

Journey Into Your Past: African American Genealogy at the Library of Congress

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Explore the untold stories of generations past by searching through the records and online resources at the Library of Congress. African American history is recorded in multiple formats that document African Americans in America, including digitized oral histories, newspapers, maps, and photographs among others. This presentation provides an overview of the materials available that will help you reconstruct these wonderful stories. Included is a case study of a former slave and traces his life after emancipation.

- I. Local History and Genealogy web site**
 - a. Bibliographies and guides (examples)
 - b. Ask-A- Librarian

- II. Searching the online catalog**
 - a. Locating family histories
 - b. Locating local histories

- III. Subscription databases**
 - a. Number of databases
 - b. Examples from databases

- IV. Library of Congress web site**
 - a. Digital collections
 - b. WPA- Slave narratives
 - c. Richard Slaughter- ex slave

- V. Additional Resources**
 - a. Chronicling America
 - b. Slaves and the courts

- c. Regimental histories
- d. Prints and photographs

VI. Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations

- a. Index to records
- b. Guide to records
- c. Examples