

Resources for African American Historical Research at the Sargeant Memorial Room - Norfolk Public Library

This selected bibliography and resource guide is a listing of books and materials available in the Sargeant Memorial Room of the Norfolk Public Library. These resources are valuable tools with which to explore and learn about the rich history and traditions of African Americans in Norfolk and Virginia. This list is just a portion of the holdings in the Sargeant Memorial Room relating to African American history and culture. Please visit the Sargeant Memorial Room where our staff is eager to provide advice and assistance in using the resources in our collection.



Dance Night at the Smith Street USO - 1942

African American Experience in Norfolk

Alexander, Otis Douglas and John Gilbert Alexander, Sr., compilers. *Berkley: the other side of town as told by the Griots*. Christiansted, Virgin Islands: Odaque Group, 2001. Call #: 975.5521 ALE

Bogger, Tommy L. *Free blacks in Norfolk, Virginia, 1790-1860: the darker side of freedom*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1997. Call #: 975.5521 BOG

Bogger, Tommy L. *The slave and free black community in Norfolk 1775-1865*. Ann Arbor, Mich.: University Microfilms, 1979. Call #: 325.26 BOG

Bogger, Tommy. *Readings in black & white: lower Tidewater Virginia*. Portsmouth, Va.: Portsmouth Public Library, 1982. Call #: 975.55 REA

Cobb, Magdalene, editor. *The southern black church: the oldest churches in Portsmouth and Norfolk, Virginia*. Portsmouth, Va.: M. Cobb, [2004]. Call #: 277.3 SOU

Directory of Bank Street Baptist Church, cor. Bank and Charlotte Sts., Norfolk, Va. Rev. G.W. Watkins, Pastor. [Norfolk, Va.; s.n. n.d.] Call #: 286 NOR

Frederick, Christy H. *Titustown: the people the clothing, the culture*. [S.l.: s.n.], 2004. Call #: 975.5521 FRE

Heidelberg, Andrew I. *"The Norfolk 17": a personal narrative on desegregation in Norfolk, Virginia, in 1958-1962*. Pittsburgh, Penn: Rose Dog Books, 2006. Call #: 370.193 HEI

Leidholdt, Alexander S. *Editor for justice: the life of Louis I. Jaffe*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2002. Call #: B JAFFE

Lumpkin, William Latane. *First Baptist Church of Norfolk, 1805-1980*. [S.l.: s.n., 1980?] Call #: 286 LUM

Gordon, Margaret L. *A documented history of the First Baptist Church, Bute Street, Norfolk, Virginia, 1800-1988*: Rev. Dr. G. Murray, Pastor. Virginia Beach, Va.: Hill's Printing Co., 1988. Call #: 286 DOC

Norfolk Journal and Guide. *Norfolk's thirty-six percent, 64,000 colored: homes, churches, schools, business enterprises, occupations and general social and economic status of the sixty-four thousand colored citizens of the city of Norfolk, VA*. Norfolk, Va. [1927?] Call #: 325.26 NOR

Parramore, Thomas C., Peter C. Stewart and Tommy L. Bogger. *Norfolk: the first four centuries*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2000. Call #: 975.5521 PAR

Queen Street Baptist Church. *The centennial anniversary of Queen Street Baptist Church, and the thirty-fifth anniversary of the pastor, Dr. J. Jasper Freeman*. Norfolk, Va; [s.n.], 1984. Call #: 286 QUE

Queen Street Baptist Church, Norfolk, Va.: 90th anniversary: 1884-1974. Norfolk, Va.: Queen Street Baptist Church, 1974. Call #: 286 WAT

Rose, Ruth A. *Norfolk Virginia*. (Black American Series) Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia Publishing, 2000. Call #: 975.5521 ROS

Suggs, Henry Lewis. *P.B. Young, newspaperman: race, politics, and journalism in the New South, 1910-1962*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1988. Call #: B YOUNG

United States. War Dept. *Riot at Norfolk. Letter from the Secretary of War, in answer to a resolution of the House of December 10 calling for information relative to the riot at Norfolk. January 24, 1867. Referred to the Committee on Freedmen's Affairs and ordered to be printed*. [s.l.: s.n., 1867?]. Call #: (Special) 975.5521 UNI

White, Forrest R. *Pride and prejudice: school desegregation and urban renewal in Norfolk, 1950-1959*. New York: Praeger, 1992. Call #: 371.19344 WHI

Williams, Van Dora and David Ferraro. *Church Street [videorecording]: Harlem of the South*. Norfolk, Va.: WHRO, 1997. Call #: VIDEO V973.0496 CHU

Yarsinske, Amy Waters. *Norfolk's Church Street: between memory and reality*. Charleston, S.C.: Arcadia, 1999. Call #: 975.5521 YAR

Cemetery Records:

Records for all the major cemeteries in Norfolk including Cavalry and Paige cemeteries.

City Directories:

Directories for Norfolk, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, Newport News, and Hampton; dates range from the 1850s to the present.

County and City Court Records:

Microfilm and printed abstracts of court records for Norfolk City, Norfolk County, Portsmouth, and Princess Anne County from the Colonial period to the Twentieth Century.

Internet Resources:

Ancestry.com Library Edition which contains U. S. Census records, vital (birth, marriage, & death) records, military records, message boards, family trees, etc.

USGENWEB Archives for City of Norfolk which contains burial records for all City operated cemeteries and a majority of private cemeteries in Norfolk. <http://www.rootsweb.com/~usgenweb/va/norfolkcity.htm>

Newspapers:

Norfolk Journal and Guide in print and microfilm from September 30, 1916 to the present. Note: There are some missing issues, especially from 1918 – 1920.

Photographs:

Photographs in the SMR Main Collection and the Carroll Walker Collection.

Special Collection:

The World War I Norfolk War Commission's questionnaire, photographs, and reports.

Vertical Files:

Folders contain a variety of information from newspaper clippings and reports from the 1950s to the present.

Vital Records:

Birth, marriage and death records for Norfolk City, Norfolk County, and Princess Anne County on microfilm from the 1850s to the early 1900s.

Yearbooks:

All the major high schools of Norfolk from 1909 to the present

African American Experience in Virginia

Black Virginia: progress, poverty & paradox. [Roanoke, Va.] : Roanoke Times & World-News, [1984?].
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Boyle, Sarah-Patton. *The desegregated heart; a Virginian's stand in time of transition.* New York: Morrow, 1962. Call #: 301.451 BOY

Breen, T. H. and Stephen Innes. *Myne Owne Ground: Race and Freedom on Virginia's Eastern Shore, 1640-1676.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1982. Call #: 975.513 BRE

Craven, Wesley Frank. *White, Red, and Black: the seventeenth-century Virginian.* Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1971. Call #: 975.502 CRA

Draper, Christina S. *Don't grieve after me: the Black experience in Virginia, 1619-2005.* [Hampton, Va.?] : Published by the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities and Hampton University, 2006. Call #: 973.0496 DON

Ely, Melvin Patrick. *Israel on the Appomattox: a southern experiment in Black freedom from 1790s through the Civil War.* New York: A. Knopf, Distributed by Random House, 2004. Call #: 975.5632 ELY

Foner, Eric. *Nat Turner.* Englewood Cliffs, N.J.: Prentice-Hall, 1971. Call #: 975.555 TUR

Gray, Thomas R. *The Confessions of Nat Turner, the Leader of the Late Insurrection in Southampton, Virginia...* Baltimore: Thomas R. Gray, 1831. Call #: 975.5 Special

Greenberg, Kenneth R., editor. *Nat Turner: a slave rebellion in history and memory.* Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2004. Call #: 975.5552 NAT

Hadden, Sally E. *Slave patrols: law and violence in Virginia and the Carolinas.* Cambridge, Mass.: Harvard University Press, 2001. Call #: 326.0975 HAD

Heinegg, Paul. *Free African Americans of North Carolina and Virginia: including the family histories of more than 80% of those counted as "all other free persons" in the 1790 and 1800 census.* Baltimore, Md.: Published for Clearfield Co. by Genealogical Pub. Co., 1997. Call #: 325.26 HEI

Isaac, Rhys. *Landon Carter's uneasy kingdom: revolution and rebellion on a Virginia Plantation.* New York: Oxford University Press, 2004. Call #: B CARTER

Johnson, F. Roy. *The Nat Turner Slave Insurrection.* Murfreesboro, NC: Johnson Pub. Co., 1966. Call #: 975.555 JOH

Jordan, Ervin L. Jr. *Black Confederates and Afro-Yankees in Civil War Virginia.* Charlottesville, Va.: University Press of Virginia, 1995. Call #: 973.7475 JOR

McColley, Robert. *Slavery and Jeffersonian Virginia.* Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1964. Call #: 326.975 MCC

McConnell, John Preston. *Negroes and their treatment in Virginia from 1865 to 1867.* Pulaski, Va.: Printed by B. D. Smith, 1910. Call #: 325.26 MCC

Morgan, Philip D. *Slave Counterpoint: Black Culture in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake and Lowcountry*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1998. Call #: 975.518 MOR

Oates, Stephen B. *The fires of jubilee: Nat Turner's fierce rebellion*. New York: Harper Perennial, 1990. Call #: 975.555 OAT

Rachleff, Peter J. *Black labor in the South: Richmond, Virginia, 1865-1890*. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 1984. Call #: 975.5451 RAC

Tate, Thad W. *The Negro in eighteenth-century Williamsburg*. Williamsburg, Va.: Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, 1987. Call #: 301.451 TAT

Tyler-McGraw, Marie. *At the falls: Richmond, Virginia and its people*. Chapel Hill: Published for the Valentine, the Museum of the Life & History of Richmond, by the University of North Carolina Press, 1994. Call #: 975.5451 TYL

African American Genealogy

Blockson, Charles L. *Black genealogy*. Baltimore, Md: Black Classic Press, 1991. Call #: 929.1 BLO

Fears, Mary L. Jackson. *Slave ancestral research: it's something else*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1995. Call #: 929.1 FEA

Reed, Robert D. *How and where to research your ethnic-American cultural heritage: Black Americans*. Saratoga, Calif: Reed, 1979. Call #: 929.1 REE

Secret, Jeanette Braxton. *Guide to tracing your African American Civil War ancestor*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1997. Call #: 973.7415 BRA

Smith, Franklin Carter and Emily Anne Croom. *A genealogist's guide to discovering your African-American ancestors: how to find and record your unique heritage*. Cincinnati, Ohio: Betterway Books, 2003. Call #: 929.1089 SMI

Smith, Jessie Carney. *Ethnic genealogy: a research guide*. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 1983. Call #: 929.1 ETH

Streets, David H. *Slave genealogy: a research guide with case studies*. Bowie, Md: Heritage Books, 1986. Call #: 929.1 STR

Walton-Raji, Angela Y. *Black Indian genealogy research*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1993. Call #: 929.1 WAL

Woodtor, Dee Parmer. *Finding a place called home: a guide to African-American genealogy and historical identity*. New York: Random House, 1999. Call #: 929.1089 WOO



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