

Afro-American Digital Resources

Certain resources can only be used when connected to the Library Company's VPN. While on site, enjoy access to:

- [Accessible Archives](#) via History Commons:
 - a comprehensive database of diverse primary resources related to 18th, 19th, and early-20th century American history and culture.
 - Quicklinks:
 - [African American Newspapers](#)
- [America's Historical Imprints](#), including Black History collections:
 - [Afro-American Imprints, 1535-1922](#) (AFAMER)
 - the world's preeminent collection of books, pamphlets, and broadsides for African-American studies
 - [African Americans and Jim Crow: Repression and Protest, 1883-1922](#) (AAJCRP)
 - Over 1,000 crucial documents covering the lives of African Americans during the rise of segregation and Jim Crow
 - [African Americans and Reconstruction: Hope and Struggle, 1865-1883](#) (AARHS)
 - Over 1,400 digitized works covering the lives of African Americans in the years following the Civil War
 - [African History and Culture, 1540-1921](#) (AFRHCC)
 - the history of Africa through more than 1,300 rare books, pamphlets, almanacs, broadsides, and ephemera
 - [Black Authors, 1556-1922](#) (BLAUC)
 - Nearly 600 creative works by African and African-American authors across four centuries
 - [Caribbean History and Culture, 1535-1920](#) (CRBHCC)
 - Over 1,400 rare books, pamphlets, almanacs, broadsides, and ephemera
- [Early American Newspapers, Pennsylvania](#)
 - This database provides wide-ranging coverage of historical newspapers from Pennsylvania, from 1719 - 1892
- [Evans Digital Edition, 1639-1800](#)
 - Quicklinks
 - [Search by topic](#), ie. Africans, antislavery movements, abolitionists, etc
- [Jstor](#) provides access to more than 12 million materials, including academic journal articles, books, independent publication, photos, primary sources, and more in over 75 disciplines
 - Quicklinks
 - Explore 2500+ [primary resource collections](#) via JStor, filter by keyword
 - [Black Periodicals: From the Great Migration through Black Power](#)
 - [Latin American Collections and Publication](#)
 - [Civil War and Slavery Collection](#)
 - [Teaching Resources for Slavery, Freedom, and Abolition](#)
 - [First Blacks in the Americas](#)
 - Independent Voices
 - [Black American](#)

Other resources you can use freely, without being on-site, include:

- [Alexander Street Press: Images of the American Civil War: Photographs, Posters, and Ephemera](#)
 - Over 27,000 photographs, posters, and ephemera presenting the dramatic imagery of nineteenth-century Americana as experienced from the social, military, and political perspectives
 - Quicklinks:
 - [Abolitionists and Abolitionism](#)
 - [Slaves, Freedmen, and Contraband](#)
- [Colored Conventions Project](#)
 - an interdisciplinary research hub that uses digital tools to bring the buried history of nineteenth-century Black organizing to life
- [Early Americas Digital Archive \(EADA\)](#)
 - a collection of electronic texts written in or about the Americas from 1492 to approximately 1820
- [Early Caribbean Digital Archive \(ECDA\)](#)
 - Over 50 early Caribbean texts, including novels, travel narratives, natural histories, obeah narratives, slave narratives, and more
- [Global Commodities: Trade, Exploration, and Cultural Trade](#)
 - Quicklinks
 - [Popular Searches](#)
 - Keywords (Slaves, Sugarcane, etc)
 - Places (by state, country, or continents)
 - Companies (United Africa Company, African
 - [Online Exhibitions](#) (Cotton, Sugar, Tobacco, etc)
- [Keywords for Black Louisiana \(K4BL\)](#)
 - a collective of researchers creating digital projects highlighting the Black life and culture of the Gulf Coast
- [Samuel J. May Anti-Slavery Collection](#)
 - over 10,000 abolitionist pamphlets and ephemera, including sermons, newsletters, speeches, poetry, and more, document the anti-slavery struggle at the local, regional, and national levels
- [Slavery and Abolition in the US: Select Publications of the 1800s](#)
 - a digital collection of books and pamphlets covering the varying beliefs about slavery in the United States throughout the 19th century
- [Slavery Images](#)
 - a digital archive for hundreds of historical images, paintings, lithographs, and photographs illustrating enslaved Africans and their descendants before c. 1900
- [Underwriting Souls](#)
 - A digital archive of Lloyd's of London pertaining to the trans-Atlantic slave trade, with materials from the late 17th century through the early 19th century.
- [American Political Prints 1766-1876](#)
 - digital images and descriptive text from Bernard Reilly's annotated catalogue of political cartoons from 1766-1876, including prints related to abolitionism and African American history