

African, Afro-Indigenous, and Native Maritime Resource List

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The following websites, articles, and books offer a starting point for those interested in exploring the history of maritime trade and its impact on Native, African, mixed-race, and Afro-Indigenous peoples. **These resources are just the beginning.** I encourage readers to go beyond them—delve into archives, libraries, historical societies, newspapers, account books, logbooks, and more. Revisit what has been written, question what has been omitted, and reclaim the stories of those who have been left out. Only by examining history from all perspectives can we truly understand how this nation came to be.

Research Tips:

Search online catalogs first to identify call numbers or digital copies.

1. Use finding-aids and inventories (often PDFs linked on these pages) to pinpoint specific series.
2. Contact archivists or reference librarians at each institution to assist with specialized queries (e.g., “daily account books,” “crew muster rolls,” “bills of lading”).
3. Leverage interlibrary loan or reproduction services for remote access to microfilm or digitized facsimiles.

General Websites on African and Indigenous People:

<http://radiantrootsboricuabranches.com/>

<https://ramapomunsee.net/>

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

<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/>

<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>

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

<https://dlas.uncg.edu/>

https://www.solddownriver.com/?page_id=7

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

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

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>

Reflections on the Revolution: Understanding Black and Indigenous Land & Waterscapes in History with Akeia de Barros Gomez <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WI2u6oJlzpE&t=3873s>

Researching Black Genealogy in a Digital World with Alex Trapps-Chabala <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=roa-PZk7QZY>

My Articles/Blogposts:

Upcoming Articles:

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

Upcoming Books:

Our Indigenous, African, and Afro-Indigenous Revolutionary War Ancestors (2026)

The DNA Trail from Madagascar to the Americas (2026)

Published Articles:

“The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Westchester and Dutchess Counties, NY, Conclusion,” (May 2025)

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“Freedom, Fortune, and Family: Remembering the Abolitionists Quaker Hannah Pugsley and Black Hannah Pugsley of New Rochelle, New York, Part 1,” (Spring, 2025)
<https://radiantrootsboricuabranched.com/freedom-fortune-and-family-remembering-the-abolitionists-quaker-hannah-pugsley-and-black-hannah-pugsley-of-new-rochelle-new-york-part-1/>

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

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

“The Fate of the Black Loyalists of Fairfield County, CT, Part 2,” (November 2023)
(<https://radiantrootsboricuabranched.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://radiantrootsboricuabranched.com/the-fate-of-the-black-loyalists-of-fairfield-county-ct-part-1/>

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

My Blog Posts:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Recommended Articles/Blog Posts/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>

The U.S. Cenus 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.

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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>

Jane Hooper, "Yankees in the Indian Ocean Africa: Madagascar and Nineteenth Century American Commerce,". *Journal of African Economic History* 46, no. 2 (2018)

Digital Resources

Maritime Databases

<https://www.rihs.org/guide-to-people-of-color/>

<https://www.rihs.org/collection/>

<https://www.whalingmuseum.org/research/research-resources/logbooks-journals/>

<https://www.newnetherlandinstitute.org/history-and-heritage/digital-exhibitions/voyages-of-new-netherland/using-the-database>

<https://indianoceanworldcentre.com/>

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

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

<https://exploringslavetradeinasia.com/>

<https://research.mysticseaport.org/databases/>

<https://www.rihs.org/object-thursdays-ships-log/>

<https://digitalcollections.nypl.org/divisions/spencer-collection/research.mysticseaport.org/databases/protection/>

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<https://nmdl.org/projects/aowv/>

<https://www.archives.nysed.gov/>

<https://www.maine.gov/sos/archives>

<https://library.brown.edu/create/cds/database-of-indigenous-slavery-in-the-americas/>

<https://nha.org/research/nantucket-history/history-topic/people/lost-at-sea/>

<https://guides.loc.gov/ship-registers/databases-and-external-sources>

<https://www.masshist.org/collection-guides/view/fa0387>

[https://www.nps.gov/nebe/learn/historyculture/upload/NEBE Ethnographic 1825-1925 FY22 508.pdf](https://www.nps.gov/nebe/learn/historyculture/upload/NEBE_Ethnographic_1825-1925_FY22_508.pdf)

<https://fromthepage.com/nharl/logs>

<https://seahistory.org/resources/>

[https://findingaids.library.nyu.edu/nyhs/pr100 maritime history collection/](https://findingaids.library.nyu.edu/nyhs/pr100_maritime_history_collection/)

<https://southstreetseaportmuseum.org/explore-the-collections/>

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

<https://www.archives.gov/research/military/logbooks/merchant-vessels.html>

<https://jamestownhistoricalsociety.org/jamestown-blacks-had-long-history-of-going-out-to-sea/>

Selected Book List (Title/Author Only)

Maritime Trade, Mercantilism, Capitalism, and Slavery

Dutch Transatlantic Slave Trade: New Methods, Perspectives, and Sources by Ramona Negrón, Jessica den Ouden, Camillia de Koenig, and Jarwan Farah-Black

Merchants & Empire: Trading in Colonial New York by Cathy Matson

Citizens of the World: London Merchants and the Integration of the British Atlantic Community, 1735-1785 by David Hancock

Captive Cosmopolitans: Black Mariners and the World of South Atlantic Slavery by Mary E. Hicks

Dark Matter: The Business of Slavery in Rhode Island by Christy Clark-Pujara

Yankees in the Indian Ocean, by Jane Hooper

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The Grey Undercurrent: Whalers and Littoral Societies at the Deep Beaches of Africa (1770-1920), by Felix Schurmann

The Business of Slavery and the Rise of American Capitalism, 1815-1860 by Calvin Schermerhorn

Inheriting the Trade: A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History by Thomas Norman DeWolf

Black Jacks: African American Seamen in the Age of Sail by W. Jeffrey Bolster

The Structure of Slavery in the Indian Ocean, Africa, and Asia by Gwyn Campbell

Sex, Power and Slavery, edited by Gwyn Campbell and Elizabeth Elbourne

Whaling Captains of Color: America's First Meritocracy by Skip Finley

Sailing to Freedom: Maritime Dimensions of the Underground Railroad by Timothy D. Walker

The Log Books: Connecticut's Slave Ships and Human Memory by Anne Farrow

Native American Whalers and the World: Indigenous Encounters and the Contingency of Race by Nancy Shoemaker

St. Eustatius: The Treasure Island of the Caribbean by Eric O. Ayisi

Banking on Slavery: Financing Southern Expansion in the Antebellum United States by Sharon Ann Murphy

New York City Cartmen, 1667-1850 by Graham Russell Hodges.

Whaling Masters, Federal Writers' Project of the Works Progress Administration of Massachusetts

The Slave Ship: A Human History by Marcus Rediker

The Rise of Atlantic Economies by Ralph Davis

Resisting Bondage in Indian Ocean Africa and Asia, ed. By Edward A. Alpers, Gwyn Campbell, and Micael Salman.

Surviving Slavery in the British Caribbean by Randy M. Browne

The Early Modern Atlantic Economy by John J. McCusker & Kenneth Morgan (eds.)

The Economy of British America, 1607-1789 by John J. McCusker & Russell R. Menard

On the Frontiers of The Indian Ocean World: A History of Lake Tanganyika, c. 1830-1890, by Philip Gooding

Leviathan: The History of Whaling in America by Eric Hay Dolin

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The Many-Headed Hydra: Sailors, Slaves, Commoners, and the Hidden History of the Revolutionary Atlantic by Peter Linebaugh and Marcus Rediker

Undercurrents of Power: Aquatic Culture in the African Diaspora by Kevin Dawson

In the Eye of All Trade: Bermuda, Bermudians, and the Maritime Atlantic World, 1680–1783 by Michael J. Jarvis.

The Common Wind: Afro-American Currents in the Age of the Haitian Revolution by Julius S. Scott

Sugar and Slavery: An Economic History of the British West Indies, 1623–1775 by Ruchard B. Sheridan

Pirates of the Slave Trade: The Battle of Cape Lopez and the Birth of an American Institution by Angela C. Sutton.

Atlantic Cataclysm: Re-thinking the Atlantic Slave Trades by David Eltis

The Gift: How Objects of Prestige Shaped the Atlantic Slave Trade and colonialism by Ana Lucia Araujo

Humans in Shackles: An Atlantic History of Slavery by Ana Lucia Araujo

Smugglers, Pirates, and Patriots: Free Trade in the Age of Revolution by Tyson Reeder

Ivory and Slaves: Changing Pattern of International Trade in East Central Africa to the Later Nineteenth Century by Edward A. Alper

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

Slavery at Sea: Terror, Sex, and Sickness in the Middle Passage by Sowande M. Mustakeem

The Driver's Story: Labor and Power in the World of Atlantic Slavery by Randy M. Browne.

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

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

Slave Ship Leusden by Leo Balai