

## Research Guides

- **Ancestry.com: African American Family Research on Ancestry**  
[https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2025/01/2025AfricanAmerican\\_Research\\_Guide.pdf](https://www.ancestrycdn.com/support/us/2025/01/2025AfricanAmerican_Research_Guide.pdf)  
Step-by-step guide to researching African American ancestors on Ancestry.com with links to outside resources.
- **American Ancestors: Getting Started in African American Family History Research**  
<https://www.americanancestors.org/getting-started-african-american-family-history-research-0>  
Includes video modules created by professional genealogists to help you get started in your research.
- **Family Search: Researching African American Genealogy**  
[https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Researching\\_African\\_American\\_Genealogy](https://www.familysearch.org/en/wiki/Researching_African_American_Genealogy)  
Includes research steps, societies, articles, websites and more.
- **Oklahoma Historical Society Research Center African American Resource Guide**  
<https://www.okhistory.org/research/forms/aaguide.pdf>  
Includes newspapers, all-Black towns in Oklahoma, manuscript collections, oral histories and more.

## Websites & Organizations

- **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS)**  
<https://www.aahgs.org>  
National organization for African American genealogy research. Site includes genealogy tips, charts and forms, oral histories and surname lists.
- **AfriGeneas**  
<https://www.afrigeneas.org>  
Includes genealogical research tips, resources and message boards for the African American genealogy community.
- **Cyndi's List: African American**  
<https://www.cyndislist.com/african-american>  
An index of genealogy sites for African American research.
- **International African American Museum: Center for Family History**  
<https://iaamuseum.org/center-for-family-history/about>  
Includes a free digital archive of research materials, webinars, research articles and videos, and online genealogy appointments for a fee.
- **National Archives: African American Heritage**  
<https://www.archives.gov/research/african-americans>  
Includes records, photographs, subject portals, blogs, articles and online exhibitions.

- **Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture**

<https://nmaahc.si.edu>

Register for virtual genealogy sessions, explore digital exhibitions and the permanent collection, attend virtual programs and more.

- **Tulsa City-County Library African American Resource Center**

<https://www.tulsalibrary.org/research/african-american-resource-center>

Includes resources and subject guides on historical topics, access to the African American Heritage Database, the history of all-Black Oklahoma towns, historical photographs and more.

## Books

Ball, Edward. *Slaves in the Family*. New York: Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2014.

E-book: <https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/3131524063>

Call Number: 975.7915 B21s 2014

Beasley, Donna. *Family Pride: The Complete Guide to Tracing African American Genealogy*.

New York, NY: Macmillan USA, 1997.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1373520063>

Call Number: 929.108996073 B38f 1997

Burroughs, Tony. *Black Roots: A Beginner's Guide to Tracing the African American Family Tree*. New York: Fireside Book, 2001.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1569271063>

Call Number: 929.1 B945b 2001

*Long Road to Liberty: Oklahoma's African American History & Culture*.

Oklahoma City, OK: Oklahoma Tourism & Recreation Department, 2015.

E-book: <https://d1pk12b7bb81je.cloudfront.net/brochures/long-road-to-liberty.pdf>

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/3681851063>

Call Number: 976.600496 L849 2015?

Rose, James M., and Alice Eichholz. *Black Genesis: A Resource Book for African-American Genealogy*. Baltimore, MD: Genealogical Pub. Co, 2003.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/2339991063>

Call Number: 929.1 R72b 2003

Smith, Franklin C. and Emily A. Croom. *A Genealogist's Guide to Discovering Your African American Ancestors: How to Find and Record Your Unique Heritage*.

Cincinnati, OH: Betterway Books, 2003.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1699305063>

Call Number: 929.1 S647g 2003

Thackery, David T. *Finding Your African American Ancestors: A Beginner's Guide*.

Orem, UT: Ancestry, 2000.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1586286063>

Call Number: 929.1 T325f 2000

Woodtor, Dee. *Finding a Place Called Home: A Guide to African-American Genealogy and Historical Identity*. New York: Random House, 1999.

<https://tccl.bibliocommons.com/item/show/1510803063#>

Call Number: 929.1 W868e 1999a



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Resource Center**  
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