



**Next meeting:
Wednesday,
Feb 12, 6–7 pm
Reading Room**

Finding your African American Ancestors

How do we figure out if we have an ancestor who is of African American descent? Census records often can give clues, as they kept track of race and ethnicity info for each individual in the census. So this would be a good place to start if you are curious about your family's ethnic heritage.

Other documents that offer this type of information include military records, birth and death records, and marriage certificates.

If your family has southern roots, it's possible they might have owned slaves, or aided those in the Underground Railroad.

Helpful Genealogy Links:

- [African American Genealogy](#)
- [African American Family History Resources Compiled by FamilySearch](#)
- [International African American Museum](#)
- [African-American Genealogy](#)
- [African American Genealogy Resources Guide](#)
- [Best African American Genealogy Websites of 2024](#)

News

Hope everyone is staying warm in this chilly snowy weather. February is African American History month, and it's the perfect time to look into our ancestors who might be African American or have ties to the African American community. It's not always obvious if we have ancestors of different races, and your discoveries might surprise you.