African American Genealogy Resources at the Cleveland Public Library

A Research Supplement to "Genealogical Resources at the Cleveland Public Library/Genealogical Records in Cuyahoga County: A Guide"



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About this Guide

This guide is a supplement to the Cleveland Public Library's genealogy research guide, titled "Genealogical Resources at the Cleveland Public Library/ Genealogical Records in Cuyahoga County: A Guide."

The purpose of this guide is to highlight the specialized resources available in the History & Geography Department for conducting research on African American families, including works on the related subject of Native American genealogy.

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HOW-TO BOOKS & RESEARCH GUIDES

African American Genealogical Sourcebook

Call Number: E 185.96 .A444 1995

Burroughs, Tony. Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree

Call Number: E 185.96 .B94 2001

Carpenter, Cecelia Svinth. How to Research American Indian Blood Lines: a Manual on Indian

Genealogical Research

Call Number: Ref. CS49 .C376 1987

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

Call Number: E 185.96 .F42 1995x

Guide to Tracing Your African Ameripean Civil War Ancestor

Call Number: E 540.N3 G85x

On the Trail of the Buffalo Soldier: Biographies of African Americans in the U. S. Army, 1866-1917

Call Number: Ref. U 52 .O5 1995

Smith, Franklin. A Genealogists Guide to Discovering your African-American Ancestors

Call Number: E 185.96 .S6514 2003

Streets, David H. Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies

Call Number: E 185.96 .S817 1986

Taylor, Frazine K. Researching African American Genealogy in Alabama: a Resource Guide

Call Number: E185.93.A3 T39 2008

Thackery, David T. Finding your African American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide

Call Number: E 185.96 .T425 2000

Walton-Raji, Angela Y. Black Indian Genealogy Research

Call Number: E 98.R28 W35 2007

Witcher, Curt B. African American Genealogy: A Bibliography and Guide to Sources

Note: History has reference copy. Literature Department has circulating copies.

Call Number: Z 1361 .N39 W75 2000

Woodtor, Dee. Finding a Place Called Home: a Guide to African-American Genealogy

Call Number: E 185.96 .W69 1999

RESEARCH DATABASES

- Cleveland Public Library subscribes to a number of expensive research databases helpful to genealogists. The Library uses your tax dollars to pay for access to these databases.
- The only way to access these databases for free (using the Library's subscription) is through the Library's Web site: www.cpl.org.
- Some subscription databases are available inside the Library only.
- Personal laptops with wireless capability that are used inside the Library are able to access all databases (no library card needed).
- Some subscription databases are available remotely through home PCs, laptops, wireless devices, etc. using a library card as noted below.
- CPL card members include people who live in the city of Cleveland.
- CLEVNET card members include everyone else who has a library card issued by any CLEVNET library.

African American Biographical Database

[Access: Available in all CPL branches and remotely to CPL Cardholders]

This database is a substantial compilation of biographical material on more than 30,000 African American individuals covering the period 1790-1950. This resource includes both famous and everyday people and is of interest to both historians and genealogists.

Call and Post, 1934-1991

[Access: Available in all CPL branches and remotely to CPL Cardholders]
Full-text searching of all issues of the (Cleveland) Call and Post, Cleveland's longtime African
American newspaper, published between 1934 and 1991. Search for articles and obituaries.

Ethnic Newswatch

[Access: Available in all CPL branches and remotely to CPL Cardholders]

Ethnic NewsWatch is a full-text database of minority, Native American and ethnic U.S. newspapers, magazines and journals. **Includes the full text of the Cleveland Call & Post from 1992 to the present.**

HeritageQuest

[Access: Available in all CPL branches and remotely to CLEVNET Cardholders]

HeritageQuest features the U. S. Census, 1790-1930 (1850-60 Slave Census Schedules not included), the Periodical Source Index (PERSI), a digitized collection of more than 25,000 family and local history books, Records from the Revolutionary War Era Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files. **ALSO INCLUDES the Freedman's Bank Records (1865-1874)**.

Ancestry Library Edition (Includes Federal Slave Narratives and many other resources.)

[Access: Available inside the Library only.]

Ancestry Library Edition provides easy access to more than 4,000 genealogy databases with a single search. Coverage focuses primarily on the United States and the United Kingdom, although other areas are covered. Databases include the complete U.S. Census & Index (1790-1930), vital, church, court, and immigration records. The Map Center contains more than 1,000 historical maps. Other notable collections include Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Books; Social Security Death Index (updated monthly); WWI Draft Registration Cards; **Federal Slave Narratives**; and a strong Civil War collection. Databases are updated continuously as new information becomes available.

REFERENCE BOOKS, INDEXES & ARCHIVAL COLLECTIONS

Abajian, James

Blacks in Selected Newspapers, Censuses and Other Sources: an Index to Names and Subjects

Call Number: Ref. Z 1361.N39 A28x

Buchanan, Jim.

The Blacks of Pickaway County, Ohio in the Nineteenth Century

Call Number: Ref. F497.P5 B87 1988

Call & Post Newspaper Index of Deaths, 1934 through 1959, compiled by the African-American

Genealogical Society, Cleveland, Ohio

Note: For use on History & Geography Department PCs only.

Call Number: Ref. F499.C69 N43 2008 CD-R

District of Columbia Free Negro Registers, 1821-1861

Call Number: Ref. F205.N4 P76 1996

Haller, Stephen E.

Registers of Blacks in the Miami Valley: a Name Abstract, 1804-1857

Note: Relates to the Miami River Valley of Ohio

Call Number: Ref. F497.M64 H34

Ham, Debra Newman.

List of free Black Heads of Families in the First Census of the United States, 1790

Call Number: Ref. E185.96 .N47 1973

Heinegg, Paul

Free African Americans of Maryland and Delaware: from the Colonial Period to 1810

Call Number: Ref. E185.96 .H46 2000

Heinegg, Paul

Free African Americans of North Carolina, Virginia, and South Carolina from the Colonial Period to

about 1820

Call Number: Ref. E185.96 .H48 2005

Lawson, Sandra M.

Generations Past: a Selected List of Sources for Afro-American Genealogical Research

Call Number: Ref. E 185.96 .L34 1988

Nitchman, Paul E.

Blacks in Ohio, 1880, in the Counties of ...

Call Number: Ref. E185.93.02 N57 1985

v. 1 (Adams-Carroll), v. 2 (Champaign-Clinton), v. 3 (Columbiana – Fayette), v. 4 (Franklin-Fulton-Gallia-Geauga), v. 5 (Cincinnati), v. 6 (Greene-Guernsey-Hamilton-Hancock-Hardin-Harrison-Henry), v. 7 (Highland-Hocking-Holmes-Huron-Jackson-Jefferson-Knox-Lake-Lawrence-Licking-Logan-Lorain), v. 8 (Lucas-Morrow), v. 9 (Muskingum-Ross), v. 10 (Sandusky-Wyandot)

Records of Southern Plantations from Emancipation to the Great Migration

Microfilm is located in Microform Center

Printed Guides are located in History & Geography Department

Access Printed Guides Online: http://library.lexisnexis.com/ws_display.asp?filter=UPA_guides

Call Number for Microfilm and Printed Guides: Ref. F215 .R423

Records of the National Association of Colored Women's Clubs, 1895-1992

Microfilm is located in Microform Center

Printed Guide in History & Geography Department

Access Printed Guide Online: http://library.lexisnexis.com/ws_display.asp?filter=UPA_guides

Call Number for Microfilm and Printed Guide: Ref. E185.86 .R42X

"Registrations of free Negroes commencing September court 1822, book no. 2", and "Register of free Blacks 1835, book 3": being the full text of the two extant volumes, 1822-1861, of registrations of free Blacks now in the County Courthouse, Fairfax, Virginia

Call Number: Ref. F232.F2 V495 1977

Turpin, Joan

Register of Black, Mulatto, and Poor Persons in Four Ohio Counties, 1791-1861

Call Number: Ref. F490 .T87 1985 Counties include Clinton, Highland, Logan and Ross.

Woodson, Carter G.

Free Negro Heads of families in the United States in 1830

Call Number: Circ. & Ref. E185 .W887 1925

Slavery Research

Byrd, William L.

In Full Force and Virtue : North Carolina Emancipation Records, 1713-1860

Call Number: Ref. E185.96 .B99 1999

Byrd, William L.

North Carolina Slaves and Free Persons of Color: Burke, Lincoln, and Rowan Counties

Call Number: Ref. F262.B96 B97 2000

Potts, Howard E.

A Comprehensive Name Index for the American Slave

Call Number: Ref. E 444.A45 - Supplement #4

From 1936 to 1938, more than 2,300 former slaves from across the American South were interviewed by writers and journalists under the aegis of the Works Progress Administration. These former slaves provided first-hand accounts of their experiences on plantations, in cities, and on small farms. Their narratives remain a peerless resource for understanding the lives of America's four million slaves.

Records of Antebellum Southern Plantations, from the Revolution to the Civil War

Microfilm is located in Microform Center

Printed Guides are located in History & Geography Department

Access Printed Guides Online: http://library.lexisnexis.com/ws_display.asp?filter=UPA_quides

Microfilm Call Number and Printed Guides: F213 .R42X

Note: A name index for this collection is available in the History & Geography Department (Call Number Ref. F213 .C66 2009).

Virginia Slave Births Index, 1853-1865 Call Number: Ref E445.V8 V57 2007

Woodson, Carter G.

Free Negro Owners of Slaves in the United States in 1830: Together with Absentee Ownership of

Slaves in the United States in 1830 Call Number: Ref. E185 .W8873 1924

Military Service Research

The Black Loyalist Directory: African Americans in Exile after the American Revolution Call Number: Ref. E277 .B57 1996

Compiled Military Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served With the United States Colored Troops:

- > 55th Massachusetts Infantry [Microfilm Call Number: CD3027.M5 N3 NO.1801]
- > 1st Through 5th United States Colored Cavalry, 5th Massachusetts Cavalry (Colored), 6th United States Colored Cavalry [Microfilm Call Number: CD3027.M5 N3 NO.1817]
- > Artillery Organizations [Microfilm Call Number: CD3027.M5 N3 NO.1818]
- > 1st United States Colored Infantry, 1st South Carolina Volunteers (Colored), Company A, 1st United States Colored Infantry (1 Year) [Microfilm Call Number: CD3027.M5 N3 NO. 1819]
- > 54th Massachusetts Infantry Regiment [Microfilm Call Number: CD3027.M5TH N3 NO. 1898]

Online Index: Ancestry Library Edition (U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records, 1861-1865) Compiled Service Records document U.S. Civil War (1861-1865) soldiers. The files consist of service cards that contain information extracted from muster rolls, regimental returns, descriptive books, and other records. A new card was created each time a soldier's name appeared on a new document. The Compiled Service Records also consist of original documents that pertain to individual soldiers. These documents could include enlistment papers, casualty sheets, death reports, and correspondence, among others. A typical packet for each soldier will include a jacket-envelope that lists his name, rank, unit, and card numbers, followed by the extract cards and original documents. A section called "bookmark" may also be included. This "bookmark" was used to link the packet with related records.

Greene, Robert Ewell

Black Courage, 1775-1783: Documentary of Black Participation in the American Revolution

Call Number: Ref. E 269 .N3 G74 1984

Grundset, Eric

Forgotten Patriots: African American and American Indian Patriots in the Revolutionary War: a Guide

to Service, Sources and Studies

Call Number: Circ. & Ref. E269.N3 G78 2008

Hewett, Jane B.

The Roster of Union Soldiers, 1861 to 1865

Call Number: Ref. E494 .H4 1997x

Note: United States Colored Troops are contained in the last 2 volumes of the set.

Native American Research

Armstrong, K. M.

Chickasaw Rolls: Annuity Rolls of 1857-1860 and the "1855" Chickasaw District Roll of 1856

All Number: Ref. E99.C55 A7 1995

Blankenship, Bob Cherokee Roots

Call Number: Ref. E99.C5 B53 1992

v. 1. Eastern Cherokee rolls -- v. 2. Western Cherokee rolls

Blankenship, Bob

Dawes Roll "Plus" of Cherokee Nation "1898"

Call Number: Ref. E99.C5 B534 1900zx

Includes the 1898 Dawes Roll plus Guion Miller Roll information for those that were on both rolls. One can look forward in time from 1898 to the 1906 Guion Miller Roll and see such things as a 1906 surname change due to marriage, divorce, or adoption. Includes all 36,714 Cherokee Nation Citizens of Cherokee Blood, plus ages, addresses, relationships, Miller Roll Number and Miller Application Number.

The Dawes Rolls (or Final Rolls of Citizens and Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes, or Dawes Commission of Final Rolls) were created by the Dawes Commission. The Commission, authorized by United States Congress in 1893, was required to negotiate with the Five Civilized Tribes to convince them to agree to an allotment plan and dissolution of the reservation system. One of the consequences was the creation of rolls of the members of the five tribes (Cherokee, Choctaw, Creek, Chickasaw, and Seminole). The rolls were needed to assign the allotments and to provide an equitable division of all monies obtained. These rolls became known as the Dawes Rolls. The Dawes Commission was quickly flooded by applicants from all over the country trying to get on the rolls.

Blankenship, Bob

Guion Miller Roll "Plus" of Eastern Cherokee, East & West of Mississippi "1909"

Call Number: Ref. E99.C5 G85 1990

Includes 1909 Guion Miller Roll plus 1898 Dawes Roll information for those who were on both lists. Includes all applicants for the Guion Miller Roll, both accepted and not accepted for the Court of Claims settlement. Includes Dawes Roll Number, Census Card Number, Degree of Cherokee Blood, and Surname in 1898.

The Guion Miller Roll is a list of Eastern Cherokees who applied for money awarded in 1905 because of a 1902 lawsuit in which the Eastern Cherokee tribe sued the United States for funds due them under the treaties of 1835, 1836 and 1845. Claimants were asked to prove they were members of the Eastern Cherokee tribe at the time of the treaties, or descended from members who had not been affiliated with any other tribe. Guion Miller, an agent of the Interior Department, was appointed as a commissioner of the Court of Claims to compile a list of claimants. He made an extensive enrollment of the Cherokees in 1907 and 1908.

Bowen, Jeff

Eastern Cherokee Census: Cherokee, North Carolina, 1915-1922

Call Number: Ref. E99.C5 B744 2004

Bowen, Jeff

Indian Wills, 1911-1921: Records of the Bureau of Indian Affairs

Call Number: Ref E98.G44 B68 2005

Bowen, Jeff

Native American Wills and Probate Records, 1911-1921

Call Number: Ref: E98.G44 N38 2009

Jordan, Jerry Wright

Cherokee by Blood: Records of Eastern Cherokee Ancestry in the U.S. Court of Claims, 1906-1910 Call Numbers: Ref E99.C5 J63 1987 (Volumes 1-9) and Ref E99.C5 E125 2005 (Volumes 10-11) The index includes the names of all persons applying for compensation arising from the judgment of the United States Court of Claims on May 28, 1906, for the Eastern Cherokee tribe. While numerous individuals applied, not all the claims were allowed. The information included on the index is the application number, the name of the applicant, and the State or Territory in which the individual resided at the time the application was filed. The name being there does not mean the person was admitted.

Mauldin, Dorothy Tincup *Complete Delaware Roll 1898* Ref. E99.D2 M383 2001

Page, Jo Ann Curls

Index to the Cherokee Freedmen Enrollment Cards of the Dawes Commission, 1901-1906

Call Number: Ref. E185.93.04 P33 1996x

Smith, James F.,

The Cherokee Land Lottery: Containing a Numerical List of the Names of the Fortunate Drawers in

Said Lottery, with an Engraved Map of Each District

Call Number: 419.3758 Sm61c