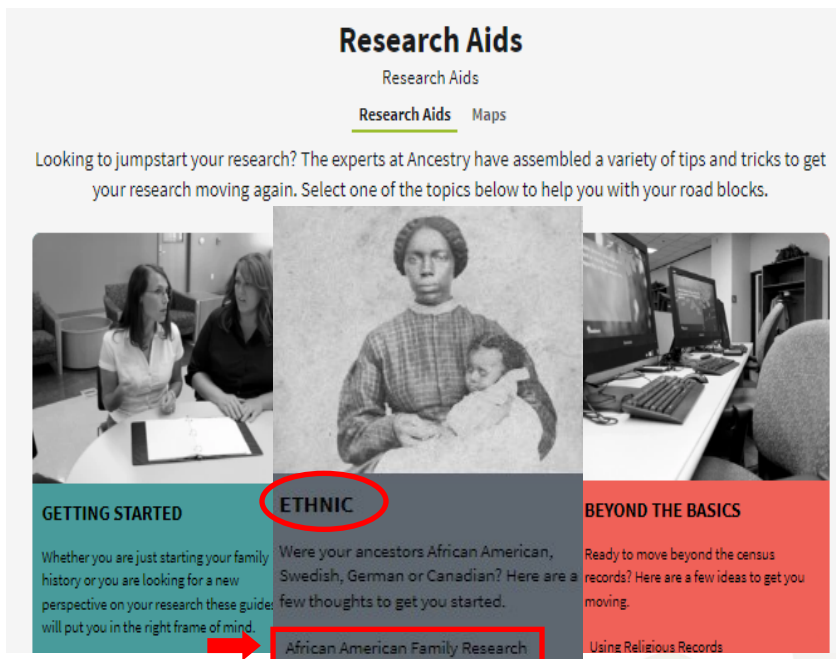


FOCUS ON

African American Ancestry Current to 1860's

Using Ancestry Library Edition and Family Search, we will explore basic researching skills and resources to work our way back from current family dynamics to Civil War times.

Let's start. Go to **Ancestry**, click on **Learning Center** (found in the menu), and **Research Aids** opens. Under **Ethnic**, click on "**African American Family Research**."



Research Aids

Research Aids Maps

Looking to jumpstart your research? The experts at Ancestry have assembled a variety of tips and tricks to get your research moving again. Select one of the topics below to help you with your road blocks.

GETTING STARTED

Whether you are just starting your family history or you are looking for a new perspective on your research these guides will put you in the right frame of mind.

ETHNIC

Were your ancestors African American, Swedish, German or Canadian? Here are a few thoughts to get you started.

African American Family Research

BEYOND THE BASICS

Ready to move beyond the census records? Here are a few ideas to get you moving.

Using Religious Records



Ancestry

Part 1—"Getting to 1870"

Part 2—"Tackle 1870, 1860, and Beyond."

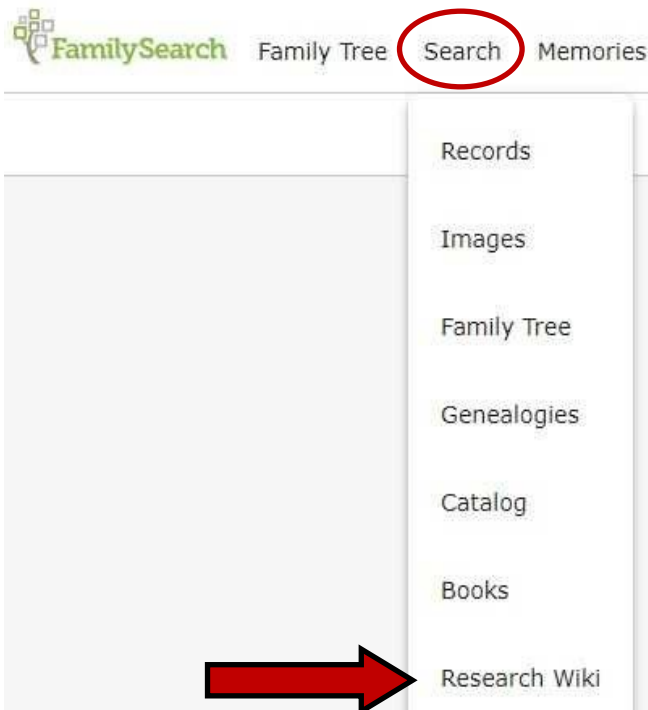
Start with what you know:

- Name (first, middle, nickname, last) maiden
- Birth date and location
- Marriage date and location, spouse's name, (age of people getting married, previous marriages)
- Sibling's names (along with birthdate, location, etc.)
- Same information for parents

Great resources

- U.S. Census
- Will and Probate, Deed Records
- Marriage Certificates
- Birth Certificates
- Death Certificates
- Newspaper articles
- Find a Grave website

Let's look at Family Search . Log in to your account. Click on Search. A dropdown screen appears. Click on Research Wiki.



The page opens to a world map. Find the Search Box and type in African American Genealogy as shown below.

FamilySearch Research Wiki

A Genealogy Resource Guide

102,296 articles

is records, and other genealogy resources for your ancestor by



Find Search Tips

African American Genealogy Wiki Topics



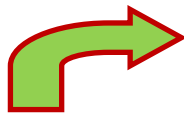
Beginning Research

- [Introduction](#)
- [Research Steps](#)
- [Record Finder](#)
- [Search Strategies](#)

Original Records

- [Bible Records](#)
- [Business](#)
- [Cemeteries](#)
- [Census](#)
- [Church Records](#)
- [Court Records](#)
- [Freedman's Bank](#)
- [Freedmen's Bureau](#)
- [Funeral Homes](#)
- [Land and Property](#)
- [Military Records](#)
- [Newspapers](#)
- [Obituaries](#)
- [Occupations](#)
- [Online Records](#)
- [Oral History](#)
- [Probate Records](#)
- [Slavery and Bondage](#)
- [Southern Claims Commission](#)
- [Taxation](#)
- [Vital Records](#)

These pages can be overwhelming, unless you are looking for something specific and know how to use the resources. On the right of the screen, look for the box **"Wiki Topics"** which is much more helpful in getting started on a search. Click on **"Introduction"** for an overview. Under **"Research Guides and Sources List"** click on the blue link **"Getting Started with African American Research."** This guide provides 10 steps to help in your research. Back to Wiki Topics, check out each of the links—**Research Steps**, **Record Finder** and **Search Strategies**. Each have some overlapping, but also new information for your research.



Be sure to check out **"Original Records"** for ideas as well as documents in your research!

NOTE: Step 8 in **Search for Historical Records** has

Military Records including

U.S. Colored Troops

WWI and WWII Draft Registration Cards

African-American Genealogy Websites listed in *Family Tree Magazine*, July/August 2023

Digital Library on American Slavery <dlas.uncg.edu> includes the following:

"Slave Deeds" from 13 North Carolina counties from a database called People Not Property

"North Carolina Runaway Slave Notices 1750-1865"

"Race & Slave Petitions"

Enslaved <www.enslaved.org>

International African American Museum Center for Family History <cfh.iaamuseum.org>

SlaveVoyages <www.slavevoyages.org>

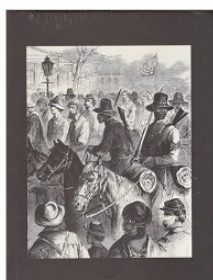
Other websites of interest

AAHGS.org (Afro-American Historical and Genealogy Society)

reclaimingkin.com/ (resources for researching slavery)

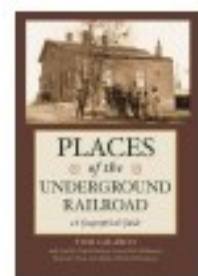
<https://www.archives.gov> (National Archives) [Federal Records that Help Identify Former Enslaved People and Slave Holders \(archives.gov\)](#) (detailed resource of how and what to look for in researching African American Ancestors)

Books of interest in our Collection



Black Soldiers, Black Sailors, and Black Ink: Research Guide on African Americans In U.S. Military History, 1526-1900 by Thomas Truxton Moebis

"List of Officers, Chronology of Service, Medal of Honor Winners, Regimental Service Records, Revolutionary War Enlisted Men, Annapolis and West Point Appointees, Civil War General Orders from Washington, Bibliography extensively cross-referenced by Subject, Confederate Writings on Military use of African-Americans, Writings of Civilian and Military African-American authors, 12,000 African-American Servicemen."



Places of the Underground Railroad: A Geographical Guide by Tom Calarco

The book features the U.S. cities (alphabetically) which had stations for the Underground Railroad. Several pages are dedicated to each city which may aide the researcher in locating the means and ways of travel for their ancestor.

*The Underground Railroad started locally, expanded regionally, and eventually went across states into Canada. (West to Kansas, south to Mexico, and east to Nova Scotia.) The "railroad" provided aid to fugitive slaves seeking freedom as early as the American Revolution to the Civil War.



African American News in Baltimore Sun by Margaret D. Pagan

Chronological synopsis of events "captures their spirit and determination to pursue their own interests and live with equality and dignity during a critical time in history."

How to access our book and digital collection: Using our Library Catalog, scroll down to Genealogy and add a key word (African American, enslaved, Freedmen's Bureau, Freedman's Bank, runaway, etc.



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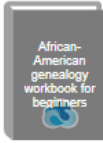
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1.  **African-American genealogy workbook for beginners**
Edition 2nd ed.
by Law, Nova
Call Number 305.896 A4 LAW
Publication Date 1993
Format Books
Available: 1 in Carlsbad City Library - Cole
Holds: 0
Copies: 1

Other noted books in our Collection:

1619—Twenty Africans: Their Story, and Discovery of Their Black, Red, & White Descendants by Stephen Hanks (published in 2021)

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

The Chickasaw Freedmen: A People Without a Country by Daniel F. Littlefield

Author Joseph Lee Boyle (series of books from various states) Runaway...

Secret Genealogy. V, Black, White and Hamite: Ancestors of Color in our Family Trees by Suellen Ocean

Researching your ancestor by name—1870's and earlier (using our book Collection)

We have many books in our collection that are specific to the enslaved, freed blacks, runaways, emancipation, manumissions, marriage records, deeds and will books, bill of sale, names of slave ships, and slave owners which date from 1870 and earlier which may be of value in **researching by name**, and some description including age, location, spouse, children's names. Each book offers different resources.

Listed below are the number of books in each state to help narrow your search.

1 book—Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New England, New York, Ohio

2-3 books—Arkansas, Missouri, South Carolina

4 books—Louisiana, Pennsylvania, Washington D. C.

7 books—Kentucky, Maryland

12 books _ North Carolina

17 books—Virginia

Other states represented are Kansas, New Jersey, Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Texas