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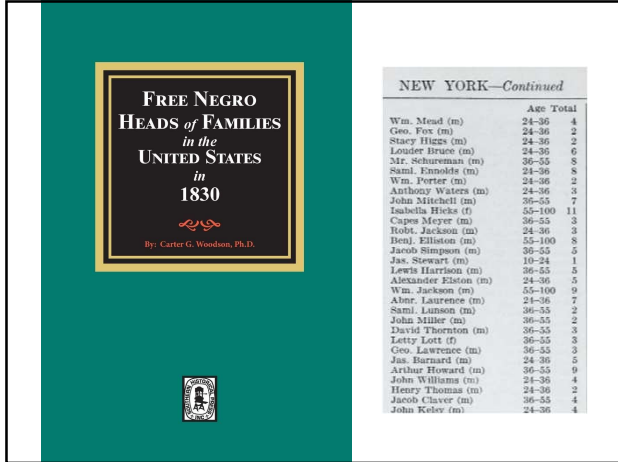
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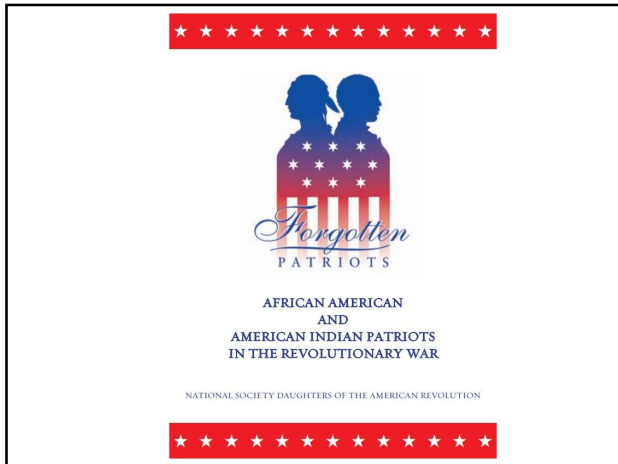
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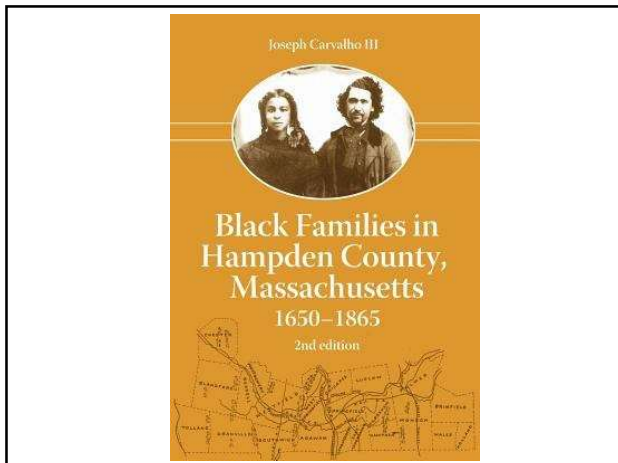
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## Digital Resources

- Scholars have created online databases or resources focused on African American history. Can also be based on:
  - Specific records
  - Subject matter
  - Location
- Often through colleges and universities

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### FREE AFRICAN AMERICANS IN COLONIAL

#### VIRGINIA, NORTH CAROLINA, SOUTH CAROLINA, MARYLAND AND DELAWARE

The history of the free African American community as told through the family history and genealogy of most African Americans who were free in the Southeast during the colonial period.

Winner: The American Society of Genealogists' Donald Lines Jacobus Award and The North Carolina Genealogical Society Award of Excellence in Publishing

Three books you can read on-line containing about 2,700 pages of over 1,000 family histories based on all colonial court order and minute books on microfilm at the state archives of Virginia, Maryland, North Carolina and Delaware (over 1,000 volumes), tax lists, wills, deeds, free Negro registers, marriage bonds, parish registers, Revolutionary War pension files, etc. There are also another 5,600 pages of abstracted colonial tax lists, Virginia personal property tax lists, etc., under "Colonial Tax Lists..." Send questions, comments and requests for genealogical research to [patrick@gg@gmail.com](mailto:patrick@gg@gmail.com).

Virginia: [North Carolina and South Carolina](#) (latest updates: 1-2021); [Lawrence, Paul, Banks, Crooks, Hollisters, Halls, Tynes, Spence, Stinch and April 2021 updated state histories](#); [Dix, George, Perkins](#); 4-8-2021; Edited by Foreword by historian Ira Berlin

[Maryland and Delaware](#) (latest update: 10-2021); Letti, Bratslavsky

Donate to keep this site on-line

Colonial Tax Lists - Virginia personal property tax lists - Census and Court Records for Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Virginia includes a list of notable free persons of color in Virginia from 1782 to about 1820; Latest Updates: Fairfax County, Newforld, City and Orange County personal property tax lists

Services in the Revolutionary War Updated March 20, 2021 Richard Spitzer, Thomas Goumes

19th century photos of free African Americans and Indian families

List of Indian Slaves, Free Indians, and Free African Americans identified in Colonial Records Without Last Names

Virginia Slaves Freed After 1782

Northampton County, North Carolina, after Emancipation

<https://freeafricanamericans.com/>

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Digital Library on American Slavery

Search DLAS Search DLAS

By Name By Keyword By State

*Warning: Slave Records!* **Ten Dollars Reward** **Place & Slavery Petitions**

Slave Deeds NC Slave Notices

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Rediscovering the Stories of Self-Liberating People

A database of fugitives from American Slavery

[View Database](https://freedomonthemove.org/)

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Run Away,

FROM the subscriber, in Wilkes-county, Georgia, in December, 1818, a negro man, by the name of JESS. forty-two or three years old, five feet eight or ten inches high; his complexion a little yellow, and has a small win or lump on his forehead. He is a good waggoner, and plays the fiddle. I am apprehensive he was conducted off by a man calling himself KILE. I will give one hundred dollars reward for information so that I get him again, WILLIAM KILGORE. June 29—1am3m

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## Local Histories

- Popular during the 19<sup>th</sup> century
- Rarely cited—be sure to locate other records to confirm!
- Often include biographies or family sketches of prominent figures
- Ancestor may not be specifically named, but can still provide insight into what records to consult
- Ex: *History of the Early Settlement of Bridgewater, in Plymouth County, Massachusetts, including an extensive Family Register* by Mitchell Nahum

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## Digital Books

- <https://archive.org/>
- <https://www.hathitrust.org/>
- <https://books.familysearch.org>
- <https://books.google.com/>
- <https://openlibrary.org/>
- <http://library.si.edu/digital-library>

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## Personal Narratives

- First-person accounts can provide powerful details of an individual's lived experience
  - Written works (memoirs, autobiographies)
  - Oral histories
  - Personal letters and diaries
- Can be found at colleges and universities, local historical societies, libraries, archives, and your own home!

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<https://www.loc.gov/collections/slave-narratives-from-the-federal-writers-project-1936-to-1938/about-this-collection/>

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