



Universiteit
Leiden

The Netherlands

Contested mobility: free African Americans and the law in the U.S. South, 1790-1830s

Mertens, C.M.M.

Citation

Mertens, C. M. M. (2026, February 19). *Contested mobility: free African Americans and the law in the U.S. South, 1790-1830s*. Retrieved from <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/4291909>

Version: Publisher's Version

License: [Licence agreement concerning inclusion of doctoral thesis in the Institutional Repository of the University of Leiden](#)

Downloaded from: <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/4291909>

Note: To cite this publication please use the final published version (if applicable).

Bibliography

Primary Sources

- A Citizen of Baltimore. *Life of Elisha Tyson, the Philanthropist*. Baltimore: B. Lundy, 1825.
- A Slave-Coffle Passing the Capitol. Ca. 1860. Wood engraving. Library of Congress. <https://www.loc.gov/item/98510280/>.
- Abstract of the Returns of the Fifth Census, Showing the Number of Free People, the Number of Slaves, the Federal or Representative Number, and the Aggregate of Each County of Each State of the United States*. Washington, DC: Duff Green, 1832.
- Accomack County Court Minute Book 1824-1829. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- . 1829-1832. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Accomack County Order Book 1824-1827. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- . 1829-1832. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Accomack Wills. 1809-1812. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Aggregate Amount of Each Description of Persons within the United States of America and the Territories Thereof, Agreeably to Actual Enumeration Made According to Law, in the Year 1810, vol. 3*. Washington, DC: 1811; reprint, New York: Norman Ross Publishing, 1990.
- Alexandria Advertiser and Commercial Intelligence*. Alexandria, VA.
- Alexandria Daily Advertiser*. Alexandria, VA.
- Alexandria Gazette*. Alexandria, VA.
- Allee, Merritt, to Benjamin Chew Jr. January 28, 1800. Chew Family Papers, 1659–1986.
- Delaware Land Papers. Series 22. Folder 24. The Historical Society of Pennsylvania.
- Annals of Congress. House of Representatives. 7th Congress. 2nd Session. 467-72.
- Bowser, Milly. April 27, 1835 (PAR 20983513). Race and Slavery Petitions Project. *Race, Slavery, and Free Blacks. Series II, Petitions to Southern County Courts, 1775–1867*, edited by Loren Schweninger. Part B, Maryland (1775–1866). Roosevelt Institute for American Studies.
- Brand, Benjamin to Lott Cary. Richmond. April 2, 1824. Mss1B7332a. Benjamin Brand Papers. 1790–1838. VMHC.
- . February 3, 1827. Mss1B7332a. Benjamin Brand Papers. 1790–1838. VMHC.
- Brissot de Warville, Br J.P. *New Travels in the United States of America. Performed in 1788. Translated from the French*. London: Printed for J.S. Jordan, No. 166, Fleet-Street, 1792.
- Burch, Samuel. *A Digest of the Laws of the Corporation of the City of Washington to the First of June, 1823*. Washington, D.C.: James Wilson, 1823.
- Burr D.I., to Gurley. Richmond. February 11, 1830. Incoming Correspondence. Domestic Letters. US. American Colonization Society. 1792-1964. Accessed on Fold3.com.
- Carey v. Corporation of Washington, 5 Cranch 13, 5 D.C. 13 (1836). Caselaw Access Project, Harvard Law School. Accessed October 25, 2024. <https://case.law/caselaw/?reporter=dc&volume=5&case=0013-01>.
- Case Papers, 1802–1863. U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1802–1863. Record Group 21: Records of the District Courts of the United States. National Archives.
- Chesterfield Will Book. Vol. 5-7. 1796-1812. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Collins, Christopher, to Robert Carter. December 21, 1792. Carter Family Papers. VMHC.

Bibliography

- Committee Papers of the Committee on the District of Columbia, various subjects. January 15, 1828 to January 29, 1829. HR20A-D5.1. Record Group 223: Records of the U.S. House of Representatives, 1789–2023. National Archives.
- Communication from the Mayor to the Aldermen and Common Council of the City of Washington, June 11, 1812. Transcripts of Proceedings of the Common Council of the City of Washington, 1805–1819. MS 476. Box 1. DC History Center.
- Compendium of the Enumeration of the Inhabitants and Statistics of the United States, as Obtained at the Department of State, from the Returns of the Sixth Census.* Washington: Thomas Allen, 1841.
- Costin v. Washington. YesWeScan: The FEDERAL CASES. Accessed February 13, 2023. <https://law.resource.org/pub/us/case/reporter/F.Cas/0006.f.cas/0006.f.cas.0612.2.pdf>.
- Council Minutes Town of Petersburg. 1800-1824. Petersburg City Hall. Petersburg, Va.
- Daily National Intelligencer and Washington Express.* Washington, D.C.
- Delaware Laws of 1829. Delaware Public Archives. Accessed June 6, 2025. <https://archives.delaware.gov/document/delaware-laws-1829/>
- Dinwiddie County. 1810 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Douglass, Frederick. *My Bondage and My Freedom. Part I.--Life as a Slave. Part II.--Life as a Freeman.* New York and Auburn: Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1855. <https://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/douglass55/douglass55.html>.
- . *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass: Written by Himself. His Early Life as a Slave, His Escape from Bondage, and His Complete History to the Present Time. New Revised Edition.* Boston, 1892.
- Dorchester County Court. Certificates of Freedom, 1806-1851. CM1283, MSA.
- Drew, Benjamin. *A North-Side View of Slavery. The Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada. Related by Themselves, with an Account of the History and Condition of the Colored Population of Upper Canada.* Cleveland: John P. Jewett and Company, 1856. <https://docsouth.unc.edu/neh/drew/drew.html>.
- Federal Intelligencer and Baltimore Daily Gazette.* Baltimore, MD.
- Federal Gazette & Baltimore Daily Advertiser.* Baltimore, MD.
- Flournoy, H. W., ed. *Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts from May 16, 1795, to December 31, 1798: Embracing the Letters and Proceedings of the Committee of Correspondence and Inquiry of Virginia and the Other Colonies, from March 12, 1773, to April 7, 1775; Also the Journal of the Committee of Safety of Virginia, from February 7, 1776, to July 5, 1776, Preserved in the Capitol at Richmond. Volume VIII.* Richmond, 1890.
- . *Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts from January 1, 1799, to December 31, 1807. Volume IX.* Richmond, 1890.
- Greene County. Register of Blacks and Mulattoes. 1805-1844. Dayton. Ohio. Wright University. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Handy, Rt. Rev. James A. *Scraps of African Methodist Episcopal History.* Philadelphia: A. M. E. Book Concern, 1902.
- Hening, William Waller, ed. *The Statutes at Large; Being a Collection of All the Laws of Virginia from the First Session of the Legislature, in the Year 1619.* Richmond: R. & W. & G. Bartow, 1823.
- Hudson, David W., Warden of Baltimore County Jail to the Mayor. 1831. Baltimore City Council Administrative Files. Baltimore City Archives RG 16 Series 1. Box 42. MSA SC 5511. BCA.
- Gazette of the United States.* Philadelphia, PA.
- Jacobs, Harriet. *Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl. Written by Herself.* Boston, 1861. <https://docsouth.unc.edu/fpn/jacobs/jacobs.html>.
- James, MthHenry. *The Baltimore Directory, and Citizens Register, for 1807. Containing the Names, Occupations, and Places of Abode of the Inhabitants, Arranged in Alphabetical Order.* Baltimore: Warner & Hanna, 1807.

- Jefferson, Thomas. *Notes on the State of Virginia*. Philadelphia: Prichard and Hall, 1788.
- Journal of the House of Delegates of the Commonwealth of Virginia; Begun and Held at the Capitol in the City of Richmond; On Monday the Third Day of December, One, Thousand Eight Hundred & Ten*. Richmond: Samuel Pleasants.
- Lane, Lunsford. *The Narrative of Lunsford Lane, Formerly of Raleigh, N.C. Embracing an Account of His Early Life, the Redemption by Purchase of Himself and Family from Slavery, and His Banishment from the Place of His Birth for the Crime of Wearing a Colored Skin*. Boston: J.G. Torrey, 1842.
- Laws of Maryland. 1715. Chap. 44. In *Bacon's Laws of Maryland*. Vol. 74, 263. Accessed June 2, 2024. Archives of Maryland Online. MSA. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000075/html/am75--263.html>.
- . 1790. Chap. 8. In *Laws of Maryland 1785-1791*. Vol. 204, 458. Accessed June 2, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000204/html/am204--458.html>.
- . 1793. Chap. 76. In *Session Laws, 1793*. Vol. 645, 97, Accessed on May 3, 2023. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000645/html/am645--97.html>
- . 1796. Chap. 22. In *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly, 1796*. Vol. 105, 205. Accessed June 3, 2024.
- . 1796. Chap. 67. In *Proceedings and Acts of the General Assembly, 1796*. Vol. 105, 253. Accessed on June 4, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000105/html/am105--253.html>
- . 1805. Chap. 66. In *Session Laws, 1805*. Vol. 607, 46-47. Accessed on June 4, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000607/html/am607--46.html>.
- . 1806. Chap. 56. In *Clement Dorsey. The general public statutory law and public local law of the state of Maryland: from the year 1692 to 1839 inclusive, with annotations thereto, and a copious index, 1805*. Vol. 141, 543. Accessed on June 4, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000141/html/am141--542.html>.
- . 1807. Chap. 164. In *Session Laws, 1807*. Vol. 596, 104. Accessed on June 5, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000596/html/am596--104.html>
- . 1817. Chap. 112. In *Session Laws, 1817*. Vol. 636, 120. Accessed on June 4, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000636/html/am636--120.html>
- . 1823. Chap. 161. In *Session Laws, 1823*. Vol. 628, 102. Accessed on June 2, 2024. <https://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc2900/sc2908/000001/000628/html/am628--102.html>.
- Laws of the State of Delaware, from the Seventh Day of January One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six, to the Third Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirteen, IV*. Wilmington, 1816.
- Laws Made and Passed by The General Assembly of the State of Maryland, At a Session Begun and Held at the City of Annapolis, on Monday the Fourth Day of December, Eighteen Hundred and Twenty*. Annapolis: Printed by Jonas Green, Printer to the State, 1821.

Bibliography

Legacy of Slavery in Maryland. MSA.

Beneath the Underground database. Certificates of Freedom. Baltimore City. Accessed on March 15, 2024. <https://slavery2.msa.maryland.gov>.

Black Marylanders 1790, 1800, 1810. Accessed December 8, 2024.

<http://slavery.msa.maryland.gov/html/research/census1790.html>.

Black Marylanders 1820: African American Population by County, Status & Gender.

Accessed December 7, 2024.

<https://msa.maryland.gov/msa/mdslavery/html/research/census1820.html>

Legislative Petitions Digital Collection, LVA.

Adam: Petition. February 4, 1834. Box 149. Folder 14.

Auxiliary Colonization Society of Frederick County: Petition. January 3, 1832. Box 324. Folder 11.

Baker, Jane: Petition. December 18, 1815. Box 210. Folder 105.

Barber, Adam: Petition. January 10, 1811. Box 81. Folder 94.

Bassett, Patsey: Petition. December 8, 1827. Box 52. Folder 48.

Bias, Stephen: Petition. February 14, 1839. Box 5. Folder 13.

Bolak, Lewis: Petition. December 13, 1824. Box 278. Folder 65.

Branch, Pompey: Petition. December 10, 1810. Box 122. Folder 35.

Brewster, Thomas: Petition. December 11, 1811. Box 277. Folder 17.

Caswell, William: Petition. January 31, 1834. Box 279. Folder 80.

Chamberlayne, John & Others: Petition. December 16, 1831. Box 298. Folder 41.

Chappell, Angelica: Petition. December 11, 1830. Box 208. Folder 59.

Citizens: Counter-Petition. December 23, 1829. Box 225. Folder 14.

Citizens: Petition. November 10, 1785. Box 9. Folder 21.

Citizens: Petition. December 2, 1800. Box 132. Folder 31.

Citizens: Petition. December 13, 1825. Box 204. Folder 20.

Citizens: Petition. December 6, 1831. Box 184. Folder 51.

Citizens: Petition. December 7, 1831. Box 122. Folder 58.

Citizens: Petition. December 8, 1831. Box 253. Folder 72.

Citizens: Petition. December 9, 1831. Box 59. Folder 65.

Citizens: Petition. December 11, 1831. Box 106. Folder 29.

Citizens: Petition. December 12, 1831. Box 206. Folder 56.

Citizens: Petition. December 14, 1831. Box 106. Folder 30.

Citizens: Petition. December 15, 1831. Box 91. Folder 7.

Citizens: Petition. December 16, 1831. Box 42. Folder 28.

Citizens: Petition. December 22, 1831. Box 175. Folder 92.

Citizens: Petition. December 23, 1831. Box 203. Folder 4.

Citizens: Petition. December 23, 1831. Box 144. Folder 23.

Citizens: Petition. December 27, 1831. Box 124. Folder 39.

Citizens: Petition. December 28, 1831. Box 83. Folder 8.

Citizens: Petition. December 31, 1831. Box 10. Folder 4.

Citizens: Petition. January 7, 1832. Box 70. Folder 37.

Citizens: Petition. January 11, 1832. Box 240. Folder 36.

Citizens: Petition. January 13, 1832. Box 70. Folder 38.

Citizens: Petition. January 16, 1832. Box 222. Folder 34.

Citizens: Petition. January 20, 1832. Box 315. Folder 16.

Citizens: Petition. January 27, 1832. Box 24. Folder 52.
Citizens: Petition. February 13, 1835. Box 272. Folder 91.
Citizens: Petition. January 1, 1838. Box 28. Folder 9.
Citizens: Petition. January 7, 1845. Box 2. Folder 13.
Citizens & Slaveholders: Petition. January 11, 1839. Box 112. Folder 43.
Chappell, Angelica: Petition. December 11, 1830. Box 208. Folder 59.
Chaney, Clem: Petition. December 7, 1822. Box 143. Folder 86.
Coleman, Lindsay: Petition. December 12, 1834. Box 13. Folder 2.
County Court: Petition. December 17, 1836. Box 144. Folder 62.
Cousins, Charles. Petition, December 20, 1819. Box 186. Folder 31.
Cyrus: Petition. December 18, 1829. Box 166. Folder 7.
David, Cloe, Lotty & Daniel: Petition. October 14, 1814. Box 344. Folder 12.
Dobie, William. Petition, December 10, 1818. Box 241. Folder 35.
Drewry, John: Petition. December 16, 1809. Box 182. Folder 9.
Dungie, John & Lucy Ann: Petition. December 19, 1825. Box 134. Folder 71.
Easter: Petition. December 28, 1831. Box 227. Folder 63.
Elly (alias Nelly): Petition. December 14, 1812. Box 295. Folder 90.
Elson, John: Petition. January 1, 1837. Box 280. Folder 38.
Females of Augusta: Petition. January 19, 1832. Box 17. Folder 28.
Freeholders & Inhabitants: Petition. November 16, 1784. Box 116. Folder 24.
Freeholders & Inhabitants: Petition. November 16, 1784. Box 105. Folder 28.
Godwin, Benjamin: Petition. October 14, 1814. Box 175. Folder 67.
Green, John C.: Petition. December 11, 1821. Box 125. Folder 56.
Hannah: Petition. December 8, 1825. Box 221. Folder 105.
Harris, Peggy & Others: Petition. December 4, 1828. Box 202. Folder 97.
Harry: Petition. December 18, 1828. Box 21. Folder 70.
Henderson, Jack: Petition. December 10, 1829. Box 172. Folder 21.
Henderson, Littleton P.: Petition. December 11, 1827. Box 1. Folder 70.
Heirs of Edward Crow: Petition. December 9, 1830. Box 258. Folder 72.
Holmes, Moses: Petition. December 18, 1823. Box 175. Folder 82.
Hoomes, Nelly: Petition. February 5, 1833. Box 279. Folder 68.
Hope, Judith: Petition. December 21, 1819. Box 278. Folder 18.
———. December 11, 1820. Box 278. Folder 20.
———. December 14, 1821. Box 285. Folder 70.
Hord, Benjamin: Petition. December 7, 1826. Box 163. Folder 36.
———. Petition. January 12, 1828. Box 163, Folder 39.
Hughes, Daniel: Petition. December 11, 1829. Box 239. Folder 29.
Hunt, Jemima: Petition. December 9, 1811. Box 234. Folder 47.
Inhabitants: Petition. June 8, 1782. Box 116. Folder 13.
Inhabitants: Petition. November 10, 1785. Box 97. Folder 21.
Inhabitants: Petition. November 10, 1785. Box 160. Folder 13.
Inhabitants: Petition. November 10, 1785. Box 198. Folder 13.
Inhabitants: Petition. November 10, 1785. Box 39. Folder 20.
Inhabitants: Petition. November 29, 1785. Box 150. Folder 14.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 18, 1805. Box 358. Folder 14.

Bibliography

- Inhabitants: Petition. December 15, 1810. Box 271. Folder 101.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 10, 1810. Box 271. Folder 100.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 14, 1829. Box 27. Folder 71.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 7, 1831. Box 73. Folder 77.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 8, 1831. Box 194. Folder 1.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 9, 1831. Box 17. Folder 27.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 17, 1831. Box 250. Folder 71.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 17, 1831. Box 177. Folder 45.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 28, 1831. Box 73. Folder 81.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 29, 1831. Box 211. Folder 51.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 30, 1831. Box 73. Folder 82.
Inhabitants: Petition. January 4, 1832. Box 31. Folder 74.
Inhabitants: Petition. January 24, 1832. Box 73. Folder 84.
Inhabitants: Petition. February 20, 1832. Box 73. Folder 87.
Inhabitants: Petition. December 27, 1833. Box 12. Folder 81.
Inhabitants & Freeholders: Petition. January 30, 1832. Box 328. Folder 4.
Inhabitants of Fauquier & Loudoun: Petition. December 20, 1831. Box 144. Folder 20.
Jacob: Petition. December 17, 1813. Box 241. Folder 31.
Jane: Petition. December 3, 1828. Box 172. Folder 13.
Jennings, Samuel K.: Petition. December 18, 1815. Box 46. Folder 78.
Joe: Petition. December 17, 1830. Box 24. Folder 48.
John: Petition, December, 8, 1825. Box 221, Folder 106.
Johnston, Samuel: Petition. December 16, 1815. Box 72. Folder 95.
———. December 14, 1820. Box 73. Folder 9.
———. December 4, 1823. Box 73. Folder 20.
———. December 4, 1824. Box 73. Folder 23.
———. December 7, 1826. Box 73. Folder 34.
———. December 5, 1828. Box 73. Folder 61.
———. January 19, 1835. box 74. Folder 3.
Joynes, John D.: Petition. December 31, 1834. Box 1. Folder 78.
Leonard, Samuel, Dennis, & Celia: Petition. December 4, 1833. Box 98. Folder 78.
Lucinda: Petition. December 20, 1815. Box 133. Folder 44.
MacPherson, Christopher: Petition. December 10, 1810. Box 363. Folder 7.
Malvin, Lucy: Petition. January 3, 1838. Box 74. Folder 27.
Martha: Petition. December 14, 1839. Box 211. Folder 77.
Mary: Petition. December 9, 1813. Box 238. Folder 98.
Mayor, Recorder, Aldermen, & Commonalty: Petition. December 11, 1805. Box 360. Folder 9.
Nancy: Petition. December 6, 1815. Box 143. Folder 43.
Norris, Jesse & Others (Free Blacks): Petition. December 18, 1815. Box 318. Folder 9.
Overseers of the Poor: Petition. December 2, 1832. Box 182. Folder 53.
Peay, Austin: Petition. December 7, 1826. Box 163. Folder 37.
Phillis & Hannah: Petition. December 3, 1828. Box 172. Folder 14.
Quakers: Petition. November 29, 1780. Box 289. Folder 23.
Quakers: Petition. May 29, 1782. Box 290. Folder 107.
Rew, Richard S.: Petition. January 15, 1840. Box 2. Folder 1.

———. January 21, 1845. Box 2. Folder 16.

Richards, Thomas: Petition. December 21, 1821. Box 137. Folder 30.

Richmond Free Persons of Color: Petition. December 3, 1823. Box 364. Folder 4.

Roderick: Petition. December 20, 1815. Box 55. Folder 27.

Rowan, Pleasant: Petition. December 27, 1824. Box 47. Folder 12.

Sam: Petition. December 13, 1811. Box 72. Folder 88.

Simmons, George: Petition. December 15, 1809. Box 238. Folder 80.

Smiley, Watt: Petition. December 17, 1822. Box 221. Folder 101.

Society of Friends: Petition. December 11, 1827. Box 82. Folder 72.

Society of Friends (Quakers): Petition. December 14, 1831. Box 52. Folder 50.

Starke: Petition. December 2, 1812. Box 110. Folder 46.

Toncray, Lewis: Petition. December 9, 1812. Box 249. Folder 86.

Trout, Robert: Petition. December 9, 1824. Box 201. Folder 15.

Vail, William: Petition. December 5, 1823. Box 260. Folder 46.

Yancey, William: Petition. December 13, 1815. Box 277. Folder 52.

Ward, Nancy: Petition. December 5, 1827. Box 199. Folder 33.

Webster, Daniel. Petition. December 11, 1812. Box 210. Folder 96.

Washington: Petition. December 8, 1836. Box 13. Folder 7.

Watkins, Mary: Petition. December 4, 1828. Box 202. Folder 96.

Ward, David: Petition. December 5, 1827. Box 199. Folder 32.

Ward, Jeremiah: Petition. December 4, 1817. Box 44. Folder 20.

Williams, Richard & Evan: Petition, December 15, 1815. box 143. Folder 48.

Winston, John: Petition. December 11, 1820. Box 329. Folder 8.

White, Ackey: Petition. December 28, 1836. Box 269., Folder 35.

White, Frankey: Petition. December 9, 1830. Box 208. Folder 58.

Woodson, Edward: Petition, December 8, 1813. Box 202. Folder 67.

———. December 12, 1815. Box 202. Folder 73.

Wright, Lucy & Claiborne, Lucy: Petition. December 20, 1821. Box 278. Folder 37.

Local Government Records Collection, LVA

Accomack County, (Va.) Board of Overseers of the Poor Record Book, 1820-1857 (bulk 1820-1846). Accomack County Court Records. Reel 345.

Campbell County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1784-1867. Campbell County Court Records.

———. Register of Free Negroes and Mulattoes, 1801-1850. Campbell County Court Records.

Charles City Co. (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records. 1800–1859. Charles City County Court Records.

Chesterfield County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1760-1862. Chesterfield County Court Records. Box 1.

———. Free Negro Register and Book of Estrays, 1804–1830. Chesterfield County Court Records.

———. Free Negro Registrations, Affidavits & Certificates. Chesterfield County Court Records.

Fauquier County (Va.) Board of Overseers of the Poor Minutes, 1804-1845. Fauquier County Court Records. Reel 116.

Bibliography

- Free Negro Affidavits Lynchburg 1809-1813. Lynchburg Free Negro and Slave Records. 1784–1864, Lynchburg County Court Records.
- Miscellaneous Free Negro Papers. Henrico County Free Negro & Slave Records, 1789–1865. Henrico County Court Records.
- Norfolk County Free Negro and Slave Records, 1718–1862. Norfolk County Court Records.
- Petersburg (Va.) Register of Free Negroes and Mulattoes and Magistrates' Executions, Judgments, and Fines, 1794–1823, Petersburg Court Records.
- . Register of Free Negroes and Mulattoes, 1819–1833. Petersburg Court Records.
- Powhatan County (Va.) Affidavits, and Certificates, 1798-1824 and undated. Powhatan Free Negro and Slave Records.
- . Register of Estrays, Free Negroes and Mulattoes, Marriages, and Boats, 1786–1832. Powhatan County Court Records.
- . Register of Free Negroes and Mulattoes, 1820–1865. Powhatan County Court Records.
- . Slave Patrol Appointments, 1794–1866. Powhatan County Court Records. Box 1.
- Surry County (Va.) Register of Free Negroes, 1794–1803. Surry County Court Records.
- . Register of Free Negroes, 1803-1847. Surry County Court Records.
- Logan County. Register of Blacks and Mulattos. 1831-1857. Dayton. Ohio. Wright State University. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Loudoun County Order Book 1827-1833. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Louisiana State Gazette*. New-Orleans, LA.
- Malvin, John. *Autobiography of John Malvin: A Narrative*. Cleveland: Leader Printing Company. 1879.
- Maryland Gazette*. Annapolis, MD.
- Maryland Penitentiary Records. 1811-1818. SE65. MSA.
- McIlwaine, H. R. ed. *Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1758–1761*. Richmond, 1908.
- McRae, Sherwin, ed. *Calendar of Virginia State Papers and Other Manuscripts, from August 11, 1792, to December 31, 1793. Volume VI*. Richmond: A. R. Micou, Superintendent of Public Printing, 1886.
- M'Henry, James. *The Baltimore Directory, and Citizens Register, for 1807. Containing the names, occupations, and places of abode of the inhabitants, arranged in alphabetical order*. Baltimore: Warner & Hanna, 1807.
- National Intelligencer*. Washington, D.C.
- Niles' Weekly Register*. Baltimore, MD.
- Northampton County Order Book 1826-1831. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- . 1831-1836. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Olmstead, Frederick Law. *A Journey in the Seaboard Slave States; With Remarks on their Economy*. London: Sampson Low, Son & Co, 1856.
- Overseers of the Poor Annual reports and Checklists. Richmond City, 1818-1849. Virginia Auditor of Public Accounts. Series I: Virginia Cities and Counties. Box 11, Folder 10. LVA.
- Passes and passports for free blacks to travel. Series 4, Manumission, indentures, and other legal papers. Pennsylvania Abolition Society papers, 1748-1979. Box 3B. Folder 9. HSP.
- Pass Daniel Martin. September 6, 1791.
- Pass Comfort Johnson, April 11, 1805 and January 11, 1809.
- Petersburg. 1810 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- . 1820 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com
- Petersburg Hustings Court Minute Book, 1800-1804. Accessed on Familysearch.org.

- . 1820-1823.
- Petersburg Will Book, Vol. 2. 1806-1827. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- . Vol. 3. 1827-1849. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Peters, Richard. *The Public Statutes at Large of the United States of America*. Vol. I & II. Boston: Charles C. Little and James Brown, 1845.
- Petition for Dancing Academy for Colored People. September 16, 1805. City Council, Series I: Administrative Files, 1797-1923. Box 5. Item 206. Baltimore City Archives.
- Petition Regulation of free Negroes. June 1786, Records of the General Assembly. Legislative Papers. Record group 1111. Delaware Public Archives.
- Pickaway County. Records of Black and Mulatto Persons. 1819-1848. Columbus. Ohio. Ohio Historical Society. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- Powhatan. 1810 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- . 1820 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Powhatan Deeds and Wills. 1819-1865. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Prince George's County Court. Certificates of Freedom, 1806-1829. CM1182. MSA.
- . Register of Wills. Certificates of Freedom, 1820-1852. CM1185- CM1186. MSA.
- Provine, Dorothy S. *District of Columbia Free Negro Registers, 1821-1861*. Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 1996.
- Rawle family papers. Series 1. William Rawle Sr. (1759-1836), 1770-1836. Box 2. Folder 3. HSP Records, 1775-1868, Primarily Concerning Free African Americans in Surry County, Va., Surry County (Va.) Clerk, VMHC.
- Alexander Stephens. May 27, 1800. Mss3 Su788a57.
- Anne Fagan and Charlotte Gilchrist. April 7, 1807. Mss3 Su788a108-109.
- Armistead Wilson. October 27, 1795. Mss3 Su788a33.
- Ben and Lucy. January 13, 1794. Mss3 Su788a26-29.
- Caesar Cocke. July 2, 1839. Mss3Su789b37
- Carter Jackson. January 2, 1810. Mss3 Su788a119.
- Cuffy. October 7, 1801. Mss3 Su788a99.
- George Banks. March 20, 1829. Mss3Su789b28.
- Ginny. July 22, 1816. Mss3 Su788a135.
- Harler Elliot. June 18, 1816. Mss3 Su788a134.
- Isham Stevens. September 30, 1800. Mss3 Su788a61.
- James Banks. September 27, 1830. Mss3 Su788a175.
- James. July 2, 1798. Mss3 Su788a43.
- James Banks. September 27, 1830. Mss3 Su788a175.
- Jesse Chapman Badgett. March 31, 1796. Mss3 Su7833a38-39.
- Jesse Kelly. March 31, 1799. Mss3 Su788a46.
- Lewis Turner will. November 5, 1818. Mss2T8552 b1-2.
- Lucy, Sally, Daphne. October 25, 1800. Mss3 Su788a85.
- Mariah. April 21, 1817. Mss3 Su788a144.
- Nancy Banks. June 18, 1810. Mss3 Su788a121.
- Nancy Bowser. July 2, 1798. Mss3 Su788a44.
- Nancy Green. November 11, 1782. Mss3 Su788a10.
- Ned Homes. May 4, 1830. Mss3 Su788a172.
- Parrot. January 7, 1800. Mss3 Su788a53.
- Ruffin Holloway. March 22, 1831. Mss3 Su788a179.

Bibliography

- Silvey. June 1, 1799. Mss3 Su788a47.
- Summons to Joseph Byrd & Others. March 4, 1816. Mss3 Su788a132.
- Thomas Andrews. September 6, 1813. Mss3 Su788a127.
- Willis. October 4, 1800. Mss3 Su788a62.
- William Tann. 1801. Mss3 Su789b19.
- Return of the Whole Number of Persons Within the Several Districts of the United States, According to "An Act Providing for the Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," Passed March the First, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-One.* Philadelphia: Childs and Swaine, 1791.
- Return of the Whole Number of Persons Within the Several Districts of the United States, According to "An Act Providing for the Second Census or Enumeration of the Inhabitants of the United States," Passed February the Twenty-Eighth, One Thousand Eight Hundred.* Printed by Order of the House of Representatives, 1801. Reprint, New York: Norman Ross Publishing Inc., 1990.
- Richmond City, Wills and Inventories. Vol. 9. 1794-1822. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- Richmond Hustings Court Minute Book. 1810-1817. Accessed on Familysearch.org.
- . 1818-1820.
- . 1820-1824.
- . 1825-1831.
- . 1831-1837.
- Richmond Enquirer.* Richmond, VA.
- Richmond Times-Dispatch.* Richmond, VA.
- Richmond Virginia Argus.* Richmond, VA.
- Rogers, Helen Hoban. *Freedom & Slavery Documents in the District of Columbia.* 3 vols. Baltimore: Gateway Press, 2007.
- de Saint-Méry, Moreau. *Voyage aux États-Unis de l'Amérique, 1793–1798*, edited by Stewart L. Mims. New Haven: Yale University Press; London: Humphrey Milford, Oxford University Press, 1913.
- Shepherd, Samuel. *The Statutes at Large of Virginia, from October Session 1792, to December Session 1806, Inclusive. In Three Volumes. 14 (New Series): Being a Continuation of Hening.* Richmond: Printed by Samuel Shepherd, 1835.
- Smith, Richard H. *Accomack County Virginia Free Negro Records: Register of Free Negroes 1807-1863 and List of Free Negroes 1804.* Woodsboro: Firewood Treasures, 2007.
- Smith & Vannerson. Gilbert Hunt. 1860. VMHC.
- Snethen, Worthington G. *The Black Code of the District of Columbia, in Force September 1st, 1848.* New York: Published for the A. & F. Anti-Slavery Society by William Harned, 1848.
- Surry County, 1810 United States Federal Census. Accessed on Ancestry.com.
- The Baltimore City Directory, for 1817–1818. Containing the Names, Occupations, and Residences of the Inhabitants; with a Variety of Other Useful Matter. Corrected Up to the First of April. To Be Continued Annually, in May.* Baltimore: James Kennedy, 1817.
- The Baltimore Sun.* Baltimore, MD.
- The Frederick Town Herald.* Frederick, MD.
- The Sheriff of Wythe against the Commonwealth. January 13, 1808. Virginia General Assembly. House of Delegates. Speaker. Executive communications. Papers. State government records collection. LVA.
- The Torch Light and Public Advertiser.* Hagerstown, MD.
- The Revised Code of the Laws of Virginia: Being a Collection of all such Acts of the General Assembly, of a Public and Permanent Nature, as are now in Force, with a General Index. The Which are Prefixed, The Constitution of the United States; The Declaration of Rights; and the Constitution of Virginia.* Richmond: Thomas Ritchie, 1819.

- The Washington Union*. Washington, D.C.
- Torrey, Jesse. *A Portraiture of Domestic Slavery in the United States: With Reflections on the Practicability of Restoring the Moral Rights of the Slave, Without Impairing the Legal Privileges of the Possessor; and a Project of a Colonial Asylum for Free Persons of Colour: Including Memoirs of Facts on the Interior Traffic in Slaves, and on Kidnapping*. Philadelphia: Published by the Author, 1817.
- Tucker, St. George. *A Dissertation on Slavery: With a Proposal for the Gradual Abolition of It in the State of Virginia*. Philadelphia: Printed for Mathew Carey, 1796.
- University of Virginia Library. "Free African American Population in the U.S.: 1790-1860." Geostat Historical Census Browser. Published 2008. https://www.ncpedia.org/sites/default/files/census_stats_1790-1860.pdf.
- U.S. Census Office. *4th census. Census of 1820*. 1821.
- . *Seventh Census of the United States: 1850, Virginia Statistics*. Washington: Robert Armstrong, Public Printer, 1853. <https://www2.census.gov/library/publications/decennial/1850/1850a/1850a-28.pdf>.
- U.S. Constitution. Art. IV. § 2. Cl. 1.
- U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. *Negro Population, 1790–1915*. Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1918.
- United States v. Henning*, 26 F. Cas. 267 (C.C.D.C. 1836). CourtListener. Accessed March 2, 2025. <https://www.courtlistener.com/opinion/8658972/united-states-v-henning/#summary>.
- Vermont Statesman*. Castleton, VT.
- Virginia Argus*. Richmond, VA.
- Virginia Gazette, or The American Advertiser*. Richmond, VA.
- Virginia Chronicle*. Richmond, VA.
- Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative Digital Collection, LVA.
- Artis, Abraham (M, 26): Free Negro Certificate. 1800. Southampton County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1754-1860.
- Bagwell, John: Commonwealth Cause. 1824.
- Norsworthy, Beck: Commonwealth Cause. 1827.
- Bagwell, John: Commonwealth Cause. 1824.
- Bell, Peter: Freedom Suit. n.d.
- Bressie, Jack (Alias Jacob, M, 29): Free Negro Certificate, 1831. Norfolk County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1718-1862.
- Burton, Adah: Commonwealth Cause. 1830.
- Burton, Samuel: Commonwealth Cause. 1831.
- Caswell, William: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
- Carr, Hester Jane: Freedom Suit. 1837.
- Clarke, Fanny (alias: Fanny Drummond): Petition to Remain in the Commonwealth. 1820.
- Cosby, James: Commonwealth Cause. 1832.
- Custis, George: Freedom Suit. n.d.
- Custis, Southy: Commonwealth Cause. 1823.
- Custis, Wilson: Commonwealth Cause. 1830.
- Eliza: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
- Ford, Phil (alias: Phill): Petition to Remain in the Commonwealth. 1820.
- Frayser, Travis: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
- Free Blacks Records, 1833-1863.

Bibliography

- List of free blacks from Petersburg (Va) willing to emigrate to Liberia. 1833.
Madison 1833 Free Negroes. 1833.
Princess Anne Report of the County Court to the Board of the Commsr for transporting free persons [1833]. 1833. Box 1. Folder 8.
Reports from Localities regarding Liberia. Fayette County [W. Va.]. 1833. Box 1. Folder 14.
Shenandoah 1833 Free Negroes and Mulattoes. 1833. Box 1. Folder 8.
- Glover, Rebecca: Petition to Remain in the Commonwealth. 1820.
Green, Eliza: Commonwealth Cause, 1817.
Guy: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
Herbert, Harrison: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
Holliman, William: Commonwealth Cause. 1829.
Jingo: Freedom Suit. 1828.
John: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
Jones, Moses: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
Levi: Freedom Suit. n.d.
Logan: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
List of Free Negroes ordered to be hired out by the court 1824 & 5. 1825. Accomack County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1744-1861.
Lucy: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
Madison 1833 Free Negroes. 1833. Free Blacks Records, 1833-1863. Box 4. Folder 6.
Margaret: Commonwealth Cause. 1833.
Milbourn, Jehoiachin, etc.: Commonwealth Cause. N.d.
Muse, William (alias: Billy): Freedom Suit. 1822.
Oliver, Ann: Commonwealth Cause. 1832.
Outten, Phillis: Commonwealth Cause. 1824.
Overseers of the Poor for the County of Isle of Wight: Commonwealth Cause. 1828.
Patty: Commonwealth Cause. 1831.
Petersburg (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1787-1865.
 Bailey, Phillip (M, 35): Free Negro Register. 1820.
 Hill, Nancy (Alias Mary A Hill, F, 28): Free Negro Certificate, 1831.
 Johnston, Matilda (24): Free Negro Certificate. 1831.
 List of People of Color in Petersburg 1803. 1803.
 Vines, Hartwell (M, 23): Free Negro Register. 1824.
- Phillis: Commonwealth Cause. 1823.
Pitts, Stephen: Commonwealth Cause. 1824
- Powhatan County (Va.) Free Negro and Slave Records, 1780–1866.
 A List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes in Powhatan County. 1812.
 A List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes in the County of Powhatan for 1822. 1822.
 A List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes within the County of Powhatan. 1811.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes. 1813.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes for the Year 1820 in Powhatan County. 1821.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes for the Year 1823. 1823.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes in Powhatan 1819. 1819.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes in the County of Powhatan for the Year 1833. 1833.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes in Powhatan County in the Year 1801. 1801.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes within the County of Powhatan. 1815.

- List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes within the County of Powhatan. 1817.
 List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes within the County of Powhatan. 1818.
 List of Free Negroes Returned by the Commissioner of Revenue. 1829.
 Selby, George: Commonwealth Cause. 1823.
 Smith, Robert: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
 Snead, Peter: Freedom Suit. n.d.
 Stays, John: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
 Tomlin, Peter: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
 Underwood, Mingo: Commonwealth Cause. 1828.
 Wambleton, Lucy: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
 Wessen, Peter: Commonwealth Cause. 1834.
Notes and Proceedings of the House of Delegates of the State of Maryland, November Session, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Six. Annapolis: Frederik Green, 1806.
 Weld, Charles Richard. *A vacation tour in the United States and Canada.* London: Longman, Brown, Green, and Longmans, 1885.
William Winston Seaton of the "National Intelligencer": A Biographical Sketch, with Passing Notices of His Associates and Friends. Boston: James R. Osgood and Company, 1871.
 Williams, John W., comp. *Index to Enrolled Bills of the General Assembly of Virginia, 1776 to 1910.* Richmond: D. Bottom, Superintendent Public Printing, 1911.
 Writs of Habeas Corpus, 1820–1853. U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia, 1802–1863.
 Record Group 21: Records of the District Courts of the United States. National Archives.
 Petition Nat Tucker. October 11, 1822.
 Petition John McKenney. October 31, 1820.

Secondary Literature

- Albert, Peter Joseph. "The Protean Institution: The Geography, Economy, and Ideology of Slavery in Post-Revolutionary Virginia." PhD diss., University of Maryland, 1976.
 Aleaziz, Hamed, Luis Ferré-Sadurní, and Miriam Jordan. "How ICE Is Seeking to Ramp Up Deportations Through Courthouse Arrests." *New York Times*, May 30, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/05/30/us/politics/ice-courthouse-arrests.html>.
 Armstrong, David. "Williams, Richard." Mason Family Account Book, George Mason University. Accessed February 23, 2024. <http://masonfamilyaccount.gmu.edu/index.php/node/2763>.
 Aslakson, Kenneth R. *Making Race in the Courtroom: The Legal Construction of Three Races in Early New Orleans.* New York: New York University Press, 2014.
 Bailey, Raymond C. *Popular Influence upon Public Policy: Petitioning in Eighteenth-Century Virginia.* Westport: Greenwood Press, 1979.
 Bay, Mia. *Travelling Black: A Story of Race and Resistance.* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2021.
 Berlin, Ira. "The Structure of the Free Negro Caste in the Antebellum United States." *Journal of Social History* 9, no. 3 (1976): 297–318.
 ———. *Slaves without Masters: The Free Negro in the Antebellum South.* New York: Vintage Books, 1974.
 ———. *Many Thousands Gone: The First Two Centuries of Slavery in North America.* Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2000.
 ———. *Generations of Captivity: A History of African-American Slaves.* Cambridge: The Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 2003.

Bibliography

- Berlin, Ira and Herbert G. Gutman. "Natives and Immigrants, Free Men and Slaves: Urban Workingmen in the Antebellum American South." *The American Historical Review* 88, no. 5 (1983): 1175–1200.
- Bogen, David Skillen. "The Maryland Context of Dred Scott: The Decline in the Legal Status of Maryland Free Blacks 1776-1810." *The American Journal of Legal History* 34, no. 4 (1990): 381–411.
- Bogger, Tommy L. *Free Blacks of Norfolk: The Darker Side of Freedom*. Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1997.
- Bogin, Ruth. "Petitioning and the New Moral Economy of Post-Revolutionary America." *The William and Mary Quarterly* 45, no. 3 (1988): 391–425.
- Bontemps, Alex. *The Punished Self: Surviving Slavery in the Colonial South*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2001.
- Brackett, Jeffrey R. *The Negro in Maryland: A Study of the Institution of Slavery*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins, 1889.
- Bradburn, Douglas. *The Citizenship Revolution: Politics and the Creation of the American Union, 1774-1804*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2009.
- Camp, Stephanie M. H. *Closer to Freedom: Enslaved Women & Everyday Resistance in the Plantation South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2004.
- Campbell, James M. *Slavery on Trial: Race, Class, and Criminal Justice in Antebellum Richmond, Virginia*. Gainesville: University of Florida Press, 2007.
- Carpenter, Daniel. *Democracy by Petition: Popular Politics in Transformation, 1790-1870*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2021.
- Carroll, Kenneth L. "An Eighteenth-Century Episcopalian Attack on Quaker and Methodist Manumission of Slaves." *Maryland Historical Magazine* 80, no. 2 (1985): 139.
- . "Maryland Quakers and Slavery." *Quaker History* 72, no. 1 (1983): 27–42.
- Certeau, Michel de. *The Practice of Everyday Life*. Berkeley: University of California Press, 1984.
- Chalhoub, Sidney. "The Precariousness of Freedom in a Slave Society (Brazil in the Nineteenth Century)." *International Review of Social History* 56, no. 3 (2011): 405–439.
- Clark, Allen C. "Samuel Nicholls Smallwood, Merchant and Mayor." *Records of the Columbia Historical Society of Washington, D.C.* 28 (1926): 23–61.
- Clegg III, Claude A. *The Price of Liberty: African Americans and the Making of Liberia*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2004.
- Cohen, William. *At Freedom's Edge: Black Mobility and the Southern White Quest for Racial Control, 1861-1915*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1991.
- Colby, Robert. "Observant of the Laws of this Commonwealth: A Free Black Family between Forced Migration and Slave Capitalism." *Journal of the Early Republic* 42, no. 3 (2022): 327–357.
- Cole, Stephanie. "Keeping the Peace: Domestic Assault and Private Prosecution in Antebellum Baltimore." In *Over the Threshold: Intimate Violence in Early America*, edited by Michael V. Kennedy and Christine Daniels, 148–169. New York: Routledge, 1999.
- Condon, Sean. "The Significance of Group Manumissions in Post-Revolutionary Rural Maryland." *Slavery & Abolition* 32, no. 1 (2011): 75–89.
- Connolly, Brian and Marisa Fuentes. "Introduction: From Archives of Slavery to Liberated Futures?" *History of the Present* 6, no. 2 (2016): 105–116.
- Cooper, Frederick, Thomas Cleveland Holt, and Rebecca J. Scott. *Beyond Slavery: Explorations of Race, Labor, and Citizenship in Postemancipation Societies*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2000.
- Corrigan, Mary Beth. "Imaginary Cruelties? A History of the Slave Trade in Washington, D.C." *Washington History* 13, no. 2 (2001): 4–27.

- Cresswell, Tim. *On the Move: Mobility in the Modern Western World*. New York: Routledge, 2006.
- Cromwell, John W. "The First Negro Churches in the District of Columbia." *The Journal of Negro History* 7, no. 1 (1922): 64–106.
- Curry, Leonard P. *The Free Black in Urban America 1800-1850: The Shadow of the Dream*. Chicago: The University of Chicago Press, 1981.
- da Cruz, Miguel Dantas. "Introduction: Atlantic Petitionary Traditions and Developments." In *Petitioning in the Atlantic World c. 1500-1840: Empires, Revolutions and Social Movements*, edited by Miguel Dantas da Cruz, 1–18. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2022. doi:10.1007/978-3-030-98534-9_1.
- Davis, Adrienne D. "Don't Let Nobody Bother Yo' Principle': The Sexual Economy of American Slavery." In *Black Sexual Economies: Race and Sex in a Culture of Capital*, edited by Adrienne D. Davis and BSE Collective. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2019.
- Davis, David Brion. *The Problem of Slavery in the Age of Emancipation*. New York: Alfred A. Knopf, 2014.
- de la Fuente, Alejandro and Ariela J. Gross. *Becoming Free, Becoming Black: Race, Freedom, and Law in Cuba, Virginia, and Louisiana*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- De Vito, Christian G. "Review of Registration and Recognition. Documenting the Person in World History. Ed. by Keith Breckenridge and Simon Szreter." *International Review of Social History* 58, no. 3 (2013): 521–523.
- Dorsey, Jennifer Hull. *Hirelings: African American Workers and Free Labor in Early Maryland*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2011.
- Dunn, Richard S. "Black Society in the Chesapeake, 1776-1810." In *Slavery and Freedom in the Age of the American Revolution*, edited by Ira Berlin and Ronald Hoffman, 49–82. Charlottesville: The University Press of Virginia, 1983.
- Edwards, Laura F. "Status without Rights: African Americans and the Tangled History of Law and Governance in the Nineteenth-Century U.S. South." *The American Historical Review* 112, no. 2 (2007): 365–393.
- . *The People and their Peace: Legal Culture and the Transformation of Inequality in the Post-Revolutionary South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2009.
- Egerton, Douglas R. *Gabriel's Rebellion: The Virginia Slave Conspiracies of 1800 and 1802*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1993.
- Eisner, Eric. "Free Black Witnesses in the Antebellum Upper South." *Law and History Review* 42, no. 2 (2024): 297–317.
- Ely, Melvin Patrick. *Israel on the Appomattox: A Southern Experiment in Black Freedom from the 1790s through the Civil War*. New York: Vintage Books, 2005.
- Eslinger, Ellen. "The Evolution of Racial Politics in Early Ohio." In *The Center of a Great Empire: The Ohio Country in the Early Republic*, edited by Andrew R. L. Cayton and Stuart D. Hobbs, 81–104. Athens: Ohio University Press, 2005.
- . "Free Black Residency in Two Antebellum Virginia Counties: How the Laws Functioned." *The Journal of Southern History* 79, no. 2 (2013): 261–298.
- Essah, Patience. *A House Divided: Slavery and Emancipation in Delaware, 1635-1865*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1996.
- Evitts, William Joseph. *A Matter of Allegiances: Maryland from 1850 to 1861*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 1974.
- Farmer-Kaiser, Mary. "'Are they Not in some Sorts Vagrants?': Gender and the Efforts of the Freedmen's Bureau to Combat Vagrancy in the Reconstruction South." *The Georgia Historical Quarterly* 88, no. 1 (2004): 25–49.

Bibliography

- Feuer, Alan. "Appeals Court Pauses Order to Give Deported Venezuelans Due Process." *New York Times*, June 10, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/10/us/politics/trump-venezuelans-deportations-el-salvador-boasberg.html>.
- Fields, Barbara Jeanne. *Slavery and Freedom on the Middle Ground: Maryland during the Nineteenth Century*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 1985.
- FitzGerald, David Scott and David Cook-Martin. *Culling the Masses: The Democratic Origins of Racist Immigration Policy in the Americas*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2014.
- Foner, Eric. *Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution, 1863–1877*. New York: Harper & Row, 1988.
- . "African Americans and the Story of American Freedom." *Souls* 1, no. 1 (1999): 16–22.
- Ford, Lacy K. *Deliver Us from Evil: The Slavery Question in the Old South*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2009.
- Forret, Jeff. *Williams' Gang: A Notorious Slave Trader and His Cargo of Black Convicts*. 1st ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2020.
- Franklin, John Hope. *The Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 1943.
- Freehling, William W. *The Road to Disunion: Volume II: Secessionists Triumphant, 1854-1861*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007.
- Frey, Sylvia R. *Water from the Rock: Black Resistance in a Revolutionary Age*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1991.
- Fuentes, Marisa J. *Dispossessed Lives: Enslaved Women, Violence, and the Archive*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2016.
- Furstenberg, François. "Beyond Freedom and Slavery: Autonomy, Virtue, and Resistance in Early American Political Discourse." *The Journal of American History* 89, no. 4 (2003): 1295–1330.
- Gabrial, Brian. *The Press and Slavery in America, 1791-1859: The Melancholy Effect of Popular Excitement*. Columbia: University of South Carolina Press, 2016.
- Glymph, Thavolia. *Out of the House of Bondage: The Transformation of the Plantation Household*. 1st ed. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2003.
- Grant, John Wess. "Stranded Families: Free Colored Responses to Liberian Colonization and the Formation of Black Families in Nineteenth-Century Richmond, Virginia." In *The United States and West Africa: Interactions and Relations*, edited by Alusine Jalloh and Toyin Falola, 61–74. Rochester: University of Rochester Press, 2008.
- Green, Constance McLaughlin. *The Secret City: A History of Race Relations in the Nation's Capital*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 1967.
- Green, Rodney D. "Black Tobacco Factory Workers and Social Conflict in Antebellum Richmond: Were Slavery and Urban Industry really Compatible?" *Slavery & Abolition* 8, no. 2 (1987): 183–203.
- Gregory, Anthony. *The Power of Habeas Corpus in America: From the King's Prerogative to the War on Terror*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2013.
- Gross, Ariela J. *Double Character: Slavery and Mastery in the Antebellum Southern Courtroom*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2000.
- Guyatt, Nicholas. *Bind Us Apart: How Enlightened Americans Invented Racial Segregation*. New York: Basic Books, 2016.
- Hadden, Sally E. *Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2001.
- Hahn, Steven. *A Nation Under our Feet: Black Political Struggles in the Rural South from Slavery to the Great Migration*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2003.

- . “Emancipation, Incarceration, and the Boundaries of Coercion.” *The Journal of Southern History* 88, no. 1 (2022): 5–38.
- Hartman, Saidiya. “Venus in Two Acts.” *Small Axe* 12, no. 2 (2008): 1–14.
- Heerma van Voss, Lex. “Introduction: Petitions in Social History.” *International Review of Social History* 46, (2001): 1–10.
- Higginbotham, A. L. and Greer C. Bosworth. “‘Rather than the Free’: Free Blacks in Colonial and Antebellum Virginia.” *Harvard Civil Rights-Civil Liberties Law Review* 26, no. 1 (1991): 17–66.
- Hines, Alisha J. “Geographies of Freedom: Black Women’s Mobility and the Making of the Western River World, 1814-1865.” PhD diss., Duke University, 2018.
- Hitchcock, Tim, Adam Crymble, and Louise Falcini. “Loose, Idle and Disorderly: Vagrant Removal in Late Eighteenth-Century Middlesex.” *Social History* 39, no. 4 (2014): 509–527.
- Holden, Vanessa M. *Surviving Southampton: African American Women and Resistance in Nat Turner’s Community*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 2021.
- Huerta, Sheri Ann. “‘To petition for redress of Grievances’: Emancipation, Birthrights, and Black Political Activism in Virginia’s General Assembly and County Courts, 1806–1820.” Paper presented at the annual meeting of the *Society for Historians of the Early American Republic*, Philadelphia, PA, July 14, 2023.
- Jackson, Luther P. “Free Negroes of Petersburg, Virginia.” *The Journal of Negro History* 12, no. 3 (1927): 365–388.
- . “Manumission in Certain Virginia Cities.” *The Journal of Negro History* 15, no. 3 (1930): 278–314.
- . “Religious Development of the Negro in Virginia from 1760 to 1860.” *The Journal of Negro History* 16, no. 2 (1931): 168.
- . *Free Negro Labor and Property Holding in Virginia, 1830-1860*. New York: Atheneum, 1969.
- John McNelis O’Keefe. *Stranger Citizens: Migrant Influence and National Power in the Early American Republic*. Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2020.
- Johnson, Michael P. and James L. Roark. *Black Masters: A Free Family of Color in the Old South*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1984.
- Johnson, Rashauna. *Slavery’s Metropolis: Unfree Labor in New Orleans during the Age of Revolutions*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Jones, Martha S. *Birthright Citizens: A History of Race and Rights in Antebellum America*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2018.
- Jones-Rogers, Stephanie. “If Only Trayvon had Freedom Papers.” *History News Network*. Accessed May 5, 2024. <https://www.historynewsnetwork.org/article/if-only-trayvon-had-freedom-papers>.
- Kantrowitz, Stephen D. *More than Freedom: Fighting for Black Citizenship in a White Republic, 1829-1889*. New York: Penguin Press, 2012.
- Katz, Ellen D. “African-American Freedom in Antebellum Cumberland County, Virginia.” *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 70, no. 3 (1995): 927–992.
- Kelley, Blair L.M. *Right to Ride: Streetcar Boycotts and African American Citizenship in the Era of Plessy V. Ferguson*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2010.
- Kennington, Kelly Marie. “Law, Geography, and Mobility: Suing for Freedom in Antebellum St. Louis.” *The Journal of Southern History* 80, no. 3 (2014): 575–604.
- Kenny, Kevin. *The Problem of Immigration in a Slaveholding Republic: Policing Mobility in the Nineteenth-Century United States*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2023.
- Kettner, James H. *The Development of American Citizenship, 1608-1870*. 1st edition. ed. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2014.

Bibliography

- Kimball, Gregg D. *American City, Southern Place: A Cultural History of Antebellum Richmond*. Athens: The University of Georgia Press, 2000.
- Klebaner, Benjamin Joseph. "American Manumission Laws and the Responsibility for Supporting Slaves." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 63, no. 4 (1955): 443–453.
- Knight, Frederick. *Black Elders: The Meaning of Age in American Slavery and Freedom*. 1st ed. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2024.
- Kolchin, Peter. *American Slavery, 1619-1877*. New York: Hill and Wang, 1993.
- Kulikoff, Alan. "Uprooted Peoples: Black Migrants in the Age of the American Revolution, 1790-1820." In *Slavery and Freedom in the Age of the American Revolution*, edited by Ira Berlin and Ronald Hoffman, 143–171. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1986.
- Kulikoff, Allan. *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2012.
- Latimore, Carey H. "A Step Closer to Slavery? Free African Americans, Industrialisation, Social Control and Residency in Richmond City, 1850-1860." *Slavery & Abolition* 33, no. 1 (2012): 119–137.
- Law, Anna O. "The Historical Amnesia of Contemporary Immigration Federalism Debates." *Polity* 47, no. 3 (2015): 302–319.
- Lebsock, Suzanne. "Free Black Women and the Question of Matriarchy: Petersburg, Virginia, 1784-1820." *Feminist Studies* 8, no. 2 (1982): 270–292.
- . *The Free Women of Petersburg: Status and Culture in a Southern Town, 1784-1860*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 1984.
- Link, William A. *Roots of Secession: Slavery and Politics in Antebellum Virginia*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2003.
- Litwack, Leon F. *North of Slavery: The Negro in the Free States, 1790-1860*. Chicago: University of Chicago Press, 1961.
- Mann, Dionna. "Gilbert Hunt (ca. 1780–1863)." *Encyclopedia Virginia*. Virginia Humanities. Last updated August 6, 2024. <https://encyclopediavirginia.org/entries/hunt-gilbert-ca-1780-1863>.
- Maris-Wolf, Ted. *Family Bonds Free Blacks and Re-Enslavement Law in Antebellum Virginia*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2015.
- Mason, Matthew E. "Slavery Overshadowed: Congress Debates Prohibiting the Atlantic Slave Trade to the United States, 1806-1807." *Journal of the Early Republic* 20, no. 1 (2000): 59–81.
- Masur, Kate. *An Example for all the Land: Emancipation and the Struggle Over Equality in Washington, D.C.* Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2010.
- . *Until Justice be done: America's First Civil Rights Movement, from the Revolution to Reconstruction*. New York: W. W. Norton & Company, 2021.
- McGraw, Marie Tyler. "Richmond Free Blacks and African Colonization, 1816–1832." *Journal of American Studies* 21, no. 2 (1987): 207–224.
- McKinley, Maggie. "Lobbying and the Petition Clause." *Stanford Law Review* 68, no. 5 (2016): 1131–1205.
- McKittrick, Katherine. *Demonic Grounds: Black Women and the Cartographies of Struggle*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2006.
- Milewski, Melissa. *Litigating Across the Color Line: Civil Cases between Black and White Southerners from the End of Slavery to Civil Rights*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2017.
- Milteer, Warren Eugene, Jr. *Beyond Slavery's Shadow: Free People of Color in the South*. 1st ed. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 2021.
- Morgan, Gwenda. "Law and Social Change in Colonial Virginia: The Role of the Grand Jury in Richmond County, 1692-1776." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 95, no. 4 (1987): 453–480.

- Morgan, Jennifer L. "Partus Sequitur Ventrem: Law, Race, and Reproduction in Colonial Slavery." *Small Axe* 22, no. 1 (2018): 1–17.
- Müller, Viola Franziska. "Cities of Refuge: Slave Flight and Illegal Freedom in the American Urban South, 1800-1860." PhD diss., Leiden University, 2020. <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/82707>.
- . "Employed at the Works of the City?: The Punishment of Runaway Slaves in the Antebellum US South." *Journal of Global Slavery* 7 (2022): 153–176.
- . *Escape to the City: Fugitive Slaves in the Antebellum Urban South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2022.
- Myers Asch, Chris and George Derek Musgrove. *Chocolate City: A History of Race and Democracy in the Nation's Capital*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2017.
- Myers, Amrita Chakrabarti. *Forging Freedom: Black Women and the Pursuit of Liberty in Antebellum Charleston*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2011.
- Nash, Gary B. *Forging Freedom: The Formation of Philadelphia's Black Community, 1720-1840*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 1988.
- National Archives. "Alien and Sedition Acts (1798)." Last modified July 27, 2023. <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/alien-and-sedition-acts>.
- . "Bill of Rights (1791), Art. 3." Accessed 9 October, 2024. <https://www.archives.gov/milestone-documents/bill-of-rights>.
- Nelson, Charmaine A. "He 'is Supposed to have with Him Forged Certificates of His Freedom, and Passes': Slavery, (Im)Mobility, and the Creolized Counter-Knowledge of Resistance." *Global Intellectual History* 8, no. 4 (2023): 428–447.
- Neuman, Gerald L. "The Lost Century of American Immigration Law (1776-1875)." *Columbia Law Review* 93, no. 8 (1993): 1833–1901.
- Ngai, Mae M. *Impossible Subjects: Illegal Aliens and the Making of Modern America*. Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2014.
- Nicholls, Michael L. "'The Squint of Freedom': African American Freedom Suits in Post-Revolutionary Virginia." *Slavery & Abolition* 20, no. 2 (1999): 47–62.
- . "Strangers Setting among Us: The Sources and Challenge of the Urban Free Black Population of Early Virginia." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 108, no. 2 (2000): 155–179.
- . *Whispers of Rebellion: Narrating Gabriel's Conspiracy*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2012.
- . "Creating Identity: Free Blacks and the Law." *Slavery & Abolition* 35, no. 2 (2014): 214–233.
- Nicholson, Bradley J. "Legal Borrowing and the Origins of Slave Law in the British Colonies." *The American Journal of Legal History* 38, no. 1 (1994): 38–54.
- Nicholson, Judith A. and Mimi Sheller. "Race and the Politics of Mobility: Introduction." *Transfers* 6, no. 1 (2016): 4–11.
- Nunley, Tamika Y. *At the Threshold of Liberty: Women, Slavery, and Shifting Identities in Washington, D.C.* Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2021.
- O'Brassill-Kulfan, Kristin. "Vagrant Negroes: The Policing of Labor and Mobility in the Upper South in the Early Republic." In *Reconsidering Southern Labor History: Race, Class, and Power*, edited by Matthew Hild, Keri Merritt and Leigh, 32–46. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2018.
- O'Brassill-Kulfan, Kristin. *Vagrants and Vagabonds: Poverty and Mobility in the Early American Republic*. New York: New York University Press, 2019.
- O'Brien, John T. "Factory, Church, and Community: Blacks in Antebellum Richmond." *The Journal of Southern History* 44, no. 4 (1978): 509–536.

Bibliography

- Pacheco, Josephine F. *The Pearl: A Failed Slave Escape on the Potomac*. 1st edition. ed. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2005.
- Pargas, Damian A. "Weathering Different Storms: Regional Agriculture and Slave Families in the Non-Cotton South, 1800-1860." PhD diss., Leiden University, 2009. <https://hdl.handle.net/1887/13609>.
- . *The Quarters and the Fields: Slave Families in the Non-Cotton South*. Gainesville: University Press of Florida, 2010.
- . *Slavery and Forced Migration in the Antebellum South*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2014.
- . *Freedom Seekers: Fugitive Slaves in North America, 1800–1860*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2021.
- . "Slavery in the US South." In *The Palgrave Handbook of Global Slavery Throughout History*, edited by Damian A. Pargas and Juliane Schiel, 441–457. Cham: Palgrave Macmillan, 2023.
- Parker, Kunal M. *Making Foreigners: Immigration and Citizenship Law in America, 1600–2000*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2015.
- Parramore, Thomas C. "Aborted Takeoff: A Critique of "Fly Across the River"." *The North Carolina Historical Review* 68, no. 2 (1991): 111–121.
- Penningroth, Dylan C. *The Claims of Kinfolk: African American Property and Community in the Nineteenth-Century South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2003.
- Phillips, Christopher. *Freedom's Port: The African American Community of Baltimore, 1790-1860*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1997.
- Phillips, Ulrich B. *American Negro Slavery*. New York: D. Appleton and Company, 1918.
- . *Life and Labor in the Old South*. Boston: Little, Brown, 1957.
- Power-Greene, Ousmane K. *Against Wind and Tide: The African American Struggle Against the Colonization Movement*. New York: New York University Press, 2014.
- Preston, Emmett D. "The Development of Negro Education in the District of Columbia, 1800-1860." *The Journal of Negro Education* 12, no. 2 (1943): 189–198.
- Pryor, Elizabeth Stordeur. *Colored Travelers: Mobility and the Fight for Citizenship before the Civil War*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2016.
- Reid, Patricia A. "Margaret Morgan's Story: A Threshold between Slavery and Freedom, 1820-1842." *Slavery & Abolition* 33, no. 3 (2012): 359–380.
- Riley, Pdraig. "Rethinking White Supremacy: Black Resistance and the Problem of Slaveholder Authority." In *Revolutions and Reconstructions: Black Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century*, edited by Van Gosse and David Waldstreicher. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020.
- Robinson, Morgan. "William Costin." The White House Historical Association. Last modified December 9, 2019. Accessed 23 October, 2024. <https://www.whitehousehistory.org/william-costin>.
- Rockman, Seth. *Scraping by: Wage Labor, Slavery, and Survival in Early Baltimore*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2009.
- Rosenberg, Carol. "Trump's Ambition Collides with Law on Sending Migrants to Dangerous Countries." *New York Times*, June 6, 2025. <https://www.nytimes.com/2025/06/06/us/politics/trump-deportations-migrants.html>.
- Rothman, Joshua D. *Notorious in the Neighborhood: Sex and Families Across the Color Line in Virginia, 1787-1861*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2003.
- Rousey, Dennis C. *Policing the Southern City: New Orleans, 1805-1889*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press: Louisiana State University Press, 1996.
- Russell, John H. *The Free Negro in Virginia, 1619-1865*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins Press, 1913.
- Schermerhorn, Calvin. *Money Over Mastery, Family Over Freedom: Slavery in the Antebellum Upper South*. Baltimore: Johns Hopkins University Press, 2011.

- Schmidt, Fredrika Teute and Barbara Ripel Wilhelm. "Early Proslavery Petitions in Virginia." *The William and Mary Quarterly* 30, no. 1 (1973): 133–146.
- Schoeppner, Michael A. "Black Migrants and Border Regulation in the Early United States." *Journal of the Civil War Era* 11, no. 3 (2021): 317–339.
- Schwarz, Philip J. *Twice Condemned: Slaves and the Criminal Laws of Virginia, 1705-1865*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 1988.
- . *Migrants Against Slavery: Virginians and the Nation*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 2001.
- Schweninger, Loren. *Black Property Owners in the South, 1790-1915*. Urbana: University of Illinois Press, 1990.
- . "The Roots of Enterprise: Black-Owned Businesses in Virginia, 1830-1880." *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 100, no. 4 (1992): 515–542.
- . *Appealing for Liberty: Freedom Suits in the South*. New York: Oxford University Press, 2018.
- Scott, Julius S. "Afro-American Sailors and the International Communication Network: The Case of Newport Bowers." In *African Americans and the Haitian Revolution: Selected Essays and Historical Documents*, edited by Maurice Jackson and Jacqueline Bacon. London: Routledge, 2010.
- . *The Common Wind: Afro-American Currents in the Age of the Haitian Revolution*. New York: Verso Books, 2018.
- Seeley, Samantha. "Beyond the American Colonization Society." *History Compass* 14, no. 3 (2016): 93–104.
- . "Freedom and the Politics of Migration After the American Revolution." In *Revolutions and Reconstructions: Black Politics in the Long Nineteenth Century*, edited by Van Gosse and David Waldstreicher, 84–101. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2020.
- . *Race, Removal, and the Right to Remain: Migration and the Making of the United States*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2021.
- Sharpe, Jenny. *Ghosts of Slavery: A Literary Archeology of Black Women's Life*. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, 2003.
- Sheldon, Marianne Buroff. "Black-White Relations in Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1820." *The Journal of Southern History* 45, no. 1 (1979): 27–44.
- Sheller, Mimi and John Urry. "The New Mobilities Paradigm." *Environment and Planning A* 38, no. 2 (2006): 207–226.
- Sidbury, James. *Ploughshares into Swords: Race, Rebellion, and Identity in Gabriel's Virginia, 1730–1810*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1997.
- . "Saint Domingue in Virginia: Ideology, Local Meanings, and Resistance to Slavery, 1790–1800." *The Journal of Southern History* 63, no. 3 (1997): 531–552.
- Sinha, Manisha. *The Slave's Cause: A History of Abolition*. New York: Yale University Press, 2016.
- Smallwood, Stephanie E. *Saltwater Slavery: A Middle Passage from Africa to American Diaspora*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2007.
- Smallwood, Stephanie E. "The Politics of the Archive and History's Accountability to the Enslaved." *History of the Present* 6, no. 2 (2016): 117–132.
- Smith, Rogers M. *Civic Ideals: Conflicting Visions of Citizenship in U.S. History*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2008.
- Spires, Derrick R. *The Practice of Citizenship: Black Politics and Print Culture in the Early United States*. Philadelphia: University of Pennsylvania Press, 2019.

Bibliography

- Stanley, Amy Dru. *From Bondage to Contract: Wage Labor, Marriage, and the Market in the Age of Slave Emancipation*. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2010.
- Staudenraus, Philip J. *The African Colonization Movement 1816–1865*. New York: Columbia University Press, 1961.
- Sternhell, Yael A. *Routes of War: The World of Movement in the Confederate South*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2012.
- Stevenson, Brenda E. *Life in Black and White: Family and Community in the Slave South*. 1st ed. ed. New York: Oxford University Press, 1996.
- Strauch, Tara. “Of African and Indian Descent: Creating Mission and Memory in Western Ohio, 1805–1850.” In *Quaker and Native Americans*, edited Ignacio by Gallup-Diaz and Geoffrey, 177–196. Leiden: Brill, 2019.
- Suranyi, Anna. “In Forma Pauperis: Indentured Servitude, the Right to Counsel, and White Citizenship in the Seventeenth-Century Chesapeake.” *American Journal of Legal History* 63, no. 4 (2023): 339–358.
- Szreter, Simon and Keith Breckenridge, eds. *Registration and Recognition: Documenting the Person in World History*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.
- Takagi, Midori. “Rearing Wolves to our Own Destruction”: *Slavery in Richmond, Virginia, 1782-1865*. Charlottesville: University Press of Virginia, 1999.
- Tansey, Richard. “Out-of-State Free Blacks in Late Antebellum New Orleans.” *Louisiana History* 22, no. 4 (1981): 369–386.
- Taylor, Amy Murrell. *Embattled Freedom: Journeys through the Civil War’s Slave Refugee Camps*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2018.
- Terry, Gail S. “Sustaining the Bonds of Kinship in a Trans-Appalachian Migration, 1790-1811: The Cabell-Breckenridge Slaves Move West.” *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 102, no. 4 (1994): 455–476.
- Thomas, William G. *A Question of Freedom: The Families Who Challenged Slavery from the Nation’s Founding to the Civil War*. New Haven: Yale University Press, 2020.
- Thomas, William G., Richard G. Healey, and Ian Cottingham. “Reconstructing African American Mobility After Emancipation, 1865–67.” *Social Science History* 41, no. 4 (2017): 673–704.
- Tomich, Dale W. “The ‘Second Slavery’: Bonded Labor and the Transformations of the Nineteenth-Century World Economy.” In *Rethinking the Nineteenth Century: Contradictions and Movement*, edited by Francisco O Ramirez, 103–117. New York: Greenwood Press, 1988.
- . *Slavery and Historical Capitalism during the Nineteenth Century*. Lanham: Lexington Books, 2017.
- Trotti, Michael. “Freedmen and Enslaved Soil: A Case Study of Manumission, Migration, and Land.” *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography* 104, no. 4 (1996): 455–480.
- Trouillot, Michel-Rolph. *Silencing the Past: Power and the Production of History*. Boston: Beacon Press, 2015.
- Twitty, Anne. *Before Dred Scott: Slavery and Legal Culture in the American Confluence, 1787–1857*. New York: Cambridge University Press, 2016.
- Tyler-McGraw, Marie. *An African Republic: Black and White Virginians in the Making of Liberia*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2007.
- Tyler-McGraw, Marie and Gregg D. Kimball. *In Bondage and Freedom: Antebellum Black Life in Richmond, Virginia*. Richmond: The Valentine Museum, 1988.
- U.S. National Archives and Records Administration. “The use of Habeas Corpus in the District of Columbia.” *Prologue Magazine* 37, no. 3 (2005). <https://www.archives.gov/publications/prologue/2005/fall/habeas-corpus.html>;
- Vaughn, Curtis L. “Freedom is Not enough: African Americans in Antebellum Fairfax County.” PhD diss., George Mason University, 2014. <https://doi.org/10.13021/MARS/5329>.

- Vilhelmsson, Vilhelm. "Tactics of Evasion: The Survival Strategies of Vagrants and Day Labourers in Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century Rural Iceland." *1700-Tal: Nordic Journal for Eighteenth-Century Studies* 17, (2020): 34–56.
- von Daacke, Kirt. *Freedom Has a Face: Race, Identity, and Community in Jefferson's Virginia*. Charlottesville: University of Virginia Press, 2012.
- Wade, Richard C. *Slavery in the Cities: The South 1820-1860*. London, Oxford, and New York: Oxford University Press, 1967.
- Welch, Kimberly M. *Black Litigants in the Antebellum American South*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2018.
- Wert, Justin J. *Habeas Corpus in America: The Politics of Individual Rights*. Lawrence: University Press of Kansas, 2011.
- Wertenbaker, Thomas J. *Norfolk: Historic Southern Port*. Durham: Duke University Press, 1962.
- West, Emily. *Family Or Freedom: People of Color in the Antebellum South*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 2012.
- . "Free People of Color, Expulsion, and Enslavement in the Antebellum South." In *Creating Citizenship in the Nineteenth-Century South*, edited by David Brown, Martyn Bone, William A. Link and Brian Ward, 64–83. Gainesville: The University Press of Florida, 2013.
- . "'We Chilluns, Long Wid Her, Wuz Lak De Udder Slaves': Free Black Families and Quasi-Slavery in the Late Antebellum Era." *Journal of American Studies* 55, no. 5 (2021): 991–1018.
- Whitman, T. Stephen. *The Price of Freedom: Slavery and Manumission in Baltimore and Early National Maryland*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1997.
- . *Challenging Slavery in the Chesapeake: Black and White Resistance to Human Bondage, 1775-1865*. Baltimore: Maryland Historical Society, 2007.
- Whittico, Gloria. "The Rule of Law and the Genesis of Freedom: A Survey of Selected Virginia County Court Freedom Suits (1732-1800)." *Alabama Civil Rights & Civil Liberties Law Review* 9, no. 2 (2018): 407–470.
- Wilkerson, Isabel. *The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration*. New York: Random House, 2010.
- Williams, William H. *Slavery and Freedom in Delaware, 1639-1865*. Plymouth: SR Books, 1996.
- Wilson, Carol. *Freedom at Risk: The Kidnapping of Free Blacks in America, 1780-1865*. Lexington: University Press of Kentucky, 1994.
- Wolf, Eva Sheppard. *Race and Liberty in the New Nation: Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to Nat Turner's Rebellion*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2006.
- . *Almost Free: A Story about Family and Race in Antebellum Virginia*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 2012.
- Wong, Edlie. *Neither Fugitive nor Free: Atlantic Slavery, Freedom Suits, and the Legal Culture of Travel*. New York: New York University Press, 2009.
- Wood, Nicholas P. "A 'Class of Citizens': The Earliest Black Petitioners to Congress and their Quaker Allies." *The William and Mary Quarterly* 74, no. 1 (2017): 109–144.
- Woods Brown, Letitia. *Free Negroes in the District of Columbia, 1790-1846*. New York: Oxford University Press, 1972.
- Woodson, Carter G. *A Century of Negro Migration*. Washington, D.C: Association for the Study of Negro Life and History, 1918.
- Wright, James M. *The Free Negro in Maryland, 1634-1860*. New York: Octagon Books, 1971.

Bibliography

- Würgler, Andreas. "Select Voices from among the "Silent Masses": Humble Petitions and Social Conflicts in Early Modern Central Europe." *International Review of Social History* 46, (2001): 11–34.
- Younger, Richard D. "Southern Grand Juries and Slavery." *The Journal of Negro History* 40, no. 2 (1955): 166–178.
- Zaeske, Susan. *Signatures of Citizenship: Petitioning, Antislavery, and Women's Political Identity*. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press, 2003.
- Zaret, David. "Petition-and-Response and Liminal Petitioning in Comparative/Historical Perspective." *Social Science History* 43, no. 3 (2019): 431–451.
- Zolberg, Aristide R. *A Nation by Design: Immigration Policy in the Fashioning of America*. Cambridge: Harvard University Press, 2006.