



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

- Charles Blockson with Ron Fry, *Black Genealogy* (Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1977)
- Tony Burroughs, *Black Roots: A Beginners Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree* (New York: Fireside, 2001)
- Sandra M. Lawson, *Generations Past: A Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research* (Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1988)
- Thomas Truxtun Moebs, *Black Soldiers—Black Sailors—Black Ink: Research Guide on African Americans in U.S. Military History, 1526 to 1900* (Williamsburg, Va.: Moebs Publishing, 1994)
- James M. Rose and Alice Eichholz, *Black Genesis: A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy* (Genealogical Publishing Company, 2003)
- David H. Streets, *Slave Genealogy: a Research Guide with Case Studies* (Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1986)
- Heather Andrea Williams, *Help Me to Find My People: The African American Search for Family Lost in Slavery* (Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2012)
- Curt Bryan Witcher, *African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources* (Fort Wayne, Ind.: Roundtower Books, 2000)
- Tommie M. Young, *Afro-American Genealogy Sourcebook* (New York and London: Garland Publishing, 1987)

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
- Paul Heinegg, *Free African American of Maryland and Delaware: from the Colonial Period to 1810* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 2000)

Examples of published African American family histories

- Charmaine Ndidika Ijeoma, *Good Remembrance; Genealogical Information* (1991)
- Thelma Ellen Young Carroll, *Reminiscences* (1995)

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*
- *Front Page*
- *Next Level Magazine*

Books

- Lewis V. Baldwin, *"Invisible" Strands in African Methodism* (Metuchen, N.J.: American Theological Library Association, 1983)
- Lewis V. Baldwin, *The Mark of a Man: Peter Spencer and the African Union Methodist Tradition* (Lanham, Md.: University Press of America, 1987)
- Robert C. Barnes and Judith M. Pfeiffer, *Laws of the State of Delaware on Slavery, Free Blacks & Mulattos: Volumes 1-14, 1700-1874* (privately published, 2002)
- 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)
- John Gary Dean, "The Free Negro in Delaware: A Demographic and Economic Study, 1790-1860," M.A. thesis, University of Delaware, 1970
- Patience Essah, *A House Divided: Slavery and Emancipation in Delaware, 1638-1865* (Charlottesville, Va.: University of Virginia Press, 1996)
- Joseph Hickey, "Race and War in Delaware: The Story of Delaware's African American veterans of World War I" (M.A. thesis, University of Delaware, 2005)
- Carole C. Marks, *A History of African American of Delaware and Maryland's Eastern Shore*, 2nd edition (Wilmington: Delaware Heritage Commission, 1998)
- Jeanne D. Nutter, *Growing Up Black in New Castle, County, Delaware* (Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2001)
- *A Proud Moment for Delaware: Louis Redding and the Hon. Collins Seitz and their Contributions to the Brown v. Board of Education Decision*" (Delaware Heritage Commission 2004)
- J. Saunders Redding, *Troubled in Mind: J. Saunders Redding's Early Years in Wilmington, Delaware* (Wilmington: Delaware Heritage Press, 1991)
- Ellen Rendle, *Judy Johnson: Delaware's Invisible Hero* (Wilmington: Cedar Tree Press, 1994)
- Andreas George Schneider, "Delaware: The Politics of Urban Unrest, July 1967-January 1969" (Ph.D. dissertation, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs, 1970)

- Edward D. Smith, *“Climbing Jacob’s Ladder”*: *The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740-1877* (Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution, 1988)
- 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