



**REGINALD F. LEWIS MUSEUM**  
of Maryland African American  
History & Culture

## STAY CONNECTED: MARYLAND AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY & CULTURE WEBSITES



Family members of the archaeology project Sukeek's Cabin.  
Courtesy of Jefferson Patterson Park Museum

### Website categories:

Archaeology Art Baseball Biography Collections, Records & Research  
County & State History Education Ethnography Genealogy  
Historic Markers, Monuments & Sites Journalism Law Maritime Life  
The Military Medicine & Science Music Political History Religious Life  
Slavery & the Underground Railroad Women

### ARCHAEOLOGY

*Sukeek's Cabin*

[www.jefpat.org](http://www.jefpat.org)

(Click on *archaeology*, *research projects*, *Sukeek's Cabin*)

Learn about an archaeological excavation of a 19<sup>TH</sup> century domestic site and the genealogy of a black family from Calvert County.

### ART

The Art of Joshua Johnson

[www.mdhs.org/kids/joshua.html](http://www.mdhs.org/kids/joshua.html)

Learn about America's first documented African American painter on this children's website from the Maryland Historical Society.

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### Maryland ArtSource

[www.marylandartsource.org/artists](http://www.marylandartsource.org/artists)

Users can trace the work of native Maryland artists and those affiliated with the state including Joshua Johnson, James Amos Porter, Joyce & Elizabeth Scott and Matthew Daniel “Bay Bay” Williams.

### BASEBALL

#### *The Port Deposit Black Sox of Cecil County*

[www.cchistory.org/baseball.htm](http://www.cchistory.org/baseball.htm)

Discover the history of Cecil County’s black baseball team the Port Deposit Black Sox and their manager Thomas Fields, Sr.

#### *Rough Diamonds: The Mid-Atlantic Negro Leagues & Sandlot Heroes*

[www.pghistory.org/PG/PG300/baseball.html](http://www.pghistory.org/PG/PG300/baseball.html)

African American baseball teams of Prince George’s County are featured from an exhibit curated by the Black History Program of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission.

### BIOGRAPHY

#### Frederick Douglass: Talbot County’s Native Son

[www.hstc.org/frederickdouglass.htm](http://www.hstc.org/frederickdouglass.htm)

9 vignettes of Douglass’s life are featured here including “Early Life,” “To Baltimore and Back,” “The Rise to Prominence,” “Life Up North,” “Orator Turned Author,” and “A Man of Historical Importance.”

### COLLECTIONS, RECORDS & RESEARCH

#### African American Perspectives:

##### Pamphlets from the Daniel A.P. Murray Collection, 1818-1907

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aap/aaphome.html>

This Library of Congress website features a wide array of historical material collected by librarian and Baltimore native Daniel A.P. Murray including material by Frederick Douglass and content related to Maryland history.

#### Enoch Pratt Free Library Digital Collections

[www.prattlibrary.org](http://www.prattlibrary.org)

(Click on digital collections)

Baltimore City’s Free Public Library has substantial collections on African American history including the following digital collections *Slave Documents Collection*, *Views of African American Life in Maryland* and the *African American Department Ephemera Collection*.

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### Maryland Historical Society Guide to African American Sources

[www.mdhs.org](http://www.mdhs.org)

(Click on library, followed by subject guide and African American history)

Find out about the unique sources of black history at the Maryland Historical Society.

### Maryland State Archives Descriptions of African American Records

[www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/refserv/html/afridesc.html](http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us/msa/refserv/html/afridesc.html)

Users will learn of 18 different record groups on African American Marylanders from slave statistics to Civil War muster rolls.

### Southern Maryland Studies Center Resource Guide to African-American History

[www.csmd.edu/library/smsc/](http://www.csmd.edu/library/smsc/)

(Click on resources available scroll down to resource guides,  
click on African American history resources)

An overview of materials on African American life at the College of Southern Maryland.

## COUNTY & STATE HISTORY

### Allegany County African American History

[www.whilbr.org](http://www.whilbr.org)

(Click on Allegany County African American History)

This award winning website from the West Maryland Historical Library provides photos and short narratives of African American life of Allegany County including churches, education, the military, sports, entertainment, slavery and the Underground Railroad.

### Anne Arundel County *African American History of Anne Arundel County*

[www.visitannapolis.org](http://www.visitannapolis.org)

(Click on Trip Ideas followed by African American heritage)

This website provides an overview of African American history in Anne Arundel County.

### Calvert County African Americans in Calvert County, A Brief History

[www.co.cal.md.us](http://www.co.cal.md.us)

(Click on planning & zoning, click on informational slide shows  
and scroll down to African Americans in Calvert County))

Readers will find short narratives on black history themes linked to archaeology, maps, historic churches, schools and educator Harriet E. Brown.

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**Caroline County**

**Meet Famous People/Caroline County/Choptank River Heritage Center**

**[www.riverheritage.org](http://www.riverheritage.org)**

Find biographies of notable African Americans of Caroline County and the region including Frederick Douglass, Bishop A.W. Wayman and Harriet Tubman.

**Cecil County**

**Port Deposit African American History**

**[www.portdeposit.com](http://www.portdeposit.com)**

(Click on *history* scroll down and click on *African American*)

A vast collection of black history of Cecil County including family history, census records, obituaries, slaveholders, wills and interviews. A biography of the pioneering social worker Sara A. Collins Fernandis is included in this collection.

**St. Mary's County**

***United Committee for Afro-American Contributions***

**[www.ucaonline.org](http://www.ucaonline.org)**

Historic black schools and oral histories of the local African American community are compiled in this heritage website of St. Mary's County.

**Worcester County**

***African American Heritage of Worcester County***

**<http://visitworcester.org/index.php/>**

(Click on Worcester County Heritage, scroll down to Our African American Heritage)

This website offers a glimpse into the wide variety of roles blacks have held in Worcester County and highlights people who have shaped the region's past.

**EDUCATION**

***Inside Our School World:***

***African American Schools during a Century of Segregation,  
Charles County, Maryland***

**[www.csmd.edu/Library/SMSC/ccschools/](http://www.csmd.edu/Library/SMSC/ccschools/)**

Discover the academic achievements of African Americans in the schools of Charles County from the 1860's to the 1960's.

**Harford County**

**Old Schools/African-American Sites & History of Harford County**

**[www.harfordhistory.net](http://www.harfordhistory.net)**

(Click on African-American)

Take a tour of historic black schools of Harford County; view a map of "colored schoolhouses" and a bibliography of African American history of Harford County.

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**Howard County  
Ellicott City Colored School**

<http://ellicottcitycoloredschool.net/index.html>

Learn about the history of the first school built for African American students with public funds in Howard County.

**Prince George's County  
Freedom's Classroom, From Reconstruction to Brown vs. Board of Education  
1874-1954, The Schools at Clinton & Rosaryville**

[www.poplarhillonhik.com](http://www.poplarhillonhik.com)

(Click on African Americans scroll down to Freedom's Classroom)  
Featured are the historic schools of Clinton and Rosaryville, whose students include the descendants of free and enslaved blacks of the estate Poplar Hill, His Lordship's Kindness.

**Saving the Rosenwald Schools: Preserving African American History**

[www.aliciapatterson.org/APF2004/Granat/Granat.html](http://www.aliciapatterson.org/APF2004/Granat/Granat.html)

Learn about historic black schools of Prince George's County that were funded by the noted philanthropist Julius Rosenwald.

**With Little Deliberate Speed:  
School Integration in Prince George's County, Maryland**

<http://odur.let.rug.nl/~usa/E/integration/integr3.htm>

This paper explores the use and dismantling of "freedom of choice plans" in the Prince George's County public school system.

**Rosenwald Schools Initiative**

[www.rosenwaldschools.com/history.html](http://www.rosenwaldschools.com/history.html)

This website gives a history of Rosenwald schools, origins of the program at Tuskegee and statistics of the schools throughout the South.

**State of Maryland  
Donald Gaines Murray and the integration  
of the University of Maryland School of Law**

[www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/specialcollections/murray](http://www.law.umaryland.edu/marshall/specialcollections/murray)

This website looks at the court case of the first African American to enter the University of Maryland Law School and includes judicial opinions, court documents and legal correspondence.

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**ETHNOGRAPHY**

***African American Heritage & Ethnography***

**[www.cr.nps.gov/ethnography/aah/AAheritage/](http://www.cr.nps.gov/ethnography/aah/AAheritage/)**

This extensive self-guided course from the National Park Service includes a unit entitled *Africans in the Chesapeake*.

**GENEALOGY**

***African American Cemeteries Online***

**[www.africanamericancemeteries.com](http://www.africanamericancemeteries.com)**

This nationwide directory allows users to donate and view the records of Maryland African American cemeteries including sites in Dorchester, Howard, Montgomery and Somerset counties.

**African American Research Guide  
for the St. Mary's County Historical Society**

**<http://home.md.metrocast.net/~smchs/>**

An African American research guide to genealogy sources at the St. Mary's County Historical Society.

***Afro-American Historical & Genealogical Society  
Agnes Kane Callum, Baltimore Chapter***

**[www.baahgs.org](http://www.baahgs.org)**

The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society is the largest African American genealogy organization in the country. Learn about the activities of the Baltimore Chapter named after historian Agnes Kane Callum.

**Blacks Residing in Baltimore**

**[www.afrigeneas.com/library/baltimore/](http://www.afrigeneas.com/library/baltimore/)**

This weblink by noted author Louis S. Diggs contains names of "colored householders" from Baltimore City Directories between 1810 and 1866.

***1832 Census-Colored People of Somerset County, Maryland***

**[www.shoreweb.com/cindy/census/1832.htm](http://www.shoreweb.com/cindy/census/1832.htm)**

View the full names and ages of free African Americans of Somerset County as recorded on August 28, 1832, by George Handy.

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### Emigrants to Liberia 1820-1843

[www.disc.wisc.edu/Liberia/pdfs/alphalist.html](http://www.disc.wisc.edu/Liberia/pdfs/alphalist.html)

This alphabetical listing from the University of Delaware & the Liberian Studies Association, records numerous Marylanders who took part in the colonization movement to Liberia. Categories listed include name, age, origin, occupation, cause of death, names of ships, and dates of departure and arrival.

### *Free African Americans of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Maryland and Delaware*

[www.freeafricanamericans.com](http://www.freeafricanamericans.com)

View records of free African Americans of the Upper South as recorded by author and genealogist Paul Heinegg.

### *Maryland Genealogy, MdGenWeb*

[www.mdgenweb.org](http://www.mdgenweb.org)

This state website is a must for all researching Maryland genealogy.

### The Newberry Library (Chicago)

#### A Bibliography of African American Family History for Maryland

[www.newberry.org/genealogy/AF-AMER-BIB/maryland.html](http://www.newberry.org/genealogy/AF-AMER-BIB/maryland.html)

View a bibliography on Maryland African American genealogy compiled by this famous Chicago based independent research library which includes 17,000 genealogies among its collections.

## HISTORIC MARKERS, MONUMENTS & SITES

### The Historical Marker Database

[www.hmdb.org](http://www.hmdb.org)

This online catalog of roadside markers, monuments and plaques contains a lot of black history material--type *Maryland* in the search engine. Also browse various categories including "African Americans" and "Abolition and the Underground Railroad".

### *Maryland Historical Trust*

[www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/](http://www.marylandhistoricaltrust.net/)

(Click on National Register Search, followed by African-American sites)

Find inventories of Maryland's African American historic sites listed on the National Register.

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### JOURNALISM

#### The Afro-American

[www.afro.com](http://www.afro.com)

(Scroll down and click on history)

The website of the *Afro-American*, one of the nation's notable black newspapers includes 8 online exhibits: *Black Resistance...Slavery in the U.S.*, *The Tuskegee Airmen*, *Jackie Robinson*, *The Black Panther Party*, *Black or White*, *The Million Man March*, *The Scottsboro Boys* and *This Is Our War*.

### Calvert County

#### The Heritage of Calvert County, Maryland for the Young Reader

[www.somd.lib.md.us/calvertheritage/book.html](http://www.somd.lib.md.us/calvertheritage/book.html)

This website introduces young readers to the founding of Calvert County and includes information on agriculture, Native American life, slavery and Albert Gantt, a black Civil War Union soldier.

### LAW

#### *Color at the Bar:*

#### *The Rise of African-Americans in the Maryland Legal System*

[www.mpt.org/programsinterests/mpt/colorathebar/](http://www.mpt.org/programsinterests/mpt/colorathebar/)

This MPT website documents the experiences of black lawyers and judges beginning with Everett J. Warring, the first black attorney allowed to practice in Maryland courts (1885).

### MARITIME LIFE

#### *Blacks of the Chesapeake*

[www.dnr.state.md.us/irc/boc.html](http://www.dnr.state.md.us/irc/boc.html)

Learn about African American watermen who have been plying the Chesapeake for more than 200 years.

### The MILITARY

#### *Charles Sumner Post,*

#### *African American Civil War Veterans Post of Kent County*

[http://starrcenter.washcoll.edu/eventsandprograms\\_charlessumner.html](http://starrcenter.washcoll.edu/eventsandprograms_charlessumner.html)

This webpage documents the participation of over 450 plus enslaved and free blacks from Kent County, Maryland who served in the Civil War, and the establishment of a local branch of the Grand Army of the Republic in Chestertown.

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### MEDICINE & SCIENCE

**Benjamin S. Carson M.D.**

[www.achievement.org](http://www.achievement.org)

(Click on Select Achiever and look for Carson's name)

Listen to an interview conducted with neurosurgeon Dr. Benjamin S. Carson of Johns Hopkins Hospital who made medical history in 1987 when he separated a pair of Siamese twins.

**Vivien T. Thomas, L.L.D**

**The Blue Baby Operation**

[www.medicalarchives.jhmi.edu/page1.htm](http://www.medicalarchives.jhmi.edu/page1.htm)

Learn the key role surgical technician Vivien Thomas played with surgeon Alfred Blalock and cardiologist Helen Taussig in performing the "blue baby" operation to treat tetralogy of the heart.

### *The Samuel B. Massie Chairs of Excellence Program*

[www.doe-hbcu-massie-chair.com/whoweare.htm](http://www.doe-hbcu-massie-chair.com/whoweare.htm)

Named after the Naval Academy's first African American professor, this website promotes partnerships and outreach in environmental sciences.

### MUSIC

#### *Shuffle Along: The Eubie Blake Collection*

[www.mdhs.org/eubieblake](http://www.mdhs.org/eubieblake)

Explore the sheet music, letters, biography, and photos of Eubie Blake, a Baltimore native and pioneering composer of ragtime, jazz and popular music.

#### *Sound & Stories: The Musical Life of Maryland's African-American Communities*

[www.peabody.jhu.edu/sas](http://www.peabody.jhu.edu/sas)

#### *The Storm is Passing Over: Celebrating the Musical Life of Maryland's African-American Community from Emancipation to Civil Rights*

[www.peabody.jhu.edu/archives/storm](http://www.peabody.jhu.edu/archives/storm)

Both websites listed above explore the musical heritage of African Americans of Maryland in jazz, gospel, blues and symphonic music.

### POLITICAL HISTORY

#### *The Road from Frederick to Thurgood: Black Baltimore in Transition 1870-1920*

[www.mdarchives.state.md.us](http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us)

(Go to general information, click on Museum Online, click on Museum Online again, look for "Religious & Civil Freedom Under Law" and scroll down to The Road from Frederick) This website is a political history of Baltimore's African American community.

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**RELIGIOUS LIFE**

***The Oblates Sisters of Providence***  
**[www.oblatesisters.com](http://www.oblatesisters.com)**

Learn about the rich history of America's first order of religious women of African descent, the Oblate Sisters of Providence in Baltimore.

**SLAVERY & THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD**  
***“Abolitionists, Free Blacks, and Runaway Slaves:  
Surviving Slavery on Maryland’s Eastern Shore.”***  
**[www.udel.edu/BlackHistory/abolitionists.html](http://www.udel.edu/BlackHistory/abolitionists.html)**

Salisbury University Professor Clara Small traces the plight of enslaved and free blacks, and Quakers to fight against the “peculiar institution” on the Eastern Shore.

***Pathways to Freedom: Maryland & the Underground Railroad***  
**<http://pathways.thinkport.org/flash/>**

Explore the Underground Railroad with Maryland Public Television.

***Runaway Slave Ads, Baltimore County, Maryland 1842-1863***  
**[www.afrigeneas.com/library/runaway\\_ads/balt-intro.html](http://www.afrigeneas.com/library/runaway_ads/balt-intro.html)**

Browse these primary records on 19<sup>th</sup> century slave ads posted in the *Baltimore Sun*.

***The Study of the Legacy of Slavery in Maryland***  
**[www.mdslavery.net](http://www.mdslavery.net)**

This extensive website from the Maryland State Archives features exhibits, primary source material and information on the contributions of African American Marylanders during the antebellum era.

**WOMEN**

**Maryland Women’s Heritage Center**

**[www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org/trail.htm](http://www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org/trail.htm)**

Browse this website which includes the stories of a number of notable African American women of Maryland.

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