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Celebrating African American History Month

Join us in a celebration of [African American History Month](#)! The National Archives holds a wealth of materials documenting the African American experience. We invite you to learn more about the extraordinary contributions of African Americans to United States history and culture through online resources, research guides, and upcoming events and programs.



L: Dr. Roscoe C. Brown, Jr., member Tuskegee Airmen, signs a canopy modeled after his P51 D Mustang during a reception following unveiling ceremonies, 5/18/1996. [National Archives Identifier 6497047](#)

R: Photograph of the 6888th Central Postal Directory Battalion in France, 5/27/1945. [National Archives Identifier 175539237](#)

Guide to Black History

In 1984, to support the growing demand for knowledge of African American history, Dr.

Debra Newman Ham, with the help of several other colleagues, took on the responsibility of compiling a guide to Black history records at the National Archives. With the publication of [Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives](#), NARA became recognized as one of the primary sources for African American historical documents. Here you will find records, information, research tools and resources on topics such as [Civil Rights](#), [Education](#), [Diaspora](#), [Women](#), and more.



L: Vote Registration Drive [National Archives Identifier 556258](#)

R: Ike Sims of Atlanta, Georgia, 87 years old, has eleven sons in the service. [National Archives Identifier 533583](#)

In addition, the [African American History research page](#) provides archives resources, blog posts and articles, featured records, public programs, subject portals, and more. Subject portals on topics such as [Black Power](#), [Voting Rights](#), and [World War I](#) highlight selected records, guidance for researchers, and additional resources for further study.

Subject Portals



[Black Power](#)



[Voting Rights](#)



[World War I](#)

For the latest updates, subscribe to the [Rediscovering Black History blog](#)! Learn more about the vast amount of records at the National Archives and Presidential Libraries related to the African American experience.

The National Archives will present more [African American History Month programs](#) throughout the month of February. All programs are free and open to the public and available for viewing on the [National Archives YouTube channel](#).

Start your research on History Hub

For those looking to conduct research on African American History, we encourage you to browse recent posts and questions in [History Hub's African American Records Community](#):

- [Seeking information about the Tuskegee Airmen](#)
- [I'm looking for a way to view the 1982 documentary film about James Baldwin](#)
- [I am searching for authentic pictures of the Buffalo Soldiers](#)
- [I'm trying to find images of African American theatre designer Perry Watkins](#)
- [Where can I find records of slave purchases in Georgia?](#)
- [Seeking records of the Civil Rights Movement in St. Petersburg, Florida](#)
- [How can I track African American Family Names](#)
- [Seeking records for Freedman's Hospital](#)
- [Seeking records of Battery C, 76th Coastal Artillery Corps \(AA\) \(colored\).](#)
- [Seeking US Colored Troops 33rd Regiment Day Books](#)

The screenshot shows the 'African American Records' community page. At the top, there is a header with a profile picture of a man and the text 'African American Records'. Below the header is a navigation bar with 'Overview', 'Content', 'People', and 'Subspaces and Projects'. A sign-in prompt reads: 'Sign in to follow, share, and participate in this community. Not a member? Join Now!'. The main content area is divided into two columns. The left column, titled 'RECENT CONTENT', lists several posts with their titles, authors, and timestamps. The right column, titled 'ASK ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN RECORDS', features a search box with the placeholder text 'What is your question about?' and an 'Ask' button. Below the search box is a 'FEATURED CONTENT' section with three items: 'African American Research Portal', 'Harriet Tubman: A Woman of Courage and Vision', and 'America's Olympian: Jesse Owens'. At the bottom of the featured content, there is a link to 'How do I search for my family's history?'.

African American Records

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We're here to answer questions you have about how to find and manage African American records. Ask a question, answer an unanswered question, or share your tips on how you research.

ASK ABOUT AFRICAN AMERICAN RECORDS

What is your question about?

Ask

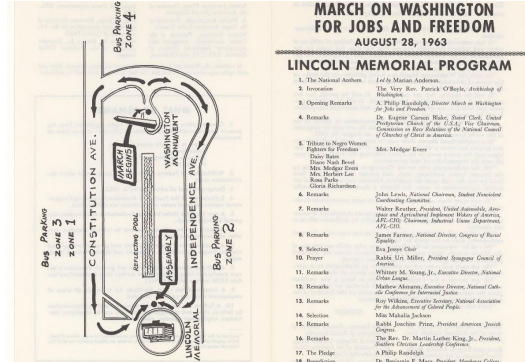
RECENT CONTENT

- Seeking photos of Perry Watkins by Jason Dearing 11 hours ago
- Seeking Government Inspection Records for sawmill by cnc 16 hours ago
- Seeking records of 76th Coastal Artillery Corps (AA) (colored) by William Bennett 19 hours ago
- Seeking records of Amelia Gibson by Maile Fordham 2 days ago
- Featured Content in African American Records by Darren Cole 2 days ago
- Seeking records of Civil Rights Movement in St. Petersburg, Florida by Carole Gallor 2 days ago
- Seeking interview of William Branch by WPA by Antonio Addressi 2 days ago
- how can I find out if my grandfather was at tuskegee by connie connor 2 days ago

FEATURED CONTENT

- African American Research Portal
- Harriet Tubman: A Woman of Courage and Vision
- America's Olympian: Jesse Owens
- African American Records - Digitization Projects Supported by the NHPRC
- How do I search for my family's history?

History Hub is our support community for researchers, genealogists, history enthusiasts, and citizen archivists. Ask questions, share information, work together, and find help based on experience and interests. Researchers can ask—or answer—questions on [History Hub](#), or search to see if a question has been asked before.



L: At the George Westinghouse High School. [National Archives Identifier 553804](#)

R: March on Washington For Jobs and Freedom. [National Archives Identifier 26080947](#)

Citizen Archivist Transcription Mission: African American History

Join us as a Citizen Archivist and help make records more searchable and findable in the Catalog! For this [Citizen Archivist mission](#), explore and help transcribe records in the Catalog documenting African American History. Every word you transcribe helps unlock history.



The famous 369th arrive in New York City. Members of the 369th colored infantry, formerly 15th New York regulars. "Back to little old New York." [National Archives Identifier 26431290](#)

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COVID-19 Update

The National Archives is committed to the health and safety of our visitors and staff. We are closely monitoring the situation regarding COVID-19, and we are working with public health officials and our counterpart agencies to monitor and respond to the evolving conditions and following CDC guidelines.

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