

SUGGESTED ONLINE RESOURCES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGICAL RESEARCH IN VIRGINIA

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MARY BALL WASHINGTON MUSEUM & LIBRARY <http://mbwm.org/genealogy.asp>

- **MBW Genealogy & History Library Card Catalog**
Searchable, online card catalog listing many of the books and research materials in our Genealogy & History Library. The catalog currently references more than 7100 items and can be searched by title, author, subject, keyword, and surnames.
- **Lancaster County Estate Records 1835-1865 Database with Slave Index**
Searchable, abstracted data from 1343 estate documents such as inventories, accounts, sales, and wills from the period 1835-1865 in Lancaster County, including information about 3019 slaves.

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/>

- **African American Church Histories at the Library of Virginia**
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/African_American_Churches.pdf
- **African American Genealogical Research**
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/AA_Genealogical_Research.pdf
- **African-American Newspapers Held at the Library of Virginia**
http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/AA_newspaper_holdings.pdf
- **Brown vs. Board of Education - Fifty Years: Selected Published Materials at the Library of Virginia** <http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/BrownBoardofEd.pdf>
- **John Brown's Raid: Records and Resources at the Library of Virginia**
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/JohnBrownBib.pdf>
- **Slavery in Virginia: A Selected Bibliography**
<http://www.lva.virginia.gov/public/guides/SlaveryInVA.pdf>
- **Virginia Cohabitation Registers** (slave marriages)
http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/collections_by_topic

VIRGINIA HISTORICAL SOCIETY <http://www.vahistorical.org/>

- **Unknown No Longer: A Database of Virginia Slave Names**
with digital images of millions of unpublished manuscripts in the VHS collection
<http://unknownnolonger.vahistorical.org/>
- **Guides to African American Manuscripts, Broad sides, and Sheet Music at VHS**
http://www.vahistorical.org/aamcvhs/guide_intro.htm
<http://www.vahistorical.org/research/broadsides.htm>
<http://www.vahistorical.org/research/sheetmusic.htm>

NOMINI HALL SLAVE LEGACY PROJECT <http://nominihallslavelegacy.com>

- Genealogy of descendants of more than 500 slaves freed by Robert Carter III of Westmoreland Virginia beginning in 1791

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU ONLINE <http://freedmensbureau.com/virginia/index.htm>

ANCESTRY.COM AFRICAN AMERICAN COLLECTIONS <http://www.ancestry.com/2012aahistory>

- Search slave narratives, U.S. Colored Troops records, Freedman's Bank records, and every other African American record collection on Ancestry.com all at once.