

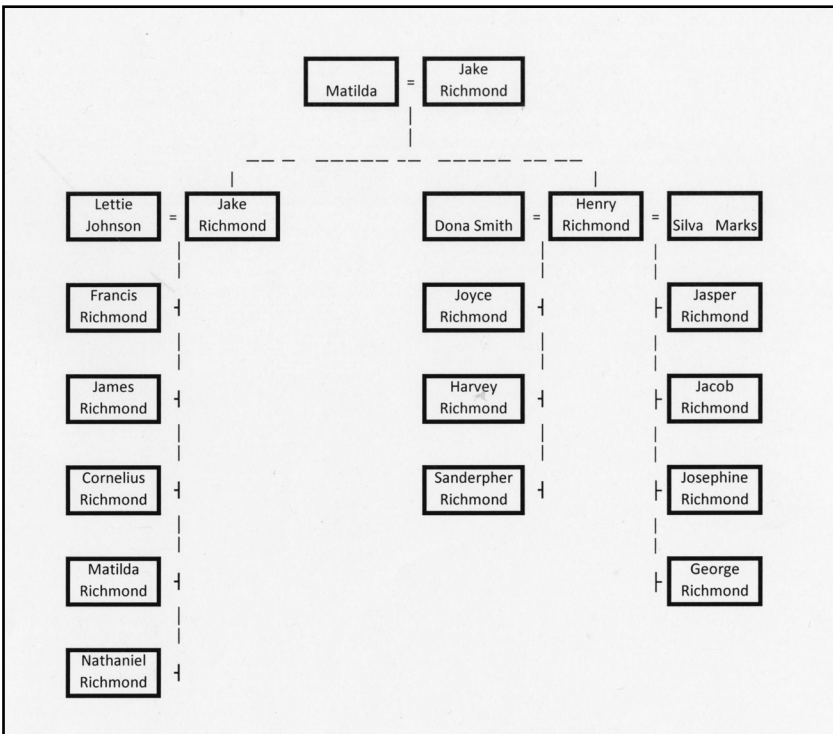
FOR THE RECORDS

Casting a wide net

Finding an African American family in the 1880 census by tracing the migrations of an entire community

The loss of the 1890 U. S. Census can create difficulties for anyone engaged in family history research. Jumping back 20 years from the 1900 census instead of the normal ten creates challenges in the best of circumstances. For African American researchers, the challenges are often greater. The Civil War left the South in a state of chaos. The infrastructure and economy were in ruins. Emancipation brought freedom to the formerly enslaved African Americans, but things were in a state of flux. People were searching for lost relatives and

Fig. 1 | Chart showing possible relationships of Richmond family members



adopting surnames. They were in many cases in transit as they looked for better opportunities. All of these factors can make families difficult to find.

One strategy is to study the ancestors' entire community in 1900. Who among their neighbors were born in the same state? Is there evidence of a chain migration? People rarely move as single individuals. By studying the entire community, you can sometimes identify the origin of an entire group.

Case study: the Richmond family

The Richmond family of Bartholomew Township, Lincoln County, Arkansas illustrates the challenge of tracing African American families beyond 1900. The 1910 U.S. Census lists the following family members¹:

RICHMOND, Jacob | 1910 census | Bartholomew Township, AR

Name	Relation.	Age	Birthplace	Father's b.p.	Mother's b.p.
Jacob	Head	39	Louisiana	Missouri	Virginia
Lettie	Wife	28	Mississippi	Tennessee	Mississippi
James	Son	18	Arkansas		
Comelius	Son	16	Arkansas		
Nathaniel	Son	11	Arkansas		
Matilda	Daughter	13	Arkansas		
Sandifer	Nephew	4	Arkansas		

The next family enumerated on the census page is that of Henry S. Richmond²:

RICHMOND, Henry | 1900 census | Bartholomew Township, AR

Name	Relation.	Age	Birthplace	Father's b.p.	Mother's b.p.
Henry S.	Head	33	Louisiana	Missouri	Virginia
Silva	Wife	22	Arkansas		
Jasper	Son	8	Arkansas		
Jacob, Jr.	Son	1	Arkansas		
Wiley B. Sims	Boarder				

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Henry’s Louisiana birthplace and his father and mother’s birthplaces in Missouri and Virginia, respectively, support a conclusion that he is the brother of Jacob.

A search of the 1900 census in the same township produced entries for both families. Jacob (listed as Jake) and Lettie are enumerated with the same four children listed in the 1910 census plus a daughter, Francis, age 10 born and in Arkansas. The nephew, Sandifer, who was four years old in 1910, is obviously not present³. Henry is enumerated with his wife, Dona, 30, born in Arkansas; son, Harvey, 2, born in Arkansas; “step daughter” (sic), John L., 6, born in Arkansas; and step son, Wiley, 8, born in Arkansas⁴. It is possible Wiley might be the Wiley B. Sims enumerated with the family in 1910, but further research would be required to prove this hypothesis.

A license dated 19 Nov. 1889 from Lincoln County documents the marriage of Jacob Richmond and Lettie Ann Johnson⁵. Likewise, licenses for Henry Richmond and Donna Smith dated 19 Feb. 1898 and Henry Richmond and Silva Marks dated 18 Feb. 1908⁷ were also found.

The state of Arkansas did not begin issuing birth certificates until February 1914. In order to accommodate people born before then, Arkansas and other states began issuing delayed birth certificates. A 15-volume index, created by the Arkansas Genealogical is available in the History and Genealogy Department⁸. A search found the following records:

Name	Birth date	Mother
James Albert Richmond	2 Dec. 1890	Lettie Johnson ⁹
Matilda Richmond	31 Aug. 1989	Lettie Johnson ¹⁰
Nathaniel Dock Richmond	2 Aug. 1898	Lettie Johnson ¹¹
Joyce Richmond	20 Jul. 1902	Dona Smith ¹²
Sanderphur Curry Richmond	20 Jul. 1905	Dona Smith ¹³
Jacob Richmond	8 Apr. 1909	Sylvia (sic) Marks ¹⁴
Josephine Richmond	3 Jan. 1911	Sylvia (sic) Marks ¹⁵
George Herman Richmond	17 Nov 1912	Sylvia (sic) Marks ¹⁶

Although these records provide information about the



Richmond children, birthdates, relationships, and in some cases even names, they do not help with the problem of tracing the family further back in time. **Fig. 2 |** Location of Lincoln County in Arkansas

The family believes Jacob’s father was also named Jacob. The 1900 Census enumerates a Jake Richmond, aged 51, in Bartholomew Township, Lincoln County, Arkansas. According to the census, he was a 51-year-old widowed boarder born in Missouri. His age is plausible as a father for the younger (29-year-old) Jake. Likewise, a Missouri birthplace is consistent with the father’s birth place listed on both the 1900 and 1910 censuses. Curiously, he is living with Moses and Celia Johnson. Their ages, 47 and 42, make them potential parents for Lettie (Johnson) Richmond. Their birthplaces, listed as Tennessee and Mississippi, are consistent with those on the census for her parents¹⁷.

Unfortunately, the older Jake is a widower, so his wife’s name is unknown. The older Jake cannot be found on the 1910 Census, which suggests he died sometime between 1900 and 1910. Arkansas did not begin issuing death certificates until 1914.

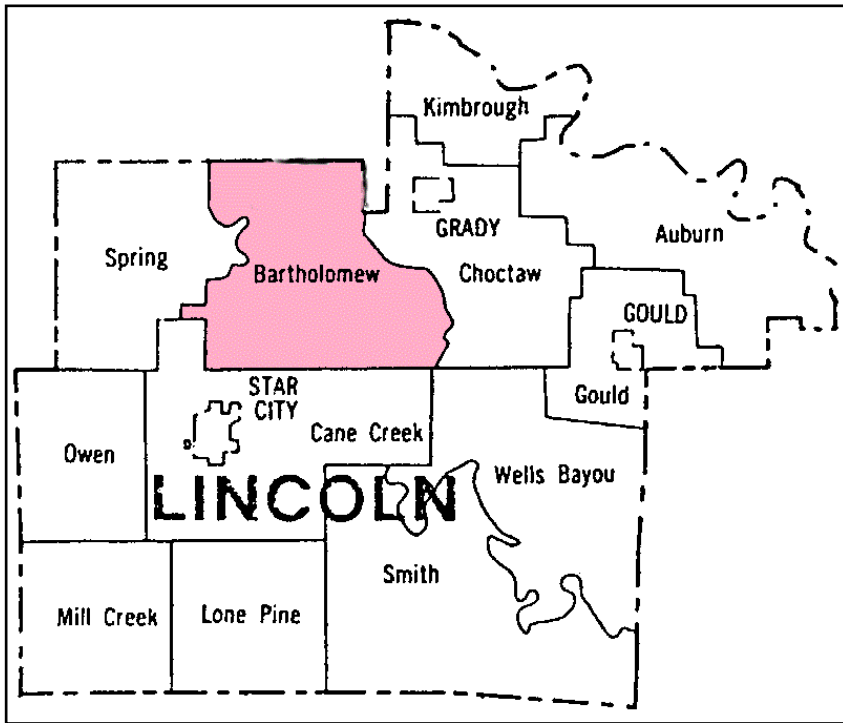


Fig. 3 | Location of Bartholomew Township in Lincoln County, Arkansas

The Arkansas Department of Health maintains a searchable index for death certificates from 1935-1961. A search produced two Lincoln County deaths with the Richmond surname. H. Richmond (possibly Henry) and Jake Richmond. The index lists first name, last name, state of birth, county of death, date of death, and mother's name. The state of birth for both of them is Louisiana. No mother's name is listed for Henry, but for Jake, it is Matilda Richmond¹⁸. Most likely, she was the wife of the older Jake and mother to both of them.

Analyzing the community

Although much information was identified relating to the Richmond family¹⁹, attempts at finding them in the 1880 census and earlier were not successful. Unfortunately, people often hit a brick wall when they reach the 1900 census. This challenge suggests a need for community analysis.

Defining the Community

Located in Southeast Arkansas, Lincoln County occupies approximately 572 square miles, making it the 69th in size of all 75 Counties of Arkansas. [Figure 2]

The county's population 13,646 ranks it as 53rd in size. The county is subdivided into twelve townships, one of which is Bartholomew. [Figure 3], which occupies about 59 square miles and has a population of 687.

The residents of Bartholomew Township will be the community used for the study. The township boundaries are essentially lines on a map, and defining a community by an essentially arbitrary boundary may leave some friends and family members outside of the community. The study can be expanded geographically later if needed, but keeping the study relatively small at first will simply things.

Gathering the data for the study

Because a Louisiana birthplace is reported for Jacob and Henry Richmond in all known records, it seems likely they did, in fact, originate somewhere in that state. But where? Human lives do not exist in a vacuum. Rarely do they throw a dart at a map to decide where to move. Instead, they follow family, friends, and neighbors from their old home to their new. This pattern most likely holds true for the community living in Bartholomew Township.

If this hypothesis is correct, it should be possible to find a pattern of migration into Bartholomew Township from some place in Louisiana. To undertake the study, 53 individuals born in Louisiana were identified in the 1900 census for the township. A search of the 1880 census for Louisiana found 21 of them, with the heaviest concentration in Concordia Parish. Most of the rest were living in Tensas and Madison Parishes, both north of Concordia along the Mississippi River.

A search of the 1880 census for Concordia Parish identified a Richmond family, as follows²⁰:

RICHMOND, Jacob | 1880 census | Concordia Parish, LA

Name	Relationship	Age	Birthplace
Jacob	Head	35	Mississippi
Jacob, Jr.	Son	13	Mississippi
Henry	Son	9	Mississippi
Sandy	Son	4	Mississippi

The ages indicated by birth years listed in the 1880 census are different from those recorded in the 1900 and 1910 census records:

RICHMOND, Jacob | Data comparison, 1880, 1900 & 1910 censuses

Name	1880 census		1900 & 1910 censuses	
	Birth year	Birthplace	Birth year	Birthplace
Jacob	1845	Mississippi	1848	Missouri
Jacob, Jr.	1867	Mississippi	1871	Louisiana
Henry	1871	Mississippi	1878	Louisiana
Sandy	1876	Mississippi	--	

The age discrepancies are not great—certainly within the range of normal errors in the census—but more information is needed to validate the theory that they are the same individuals.

The place of birth poses another problem with the family found in the 1880 enumeration. The birthplace for all four members was listed as Mississippi. The 1900 and 1910 census records indicate Jake Sr. was born in Missouri and the rest in Louisiana.

One positive identifier is the appearance of the brother Sandy. Although he is not with the family in 1900 or later, the name Sandifer definitely appears then and later. Perhaps this four-year-old Sandy in 1880 was his namesake.

The same apparent family was enumerated in District 2, Wilkinson County, Mississippi in 1870²¹:

RICHMOND, Jacob | 1870 census | Dist. 2, Wilkinson Co., MS

Name	Relationship	Birth year	Birthplace
Jacob	Head	1846	Kentucky
Matilda	Wife	1843	Tennessee
Henryetta	Daughter	1868	Louisiana
Jacob	Son	1870	Louisiana

The ages of the individuals all look reasonable. Jacob, Jr.’s apparent mother, listed as Matilda, is consistent with the Arkansas death record. The only problem with this record is the reported birthplaces for Jacob, Sr. and Matilda. The Mississippi residence in 1870

may account for the ascribed Mississippi birthplaces in the 1880 census.

The evidence suggests—pending additional information to the contrary—that we have found the Richmond family of Lincoln County, Arkansas in both the 1880 and 1870 censuses. The family was not found in the 1860 census, which most likely indicates they were enslaved.

Next steps

Finding the Richmond family during their enslavement is a difficult, but not impossible proposition. The first step will be to find their last slave owner. For an excellent discussion of how to do this, see Chapter 10 “The Last Slave and the Last Slave Owner” in Dee Parmer Woodtor’s book, *Finding a Place Called Home*²².

Once the last slave owner is identified, the next step is to research his or her family. At first, the research will be basic genealogy: Who were these people? Where did they come from? Who were their parents, grandparents, etc.? Once that research has been completed an effort must be made to find wills, bills of sales, and other documents. These might be at a courthouse, but they might also be in family papers in archival collections. Two possible sources for these documents might be the Heartman Manuscripts²³, or the Records of Ante-Bellum Southern Plantations.²⁴ Although this type of research can be challenging, the rewards can be great.

Another item requiring investigation appeared while sorting through the families in Bartholomew Township. Two additional Richmond families were discovered living there. Are they related to the family we have been researching or do they just share a surname?

CONCLUSIONS

By examining everyone in the community rather than focusing on one specific family, we were able to find likely evidence of the Richmond family in 1880 and

1870. Sometimes to move research forward, you just need to cast a wider net and trace the movement and relationships within an entire community.

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NEW! Open House for Educators

Are you a teacher, administrator, school librarian, homeschool parent, other educator? The History and Genealogy Department (H&G) will hold an open house for educators on Saturday, July 28 at 10:00 a.m. at the Headquarters location. The program will offer an overview of the great resources available for free in H&G, as well as tips for using them in educational activities. The event will include a tour of the H&G collections.

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History & Genealogy celebrates milestone anniversary

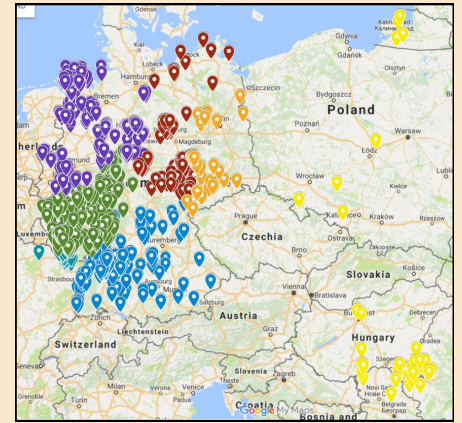


The History & Genealogy Department (H&G) is celebrating 20 years in 2018. Originally known as the Special Collections Department, H&G was founded in 1998

when the St. Louis Genealogical Society's 20,000-volume library was transferred to St. Louis County Library Headquarters.

Subsequent donations have greatly contributed to the collection of research materials. The National Genealogical Society Book Loan Collection, received in 2001, added another 27,000 print items. Other notable contributions include the Julius K. Hunter and Friends African American Research Collection established in 2000, materials donated by the Jewish Genealogical Society, funds to create the Becker Collection, and the donation of Lewis Bunker Rohrbach's private library. These additions, along with significant investment by St. Louis County Library, have resulted in a nationally recognized genealogical research collection of 100,000 print items. Significant microfilm holdings and electronic databases round out the collection.

Google Maps makes finding local-specific resources easier



H&G offers a growing collection of research materials for specific locations in Britain and German-speaking areas. To aid researchers in locating these items, the H&G staff has created interactive Google Maps pinpointing available [church records in Britain \(above left\)](https://bit.ly/2M35uXR) <<https://bit.ly/2M35uXR>> and [Ortssippenbücher for German villages \(above right\)](https://bit.ly/2kNckV8) <<https://bit.ly/2kNckV8>>. Clicking on a location listed on left side of the map highlights its location on the map. Clicking on the pin reveals the title of the resource in H&G.

H&G is planning to celebrate this important milestone on Saturday, Sept. 29. Watch future issues of *PastPorts* for program details.

New historical periodicals database

St. Louis County Library now offers the [EBSCO American Antiquarian Society \(AAS\) Historical Periodicals Collection](https://bit.ly/2M0mvCg) <<https://bit.ly/2M0mvCg>> providing access to American periodicals published between 1684 and 1912. Categories include religion, arts, military, medicine, women's periodicals, current events, education, lodge publications, and many others. Publications are full-text searchable within one or multiple categories, and the database provides document images. Articles can be printed or saved electronically. The database can be used at any St. Louis County Library location and at home with a valid library card (some restrictions apply).

Shelf life

SAMPLINGS FROM THE PRINT COLLECTION

Book | Register of Damages, Chester Co., PA

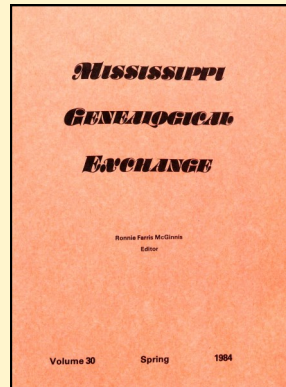
In September 1777, the British army and its Loyalist supporters marched through Chester County, Pennsylvania *en route* to Philadelphia. Along the way they seized, destroyed, and otherwise deprived locals of their property. To help improve the American position during treaty negotiations, the county commissioners asked the aggrieved citizens to enumerate their losses. In 1940, Henry Pleasants transcribed and indexed this register of damages, also called British Depredations, finally releasing it under the title *A Register of Damages Sustained by the Inhabitants of Chester County by the Troops and Adherents of the King of Great Britain during the American Revolution* (974.813 P724R).

Animals, both horses and those used for food, were among the most commonly stolen items. Various household goods, tools, and foodstuffs made up the remainder of the seizures. Both “very poor” and wealthy inhabitants filed damage claims against the British. While most damage claims relate to General Howe’s September 1777 march, some specify damage during other military actions. Edward Vernon of Chester Township blamed “a party of Scotch and Hessian on their March from Wilmington to Philadelphia” the following month.¹ Some claimants even blamed individual soldiers, calling them by name.

The index in the book is divided by town. The Chester County government website hosts indexes to several county record sets including a separate, strictly alphabetical index to British Depredations <<http://www.chesco.org/1401/>>.

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Periodical | Mississippi Genealogical Exchange



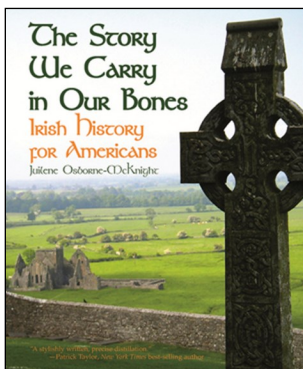
Genealogical research in Mississippi can often be challenging. More than a third of the counties have suffered record loss due to fire, flood, or other calamities. Many of the surviving records are not indexed, even if they have been filmed or digitized. Print resources are also rarely available.

Published four times per year from 1955 to 1987, the *Mississippi Genealogical Exchange* (R 976.2 M678G), may be of help. Of particular interest are indexes and abstracts to records, such as wills, deeds, and marriages. If the original record has been digitized on [FamilySearch.org](http://www.familysearch.org) <<http://www.familysearch.org>>, the index or abstract will easily guide you to it. Other items of interest include Bible records, cemetery records, and copies of four-generation charts submitted by the subscribers. History & Genealogy has a complete run of the periodical.

Westliche Post death notice index coverage expanded

[The Westliche Post Death Notice Index](https://bit.ly/2JbG0Pc) <<https://bit.ly/2JbG0Pc>> has been expanded to cover 1876–1895. The index, which represents many hours of work by volunteers, is coordinated by History & Genealogy staff members. The *Westliche Post* was a German-language daily newspaper published in St. Louis from 1857 to 1938. It absorbed *Anzeiger des Westens* in 1898.

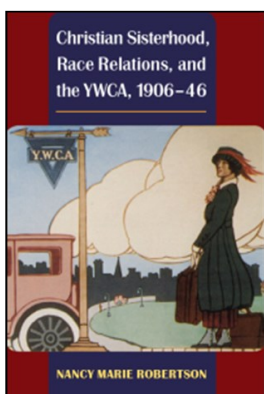
NEW BOOK HIGHLIGHTS



JULIENE OSBORNE-MCKNIGHT
The Story We Carry in Our Bones: Irish History for Americans
 Pelican, 2015 | R 941.5 O81S

More than forty million people consider themselves Irish-American, and yet most of them do not truly understand the rich

cultural history of their ancestors. From prehistoric times to the emigration of the Irish to Amerika, this broad, yet comprehensive, history gives a general overview of the deep history of Irish-Americans. Intricate Celtic illustrations accent each section, weaving a visual and stimulating picture of Irish history.
 —*Publisher*

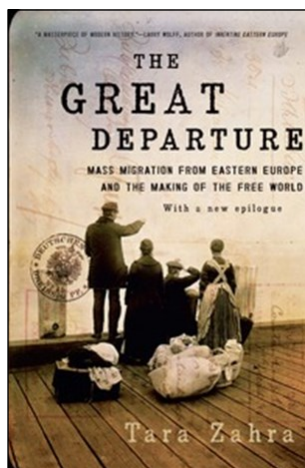


NANCY MARIE ROBERTSON
Christian Sisterhood, Race Relations, and the YWCA, 1906-46
 University of Illinois Press, c2007
 R 267.5973 R 651C

As the major national biracial women's organization, the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA) provided a unique venue for black

and white women to respond to American race relations during the first half of the twentieth century. Nancy Marie Robertson analyzes how women of both races employed different understandings of "Christian sisterhood" in their responses. Although the YWCA was segregated at the local level, African American women were able to effectively challenge white women over YWCA racial policies and practices in both the South and the North. These struggles laid the groundwork for the subsequent civil rights movement. In addition, YWCA activism in these years provided a bridge from the women's suffrage movement to the modern women's movement. Robertson's narrative draws on official YWCA records as well as the personal accounts of women associated with the YWCA,

including Anna Arnold Hedgeman, Alice Dunbar-Nelson, Dorothy Height, Abby Aldrich Rockefeller, and Katharine Du Pre Lumpkin.—*Publisher*

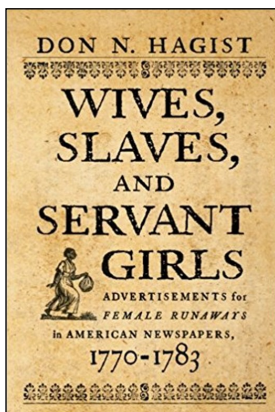


TARA ZAHRA
The Great Departure: Mass Migration from Eastern Europe and the Making of the Free World
 W.W. Norton, 2016
 R 304.87047 Z19G

Between 1846 and 1940, more than 50 million Europeans moved to the Americas in one of the largest migrations of human history, emptying out villages and irrevocably changing both their new homes and the ones they left behind. With a keen historical perspective on the most consequential social phenomenon of the twentieth century, Tara Zahra shows how the policies that gave shape to this migration provided the precedent for future events such as the Holocaust, the closing of the Iron Curtain, and the tragedies of ethnic cleansing. In the epilogue, she places the current refugee crisis within the longer history of migration.—*Publisher*

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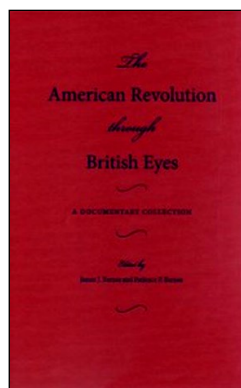
Wives, Slaves, and Servant Girls: Advertisements for Female Runaways in American Newspapers, 1770-1783

Westholme, 2007 | R 305.4209

In an age when individuals could be owned by others, people were lost and found just like other property. Indentured servants and slaves ab-

sconded from the custody of their masters, and their value prompted the masters to seek their return. Wives ran from abusive husbands or into the arms of another. Newspapers in the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries carried large numbers of advertisements offering rewards for the return of runaways or announcing the detention of fugitives. The descriptive advertisements provide textual snapshots of thousands of individuals who would otherwise be lost to history, people whose names might not otherwise be recorded. In *Wives, Slaves, and Servant Girls: Advertisements for Female Runaways in Amer-*

ican Newspapers, 1770-1783, historian Don N. Hagist focuses on the American Revolutionary period to provide a striking portrait of a substantial but largely forgotten segment of the population. —*Publisher*

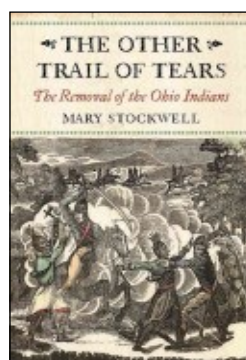


JAMES J. BARNES & PATIENCE P. BARNES

The American Revolution Through British Eyes: A Documentary Collection

Kent State University, 2013
R 973.3 A512

The letters in this collection were written mostly by British military officers and diplomats reporting directly to their superiors in London. Many of the writers were actively engaged in fighting the Americans from 1775 until 1783; others were colonial administrators traveling through North America assessing the progress of British troops. The near-daily reports in this engrossing two-volume collection enable us to appreciate the familiar drama of American independence from a different standpoint, one not widely studied. Little-known details emerge, such as the fact that King George III seriously considered abdicating the throne at least twice should independence be granted to America. The *American Revolution through British Eyes* is sure to captivate anyone with an interest in America's struggle for independence. —*Publisher*



MARY STOCKWELL

The Other Trail of Tears: The Removal of the Ohio Indians
Westholme, 2014 | R 977.1 S8660

The Indian Removal Act of 1830 was the culmination of the United States' policy to force native populations to relocate west of the Mississippi River. The most well-known episode in the eviction of American Indians in the East was the notorious "Trail of Tears" along which Southeastern Indians were driven from their homes in Georgia, Alabama, and Mississippi to reservations in present-day Oklahoma. But the struggle in the South was part of a wider story that reaches back in time to the closing months of the War of 1812, back through many states—most notably Ohio—and into the lives of so many

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tribes, including the Delaware, Seneca, Shawnee, Ottawa, and Wyandot (Huron). They, too, were forced to depart from their homes in the Ohio Country to Kansas and Oklahoma. The Other Trail of Tears: The Removal of the Ohio Indians by award-winning historian Mary Stockwell tells the story of this region's historic tribes as they struggled following the death of Tecumseh and the unraveling of his tribal confederacy in 1813. The book chronicles the history of Ohio's Indians and their interactions with settlers and U.S. agents in the years leading up to their official removal, and sheds light on the complexities of the process. —*Publisher*

Briefly Noted

St. Louis-area

- History of St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Congregation (Missouri Synod) Chippewa and Morganford, St. Louis, Missouri: Publish in Commemoration of the Seventy-Fifth Birthday of the Congregation, Celebration held on October 6, 9, and 10, 1940.* R 977.866 H673
- Images of St. Louis.* R 977.866 I31
- The Rural Cemetery Movement: Places of Paradox in Nineteenth-Century America.* R 973 S651R
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Libraries offer essential tools for genealogical research. Learn how to search online library catalogs, obtain materials from distant libraries, locate periodical articles, and use the library's in-house finding aids.

July 5, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)
 July 30, 2:00 p.m. Daniel Boone | [Register](#)

Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records (Census Basics)

Census records are a basic and essential source for genealogical research in the U.S. Learn how to search census records effectively using Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

July 10, 2:00 p.m. Headquarters | [Register](#)
 July 25, 6:30 p.m. Florissant Valley | [Register](#)

Classes to Expand Research Skills

Finding Immigrant European Ancestors

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records (Census Basics) or comparable research experience

Discover the numerous print and online resources available for researching immigrant ancestors. This class will include an overview of information available on Ancestry Library Edition and other electronic databases.

June 18, 2:00 p.m. Florissant Valley | [Register](#)
 July 9, 10:00 a.m. Cliff Cave | [Register](#)

Identifying Ancestral Military Veterans

Prerequisite: Finding Ancestors in U.S. Census Records (Census Basics) or comparable research experience

Explore strategies for military research in the Fold3 and Ancestry Library Edition databases, as well as in print and online sources.

June 25, 10:00 a.m. Grant's View | [Register](#)

African American research

Tracing Your African American Ancestors

Learn basic techniques for researching African American ancestors, including how to get started, solve common roadblocks, and use additional records to deepen your research.

July 25, 6:30 p.m. Jamestown Bluffs | [Register](#)

PARTICIPATING BRANCH LOCATIONS

Cliff Cave

5430 Telegraph Road
St. Louis, MO 63129

Daniel Boone

300 Clarkson Rd.
Ellisville, MO 63011

Florissant Valley

195 New Florissant Rd, S.
Florissant, MO 63031

Grant's View

9700 Musick Rd.
St. Louis, MO 63123

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1640 S. Lindbergh Blvd.
St. Louis, MO 63131

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4153 N. Highway 67
Florissant, MO 63034

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Special topics and sources

Finding Your Ancestors in Church Records

Church records are valuable sources of genealogical information. Learn about the kinds of records congregations kept, where to find them, and how they can help you in your research.

July 31, 6:30 p.m. Grant's View | [Register](#)

PROGRAMS

Programs are free and open to the public.
No registration is necessary.

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Don't Forget Their House! Researching the Homes of Our Ancestors

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

The homes of our ancestors are often disregarded in family stories. With a little footwork, the homes of the past can be brought forward and placed within the family tree. Speaker: LaDonna Garner

Friday, June 15, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave

English Church Records

English church history has a complicated past rife with suppression, persecution, and denominationalism. Learn about records produced by English denominations and the terminology they use. Speaker: Jake Eubanks,

June 20, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Exploring German Records in the Ancestry Library Edition database

StLGS German Special Interest Group Meeting

Ancestry has become an important tool for German genealogical research. The speaker will give an overview of available databases and offer tips for searching them. Speaker: Scott Holl

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 a.m. | Headquarters

Rooting Through Regional Periodicals

St. Louis Genealogical Society General Membership Meeting

Regional periodicals are among the most under-utilized resources held by genealogical libraries. Learn how local newspapers and genealogical society publications can be used with census, military, land, and other local records to resolve genealogical queries. Speaker: Jake Eubanks

Friday, July 20, 10:00 a.m. | Cliff Cave

Genealogy: What Did They Mean By That?

Learn about words and phrases commonly used in the past that are now confusing. Examples from many common resources will help explain terms from affiant to yellow fever. Speaker: Larry Franke

Tuesday, July 24, 7:00 p.m. | Headquarters

Irish Research in the U.S.

StLGS Irish Special Interest Group Meeting

You have to start here before you can get there. Irish research starts here at home. Discover how to mine American records thoroughly. Speakers: Carol Hemmersmeier & Kay Weber