



AAHGS Metro Atlanta Chapter

Selected Online Resources

[African American Lives](#) and [African American Lives 2](#)

Using genealogy, oral history, family stories and DNA analysis, noted historians and genealogists trace the American and African lineages of well-known African Americans. Aired on PBS in 2006 and 2007, hosted by Henry Louis Gates, Jr., W.E.B. Du Bois Professor of the Humanities and Chair of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. (See **Faces of America** below).

[AfriGeneas](#)

Focusing on African American family research prior to 1870, Afrigeneas states its vision is “to find and document the last slaveholder and the first African in each family.”

[Ancestry.com](#)

Online fee subscription service for census and other historical records. Ancestry's free learning center contains resources, books, and articles on family history research.

[African American Cemeteries and Obituaries](#)

Over 14,485 obituaries and 26,951 death notices are documented on this website. Records are primarily from Chattahoochee, Harris, Marion, Muscogee, Schley, and Sumter counties in Georgia, and Russell County in Alabama. The site is no longer accepting queries or submissions.

[Christine's Genealogy Website](#)

Links to information, articles, and databases on African American genealogy topics including Black history, slavery, Freedmen's Bureau records, and African genealogy.

[Civil War Soldiers and Sailors Database](#)

Maintained by the National Park Service, this website contains a searchable database of union and confederate records.

[Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet](#)

Contains more than 200,000 links to a wide variety of websites including 200 plus African American related links.

[Faces of America](#)

Hosted by Henry Louis Gates Jr. Demonstrates the use of the latest tools of genealogy and genetics to explore the family histories of twelve renowned Americans. Premiered February 2010. Video available online.

[Family History Centers](#)

Sponsored by the Church of Latter Day Saints, the Family History Library is searchable online; there are also some 3,400 centers worldwide. The website provides searchable records including marriages, births, and an 1880 census database. Call 800-346-6044 to find a local family history center near you.

[Family Tree Magazine Online](#)

Online version has overviews of magazine articles; includes genealogical and ethnic "tool kits" useful for African American researchers.

[Freedmen's Bureau Online](#)

A searchable site containing records of the Freedman's bureau; includes relief and educational activities, marriages, and land records.

[Genealogy.com](#)

Online fee subscription service for census records. Provides free online genealogy lessons for beginning to more advanced researchers.

[Genealogy Research and Adoption](#)

A Suite 101.com page containing links to websites that address strategies for adoption research.

[International Society of Sons and Daughters of Slave Ancestry](#)

The stated purpose of the ISDSA is “to perpetuate the memory of our slave ancestors in America and around the world” by honoring and celebrating slave ancestral heritage. Membership is only open to those who can prove slave ancestry.

[RootsWeb](#)

Features articles on getting started, searchable databases, family trees, mailing lists, and message boards.