



AMAZING FREE RESOURCES FOR AFRICAN AMERICAN GENEALOGY



Brister English Project

Bristerep.org

Visit the [resource page](#) for an incredible amount of links to working searchable databases. All databases are **free** and are specifically chosen for African American genealogy with an emphasis on slavery era records.

Links to: State specific archives, newspapers, university archives, museum archives, church archives, voter registrations, freedmen's records, government archives, Library of Congress archives, underground railroad records, slavery era insurance policies, military records, Caribbean records, Native American records, library archives, slave narratives, links to free databases from pay genealogy sites, links to other organizations with large collections, How-to resources and information.

DO NOT PASS THIS SITE UP! WOW!



Access Genealogy - Florida resources for black genealogy

accessgenealogy.com/florida-genealogy

A nice collection of links to various **free** records; census, military, cemetery, court, church, voter registration, auto registration, city records, land records, and many more! *There are also resources for other states.*



University of Florida Digital Collections – Florida Newspapers

<https://ufdc.ufl.edu/collections/fdnl1>

Free searchable database of historic Florida newspapers. Dates and newspapers available vary. New newspapers are added often. *Wonderful resource!*



University of Central Florida Library – ProQuest Historical Newspapers 1884 to Present

guides.ucf.edu/history-florida

Many great links including various **free** newspaper databases.



Internet Archive

archive.org

Links to resources on about any topic you can think of. This is a wonderful resource to find historical books, newspapers, and documents. All resources are **free**, some books may require you to make an account to borrow the full text. *To find newspaper collections: first search metadata for “Daytona news” (or whatever city). Click on the collection and then you can text search for surnames, locations, etc. Books also allow you to search the complete text.*



St. Augustine Historical Society

staugh.com/community/

A wonderful **free** collection of online records as well as links to other valuable resources. Check out the Research library for many available records online, as well as collections you can view when visiting or request copies of. Follow the link to their partnership with **Resilience: Black Heritage in St. Augustine** for even more resources. *When researching African American genealogy in this area, it is important to see what records may exist in St John’s county, as pre-emancipation records were often filed there.*



Reclaim the Records

Reclaimtherecords.org

Reclaim The Records, a new not-for-profit activist group of genealogists, historians, researchers, and open government advocates. They identify important genealogical records sets that ought to be in the public domain but which are being wrongly restricted by government archives, libraries, and agencies. They file Freedom of Information and Open Data requests to get that public data released back to the public. And if the government doesn't comply, they take them to court. Over 60 million records have been uploaded so far, for **free**!

Of interest to the African American researcher: Mississippi Death Index, Beneficiary Identification records (BIRLS) – veteran death files, Social Security applications and claims index, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Missouri, and Connecticut vital records. More being added regularly.



Florida Memory – State Library and Archives of Florida

Floridamemory.com

A wonderful **free** resource for all things Florida. Records, photographs, manuscripts, maps, video, and audio collections. Search by county, topic, city, surname, industry, for some great results!



The Florida Files

Floridafil.es.com

Lots and lots of great information and links to resources on this site. Links to various digital records are available under the archives section. All **free!**