


Joe, Pupo, Mary Jane, Patsy, George, Jack.

I Chancy may promise to furnish the Land, Team, and Implements, and feed the Labours at the rates of 25¢ per Day and a Peck of Meal a week to each hand, and give them one third of the Crop of Cotton, Corn, Wheat, & Oats, and allow them to have a Cow, if they wish it, at their own expense, occasionally, to ride a Mule, provided they take good care of them, all labour to be left to Mr. Hunt. The Freedmen to fix up the fences, feed and take care of all the Cattle, Cultivate the garden & Potato Patch, and a good fire, also Mr. Hunt, who is to have the farm. This Contract is last

above Contract made before



Voice of  
Danielle Rose, 10 Million  
Names Volunteer Coordinator

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### Types of Records

- Census
- Vital records
- Church records
- Probate
- Manumission documents
- Land and property
- City directories
- Newspapers
- Voter registrations
- Military
- Cemetery/burial records
- Taxation
- Bible records
- ...and more!

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### Federal Census

- Purpose: To make an accurate count of the U.S. population for representative purposes
- Began in 1790 and taken every 10 years
- 1790-1950 available for research
  - Exception: 1890
  - Online sources: American Ancestors, FamilySearch, Ancestry
- 1850 census was the first to name all members in a household

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### What can you find in a census?

- Name
- Age
- Race
- Place of birth
- Parent's place of birth
- Relationships
- Marital status
- Occupation
- Veteran status
- Education level
- Income level
- Value of real estate
- Immigration and naturalization status

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# Tip

Begin with the 1950 census and work backwards

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SCHEDULE 2 - Slave Inhabitants in Dist No 6 in the County of Shelby State

of South, enumerated by me, on the 1st day of July, 1860. J. R. Gentry Ass't Marshal

NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS										NAMES OF SLAVE OWNERS													
DESCRIPTION		AGE		SEX		RACE		COLOR		REMARKS		DESCRIPTION		AGE		SEX		RACE		COLOR		REMARKS	
W. B. Gentry										W. B. Gentry													
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13	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	

1860 slave schedule

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## State Census

- Not every state completed a census on the state level
- Often conducted during years in between the federal census
  - Ex: Massachusetts completed a state census in 1855 and 1865
- Information similar to the federal census, but varies depending on state and year

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POPULATION CENSUS 1935

DADE COUNTY

NAME	ADDRESS	AGE	SEX	RACE	EDUCATION	INDUSTRY	REMARKS
Hannigan Robert H.	613 Munson Ave	42	M	White	High Sch	Banker	Banker
Hannigan Robert B.	613 "	49	M	White	High Sch	Banker	Banker
Hannigan Robert T.	613 "	31	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Hannigan Robert H.	613 "	17	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Hannigan Robert H.	613 "	13	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Felt Thomas T.	637 "	35	M	White	High Sch	Teacher	Teacher
Felt Thomas M.	637 "	34	M	White	High Sch	Teacher	Teacher
Felt Ruth F.	637 "	7	F	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Felt Ruth F.	637 "	4	F	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Hark John	445 "	4	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Ashley Dr. Benjamin E.	641 "	50	M	White	High Sch	Professor	Professor
Ashley Dr. Benjamin E.	641 "	74	M	White	High Sch	Professor	Professor
Ashley Dr. Benjamin E.	641 "	14	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Ashley Dr. Benjamin E.	641 "	6	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Edwards William C.	641 "	72	M	White	High Sch	Teacher	Teacher
Edwards William C.	641 "	19	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Edwards William C.	641 "	16	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Edwards William C.	641 "	52	M	White	High Sch	Teacher	Teacher
Edwards William C.	641 "	52	M	White	High Sch	Teacher	Teacher
Edwards William C.	641 "	19	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student
Edwards William C.	641 "	19	M	White	High Sch	Student	Student

1935 Dade County, FL state census

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### Keep in mind...

- Names may be spelled differently (initials, nicknames, etc.)
- Boundary changes
- Misremembering information
  - Age, place of birth, relationships may not be consistent
- Different surnames from 1870 to 1880

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### Vital Records

- Birth, marriage, and death records
- Often provide the names of an individual's parents and/or spouse
- Can be found at the town/city, county, or state level, depending on location and time period
- Less available in southern states before the 20<sup>th</sup> century

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County, Madison INDIANA Health Officer's 5  
 Township, Clinton STATE BOARD OF HEALTH. (Report Number)  
 City, Duffles **Certificate and Record of Death.** Month, 7 Day, 11 Year, 1901  
 Decedent's full name \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Death \_\_\_\_\_

This blank to be filled by the Physician, if any; otherwise by Health Officer, Coroner or Undertaker.

**MEDICAL CERTIFICATE OF DEATH.**

I hereby certify that I attended the deceased from Apr 2 to July 3, that I last saw him alive on July 3, that he died on July 3 at 10:00 A.M., and that to the best of my knowledge and belief the cause of death was Big toe disease

Disease causing death? Big toe disease Duration 2 days  
 Immediate cause of death? Removal of blood Duration 2 days  
 Contributory causes or complications, if any? leg & toe Duration 6 months

Put in reverse  
 The age of a Valid Death, state ( ) 9 years of July  
 Witness my hand this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_  
 Health Officer or Registrar, W. J. Galt  
 Address, 3094 Clinton St

This blank to be filled by funeral director or any person so designated.

**RECORD OF DEATH.** No. 61

Full Name of Decedent George William Reed Sex, Male Color, W  
 Residence 1408 Indiana Ave. St. Louis, Mo. Single, Married, Widow W  
 Occupation? Book Binder Birthplace? Mo.  
 Place of Death? St. Louis, Mo. Father's name in full? George William Reed  
 Father's Birthplace? Missouri Mother's maiden name in full? Elizabeth Reed  
 Mother's Birthplace? Missouri Date of Burial? July 11  
 Place of Burial? Crown Hill Signature of Undertaker, W. J. Galt  
 Reported by \_\_\_\_\_ Address of Undertaker, \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address, \_\_\_\_\_

George William Reed death certificate

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**Tip**

**Pay attention to informants and witnesses**

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**Church Records**

- Provide similar information as vital records
  - Additional: baptisms, burials, confirmations
  - Enslaver's name likely included if before emancipation
- Identify ancestor's religion before searching
- Online sources: American Ancestors, FamilySearch, Ancestry

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July 30, 1820, James Gorton of Voluntown, and' Ruhamah Thompson of Westerly.

→ Aug. 17, 1820, Cato Cuffe and Flora Palmer (people of color).

Dec. 18, 1820, Elisha Faxon, Jr., and Mary D. Smith.

Feb. 6, 1821, John W. Hull and Nancy York.

April 30, 1821, George W. Moss and Caroline E. Hyde.

May 14, 1821, Noyes Ladd of Franklin, and Harriet Z. Williams.

May 20, 1821, Thomas S. Breed and Rebecca Potter.

June 8, 1821, Thomas Swan of Nantucket, and Fanny Wilcox.

June 10, 1821, Jonathan Pendleton and Caroline Pendleton.

July 8, 1821, Charles E. Coles of New York, and Mary Ash.

Oct. 4, 1821, Daniel C. Hammond and Elizabeth S. Elexin of Westerly.

Nov. 1, 1821, Joseph W. Stanton and Grace N. Palmer.

Nov. 5, 1821, Hampton Stuart of New York, and Sarah Wilcox.

Nov. 15, 1821, Jedediah Leeds of New Orleans, and Mary R. Stanton.

Nov. 28, 1821, Joshua Haley and Rebecca Brown.

Feb. 7, 1822, John D. Smith and Maria Niles.

March 24, 1822, Cyrus Wheeler and Lucy S. Browning of North Stonington.

May 19, 1822, Peter McLaughlin of New York, and Sarah Tinker.

July 2, 1822, William R. Palmer and Nancy B. Babcock.

Oct. 22, 1822, Luke Barker of New York, and Abigail Cobb.

Nov. 21, 1822, Samuel Breed and Eliza F. Williams.

March 20, 1823, George Green and Mary Noyes.

→ Sept. 2, 1823, Rufus C. Hamilton and Lilly Ross (people of color).

Sept. 22, 1823, John G. Clark of South Kingston, and Almira D. Page.

Nov. 2, 1823, John Kirby and Almira D. Faxon.

Nov. 13, 1823, Perez Hewitt of North Stonington, and Abby S. Crandall.

Stonington, CT First Congregational Church marriage records

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**Tip**

**Race may not be included in all records**

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Nov. 30, 1739, Samuel Thorn, and Rebecca Habes.  
 Dec. 6, 1739, Crump, negro servant of Stephen Richardson, and Deborah, Indian servant of Jonathan Richardson.  
 Dec. 18, 1739, William Noyes, and Cybill Whiting.  
 Jan. 3, 1740, John Benjamin of Preston, and Margaret Jamison.  
 Feb. 18, 1740, Elihu Chesebrough Jun., and Esther Dennis.  
 Dec. 30, 1740, Nathaniel Hancox, and Joanna Hilliard.  
 Feb. 19, 1741, Samuel Frink Jun., and Mary Stanton.  
 May 10, 1741, Lieut. John Randall, and Mary Palmer.  
 May, 27, 1741, Samuel Clark, and Mary Jamison.  
 July, 1741, Edward Hancox, and Lucy Chesebrough.  
 Aug. 20, 1741, Oliver Stewart, and Rebecca Fendleton of Westerly.  
 Sept. 28, 1741, David Dawe, and Deborah Tracy.  
 Dec. 20, 1741, Stephen Mason, and Joanna Newkchuse, Indians.  
 Dec. 11, 1742, Thomas Clark of Westerly, and Elizabeth Jamison.  
 → March 17, 1742, Peter, negro servant of Stephen Richardson, and Mary Jones, an Indian negro mulatto.  
 March 31, 1742, Joseph Garret, and Katherine, Indians.  
 July 1, 1742, William Brown, and Joanna Fellows.  
 July 14, 1742, Ebenezer Austin, and Rebecca Davidson.  
 Sept. 9, 1742, Thomas Chester, and Sarah Eldredge both of Groton.  
 Oct. 26, 1742, Joseph Wauheag, and Rebecca Fishetows, Indians.  
 Nov. 11, 1742, Moses Tyler of Preston, and Joanna Denison.  
 Feb. 17, 1743, Daniel Fish of Preston, and Rebecca Palmer.  
 June 21, 1743, Nicholas Newkajous, and Sarah Peter, Indians.  
 June 23, 1743, James Hancox, and Sarah Ames.  
 July 7, 1743, Capt. John Denison, and Rebecca Noyes.  
 Nov. 9, 1743, William Brumly of Stonington and Elizabeth Brown of Westerly.

Stonington, CT First Congregational Church marriage records

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**Freedmen's Bureau Records**

- Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands established towards the end of the Civil War
- Aimed to help formerly enslaved people transition from enslavement to freedom and citizenship
- Some services included:
  - Providing food, housing, legal assistance, medical aid, banking services
  - Assisting in establishing schools (Howard University)
  - Overseeing labor and apprenticeship contracts
- Online sources: Ancestry, FamilySearch, Smithsonian

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## Military Records

- African Americans participated in military conflicts since the colonial era
- Helps identify individuals who served or were eligible for service
  - Pension records
  - Military rolls
  - Enlistment papers
  - Draft cards/records
  - Manuscripts (diaries or letters home)
- Fold3.com holds military records

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SERIAL NUMBER <b>2144</b>	1. NAME (Print) <b>Luther Glenn</b>	ORDER NUMBER <b>2778</b>
2. ADDRESS (Print) <b>Werry and North St Old Winston Salem Forsyth N.C.</b>		
3. TELEPHONE	4. AGE IN YEARS <b>30</b>	5. PLACE OF BIRTH <b>Gaston</b>
6. DATE OF BIRTH <b>May 16 1910</b>	7. NAME OF PERSON WHO WILL GUARANTEE YOUR ANSWERS <b>Mrs. Frances Glenn</b>	8. RELATIONSHIP OF THAT PERSON <b>Wife</b>
9. ADDRESS OF THAT PERSON <b>Werry and North St Old Winston Salem Forsyth N.C.</b>		
10. EMPLOYER'S NAME <b>Crystal Sea Coal Co</b>		
11. PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT OR BUSINESS <b>6 7th St Winston Salem Forsyth N.C.</b>		
I AFFIRM THAT I HAVE VERIFIED ABOVE ANSWERS AND THAT THEY ARE TRUE.		
REGISTRATION CARD D. S. S. Form 1 (over)		14-17105 <b>Luther Glenn</b> (Registrant's signature)

Luther Glenn WWII draft card

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### Probate Pre-Emancipation

- Enslaved people considered property and often named in probate
  - Bequeathed in wills
  - Listed as inventory
  - Emancipated by their enslaver
  - Sold to another enslaver
- Will need to know the name of your ancestor's enslaver

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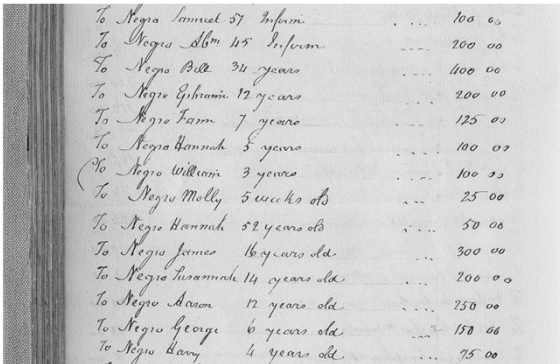
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Probate inventory of Benjamin Talbot, Baltimore Co., MD (FHL #101746024)

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### Land and Property Records

- Use land and property records to:
  - Determine where your ancestor lived
  - Identify relationships
- Grantor (seller) vs. grantee (buyer)
- Maintained at the local level (town or county)
- FamilySearch is a great resource for all states

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### Enslaved People in Deeds

- Any transaction involving enslaved people could be recorded as a deed in property records
- Need to know enslaver's name
- Types of deeds:
  - Bills of sale
  - Enslaved people being hired out
  - Deeds of gift
  - Transactions related to probate
  - Manumissions (granted freedom)

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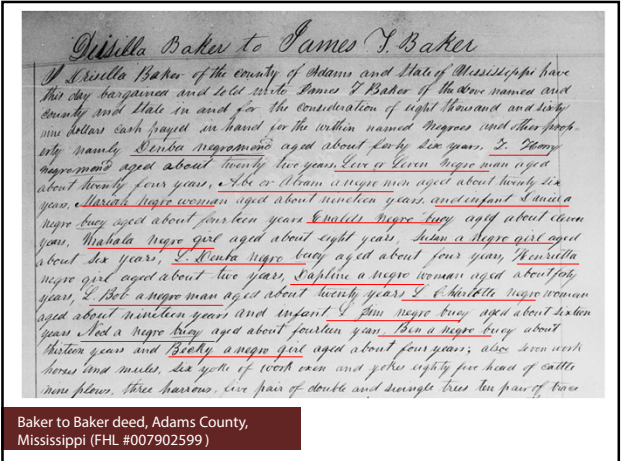
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### Manumissions

- Legal documents that granted emancipation
- Can be found in:
  - Probate
  - Land or property records
  - Court files
  - Personal papers/collections
- If not online, check:
  - State and county archives
  - Colleges and universities
  - Local libraries
  - Historical societies

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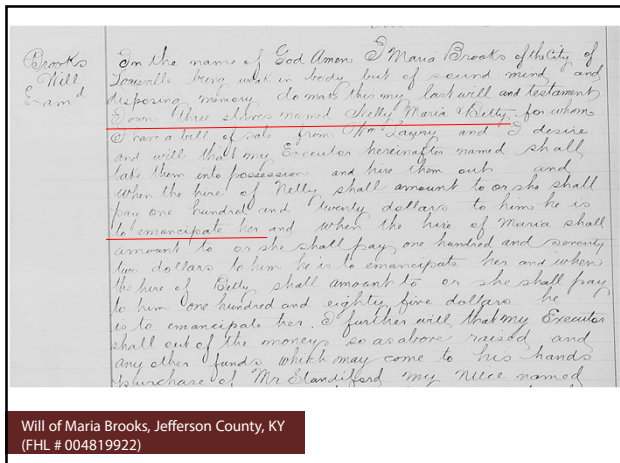
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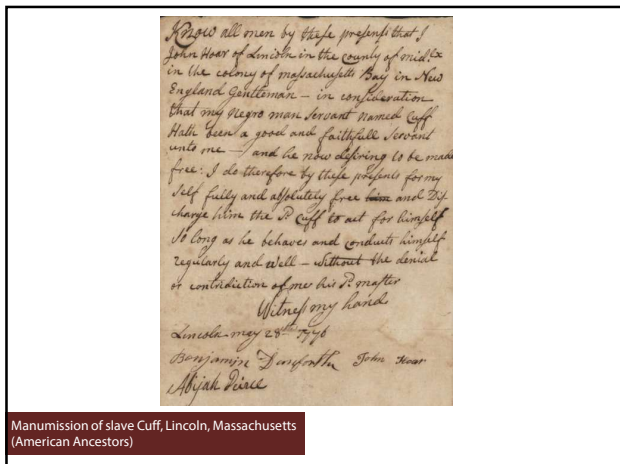
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