

An Afro-Indigenous Descendant's Genealogy Resource List

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Below is a selection of recommended websites, articles, and books for those interested in exploring the complex histories of slavery in the North, Indigeneity, the contrasting roles of New Amsterdam/New Netherland under Dutch and British rule, paper genocide, and resistance. **This list is intended as a starting point.** I strongly encourage you to dive deeper—into archives, libraries, historical societies, and newspapers—to question established narratives, uncover what has been omitted, and help restore the stories of those erased from the historical record. Only by examining history from all perspectives can we truly understand how this nation came into being.

Suggested Resource List

Websites:

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/>

<https://our-land-our-stories.libraries.rutgers.edu/>

<https://ramapomunsee.net/>

<https://sandhillindianhistory.org/contact.html>

<https://scarletandblack.rutgers.edu/>

<https://rewirenewsgroup.com/2019/12/09/paper-genocide-the-erasure-of-native-people-in-census-counts/>

<https://native-land.ca/>

<https://narragansettindiannation.org>

<https://mashpeeewampanoagtribe-nsn.gov/>

<https://www.nipmucnation.org/>

<https://stolenrelations.org/>

<http://nrs.harvard.edu/urn-3:HUL.InstRepos:3153295>

<https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/files/7313/5067/3659/6.2.pdf>

https://archive.org/details/1619project/full_issue_of_the_1619_project

<https://pulitzercenter.org/lesson-plan-grouping/1619-project-curriculum>

<https://www.historicpathways.com/about.html>

<https://www.dar.org/library/research-guides/forgotten-patriots>

<https://www.whoisnickasmith.com/>

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<https://thebpog.org/>

<https://iaamuseum.org/>

<https://mytrueroots.blogspot.com/>

<https://familytreegirl.com/>

<https://bernicealexanderbennett.com/>

<https://latinogenealogyandbeyond.com/>

<https://lowcountryafricana.com/>

<https://www.african-nativeamerican.com/bioaywalton.htm>

<https://justthinking130.blogspot.com/>

<https://jamesrmorgan.com/about/>

<https://jaelyayagordon.contently.com/>

<https://michaelawillis.com/>

<http://ajourneytolegacy.com/>

<https://throughthetreesblog.tumblr.com/about>

<https://www.saintbonnewood.com/>

<https://www.creolegen.org/>

<https://taneyakoonce.com/blog-posts/>

<https://myrootsmyblog.wordpress.com/>

YouTube Videos:

Ezra Stiles, Census Making, and Indian Erasure in New England with Jason Mancini

<https://youtu.be/6lmSB5FkKOw>

Researching the Enslaved playlist) and episode on The Five Civilized Tribes

BlackProGen LIVE <https://www.youtube.com/@whoisnickasmith/playlists>

Finding Isaac Rogers with Nicka Smith

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJkZG2SKEKI>

Long Island and the Legacy of Eugenics with Mark Torres

<https://youtu.be/zk23Vqlz84Q?si=-NLTEfg5vluy2YXm>

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Reflections on the Revolution: Understanding Black and Indigenous Land & Waterscapes in History with Akeia de Barros Gomez

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wl2u6oJlzpE&t=3873s>

My Articles/Blogposts

Upcoming Articles:

"The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Westchester and Dutchess Counties, NY (Part 3)", (May 2025)

"Freedom, Fortune, and Fate: Remembering the Black Pugsleys of New Rochelle, NY (forthcoming)

"The Life and Times of Black Patriot Samuel Freeman: Born-Free, Enslaved During the American Revolution," (June 2025).

Published Articles:

"The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Westchester and Dutchess Counties, NY," (February, 2025)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/the-fate-of-the-black-loyalists-of-westchester-and-dutchess-counties-ny-part-2/>

"The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Westchester and Dutchess Counties, NY," (November 2024)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/the-fate-of-the-black-loyalists-of-westchester-and-dutchess-counties-ny/>

"Repairing Erasure: Indigenous and Paper Genocide," (January 2024)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/repairing-erasure-indigenous-identity-and-paper-genocide/>

"The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Fairfield County, CT, Part 2," (November 2023)
(<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/the-fate-of-the-black-loyalists-of-fairfield-county-ct-part-2/>)

"The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Fairfield County, CT," (August 2023)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/the-fate-of-the-black-loyalists-of-fairfield-county-ct-part-1/>

"A Revolutionary Breakthrough: Discovering Our van Salee Lineage," (Summer 2023)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/a-revolutionary-breakthrough-discovering-our-van-salee-lineage/>

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<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/denial-is-a-river-on-the-hudson-they-dont-know-jack/>

<https://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/may-the-circle-be-unbroken-the-fate-of-black-loyalist-toney-bartrams-daughter-nancy/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/a-look-at-northern-slavery-personified-the-greens-and-merritts-of-greenwich-ct/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/coming-to-the-table-in-honor-of-jack-husted/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/hangroot-was-our-hood-reclaiming-black-greenwich-history/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/we-stand-united-still-memories-of-the-byram-african-american-cemetery-in-18>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/2018/08/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/dna-doesnt-lie-the-denial-of-the-pepper-in-salted-histories/>

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/the-insidiousness-of-slavery-no-justice-and-the-van-wickle-slave-ring/>

Recommended Articles/Book Chapters

Indian Summer at Sand Hill: The Revy and Richarson Families of the Jersey Shore” by Claire Garland in *New Jersey Studies: An Interdisciplinary Journal*, Volume 9 , No. 1 (2023) Winter 2023 (p.168-224). <https://njs.libraries.rutgers.edu/index.php/njs>

The First Arrival of Enslaved Africans in New Amsterdam” by Japp Jacobs in *New York History*, Volume 104, Number, Summer 2023 (pp. 96-114).

"Erasure of Black Archaeology: Drowning Lands—An Intersection of Marginality," by Nohham Cachat-Schilling in *Ethical Archaeology*, January 10, 2024, <https://www.ethicarch.org/post/erasure-of-black-archaeology-drowning-lands-an-intersection-of-marginality>.

"Today in MA," by Nohham Cachat-Schilling in *Ethical Archaeology*, accessed February 4, 2025, <https://www.ethicarch.org/today-in-ma>.

“Can Genealogy be Racist? Identity, Roots & The Question of Proof” by Ellen Fernandez-Sacco, *Latino Genealogy and Beyond.com*, March 22, 2018. <https://latinogenealogyandbeyond.com/blog/can-genealogy-be-racist/>

”Extinction:The Historical Trope of Anti-Indigeneity in the Caribbean” by Maximillian C. Forte, *Issues in Caribbean Amerindian Studies*, Vol VI, No. 4, August 2004-August. <https://indigenouscaribbean.files.wordpress.com/2008/05/forteatlantic2005.pdf>

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The U.S. Census and the Contested Rules of Racial Classification in Early Twentieth -Century Puerto Rico" by Mara Loveman Caribbean Studies, Vol. 35, No. 2, Julio-Diciembre, Instituto de Estudios, pp. 79-114 <https://www.redalyc.org/pdf/392/39215017004.pdf>

"How Puerto Rico became White: Boundary Dynamics and Intercensus Racial Reclassification by Jeronimo O. Muniz and Mara Mara Loveman, American Sociological Review, Vol. 72, Issue 6, pp. 915-939. <https://bit.ly/3Kiz8Yf>

"Mobilizing Provincials for the War: The Social Composition of New York Forces in 1760" by Edward H. Kornblach in *New York History*, April 1997, Volume 78, Number2 (April 1997), pp. 147-172.

Wagman, Morton. "Corporate Slavery in New Netherlands" in *The Journal of Negro History*. Vol. 65, No.1 (Winter, 1980). pp 34-43.

Faucquez, Anne-Claire. Community-Building in the History and Memory of Slavery in Dutch New York. *New York History*, Vol.104, No. 1, p. 115–135, 2023.

Gomez, Michael A. Muslims, and the Indian Ocean: Preliminary Findings on the Connection via the Slave Trade. *Journal of African Development*; 13 (1-2, Spring 2011): 78–83.

John U. Rees, "A Capital Dish ..." *Revolutionary Soldiers and Chocolate*, n.d., <https://revwar75.com/library/rees/chocolate.htm>

"Londonderry Amego," *Glengarry Historical Society*, https://glengarryhistoricalsociety.com/dokusoft/!dgb/doku.php?id=londonderry_a.mego.

Malcolm Robertson, "Black Loyalists of Glengarry," *Glengarry Life*, no. 33 (1994): 21–24.

National Parks Service, "New Bedford Communities of Whaling: People of Wampanoag, African, and Portuguese Island Descent, 1825-1925." <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJkZG2SKEKI>

Selected Book List (Title/Author Only)

New Netherlands/New Amsterdam/Colonial New York

Our Land, Our Stories: Excavating Subterranean Histories of Ringwood Mines and the Ramapough Lunaape Nation by Anita Bakshi, ed.

The Colony of New Netherlands: A Dutch Settlement in Seventeenth-Century America by Jaap Jacobs

New Netherlands Connections: Intimate Networks and Atlantic ties in Seventeenth-Century America by Susanah Shaw Romney

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Before the Melting Pot: Society and Culture in Colonial New York City, 1664-1730 by Joyce D. Goodfried

Long Hammering: Essays on the Forging of an African American Presence in the Hudson River Valley to the Early Twentieth Century by A. J. Williams-Myers

"Reytory Angola, Seventeenth-Century Manahattan" by Susanah Shaw Romney (pp. 58-78) and "Sarah Chauqum, Eighteenth-Century, Rhode Island and Connecticut" by Mararet Ellen Newell in As If She Were Free: A Collective Biography of Woemn and Emancipation in the Americas, Edited by Erica L. Ball, Tatiana Seijas, and Terrell Snyder

Spaces of Enslavement: A History of Slavery and Resistance in Dutch New York by Andrea C Monsterman

Bound by Bondage: Slavery and the Creation of a Northern Gentry by Nicole Saffold Maiskell

The Pinkster King and the King of Kongo by Jeroen Dewulf

Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America and Generations of Captivity by Ira Berlin

Slavery and Freedom in the Mid-Hudson Valley by Michael E. Groth

Pirates, Merchants, Settlers and Slaves: Colonial America and the Indo-Dutch Atlantic by Kevin McDonald

The Island at the Center of the World: The Epic Story of Dutch Manhattan and the Forgotten Colony that Shaped America by Russell Shorto

Dutch New York Histories: Connecting African, Native and American Slave Heritage by Dienke Hondius, Nancy Jouwe, Dineke Stam and Jennifer Tosch

New York City Cartmen (1667-1850) by Graham Russell Hodges

African or American? Black Identity and Political Activism in New York City, 1784-1861 by Leslie R. Alexander

Albion's Seed: Four British Folkways in America by David Hackett Fischer

Brooklynites by Prithi Kanakamedala

New England

Complicity: How the North Promoted, Prolonged, and Profited From Slavery by Joel Long

Slavery in the North: Forgotten History and Recovering Memory by Marc Howard Ross

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Indigenous/African/Afro-Indigenous History in New England & Beyond

African American: Connecticut Explored Edited by Elizabeth J. Norman, with Stacey K. Close, Katherine J. Harris, and Wm. Frank Mitchell

Hartford's Ann Plato and the Native Borders of Identity by Ron Wellburn

Discovering Black Vermont: African American Farmers in Hinesburg, 1750-1890 by Elise A. Guyett

Beyond Conquest: Native Peoples and the Struggle for History in New England by Amy E. Den Ouden

The Negro in Colonial New England, 1620-1776 by Lorenzo J. Greene

Hartford's Ann Plato and the Native Borders of Identity by Ron Wellburn

Indigenous Continent: The Epic Contest for North America by Pekka Hämäläinen

Firsting and Lasting: Writing Indians Out of Existence in New England by Jean M. O'Brien

African Founders: How Enslaved People Expanded American Ideals by David Hackett Fischer

The Red Atlantic: American Indigenes and the Making of the Modern World, 1000-1927 by Jace Weaver.

Mr. And Mrs. Prince: How an Extraordinary Eighteenth Century Family Moved Out of Slavery Into Legend by Gretchen Holbrook Gerzina

Settler Colonialism: The Disavowal of Indigeneity and the Politics of Race in the United States by Kevi Bruyheel

An Afro-Indigenous History of the United States by Kyle T. Mays, Shaun Taylor-Corbett, et al.

Ties That Bind: The Story of an Afro-Cherokee Family in Slavery and Freedom by Tiya Miles

Tainos and Caribs: The Aboriginal Cultures of the Antilles by Sebastian Robiou Lamarche

Unfreedom: Slavery and Dependence in Eighteenth Century Boston by Jared Ross Hardesty

Unsettling Truths: The Ongoing, Dehumanizing Legacy of the Doctrine of Discovery by Mark Charles and Soong-Chan Rah

North Carolina's Free People of Color, 1715-1885 by Warren Eugene Milteer, Jr.

The Lumbee Indians: An American Struggle by Malinda Maynor Lowery

An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States by Roxane Dunbar-Ortiz

We Refuse to Forget: A True Story of Black Creek, American Identity, and Power by Caleb Gayle

The Myth of Indigenous Caribbean Extinction: Continuity and Reclamation in Boriken by Tony Castanha

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Africans and Native Americans: The Language of Race and the Evolution of Red-Black Peoples by Jack D. Forbes

Slavery in the Age of Memory: Engaging the Past and Museums and Atlantic Slavery by Ana Lucia Araujo

The American Discovery of Europe by Jack D. Forbes

A History of Connecticut's Golden Hill Paugussett Tribe by Charles Brilvitch

Blurring the Lines of Race and Freedom: Mulattoes & Mixed Bloods in English Colonial America by A. N. Wilkinson

Black Indian Genealogy Research: African-American Ancestors Among The Five Civilized Tribes, An Expanded Edition by Angela Y. Walton-Raj

Freedmen of the Frontier Volume 1: Selected Cherokee, Choctaw, & Chicasaw Freedmen Families by Angela Y. Walton-Raj

Freedmen of the Frontier Volume 2: Selected Creek and Seminole Freedmen Families by Angela Y. Walton-Raj

Black Lives Native Lands White Worlds: A History of Slavery in New England by Jared Ross Hardesty

The Saltwater Frontier: Indians and the Contest for the American Coast by Andrew W. Lipman

Brethren By Nature: New England Indians, Colonists, and the Origins of American Slavery by Margaret Ellen Newell (A must read)

Root & Branch: African Americans in New York & East Jersey, 1613-1803; Pretends to be Free: Runaway Slave Advertisements from Colonial and Revolutionary New York and New Jersey, and David Ruggles: A Radical Black Abolitionist and the Underground Railroad in New York City by Graham Russell Hodges

New England Bound: Slavery and Colonization in Early America by Wendy Warren

In the Shadow of Slavery: African Americans in New York City, 1626-1863 by Leslie A. Harris

Memories of Madagascar in the Black Atlantic by Wendy Wilson Fall

The Archaeology of Social Disintegration in Skunk Hollow: A Nineteenth Century Rural Black Community by Joan H. Geismar

Unnamed Figures: Black Presence and Absence in the Early American North by Emelie Gevalt, RL Watson, and Sade Ayorinde, eds.

Beyond the Boundaries of Childhood: African American Children in The Antebellum North by Crystal Lynn Webster

The Slaves of Central Fairfield Connecticut County: The Journey From Slave to Freeman in Nineteenth-Century Connecticut by Daniel Cruson

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African Americans of Martha's Vineyard: From Enslavement by Thomas Dresser

The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont, 1770-1810 by Harvey Amani Whitfield

Slavery and Universities

Slavery and Universities: Histories and Legacies by Leslie Harris, et. al.

Scarlet and Black: Slavery: Slavery and Dispossession in Rutgers History (Vol. 1) by Marisa J. Fuentes and Deborah Gray White, eds.

Scarlet and Black: Constructing Race and Gender at Rutgers, 1865-1945 (Vol. 2) by Kendra Boyd and Marisa J. Fuentes, eds.

Scarlet and Black: Making Black Lives Matter at Rutgers, 1845-2020 (Vol. 3) by Miya Carey, Marisa J. Fuentes and Debrah GrayWhite

Yale & Slavery: A History by DavidW Blight

Ebony and Ivy: Race, Slavery and the Troubled History of America's Universities by Craig Steven Wilder

The Legacy of Slavery at Harvard by The Presidential Committee on the Legacy of Slavery

Theoretical Framwork

Reckoning with Slavery: Gender, Kinship and Capitalism in the Early Black Atlantic by Jennifer L. Morgan

Scenes of Subjection: Terror, Slavery, and Self-Making in the Nineteenth Century by Saidiya Hartman

Saidiya Hartman, "Venus in Two Acts" in *Small Axe: A Caribbean Journal of Criticism*, Volume 3, Number 2, June 2008

Dispossessed Lives: Enslaved Women, Violence, and the Archives by Marisa J. Fuentes

Wicked Flesh: Black Women, Intimacy, and Freedom in the Atlantic World by Jessica Marie Johnson

Runaway Slave Ads/Resistance/Rebellion

Life of William Grimes, Runaway Slave by William A. Andrews and Regina E. Mason

The Book of Negroes: African Americans in Exile after the American Revolution (2021 edition), Edited by Graham Russell Hodges and Alan Edward Brown

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In Defiance: Runaways from Slavery in New York's Hudson River Valley 1735-1831 edited by Susan Stressin-Cohn and Ashley Hurlburt-Biagini

Running from Bondage: Enslaved Women and Their Remarkable Fight for Freedom in Revolutionary America by Karen Cook Bell

Flight to Freedom: African Runaways and Maroons in the Americas by Alvin O. Thompson

Fugitive Slaves and Spaces of Freedom in North America by Damian Alan Pargas, ed.

From Rebellion to Revolution: Afro-American Slave Revolts in the Making of the Modern World by Eugene D. Genovese

Black Rebellion in Barbados: The Struggle Against Slavery, 1627-1838 by Hilary Beckles

Slave No More: Self-Liberation before Abolitionism in the Americas by Aline Helg

Black Patriots and Loyalists: Fighting for Emancipation in the War for Independence by Alan Gilbert

Standing in Their Own Light: African American Patriots in the American Revolution by Judith L. Van Buskirk

The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution by William Cooper Nell

"They Were Good Soldiers" African -Americans in the Continental Army, 1775-1783 by John U. Dees

Resistance and Rebellion:

The World That Fear Made: Slave Revolts and Conspiracy Scares in Early America by Jason T. Sharples

American Founders: How People of African Descent Established Freedom in the New World by Christina Proenza-Coles

Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas by Sally E. Hadde

Rebellious Passage: The Creole Revolt and America's Coastal Slave Trade by Jeffrey R. Kerr-Ritchie

American Slave Revolts and Conspiracies: A Reference Guide by Kerry Walters

Tacky's Revolt: The Story of an Atlantic Slave War by Vincent Brown

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Slave Nation: How Slavery United the Colonies & Sparked the American Revolution by Alfred W. Blumrosen and Ruth G. Blumrosen

The Apocalypse of Settler Colonialism: The Roots of Slavery, White Supremacy, and Capitalism in Seventeenth-Century North America and the Caribbean by Gerald Horne

Voices of the Enslaved: Love, Labor, and Longing in French Louisiana by Sophia White

The Kidnapping Club: Wall Street, Slavery, and Resistance on the Eve of the Civil War by Jonathan Daniel Well

Slave no More: Self-Liberation before Abolitionism in the Americas by Aline Helg

The Voyage of the Slave Ship Hare: A Journey into Captivity from Sierra Leone to South Carolina by Sean M. Kelley

Rethinking Rufus: Sexual Violations of Enslaved Men by Thomas A. Foster

Sex, Power and Slavery by Gwyn Campbell and Elizabeth Elbourne, eds.

They Left Great Marks on Me: African American Testimonies of Racial Violence from Emancipation to World War I by Kidada E. Williams

The Counter-Revolution of 1776: Slave Resistance and the Origins of the United States of America by Gerald Horne