



RESEARCHING THE ENSLAVED IN MARYLAND

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1870 Census “Brick Wall”: the name of the slaveholder *must* be found to search enslaved families before 1870.

| Books (Maryland/African American Research) | Maryland State Archives Resources |
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| <i>Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America</i> , by Ira Berlin | <i>A Guide to the History of Slavery in Maryland</i> (downloadable PDF) |
| <i>A Guide to Genealogical Research in Maryland</i> , 5 th ed. By Henry C. Peden, Jr. | <i>Researching African American Families at the MSA</i> (downloadable PDF) |
| <i>Finding A Place Called Home: A Guide to African American Genealogy</i> , by Dee Parmer Woodwork | Slave Statistics, 1867 (slaveholders listed their former slaves). Also online at Slavery Commission. |
| <i>A Genealogical Guide to Discovering Your African American Ancestors</i> , Emily Croom & Franklin Smith | Slave Tax Assessments (first names and ages) |
| <i>Slavery and Freedom on the Middle Ground</i> , by Barbara Jeanne Fields | Manumissions, Freedom Certificates, Chattel Records for some counties online at the Slavery Commission |
| <i>Here Lies Jim Crow: Civil Rights in Maryland</i> , by C. Fraser Smith | Death Certificates, 1898-2001 (indexed thru 1968) |
| <i>The Mighty Revolution: Negro Emancipation in MD, 1862-1864</i> , by Charles Wagandt | Marriage Records, 1865-1913, 1939-1980 (T1928) |
| <i>Imperfect Equality: African Americans and the Confines of White Racial Attitudes in Post-Emancipation MD</i> , by Richard P. Fuke | Civil War, Bounty Rolls & Bounty Papers (S629, S627) Civil War Muster Rolls, bound and loose records (S343, S936) |
| <i>Compensated Emancipation in the District of Columbia</i> , by Dorothy S. Provine | |
| <i>Carry Me Back: The Domestic Slave Trade in American Life</i> , by Steven Deyle | |

Websites and Other Resources:

The Legacy of Slavery database, <http://slavery.msa.maryland.gov/>
 Land Records in Maryland, <https://mdlandrec.net/main/> (Email MD State Archives for password)
 Maryland Probate Records, <https://www.familysearch.org> (must sign in to view records)
 Slavery Commission Records, <http://aomol.msa.maryland.gov/html/commission.html>
 Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties, https://mht.maryland.gov/research_mihp.shtml
 Library of Congress, <https://www.loc.gov/maps/> (also, check for slave interviews)
 St. Mary’s Library, <http://library.smcm.edu/sources-landscape-of-slavery/> (links to 1832 census, slave statistics)
 Check your library card for access to the *Baltimore Afro-American Newspaper*
 The African-American Migration Experience, <http://www.inmotionaame.org/migrations/index.cfm>
 Last Seen: Finding Family After Slavery, <https://informationwanted.org/>
 Using Federal Records to Explore the Lives of African-American Ancestors (article)
<https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2010/spring/dclslavery.html>
 Washington D.C. Slaveholder Petitions for Compensation,
<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/slaveownerpetitionsdc/>
 About Freedmens Bureau Records, <https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans/freedmens-bureau>
 Search some of these records at <http://www.discoverfreedmen.org/>