AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE CIVIL WAR: THE UNDERGROUND RAILROAD

This is a selected guide of resources held in the University Libraries to support research on the Underground Railroad. To locate any of the listed materials, consult the online catalog or ask the librarian.

CLASSIFICATION OF MATERIAL:

The Library of Congress classification for the Underground Railroad is:
E441-453 - Slavery in the United States. Antislavery Movements

SELECTED RESOURCES

DICTIONARIES AND ENCYCLOPEDIAS

[African American Collection E450 .C38 2008]

[African American Collection E450 .H855 2006]

[African American Collection E450 .S65 2008]

DATABASES

African American Biographical Database
Brings together in one resource the biographies of thousands of African Americans, many not to be found in any other reference source. Contains extended narratives of African American activists, business people, former slaves, performing artists, educators, lawyers, physicians, writers, church leaders, homemakers, religious workers, government workers, athletes, farmers, scientists, factory workers, and more--both the famous and the everyday person. Their stories are pivotal to an understanding of the Black American experience over the last two centuries.
African American Newspapers: The 19th Century

America History and Life
America: History & Life covers United States and Canadian history from prehistory to the present. Includes current affairs, area studies, ethnic studies, folklore, historiography and methodology, international relations, oral history, prehistory, government and political science, popular culture, urban affairs, teaching of history, and interdisciplinary studies of historical interest and history-related topics in the social sciences and humanities.

American Memory: Historical Collections for the National Digital Library
Primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States.

American Slavery: A Composite Autobiography
A composite autobiography of the life histories of former American slaves including transcripts of actual slave interviews and sound files of ex-slaves discussing their lives in their own voices.

America's Historical Newspapers
America's Historical Newspapers provides access to newspaper articles from early American newspapers from 1690-1922, covering events from the early colonial period to the roaring twenties.

Biography and Genealogy Master Index
The Biography and Genealogy Master Index is a comprehensive index to more than 11 million biographical sketches in over 3000 volumes and editions of current and retrospective reference books, covering both contemporary and historical figures throughout the world.

Biography Index
A bibliographic database that cites biographical material appearing in periodicals indexed in other Wilson Company databases and additional selected periodicals, current books of individual and collective biography, and incidental biographical material in otherwise non-biographical books. Periodicals indexed are selected from all subject areas represented by other Wilson Company databases. Biographical subjects indexed range from antiquity to the present and represent all fields and nationalities.

Biography Resource Center + The Complete Marquis Who's Who
A comprehensive database of biographical information on more than one million people from throughout history, around the world, and across all disciplines and subject areas. It combines approximately 250,000 biographies from respected Gale Group sources with nearly one million biographies from The Complete Marquis Who's Who. The database also includes full-text articles from nearly 250 periodicals. Search for people based on one or more personal facts such as birth and death years and places, nationality, ethnicity, occupation gender, or combine criteria to create a highly-targeted custom search path.
Black Studies Center
The Black Studies Center provides current and historical materials for researching African Americans, the African Diaspora, and Africa. It is comprised of the following cross-searchable databases: (1) Schomburg Studies on the Black Experience provides interdisciplinary topics on the African experience throughout the Americas via in-depth essays accompanied by detailed timelines along with important research articles, images, film clips and more. (2) International index to Black Periodicals (IIBP) provides current and retrospective bibliographic citations and abstracts from scholarly journals and newsletters from the United States, Africa and the Caribbean, and full-text coverage of core Black Studies periodicals. (3) The Chicago Defender full text back file from 1910 to 1975. (4) Black Literature Index, the electronic index to the Black Literature microfiche collection. This index allows users to search over 70,000 bibliographic citations for fiction, poetry and literary reviews published in 110 black periodicals and newspapers between 1827-1940.

Black Thought and Culture
Black Thought and Culture contains 1,297 sources with 1,098 authors, covering the non-fiction published works of leading African Americans. Particular care has been taken to index this material so that it can be searched more thoroughly than ever before. Where possible the complete published non-fiction works are included, as well as interviews, journal articles, speeches, essays, pamphlets, letters and other fugitive material.

JSTOR
Full text of 100+ core research journals in many subject areas. Coverage starts at the beginning year of publication and includes all but the most recent years (as required by the publisher). Each year an additional year of currently published titles is made available. More subject areas and additional titles are being added regularly.

GOVERNMENT DOCUMENTS

[Federal Documents I 29.6/6:R 13]

[Federal Documents AE 2.110:105-203]

[Federal Documents Y 1.1/5:105-217]

[Federal Documents Online][full-text-http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS93634]
[Federal Documents Online][full-text-http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS5600]

[Federal Documents Online][full-text-http://purl.access.gpo.gov/GPO/LPS8362]

PRINT AND ELECTRONIC BOOKS

Allen, Thomas B. Harriet Tubman, Secret Agent: How Daring Slaves and Free Blacks Spied for the Union During the Civil War.
[African American Collection E444.T82 A73 2006]

Berry, Bertice. The Ties That Bind: A Memoir of Race, Memory, and Redemption.
[African American Collection E185.96 .B46 2009]

Blockson, Charles L. The Underground Railroad in Pennsylvania.
[African American Collection E445.P3 B58]

Bordewich, Fergus M. Bound for Canaan: The Epic Story of the Underground Railroad, America's First Integrated Civil Rights Movement.
[African American Collection E450 .B735 2005 copy 2]

Bradford, Sarah H. Harriet Tubman, the Moses of Her People.
[African American Collection E444.T82 B73 1993]

Bradley, David. The Chaneysville Incident: A Novel.
[African American Collection PS3552.R226 C5 1981]

Ferris, Jeri [et.al.]. Go Free or Die: A Story About Harriet Tubman.
[NetLibrary 1988]

[NetLibrary 2010]

[NetLibrary 2003]

Mosher, Kiki. Learning About Bravery from the Life of Harriet Tubman.
[NetLibrary 1996]

**PRINT AND ELECTRONIC JOURNALS**

**American History**
from 03/01/1997 to present in ProQuest Research Library (Legacy Platform)

**America's Civil War**
from 03/01/1998 to present in ProQuest Research Library (Legacy Platform)

**Black History Bulletin**
from 07/01/1997 to 12/31/1999 in ProQuest Research Library (Legacy Platform)
from 01/01/2001 to 12/31/2003 in ProQuest Research Library (Legacy Platform)
from 01/01/2002 to present in Academic OneFile, Black Studies Center, Expanded Academic ASAP, Gale U.S. History In Context, General OneFile, General Reference Center Gold and InfoTrac Student Edition

**Civil War History**
from 03/01/1997 to present in Academic OneFile, Expanded Academic ASAP, Gale Biography In Context, Gale U.S. History In Context, General OneFile and General Reference Center Gold

**Civil War Times (2002)**
from 03/01/1998 to present in ProQuest Research Library (Legacy Platform)

**Civil War Times Illustrated**
[Coleman- Periodicals-Shelved by Title]

**The Anti-Slavery Record**
[African American Collections E449 .A6239]

**The Liberator**
[Coleman-Microforms-Shelved by Title]

**The Liberty Almanac 1847-1852**
[African American Collections E449 .L685]

**ONLINE RESOURCES**

**African American Odyssey Free Blacks in the Antebellum Period**
http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/aaohtml/exhibit/aopart2.html

**Harriet Tubman Library of Congress**
http://www.americaslibrary.gov/aa/tubman/aa_tubman_subj.html
The Underground Railroad

The Underground Railroad Escape From Slavery Student Activity
http://teacher.scholastic.com/activities/bhistory/underground_railroad/

The Underground Railroad in Rochester, New York
http://www.history.rochester.edu/class/ugrr/home.html

Underground Railroad American Civil War History
http://americancivilwar.com/underground_railroad.html

Underground Railroad: a History of Slavery, Pictures, Information
http://www.nationalgeographic.com/railroad/

Underground Railroad Books and Links
http://undergroundrailroad.com/underground-railroad/history/readings/

Underground Railroad Resources at the Library of Congress
http://www.eiu.edu/eiutps/underground_railroad_loc.php