

# AFRICAN AMERICAN

## GUIDES

*African American genealogy : a bibliography and guide to sources*, by Curt Bryan Witcher, Geneal. R 929.108996 W771a.

*African American genealogical sourcebook*, by Paul K. Byers, Geneal. R 929.108996 Af83.

*Black genealogy how to begin*, by James D. Walker, Geneal. R 929.1072 W152b.

*Black genesis a resource book for African-American genealogy*, by James M. Rose, Geneal. R 929.108996 R720b.

*Black history a guide to civilian records in the National Archives*, by Debra Newman Ham, Geneal. R 973.0496 H17b : 6/99.

*Black Indian genealogy research*, by Angela Y. Walton-Raji, M 929.108996 W179b : 3/95.

*Black studies a select catalog of National Archives microfilm publications*, M 973.0496 Un3b.

*Family pride : the complete guide to tracing African-American genealogy*, by Donna Beasley, Geneal. R 929.108996 B38f.

*Finding a place called home a guide to African-American genealogy and historical identity*, by Dee Woodtor, Geneal. R 929.108996 W868f.

*A genealogist's guide to discovering your African-American ancestors : how to find and record your unique heritage*, by Franklin Carter Smith, M 929.108996 Sm56g.

*Generations past : a selected list of sources for Afro-American genealogical research*, by Sandra M. Lawson, Geneal. R 929.1016 L447g.

*How to trace your African-American roots : discovering your unique history*, by Barbara Thompson Howell, M 929.108996 H839h.

*Slave genealogy a research guide with case studies*, by David H. Streets, Geneal. R 929.108996 St83.

*A student's guide to African American genealogy*, by Anne E. Johnson, Geneal. R 929.108996 J63s.

## AFRICAN AMERICANS IN MICHIGAN

*African Americans in Michigan*, by Lewis Walker, M 977.400496 W152a.

*Blacks in Detroit a reprint of articles from the Detroit Free Press*, M 977.400496 B567. Provides good details about early settlement in Detroit.

*The Black pioneer in Michigan*, by Melvin E. Banner, M 917.74 B226b v.1.

*Black women in the Middle West: the Michigan experience*, by Darlene Clark Hine, M 977.400496 H588b.

*Field to factory African-American migration, 1915-1940*, M 977.45600496 F459.

*Surviving freedom : African American farm households in Cass County, Michigan 1832-1880*, by Marcia Renee Sawyer, M 305.896 Sa97s.

*The Thomas W. Cross family records : from 1826-1986*, by Lee Elzey Cross, Geneal. R 929.2 C884 C8

## **AFRICAN AMERICANS IN GRAND RAPIDS**

*African Americans in the Furniture City: the struggle for civil rights in Grand Rapids*, by Randal Maurice Jelks, M 305.896 J392a.

## **CENSUS**

*A comprehensive name index for The American Slave*, Geneal. R 929.373 C738.

The American Slave is a comprised of three series which contain thousands of interviews with former slaves conducted under the Works Progress Administration, primarily in the 1930s.

*Free African Americans of Maryland and Delaware from the colonial period to 1810*, by Paul Heinegg, Geneal. R 929.375 H364f.

*Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina from the colonial period to about 1820*, by Paul Heinegg, Geneal. R 929.308996 H364f v.1-2.

*Free Blacks and mulattos in South Carolina 1850 census*, by Margaret Peckham Motes, Geneal. R 312.09757 1850 M856f.

*List of free Black heads of families in the first census of the United States, 1790*, by Debra Newman Ham, Geneal. R 312.0973 1790 N463L.

*Free Black heads of household in the New York State federal census, 1790-1830*, by Alice Eichholz, Geneal. R 929.308996 Ei24f.

## **MILITARY RECORDS**

*Black courage, 1775-1783 documentation of Black participation in the American Revolution*, by Robert Ewell Greene, Geneal. R 973.315 G835b.

*The Black loyalist directory : African Americans in exile after the American Revolution*, Geneal. R 973.315 B561 : 7/96.

*Guide to tracing your African American Civil War ancestor*, by Jeanette Braxton-Secret, Geneal. R 973.7415 B739g 1997.

*Forgotten patriots : African American and American Indian patriots in the Revolutionary War : a guide to service, sources and studies*, by Eric Grundset, M 973.34 G924f.

## **VITAL RECORDS**

*Admission record, Indianapolis Asylum for Friendless Colored Children, 1871-1900*, by Jean E. Spears, Geneal. R 929.377252 Sp31a.

*Blacks found in the deeds of Laurens & Newberry counties, SC, 1785 to 1827*, by Margaret Peckham Motes, Geneal. R 929.3757 M856b.

*People of color: black genealogical records and abstracts from Missouri sources*, by Teresa Blattner, Geneal. R 929.3778 B613p v.1 : 12/94.

*Twenty families of color in Massachusetts : 1742-1998*, by Franklin A. Dorman, Geneal. R 929.2744 D735t.

## **AFRICAN AMERICAN NAMES**

*Black names in America: origins and usage*, by Newbell Niles Puckett, Geneal. R 929.4 P961b.

*Black names in Louisiana*, by Mary Eleanor Sandel, Geneal. R 929.408996 Sa562b.

## **ONLINE RESOURCES**

[www.afrigeneas.com](http://www.afrigeneas.com)

Heritage Quest - Freedman's Bank records-Freedman's Bank was created to assist newly freed slaves during and after the American Civil War. Records cover approximately 1864-71 and document names and relationships of those who used the bank - <http://persi.heritagequestonline.com/hqoweb/library/do/freedmans>

## **VERTICAL FILE HOLDINGS**

African Americans in Grand Rapids

Bajema Clippings, 1830-1935. These are indexed. <http://www.grpl.org/cgi-bin/afroindex/afrosearch.cgi>

## **PERIODICALS**

*Journal of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society*, 1980-2007.

*AAHGS News*, Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society, 1996-2008.

## **ETHNIC GROUPS COLLECTION IN THE GRAND RAPIDS PUBLIC LIBRARY ARCHIVES**

African American Associated Collections

- William Glenn (049)
- Massey (071)
- Black History Exhibit (113)
- Kent County African American Baseball (251)
- Lyman Parks (294)
- Grand Rapids Public Library African American History Collection (249)
- Dr. Eugene S. Browning Collection (378)