

## **Resource Guide to African-American History**

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### **Southern Maryland Studies Center**

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This resource guide provides information on a variety of materials available to interested scholars and the general public concerning African-American history from the colonial period to the mid-twentieth century. This is not a comprehensive list of materials, but rather a guide. Customers are encouraged to consult with SMSC staff about additional resources not listed. A list of web resources is also provided.

The books, manuscripts, and oral history collections listed in this guide can be found at the SMSC.

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## **BOOKS**

*The "Md" in the beginning of the call number indicates that the item is located in the Reading Room. Books, magazines and other materials in the Reading Room are non-circulating. Hours of operation are the same as the College Library and subject to changes in the College schedule of classes. During the semester the Reading Room is open Monday-Thursday, 8:00am-10:00pm; Friday, 8:00am-4:00pm; Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm; and Sunday, 12:00pm-4:00pm. Between semesters the Reading Room is open Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-7:00pm; Friday, 8:30am-4:30pm; Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm, and closed on Sunday.*

**1776 Census of Maryland.** Carothers, Bettie Stirling  
*Md HA 426 1776.C3*

**1776 Census of Maryland.** Carothers, Bettie Stirling  
*Md HA 426 1776.C37*

**Adams Family Reunion, Saturday, July 19, 1997, Hughesville, MD.**  
*Md CS 71.A32 A3 1997*

**African-American Heritage Survey, 1996.** Pearl, Susan G.  
*Md F 187.P9 P4 1996*

**Alexandria County, Virginia: Free Negro Registers, 1797-1861.** Provine, Dorothy S.  
*Md F 231.A4 P76*

**Alley Life in Washington: Family, Community, Religion, and Folklife in the City, 1850-1970.** Borchert, James  
*Md E 185.93.D6 B63*

**The American Slave: A Composite Autobiography, Supplement.** Series 2. v. 1  
Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Indiana, Kansas, Maryland, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Washington narratives. Rawick, George P.  
*Md E 444 .A45*

**An Analysis of Self-Esteem and Academic Achievement of Tri-Racial Isolate, Negro and Caucasian Elementary and Middle School Boys and Girls.** (1973)  
Jameson, Anne (Skone)  
*Md LC 203 .J3*

**Back of the Big House: The Architecture of Plantation Slavery.** Vlach, John Michael  
*Md E 443.V58 1993*

**The Black Experience in Maryland.** Rollo, Vera A. Foster  
*Md E 185.R6*

**Black Genesis.** Rose, James M.  
*Md CS 47.A1 R6*

**Black History: A Guide to Civilian Records in the National Archives.** Ham, Debra Newman  
*Md E 185.A1 N48*

**Black jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail.** Bolster, W. Jeffrey  
*Md VK 221.B65 1997*

**Black Marylanders: A History for Children.** Cole, A. Robert  
*Md E 185.96.C6*

**Black Studies: A Select Catalog of National Archives Microfilm Publications.**  
National Archives and Records Service  
*Md E 185.A1 U56*

**The Boone Slaves** [Manuscript]. Boone, Richard Grantley  
*Md CT 239.B66*

**But Now When I Look Back.** Hammer, Andrea  
*Md E 185.93.M2 1988*

**The Butler Family of Southern Maryland.** Williams, J.F.  
*Md CT 275.B876A14*

**A Chronology of the Life of Benjamin Banneker, Son of Maryland, 1731-1806.**  
Commission on Afro-American History and Culture  
*Md QB 36.B22 A4*

**Coal, Iron, and Slaves: Industrial Slavery in Maryland and Virginia, 1715-1865.**  
Lewis, Ronald L.  
*Md E 445.M3 L48*

**Colored Volunteers of Maryland, Civil War, 7th Regiment, United States Colored Troops, 1863-1866.** Callum, Agnes Kane  
*Md E 513.5 7th.C35 1990*

**Cultivation and Culture: Labor and the Shaping of Slave Life in the Americas.**  
Berlin, Ira and Morgan, Philip D.  
*Md HT 901.C85 1993*

**Dark Companion: The Story of Matthew Alexander Henson.** Robinson, Bradley  
*Md G 635.H4 R6 1997*

**The Distribution of Negroes in Maryland,1850-1950.** Buford, Carolyn Barnes  
*Md E 185.93.A15 B8*

**Early Maryland in a Wider World:** Why they came\_/ David B. Quinn -- Reluctant colonists / John Bossy -- The Lords Baltimore and the colonization of Maryland / Russell Menard and Lois Green Carr -- Indians and frontiers in seventeenth-century Maryland / Francis Jennings -- Masters, servants, and slaves in colonial Chesapeake / Richard S.Dunn -- Early maps of the Chesapeake Bay area / William P.Cumming.  
*Md F 184.E16*

**The Education of Blacks in Maryland: A Historical Survey.** Gregory, Clarence  
Kenneth *Md LC 2802.A15 G7*

**Emancipation in Maryland.** Crowl, John Allen  
*Md E 453.C7*

**Ethnic Genealogy: A Research Guide.** Smith, Jessie Carney  
*Md CS 49.E83 1983*

**Father Henson's Story of His Own Life.** Henson, Josiah  
*Md E 450.H4 H42 1973*

**The Final Report and Recommendations of the Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture.** Maryland Commission on Negro History and Culture [1971]  
*Md E 185.M3*

**Free African Americans of Maryland 1832: Including: Allegany, Anne Arundel, Calvert, Caroline, Cecil, Charles, Dorchester, Frederick, Kent, Montgomery, Queen Anne's, and St. Mary's Counties.** Hynson, Jerry M.  
*Md E 185.86.H95 2000*

**The Free Negro in Maryland,1634-1860.** Wright, James Martin  
*Md E 185.93.M2 W7 1971*

**From Servants to Slaves: The Transformation of the Chesapeake Labor System.** Menard, Russell R.  
*Md HT 901.M4*

**Hearth and Home, Preserving A People's Culture.** McDaniel, George W.  
*Md F 182.M32*

**The Heritage Within Us: The Butler Family of Pamunkey Neck, Charles County, Maryland.** Williams, James Frank  
*Md CT 275.B876 A14 1992*

**Homelands and Waterways: The American Journey of the Bond Family, 1846-1926.** Alexander, Adele Logan  
*Md E 185.96.A47 1999*

**Judicial Cases Concerning American Slavery and the Negro.** Tunnicliff-Catterall, Helen and Hayden, James J.  
*Md KF 4545.S5 J83 1926*

**Judicial Cases Concerning American Slavery and the Negro: Maryland Cases.** Tunnicliff-Catterall, Helen and Hayden, James J.  
*Md KF 4545.S5 J83 1936*

**Leaves Upon the Same Old Tree: The Dent Family of Charles and St. Mary's Counties; and Baltimore City, Maryland, 1790-1992.** Brown, Sandra Rounette Oliver  
*Md CT 275.D458*

**Maryland Colonization Society Manumission Book: 1832-1860.** abstracted by Hynson, J. M.  
*Md E 185.86.M3 2001*

**Maryland in Africa: the Maryland State Colonization Society, 1831-1857.** Campbell, Penelope  
*Md E 448.C17 1971*

**Metropolitan United Methodist Church history: 1868-1989.** (Author Unknown)  
*Md BX 8436.M6*

**The Mighty Revolution: Negro Emancipation in Maryland, 1862-1864.** Wagandt, Charles Lewis  
*Md E 185.2.W3*

**The Negro in Maryland: A Short History.** Rollo, Vera A. Foster  
*Md E 185.93.M2 R64*

**The Negro in Maryland: A Study of the Institution of Slavery.** Brackett, Jeffrey Richardson  
*Md E 445.M3 B73*

**The Negro in Maryland Politics, 1870-1912.** Callcott, Margaret Law  
*Md JK 1924.C34*

**Notes on the Progress of the Colored People in Maryland Since the War.** Brackett, Jeffrey Richardson  
*Md E 185.93.M2 B7 1971*

**On One Accord: Singing and Praying Bands of Tidewater Maryland and Delaware.** [sound recording] recorded at church services in various churches in Maryland.  
*Md M 1671.O5 1992 doc m*

**The Origins and Early Development of Slavery in Maryland, 1633-1715.** Cassimer, Raphael  
*Md E 448.C38*

**The Origins of Afro-American Society in Tidewater Maryland and Virginia, 1700 to 1790.** Kulikuff, Allan  
*Md E 185.86.O7 1978*

**Persistence, Perseverance and Progress: History of African American Schools in Calvert, County, Maryland, 1865-1965.** Goddard, Richlyn F.  
*Md LC 2802.M3 G6 1995*

**The Pomonkeyan: Class of 1943.** Pomonkey High School Students, Class of 1943  
*Md LB 3621.5.P55*

**The Problem of Slave Community in the Eighteenth-Century Chesapeake.** Lee, Jean Butenhoff  
*Md E 445.M3 P7*

**The Quanders United Tricentennial Celebration, 1684-1984; June 22, 23, and 24, 1984, Washington, D.C.** The Quander Family  
*Md CT 275.Q3 A13 1984*

**Records and Recollections : Early Black History in Prince George's County, Maryland.** Floyd, Bianca P.  
*Md E 185.93.M2F55 1989*

**Roots of Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow.** Afro-American Heritage Society of Charles County  
*Md E 185.5.F4*

**Runaway Slave Advertisements: A Documentary History from the 1730's to 1790.** Volume 1: Virginia and North Carolina, Volume 2: Maryland, Volume 3: South Carolina, Volume 4: Georgia. Windley, Lathan A.  
*Md E 446.W73 1983 v2*

**Slave Genealogy: A Research Guide with Case Studies.** Streets, David H  
*Md E 185.96.S817 1986*

**Slave Narratives: A Folk History of Slavery in the United States from Interviews with Former Slaves.** St. Clair Shores, MI, Scholarly Press, 1976. v. 1-2. South Carolina narratives. --v. 3-4. Texas narratives.--v. 5. Alabama and Indiana narratives.--v. 6. Oklahoma and Mississippi narratives.--v. 7-9. Arkansas narratives.--v. 10. Arkansas narratives. Missouri narratives.--v. 11-12. Georgia narratives.--v. 13-14. North Carolina narratives.--v. 15. Kansas, Kentucky, and Maryland narratives.--v. 16. Ohio, Virginia, and Tennessee narratives.--v. 17. Florida narratives. [Federal Writers' Project].  
*Md E 444.F27 1976*

**Slave Statistics of Saint Mary's County, Maryland, 1864.** Callum, Agnes Kane  
*Md F 187.S2 C36 1993*

**Slaveholding and Indentured Servitude in Seventeenth Century Maryland: 1674-1699.** Payne, Philip Marshall  
*Md E 446.P3*

**Slaveholdings in Maryland, 1695-1775.** Sharrer, George Terry  
*Md E 446.S5*

**Slavery and Freedom in the Age of the American Revolution.** Berlin, Ira and Hoffman, Ronald  
*Md E 446.S62 1983*

**Slavery and the Rise of the Atlantic System.** Institute for Afro-American Research  
*Md HT 855.S58 1991*

**Slavery in the Chesapeake Iron Industry, 1716-1865.** Lewis, Ronald L.  
*Md HD 9517.A2 L4*

**Southern Roads/City Pavements: Photographs of Black Americans.** Freeman, Roland  
*Md E 185.86.F7*

**The South's Role in the Creation of the Bill of Rights.** Greene, Jack P.  
*Md KF 4545.S5 S68 1991*

**The Story of Matthew Henson: First Man to Reach the North Pole.** Bacchus, Joan  
*Md G 635.H4 1983*

**Three Hundred Years of Black Cooking in St. Mary's County, Maryland.** Citizens for Progress, Leonardtown, Md.  
*Md TX 703.S2 C5*

**Tobacco and Slaves: Populations, Economy and Society in 18th Century Prince George's County, Maryland.** Kulikoff, Allan Lee  
*Md E 445.M3 P958*

**Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800.** Kulikoff, Allan Lee  
*Md HC 107.A12 K85 1986*

**United States Naval Ordnance Station, Indian Head, Md.: A Series of Views, no. 1-3.** *Md VF 383.I54 U5P*

**A Walk to Freedom: A Conversation with Louise Daniel Hutchinson and George F. Jones** [Video recording] Hutchinson, Louise Daniel and Jones, George F.  
*Md E185.W3 1993 doc rm*

**Washington from Banneker to Douglass, 1791-1870.** Brown, Letitia W  
*Md NX 427.W3 B7*

**Wider Windows to the Past: African-American History from A Family Perspective.** Lucas, Ernestine Garrett  
*Md E 185.96.L83 1995*

**Willing Helpers Society: 1903-1995.** The Willing Helpers Society of La Plata  
*Md HS 1510.W555 W5 1983*

**Young Frederick Douglass: The Maryland Years.** Preston, Dickson J.  
*Md E 449.D75 P74*



## **MICROFILM**

*The microfilm is located in the black cabinet, at the end of the first row of books in the Reading Room. There is one, non-printing microfilm reader in the Reading Room and one printing reader in the Microfilm Room, LR210.*

**Population Schedules of the Eighth Census of the United States, 1860: roll 484, Maryland, Slave Schedules, volume 1, Allegany [through] Howard Counties.**

National Archives

*Md HA 421 1860.PC1a Slave*

**Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: roll 302 (slave schedules), Queen Anne's, St. Mary's, Somerset, Talbot, Washington, and Worcester Counties.**

National Archives

*Md HA 421 1850.PC1c S2 Slave*

**Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: roll 301, Maryland (slave schedules), Dorchester, Frederick, Harford, Kent, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties,**

National Archives

*Md HA 421 1850.PC1b P9 Slave*

**Population Schedules of the Seventh Census of the United States, 1850: roll 300, Maryland slave schedules, Allegany [through] Charles Counties.**

National Archives

*Md HA 421 1850.PC1a Slave*

**Charles County Register of Wills, Certificates of Freedom, 1826-1860.**

Microfilm number: CR 47,246-2

## **MANUSCRIPT COLLECTIONS**

*The following collections are located in the SMSC Archive and are available Monday-Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Customers must fill out a registration form before using the collections.*

### **J. Bruce Kremer Collection**

Documents and photocopies relating to Charles County history including receipts, lottery tickets, lists of slaves, and surveys. Prominent Charles County surnames include Stone, Contee, Craik, and Hanson. *(Inventory available)*

### **Michael Mazzeo Collection (20<sup>th</sup> Century)**

Written materials [what kind of materials? Hand written notes, typed manuscript, etc.] and newspaper clippings on the history of Charles County. Histories of Nanjemoy Creek, Port Tobacco, indentured servants, the Maryland Line (American Revolution), Maryland's 350th, churches, black history, La Plata tornado, schools, historic St. Mary's County, towns; genealogy; history homes. Programs from the So. Maryland Concert Band programs, graduation announcements & programs from local schools; a booklet about the Naval Powder Factory in Indian Head.

### **The Hamiltons of Port Tobacco Collection (18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

This collection consists of correspondence, diaries, journals, and published materials. The bulk of the collection relates to the years 1825-1925. A few items date back to the late 18th century. Most of the collection is related to the lives of John Hamilton, his third wife, Mary Emily Hawkins of Prospect Hill, and their descendants.

Documents included in this collection are: Pages from the Hamilton family Bible and genealogical notes found in the collection; personal family letter; family accounts; John Hamilton's business papers from the 1820's-1880's; account books; ledgers; farm journals; diaries; printed advertisements, home health remedies from the 19th century; legal documents from court cases, suits, estate sales, inventories, equity cases, clerk of court business & debt collection requests; guardianship papers; doctor bills; store accounts; professional papers & business letters; 97 items regarding Frederick Stone, Charles County lawyer & member of Congress; information on Charles County merchants from 1798-1923; African American history from 1835-1893; plats/descriptions of Charles County properties; & a misc. collection of legal, mercantile & personal papers (many of the latter not directly related to the Hamilton family).  
*(Finding aid available)*

### **Charles County History, Bicentennial Edition (20<sup>th</sup> Century)**

Topics researched for the bicentennial edition of this book include: agriculture, transportation, towns and villages, religion, government, black history, education, sociality, folklore and legends, and genealogy.

### **Chapman Family Papers (18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

The collection dates from the 1830's to 1910.

Series 1: Photocopied papers of John Grantt Chapman, Chapman and Morris ledger book A (1815). Papers are divided into the following categories: personal; family; church; personal business; farm management; politics/United States Government; politics/local government; legal business; African-Americans; & misc. items.

Series 2: Photo of Normandy c. 1876. Documents include: a photo of Vue du L'Eau in Fairfax County, the Chapman family home; Conlin - Chapman legal & financial papers c. 1889 - 1902; Weaverton Manufacturing, Weverton, Maryland, c. 1840's - 1850's correspondence; Douai - McCawley genealogy (Conlyn connections); Conlyn - McCawley genealogy letters; copy of Normandy Farm survey, 1918; Chapman papers, receipts & correspondence, c. 1850's - 1890's; G.W. Berry receipts, 1902; Chapman - Conlyn papers, 1901 - 1940's; correspondence concerning the estate of Helen Pearson Chapman Conlyn, dated 1987 - 1988.

Series 4: Papers are primarily John Grant Chapman, Sr.'s & Andrew Grant Chapman's; extensive correspondence regarding Weaverton Manufacturing Company (Frederick County and Washington County); political correspondence; legal papers; fam accounts for Normandy Farm; family correspondence; University of Virginia school notebooks (1855-1858); & scrapbooks.

Series 5: Nomandy House floor plan, sketch, 1987; map of Nomandy Farm, October, 1918; photocopy of typed information from Chapman family records from an old family Bible; & genealogy of Chapman family.

Series 6: One letter dated January 20, 1829, from Thomas Johnson to John G. Chapman. (*Finding aid available.*)

### **Resolutions relating to Free People of Color 1832 (19<sup>th</sup> Century)**

The collection contains resolutions adopted by a meeting of the citizens of Charles County, Maryland, at Port Tobacco in relation to Free People of Color (free before 1863). There is no date on the document, although it was probably written in 1832. It deals with the slave insurrection in Virginia, lawlessness of free African-Americans, African colonization, employment of free African-Americans, efforts to prevent use of intoxicants, sale or rental of lands and opposition to African-American meetings.

### **James T. Slater Collection (20<sup>th</sup> Century)**

The collection contains biographical data on James T. Slater. There are autobiographical notes (two pages); an address entitle "Comments Concerning the Achievements of the late James T. Slater"; a typed copy of a deed dated April 7, 1922, for the "Colored Manual School"; a flyer from the Masonic Club dated May 30, 1934; a memorial service program with biography of Joseph C. Parks dated January 25, 1969;

and a receipt for a County Health Clinic located in the rear of the Colored High School, dated November 4, 1948.

### **Makle-Yates Family History Collection (19<sup>th</sup> Century)**

The collection contains information about James Makle, a volunteer in the United States Colored Troops in 1864, Benedict, Maryland. A videotape of a conversation with Louise Hutchinson and George Jones in the reading room of the studies center in February, 1993, concerning, "A Walk to Freedom", (Makle-Yates exhibit). A 54 minute audiotape, "Person to Person", WSMD radio, February 28, 1993, in which George F. Jones, Sr. and Louise Hutchinson are interviewed about their research into the life of James Makle, his relatives and descendants.

### **William Diggs Collection (20<sup>th</sup> Century)**

The collection contains newspaper obituaries and articles on the life and death of William Diggs. Includes documents, photographs, and audiotapes.

### **George Howard Post Collection (19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> Centuries)**

The collection contains "The Negro in Charles County, Maryland, 1870 to 1895", the senior thesis by George H. Post, University of Maryland, May, 1971. Research notes for the thesis; 1950's Hughesville school banner; copies of original photographs, negatives and proof sheet, original photographs; photocopies of genealogy chart, newspaper stories, 1916 automobile guide, plan for Bresnahan's addition, Benedict, 1926 (never developed), survey of an oyster bed, 1886. (*Inventory available*)

### **Maryland Independent Photograph Collection (20<sup>th</sup> Century)**

Collection contains photos from files of the *Maryland Independent* from the mid-1980's to mid-1990's sorted into subject categories. Subject categories are: African-American history, agriculture, arts and crafts, bridges, churches, cooks, cooking, cookbooks, historical re-enactments, special Olympics, local government, historic homes and sites; holidays, jousting, kids, music, occupations, organizations, business, VETS, volunteer rescue, fire department, Willing Helper's Society, Charles County fair, Physicians' Memorial Hospital (CIVISTA), police, recycling, openings, Cobb Island, Gilbert Run, Indian Head, La Plata, La Plata's Farmers' Market, Marbury, Swamp, Waldorf, water, White Plains; schools, CCCC (CSM), seniors, sports and the U.S. Navy.

## ORAL HISTORIES

*The following oral histories are located in the SMSC Archive and are available Monday-Friday, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Students, faculty, and staff can request that an interview be placed on reserve in the Library if they are unable to come when the Archive is open. Audiotapes cannot be checked out. Content guides are located in the Reading Room in file cabinet drawer, number 15. Customers must fill out a registration form before listening to the interviews. Audio equipment will be provided.*

- **Barbour, Dorothy W.**

Date of Interview: February 13, 1990

Subject: African-American education (1937-78), Ripley-Marshall's Corner area. Ms. Barbour attended La Plata Elementary School. She attended St. Joseph's Catholic Church, which was segregated at that time. Ms. Barbour attended Bowie School and Hampton Institute. She received her B.A. degree from Howard University. She first taught at Wicomico one-room school near Rt. 234.

- **Brown, William Douglas**

Date of Interview: June 4, 1990

Subject: Lives of the watermen, sheriff's deputy. Mr. Brown went to elementary and high school at Bel Alton. He became a full-time waterman when he was 12 years old. He joined the Charles County Sheriff's Department at age 34, where he became a bloodhound search office and trained the dogs himself. He retired from the sheriff's department after 20 years. He also worked for Wonder Bread as a driver for 13 years.

- **Carter, Nellie Gray**

Date of Interview: December 23, 1988

Subject: African-Americans, Education. Ms. Carter enrolled in Bowie College in 1925. She was sent to Marbury, Route 485. As a teacher, she was also janitor, nurse, and cafeteria worker. Ms. Carter took courses at Hampton Institute, Catholic University, Morgan State, and New York University. She received a B.A. degree.

- **Chesley, James S.**

Date of Interview: December 12, 1988

Subject: Indian Head Centennial. Mr. Chesley, a Charles County native and long-term resident of Pomonkey. He began work at the Naval Powder Factory in 1942. After serving in World War II, he returned to Indian Head but was unable to secure a position there until 1948. He was employed at the station until his retirement in 1976. Mr. Chesley served on the county school board.

- **Diggs, Rachael**

Date of Interview: November 28, 1978

Subject: Recollections of a Southern Maryland African-American woman, descendent of a slave. Ms. Diggs' mother was freed from slavery at 12 years of age. Ms. Diggs relates slavery stories as told by her mother, discusses runaway slaves

and the ramifications when they were found. Ms. Diggs recalls her mother smoking a pipe, singing spirituals at home and attending church meetings in slave cabins. Ms. Diggs was the mother of Mr. William Diggs, African-American historian.

- **Diggs, William**

Date of Interview: December 8, 1980

Subject: African-American Education in rural Maryland (1925 to integration); segregation; student and teacher viewpoints; Charles County education. Mr. Diggs taught at Crapo Elementary, Dorchester County; Mount Wesley, Snow Hill; Laurely, Baltimore County; Cottage Grove, Dundalk. He moved back to Charles County in 1947.

- **Diggs, William A.**

Date of Interview: July 14, 1992

Subject: African-American education and history. Mr. Diggs started teaching at age 18 in Dorchester County, then at Snow Hill in Worcester County from 1937 to 1944. He then taught in Baltimore County, Prince George's County at Chapel Hill and then at Oak Grover in Charles County. He retired in 1980. He founded the Afro-American Culture Center. He owned an impressive collection of African-American history documents and memorabilia. Much of the collection reflects the conditions of life in local servitude.

- **Diggs, William A.**

Date of Interview: December 12, 1988

Subject: Indian Head Centennial. Mr. Diggs was a native of Charles County. He attended elementary school in Chicamuxen and high school in Pomonkey. Mr. Diggs took summer courses in order to receive his teaching certificate. His first teaching assignments were in Dorchester County. He transferred to Worcester County. Spent time in Baltimore City Schools then returned to Nanjemoy. He continued his education at Bowie State Teachers' College and returned to teach at Bel Alton High School. He possessed a Master's Degree in Special Education and taught until his retirement in 1979.

- **Evans, Ethel L. & Golden R.**

Date of Interview: December 2, 1988

Subject: Indian Head Centennial. The Evans married in 1946. Both worked at Naval Surface Warfare Center and lived in Navy housing. The Evans recalled segregated workplaces. Specific jobs were for blacks and women. Mr. Evans was the first black to complete the Machine Shop apprentice program in 1951. He was not permitted to participate in the graduation ceremonies. The Evans recounted involvement with the NAACP and Freedom Riders.

- **Fowler, John Raymond**

Date of Interview: June 13, 1990

Subject: Watermen, Cobb Neck. Mr. Fowler began working with his father on the water at approximately nine years old in 1935. At 16 years old, he became the

family supporter when his father had to be hospitalized for eight years. He worked as a full-time waterman, mainly oystering and crabbing, until he started work as a government employee at Patuxent NATC. After retiring from government work, he did some construction work then returned to the water full-time.

- **Howard, Salome A.**

Date of Interview: May 20, 1990

Subject: African-American education, Pomfret area, NAACP. Ms. Howard was the only sibling of ten to attend college. She attended Xavier University on a four-year scholarship from the sisters at St. Francis de Sales High School in Powhatan, Virginia. She majored in health and physical education. After graduation, she did her internship as a teacher at St. Francis de Sales High School. Ms Howard taught basketball, softball, track, tennis and archery.

- **Jameson, Jerome Vincent**

Date of Interview: April 19, 1991

Subject: Farming, Construction, Charles County Courthouse custodian (1952-1985). Mr. Jameson began working on his family's farm when he was about five or six years old. The family's cash crops were tobacco, corn and wheat. He attended Grosstown School and Hughesville. T.C. Martin was the principal of Hughesville at that time. He was involved in the carpentry trade after high school (barn building). He began working in the Charles County Court House in 1952, and remained employed there for 33 years. He also worked for Charlotte Hall School. While working at the Charles County Court House, he was responsible for maintenance of the jails.

- **Johnson, Mary Seana (Maple)**

Date of Interview: April 1, 1982

Subject: Slot machine era, local African-American history. Ms. Johnson had a restaurant and tells how the 20% profit of three rented slot machines paid expenses. During WWII, she worked at Naval Ordnance Center (now known as the Naval Surface Warfare Center).

- **Kane, Sarah T.**

Date of Interview: December 15, 1988

Subject: Indian Head Centennial

- **Key, Benjamin Lawrence**

Date of Interview: May 5, 1981

Subject: African-American education in Charles County, Pomonkey School. Mr. Key attended Pomonkey Elementary and High School. He was very interested in reading. During the time he attended school, there was a lack of counseling and vocational education. He attended the Civilian Conservation Corps Camp. He retired from Civil Service.

- **Key, Bertha Williams**  
 Date of Interview: December 8, 1988  
 Subject: African-Americans, History and Education. Ms. Key went to Ohio University. Her first teaching job was in La Plata, Mt. Hope and Port Tobacco Elementary. She was the first black teacher in the county to have a M.A. degree. Ms. Williams went to college constantly. She received a B.A. and two M.A. degrees. She retired in 1973.
- **Knott, Donald & Fox, Clare**  
 Date of Interview: November 28, 1978  
 Subject: Recollections of a Southern Maryland African-American woman, descendant of a slave.
- **Marbury, Harold S.**  
 Date of Interview: February 6, 1991  
 Subject: Farming, Western Charles County, African-American farm life. Mr. Marbury was the oldest child of eight. He used to walk five miles or travel by mule to Metropolitan Church. His father died in a horse and buggy accident when Mr. Marbury was ten. He never went to a doctor as his mother made her own "tonic". Mr. Marbury did not attend high school. His family raised sweet potatoes as they had stopped growing tobacco in 1934. The family farm had pigs and milk cows. Mr. Marbury first got electricity in 1938. His first appliance was an icebox. Along with tending the family farm, Mr. Marbury worked as a laborer and heavy equipment operator at NSWC (NOS) for 27 years. As of the date of this interview, Mr. Marbury (at 79) was still working every day as a farmer.
- **Neal, Mary B.**  
 Date of Interview: December 6, 1988  
 Subject: Indian Head Centennial Celebration. Ms. Neal came to Charles County in 1929. She taught at Nanjemoy and transferred to Indian Head in 1931. She attended West Virginia Institute. Ms. Neal described the differences in lifestyles of Indian Head employees and rural Charles County farmers. School hours were from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., September through June. In 1945, she transferred to Bel Alton. She recounts experiences during integration in Charles County.
- **Neale, Mary Ellen**  
 Date of Interview: November 2, 1988 and December 9, 1988  
 Subject: African-Americans, Education. Ms. Neale lived in Charles County since 1929. While growing up, she knew nothing of segregation and attended a mixed school. She went to West Virginia Institute for teacher training, Hampton Institute and Morgan. Ms. Neale taught at Oak Grove School in Nanjemoy then to Indian Head in 1932 to teach at Swann Court on NSWC grounds. In the 1950's, Ms. Neale became the teacher in charge of the Port Tobacco School. Ms. Neale was one of three teachers who taught at Bel Alton School.



- **Parks, Lillian V.**  
 Date of Interview: March 8, 1991  
 Subject: Charles County, African-American education (1920-1961), J. C. Parks. Ms. Parks' father was J.C. Parks, a leading figure in African-American education. Ms. Parks graduated in 1962 from Pomonkey High School. She then attended Antioch College. She had wanted to be a mathematician, but became a guidance counselor.
- **Ross, Madeline Carroll; Jackson, Albert; Butler, Ludy Johnson; Dudley, Hazel Coates; and Cobey, Clarice Posey (senior citizens group in Nanjemoy.)**  
 Date of Interview: April 25 and 27, 1988  
 Subject: History, Life in Western Charles County. All narrators tell about neighborhood, growing up, hopes, health, school days, and family life.
- **Simmons, Edna Warren**  
 Date of Interview: March 24, 1988  
 Subject: History, Education. Ms. Simmons taught at McConchie School near Ironsides until 1954. When the new Port Tobacco School opened under consolidation, she taught there. Ms. Simmons had a first grade teaching certificate, and attended Morgan State, Bowie, Hampton Institute and Eastern Virginia State. Ms. Simmons taught grades one through seven at McConchie then taught for 11 years at Port Tobacco. She retired in 1968.
- **Stuckey, Luther H.**  
 Date of Interview: December 7, 1988  
 Subject: Indian Head Centennial. Luther H. Stuckey was the son for former slaves. He was born in 1894. After graduating from college in Columbia, South Carolina, he began his career as a teacher. In 1941, he began work at Indian Head in the Pipe Shop. Mr. Stuckey was a member of the American Federation of Government Employees, served as president of the local NAACP chapter and worked in local political campaigns.
- **Williams, Geraldine Hyde**  
 Date of Interview: April 10, 1981 & May 10, 1981  
 Subject: Port Tobacco, c. 1900-1940, African-Americans in Port Tobacco, McDonough Institute. Ms. Williams' father came to Port Tobacco when he was 19 years old and bought Mt. Bleak. He had 18 children and two wives. There was only one store in Port Tobacco at the time; it was owned by George Wade. Ms. Williams attended the Port Tobacco one-room red schoolhouse then went to McDonough Institute when she was 14 years old. Ms. Williams obtained her first teaching job at Marbury. Ms. Williams taught at Lackey from 1922 to 1926. During WWII, she was appointed as a lab technician at Indian Head in 1941. She received chemist status through an exam and later retired in 1966.

## **WEB RESOURCES**

Maryland State Archives (go to Education and Outreach – *Museum Without Walls*)  
[www.mdarchives.state.md.us](http://www.mdarchives.state.md.us)

The African-American Mosaic Exhibition (Library of Congress)  
[www.loc.gov/exhibits](http://www.loc.gov/exhibits)

Encyclopedia Smithsonian: African-American History and Culture  
[www.si.edu/resource](http://www.si.edu/resource)

African-American Pioneer Aviators  
[www.nasm.si.edu/blackwings](http://www.nasm.si.edu/blackwings)

Anacostia Museum Homepage  
[www.si.edu/anacostia](http://www.si.edu/anacostia)

Department of Defense Celebrates African-American History  
[www.defenselink.mil/specials](http://www.defenselink.mil/specials)

Blacks in Government, National African-American History Month  
[www.bignet.org](http://www.bignet.org)

Sukeek's Cabin, Jefferson Patterson Park Museum  
<http://www.dhcd.state.md.us/sukeek/sukeekintro1.htm>