Highlights of African American Resources
at the Delaware Historical Society Research Library

This listing contains some highlights of the Delaware Historical Society’s resources on African American history and genealogy. For additional materials and location information for the items listed here, use the online catalog Ask Caesar (www.dehistory.org) or the card catalogs in the Research Library.

Genealogy

Books on how to do African American genealogy

Specific African American genealogy primary sources for Delaware
- Robert Barnes and Judith Pfeiffer, *Slave Manumissions in New Castle County, Delaware* (privately printed, 2002)
- Burial permits from Mount Olive Cemetery, 1924-1932, in AUMP Records manuscript collection

Examples of published African American family histories
- Charmaine Ndidika Ijeoma, *Good Remembrance; Genealogical Information* (1991)

Photograph collections
- DHS Photograph Collection, Series: Blacks
- Szymanski Photograph Collection, taken in Wilmington, late 1930s
- Browse Ask Caesar online catalog for images of African Americans found throughout the collections

Manuscript Collections
- Abolition Society of Delaware, Acting Committee Minutes, 1802-1807
- African School Society Records, 1847-1916
- AUMP Records, 1825-1869
- Clifford Brown Collection
- Delaware Association for the Education and Moral Improvement of Colored People, 1866-1909
- Female African School Society, 1833-1856
- Helen S. Garrett Scrapbook and Abolition Society of Delaware Acting Committee Minutes, 1801-1939
- Edward L. Loper, Sr., Papers, 1940-2000s
- Slavery folders
- Thelma Young Papers, 1917-1970s

Newspapers and Magazines
Check Ask Caesar online catalog to see what issues are available.
- *Advance*
- *Arrow*
- *The Black Suburban Journal*
- *Browns’ Town, USA*
- *Candid*
The Defender
The Delaware Afro World
Delaware Observer
The Delaware Reporter
Delaware’s Colored American
The Delaware Spectator
The Delaware Star
The Delaware Valley Defender
The Delaware Valley Star
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Books
- Robert Barnes and Judith Pfeiffer, Slave Manumissions in New Castle County, Delaware (privately printed, 2002)
- Peter Dalleo, Selected Sources of African American History in 19th Century Delaware (typescript)
- Patience Essah, A House Divided: Slavery and Emancipation in Delaware, 1638-1865 (Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Press, 1996)
- Ellen Rendle, Judy Johnson: Delaware’s Invisible Hero (Wilmington: Cedar Tree Press, 1994)
• Bradley Skelcher, African American Education in Delaware: A History through Photographs, 1865-1930 (Wilmington: Delaware Heritage Commission, 1999)
• Charles Tilley, Race and Residence in Wilmington, Delaware (New York: Teachers College, Columbia University, 1965)
• John Tillman, Biographical Sketch of the Life and Travels of John W. Tillman, doe run, Chester County Pennsylvania (1896)
• William H. Williams, Slavery and Freedom in the Delaware (Wilmington: Scholarly Resources, 1996)
• Annette Woolard-Provine, Integrating Delaware: The Reddings of Wilmington (Newark, Del.: University of Delaware Press, 2003)

• Delaware History, the journal of the Delaware Historical Society, has published a number of articles on African American history in Delaware