**.

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### **ABOUT THE DAR LIBRARY**

The DAR Library was founded in 1896 for the use of staff genealogists verifying applications for the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution. Shortly after 1900 the Library was opened to the public.

Now one of the nation's premier genealogical research centers, the Library was recently ranked (1998) the third most important genealogical library in the country by the publisher Heritage Quest. As of 1998 the Library's book collection numbered some 150,000 volumes. The microform holdings of the Library's Seimes Microfilm Center includes 53,000 items.

The Library is one of several departments at DAR Headquarters in Washington D.C. which contain genealogical research material. Researchers wishing to become more familiar with the Library's holdings and the other offices should consult the 1997 publication *American Genealogical Research at the DAR, Washington, D.C.* by Eric G. Grundset and Steven B. Rhodes.

The Library is open to researchers from 8:45 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Sundays. Individuals who do not belong to the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Sons of the American Revolution, the Sons of the Revolution or the Children of the American Revolution pay a daily fee of \$5.00 to use the Library. The fee for Sunday use is \$3.00.