

## Researching Enslaved & Recently Free Northerners

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### URLs Mentioned in Talk

- Digital Archive of Massachusetts Anti-Slavery and Anti-Segregation Petitions [dataverse.harvard.edu/?q=&fq0=authorName\\_ss%3A%22Digital+Archive+of+Massachusetts+Anti-Slavery+and+Anti-Segregation+Petitions%2C+Massachusetts+Archives%2C+Boston+MA%22&types=dataverses%3Adatasets&sort=dateSort&order=desc](http://dataverse.harvard.edu/?q=&fq0=authorName_ss%3A%22Digital+Archive+of+Massachusetts+Anti-Slavery+and+Anti-Segregation+Petitions%2C+Massachusetts+Archives%2C+Boston+MA%22&types=dataverses%3Adatasets&sort=dateSort&order=desc)
- 1771 Massachusetts Tax Inventory online database (index only): [sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi](http://sites.fas.harvard.edu/~hsb41/masstax/masstax.cgi)
- 1745 Massachusetts Slave Census [primaryresearch.org/slave-census-all/](http://primaryresearch.org/slave-census-all/)
- The Legal Map for Interracial Relationships, 1662-1967 [www.lovingday.org/legal-map](http://www.lovingday.org/legal-map)
- FamilySearch.org: Records and index-only databases from around the world. Many of the most detailed record sets are unindexed or only partially indexed.
- Fold3.com: Originally a general research site, now focused mostly on military records. Includes extensive records from the National Archives relating to the Revolutionary War. Subscription site; some archives have on-site access.
- Old Fulton Post Cards: Originally focused on New York newspapers from 1850 forward, this free one-man-run site has expanded both backwards in time and geographically. Digitizes over 200,000 pages per month. [fultonhistory.com](http://fultonhistory.com)
- Chronicling America: The Library of Congress's free site digitizing newspapers from 1836 to 1922. [chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/](http://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/)
- GenealogyBank.com: A subscription site that includes a collection of African-American newspapers from the 1820's to recently.
- Don's List: Free site with directories, gazetteers, and more. [www.donslist.net](http://www.donslist.net)
- Blog post: "‘No Negro Shall Have the Right’ – The Black Struggle for the Vote Across the North and South" (looking at the issue from 1776 forward) [www.thiscruelwar.com/2016/03/10/no-negro-shall-have-the-right-the-black-struggle-for-the-vote-across-the-north-and-south/](http://www.thiscruelwar.com/2016/03/10/no-negro-shall-have-the-right-the-black-struggle-for-the-vote-across-the-north-and-south/)
- "Black Loyalists" from the National Archives [UK] [www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/work\\_community/loyalists.htm](http://www.nationalarchives.gov.uk/pathways/blackhistory/work_community/loyalists.htm)
- "Black Loyalists Exodus to Nova Scotia (1783)" [www.blackpast.org/gah/black-loyalists-exodus-nova-scotia-1783](http://www.blackpast.org/gah/black-loyalists-exodus-nova-scotia-1783)
- "Slave Tenure Under the Royalls" [www.royallhouse.org/slavery/slave-tenure-under-the-royalls/](http://www.royallhouse.org/slavery/slave-tenure-under-the-royalls/)
- "The Stephen Jacob House" (includes information on Jacob illegally owning enslaved people in Vermont): [historicwindsor.com/pdf/Jacob\\_House.pdf](http://historicwindsor.com/pdf/Jacob_House.pdf)

## **Books and Articles Mentioned in Talk**

- *The Problem of Slavery in Early Vermont, 1777-1810: Essays and Primary Sources* by Harvey Amani Whitfield (Vermont: Vermont Historical Society, 2014).
- *To Plead Our Own Cause: African-Americans in Massachusetts and the Making of the Antislavery Movement* by Christopher Cameron (Kent, Ohio: The Kent State University Press, 2014).
- *Slavery in the Connecticut Valley of Massachusetts* by Robert H. Romer (Florence, Massachusetts: Levellers Press, 2009).
- *Unfreedom: Slavery and Dependence in Eighteenth-Century Boston* by Jared Ross Hardesty (being released by NYU Press in April 2016).
- *The Pynchon Papers*, 2 vols., edited by Carl Bridenbaugh (Boston: The Colonial Society of Massachusetts, vol. 1 in 1982 & vol. 2 in 1985).
- “Angola and Elizabeth: An African Family in the Massachusetts Bay Colony” by Melinde Lutz Sanborn, *The New England Quarterly*, Vol. 72, No. 1 (March 1999), pp. 119-129.
- Longfellow House-Washington’s Headquarters National Historic
- Site Historic Resource Study by J. L. Bell; available at [www.nps.gov/long/learn/news/upload/George-Washington-s-Headquarters-and-Home-Cambridge-Massachusetts.pdf](http://www.nps.gov/long/learn/news/upload/George-Washington-s-Headquarters-and-Home-Cambridge-Massachusetts.pdf)
- "Hunting for Hidden History: How Slavery Came to the Town of York" by Hilary Dawson, *Families* (Ontario Genealogical Society's magazine), February 2012 issue, pp. 26-31.

## **A Few Additional Resources**

- African-American Intellectual History Society’s blog: Covering all time periods in African-American history. [www.aaihs.org/blog/](http://www.aaihs.org/blog/)
- Slavery in the North: A solid starting place for laws regarding enslavement and free people of color – though double-check, especially regarding the slow process of Northern emancipation. [slavenorth.com/](http://slavenorth.com/)
- “Thoughts on the Proliferation of Ahistorical Irish Slaves Articles and Memes” by Liam Hogan, an introduction to the topic: [medium.com/@Limerick1914/thoughts-on-the-proliferation-of-ahistorical-irish-slaves-articles-and-memes-70889400c819#.fk9m9tq6x](https://medium.com/@Limerick1914/thoughts-on-the-proliferation-of-ahistorical-irish-slaves-articles-and-memes-70889400c819#.fk9m9tq6x)