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

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to Civilian Records in the National Archives, NARA became recognized as one of the primary sources for African American historical documents.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

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
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

How many records can you transcribe? Get started transcribing now. New to the Citizen Archivist program? Learn how to register and get started.

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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.

For more information, visit [https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus](https://www.archives.gov/coronavirus)

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