



RECOMMENDED READING:

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY AT ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY

Check out these resources if you are interested in learning more about African American history at Arlington National Cemetery.

THE ARLINGTON FREEDMAN'S VILLAGE

- "A Guide to the African American Heritage of Arlington County, Virginia." Published by the Arlington Department of Community Planning, Housing and Development, 2016. <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/wp-content/uploads/sites/31/2016/09/A-Guide-to-the-African-American-Heritage-of-Arlington-County-Virginia.pdf>
- "Beyond the Plantation: Freeman, Social Experimentation, and African American Community Development in Freedman's Village, 1863-1900," by Lindsey Bestebreurtje. Published in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, vol. 126, no. 3 (2018): 334-65. <https://www.jstor.org/stable/10.2307/26478281>
- "Built by the People Themselves—African American Community Development in Arlington, Virginia, from the Civil War through Civil Rights," by Lindsey Bestebreurtje. Dissertation, George Mason University, March 27, 2017. http://mars.gmu.edu/bitstream/handle/1920/11125/Bestebreurtje_gmu_0883E_11369.pdf
- "How Arlington National Cemetery Came to Be," by Robert Poole. Published in *Smithsonian Magazine*, November 2009. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/how-arlington-national-cemetery-came-to-be-145147007/>

THE FREEDPEOPLE OF SECTION 27

- "African-American Civilians Interred in Section 27 of Arlington National Cemetery, 1865-1867," by Timothy Dennee. Paper presented at 38th Annual Conference on D.C. Historical Studies, Goethe-Institut and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Washington, D.C., November 3-6, 2011. <https://38thdcstudiesconference.files.wordpress.com/2011/11/arlington-section27.pdf>
- "Freedpeople and the Federal Government's First Public Housing in Washington, DC.," by Kevin McQueeney. Paper presented at Society for History in the Federal Government Annual Meeting, National Archives and Records Administration Building, Washington, D.C., April 13, 2017. <https://shfg.wildapricot.org/resources/Documents/6-Freedpeople%20V2%20web.pdf>

THE SYPHAX FAMILY

- "How the African-American Syphax Family Traces Its Lineage to Martha Washington," by Allison Keyes. Published in *Smithsonian Magazine*, March 9, 2018. <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/how-african-american-syphax-family-traces-its-lineage-martha-washington-180968439/>
- "Syphax Descendants Interviews." Video interview on C-SPAN, August 9, 2016. <https://www.c-span.org/video/?414115-101/syphax-descendants-interviews>



LIFE AFTER EMANCIPATION

The Freedmen & Southern Society Project, part of the History Department of the University of Maryland, has collected thousands of primary source documents related to emancipation. We have listed some documents of particular interest here, but you can find more information about the full collection on the website:

<http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/index.html>

TREATMENT OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

- “Black Residents of Washington, D.C., to the U.S. Congress,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Cook%20et%20al.html>
- “Commander of U.S. Forces at Columbia, Louisiana, to the Headquarters of the Western District of Louisiana, Enclosing a Labor Contract between a Freedwoman and Her Former Owner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Webber.htm>
- “Delegation of Black Kentuckians to the President,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Roxborough%20et%20al.html>
- “Freedmen’s Bureau Agent at Brentsville, Virginia, to the Freedmen’s Bureau Superintendent of the 10th District of Virginia,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Hopkins.html>
- “Freedmen’s Bureau Superintendent at Chattanooga, Tennessee, to the Headquarters of the Freedmen’s Bureau Assistant Commissioner for Kentucky and Tennessee,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Lucas.html>
- “Georgia Freedwoman to the Freedmen’s Bureau Acting Assistant Commissioner for Georgia,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Hill.html>
- “Georgia Planter to the Freedmen’s Bureau Acting Assistant Commissioner for Georgia,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Fulton.html>
- “Michigan Black Sergeant to the Commander of the Department of South Carolina,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Robison.html>
- “Mississippi Freedman to the Mississippi Freedmen’s Bureau Assistant Commissioner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/MHoward.html>
- “Statement of a Mississippi Freedman,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Head.htm>
- “Testimony by a Northern Woman,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Barker.html>

LEGISLATION THAT LIMITED THE RIGHTS OF AFRICAN AMERICANS

- “Contract between a Georgia Planter and Georgia Freedpeople,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/McIntosh.html>
- “Contract between an Alabama Planter and Alabama Freedpeople,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Penick.html>
- “Mississippi Black Soldier to the Freedmen’s Bureau Commissioner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Holly.html>
- “Mississippi Freedpeople to the Governor of Mississippi,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/we%20the%20Colorde%20people.html>
- “Missouri White Farmer or Farm Laborer to a White Farmer,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Martin.html>



- “Ordinance by the Board of Police of Opelousas, Louisiana, as Printed in a New Orleans Newspaper,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Opelousas.html>
- “Plantation Regulations by a U.S. Treasury Agent,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/cozzens.htm>
- “Resolutions Adopted by a Meeting of Virginia Employers,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Elon%20resolutions.html>
- “Statement of a Maryland Freedwoman,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Kamper.html>
- “White Tennessean to the Freedmen's Bureau Superintendent of the Subdistrict of Memphis, Tennessee,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Williamson.htm>

AFRICAN AMERICANS EXERCISING NEW RIGHTS

- “Chaplain of an Arkansas Black Regiment to the Adjutant General of the Army,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Randall.html>
- “Committee of Freedmen on Edisto Island, South Carolina, to the Freedmen's Bureau Commissioner; the Commissioner's Reply; and the Committee to the President,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Edisto%20petitions.htm>
- “Freedmen's Bureau Inspector General for Missouri and Arkansas to the Freedmen's Bureau Assistant Commissioner for Missouri and Arkansas,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/DHWilliams.html>
- “Kentucky Black Sergeant to the Tennessee Freedmen's Bureau Assistant Commissioner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Sweeny.html>
- “Louisiana Freedmen to the Provost Marshal General of the Department of the Gulf, and Statement of the Commander of Camp Hoyt, Louisiana,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/Norvall.html>
- “Northern Teacher to the Freedmen's Bureau Commissioner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/J%20Johnson.htm>
- “Tennessee Unionist to the Tennessee Freedmen's Bureau Assistant Commissioner,” <http://www.freedmen.umd.edu/French.html>