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**A DIRECTORY OF  
AFRICAN-AMERICAN  
GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES**

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## I. NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

### **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

P. O. Box 73067

Washington, DC 20056-3067

<http://www.aahgs.org/>

*“The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS) strives to preserve African-ancestored family history, genealogy, and cultural diversity by teaching research techniques and disseminating information throughout the community. Our primary goals are to promote scholarly research, provide resources for historical and genealogical studies, create a network of persons with similar interests, and assist members in documenting their histories.”*

### **Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation (AAHRP)**

<http://www.aaahrp.org/>

*“The mission of the Association for African American Historical Research and Preservation (AAHRP), a nonprofit organization, is to locate, collect, preserve and disseminate historical and genealogical information related to the African American population. The Association supports activities which increase public awareness and understanding of African American history, and sponsors activities including exhibitions, workshops, and conferences which support our goals and mission.”*

## II. LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

### ▪ ALABAMA

#### **Birmingham Genealogical Society**

#### **Birmingham African-American Genealogy Study Group**

*(A Special Interest Group of the Birmingham Genealogy Society)*

Post Office Box 2432

Birmingham, Alabama 35201

<http://www.birminghamgenealogy.org/>

<http://birminghamgenealogy.wordpress.com/> (blog)

*“Assisting African-Americans in Family Research.”*

#### **Association of Black Genealogists of Alabama**

6208 Crest Green Rd., #202

Birmingham, Alabama 35212-3834

#### **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

#### **North Alabama Chapter**

P. O. Box 89

Normal, Alabama 35762-0089

#### **Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc.**

c/o Louretta Wimberly, Membership Chair

P. O. Box 971

Selma, Alabama 36702

<http://bbaaghs.org/>

*“The Black Belt African American Genealogical & Historical Society, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the study and exchange of information and ideas among people interested in African American genealogy, family history and historic preservation in the twelve counties of Alabama's Black Belt Region--Bullock, Choctaw, Dallas, Greene, Hale, Lowndes, Macon, Marengo, Perry, Pickens, Sumter and Wilcox.”*

### ▪ ALASKA

#### **AAHS of Alaska**

P. O. Box 143105

Anchorage, Alaska 99514-3105

### ▪ ARIZONA

#### **Black Family Genealogy & History Society**

P. O. Box 90683

Phoenix, Arizona 85066-0683

<http://www.bfghs.net/>

#### **Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

#### **Tucson Chapter**

2501 North Goyette

Tucson, Arizona 85712-1934

▪ **ARKANSAS**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Arkansas Chapter**

P. O. Box 4294

Little Rock, Arkansas 72214

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~araahgs/>

*“The Arkansas Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society (AAHGS) was founded in 1997 by a group of individuals dedicated to preserving and sharing genealogical and historical research techniques, conducting educational programs and preparing exhibits. Our goal is to bring to light, through research, study, collaboration, documentation and presentation, the history and heritage of Arkansas' people of African descent.”*

▪ **CALIFORNIA**

**California African American Genealogical Society, Inc. (CAAGS)**

Post Office Box 8442

Los Angeles, California 90008-0442

<http://www.caags.org/>

*“The mission statement of CAAGS is to foster genealogical research and documentation through presentations, educational classes, state and national caucuses and publication of sound genealogical research. Our four objectives are: To encourage and support the utilization of genealogy as a tool for African-Americans to become aware of their history, heritage and self worth. To encourage the collection, preservation and maintenance of African-American genealogical materials by supplementing various Museums & Library collections and such other repositories as the Society deems appropriate. To stimulate the membership and the general public to study, research and record their own family histories. To promote and maintain ethical standards in genealogical research and publications.”*

**Middle Passage Research Group**

P. O. Box 90392

Los Angeles, California 90009-0392

<http://www.africasdescendentsrip.info/>

*“The Middle Passage Research Group (MPRG) is a non-profit organization founded in 1998 in Los Angeles, California, to trace African-Americans genealogy, to provide genealogical tours, and educational workshops.”*

**Southern California Genealogical Society**

**African American Special Interest Group**

417 Irving Dr.

Burbank, California 91504

<http://www.scgsgenealogy.com/AfricanAmericanSIG.htm>

*“The Southern California Genealogical Society's (SCGS) African American Special Interest Group meetings are held the second Saturday of each month from about 2:30-5:00 p.m., with individual research assistance available following the SCGS monthly Lunch and Learn program.”*

**Black Historical Society of San Diego**

P.O. Box 122469

San Diego, California 92010

<http://www.blackhistoricalsociety.com/index.htm>

*“Our goal is to provide a vehicle for preserving and promoting the contributions of African Americans in San Diego County and nationally, through research, genealogy, interpretive programs, special events and cultural tourism.”*

**San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group**

P. O. Box 740240

San Diego, CA 92174-0240

*“The purpose of the San Diego African American Genealogy Research Group is to promote interest in, and the study of, genealogy, heraldry, and history with particular emphasis on the challenges unique to the research of African American family histories; To encourage group members to research and record their own family histories through individual and group efforts; And to develop pride in the remarkable achievements African Americans have brought to the American experience.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Central California Chapter**

P. O. Box 9161

Fresno, California 93790-9161

**San Francisco African American Historical & Cultural Society**

762 Fulton Street

San Francisco, California 94102-4119

<http://www.sfblackhistory.org/>

*“The Society’s mission is to educate African Americans, and the public at large, about the history and culture of San Francisco’s African American community. The Society accomplishes its mission by: documenting, preserving and presenting true accounts of the African American experience; providing a forum for the discussion and analysis of relevant local, national and international issues, encouraging, fostering and promoting the study and appreciation of African and African American history and culture and by instilling in African Americans, especially African American youth, a sense of pride in themselves and their heritage.”*

**African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC)**

P.O. Box 27485

Oakland, California 94602-0985

<http://www.aagsnc.org/>

*“The African American Genealogical Society of Northern California (AAGSNC) was founded in March 1996 under the leadership of Kathryn Burgess Smith. The organizing members were Charlesetta Braggs-Ford, Jeanette Braxton-Secret, Charles T. Brown, Rayford Bullock, Electra Kimble Price, and Ranie George Smith. The organizers had a strong desire to preserve and promote the study of records of a genealogical and historical nature relating to African American ancestry. AAGSNC, a nonprofit organization, was incorporated in the state of California on November 4, 1998. AAGSNC is a member of the Federation of Genealogical Societies.”*

**Yolo County African American Heritage Association**

P. O. Box 1749

Woodland, CA 95776-1749

- COLORADO

**Black Genealogy Search Group**

P.O. Box 7276

Denver, Colorado 80207

<http://www.bsgden.com/>

*“Our main objectives have been 1) to bring together searchers with the same interests to experience the fellowship of these gatherings as they share problems and discoveries and learn genealogical research techniques from each other and from other resources, 2) to encourage and assist African American researchers to reclaim their rich heritage, and 3) to encourage searchers to document their research efforts and write their family histories.”*

- CONNECTICUT
  
- DELAWARE
  
- DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**James Dent Walker Chapter**

P. O. Box 60632

Washington, DC 20039-0632

- FLORIDA

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Central Florida Chapter**

P. O. Box 1347

Orlando, Florida 32802-1347

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~flcfaahg/>

*“The Chapter's founders were Alberta Lynn Gibbs, Arlene Echols and Tom Kovalak. These three persons met and discussed the need for an Afro-American Genealogy group in the Central Florida area. Their desire was that persons interested in researching their roots would have a nurturing group to come to network. They thought it was important that each member had the opportunity to discuss their successes as well as those valleys, which happens in the life of all genealogists.”*

**Black Historical Society of Broward County**

2060 NW 30th Ave

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Tampa Chapter**

27418 Sugar Loaf Drive

Wesley Chapel, Florida 33544

<http://aahgstampa.homestead.com/>

*“The Afro-American Historical Genealogy Society Tampa Florida Chapter strives to preserve African American family history, genealogy and cultural diversity by teaching research techniques and disseminating information throughout the community. The primary goal is to save and promote scholarly research, provide resources for historical and genealogical studies, create a network of persons with similar interest, and assist members in documenting their histories.”*

**Lee County Black History Society, Inc. (LCBHS)**

P. O. Box 489

Fort Myers, Florida 33902-0489

<http://lcbhs.ebmnet.com/>

*“Mission Statement: To preserve and commemorate cultural and educational contributions made by both locally and nationally known Black people. We want to promote positive thought about Black people in the minds of citizens in Lee County and surrounding areas, and stimulate their desire to continue to preserve an important segment of America’s history.”*

▪ **GEORGIA**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Metro Atlanta Chapter**

P. O. Box 54131

Atlanta, Georgia 30308-9998

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~gaaahgs/index.htm>

*“Metro Atlanta Chapter Objectives: To provide a forum in the Metro Atlanta area for the sharing of historical and genealogical information and research sources about African Americans. To organize workshops and a speakers' forum to meet the needs and interests of chapter members. To compile research that will preserve African American history in the United States.”*

**Georgia Genealogy Researchers In The South (GGRITS)**

P. O. Box 87188

College Park, Georgia 30337

▪ **HAWAII**

▪ **IDAHO**

▪ **ILLINOIS**

**The Afro-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Chicago**

P. O. Box 37-7651

Chicago, Illinois 60637

<http://www.aaghsc.org/>

*“Founded in 1979, the Society immediately set out to gather and publicize information on the history and genealogy of Africans in America. Monthly meetings permitted members to share important genealogical finds, to attend classes on research techniques, and to hear speakers on genealogical subjects.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)  
Patricia Liddell Researchers Chapter**  
P. O. Box 438652  
Chicago, Illinois 60643-8652

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)  
Northern Illinois/Southern Wisconsin Chapter**  
P. O. Box 1732  
Rockford, IL 61110-1732  
<http://www.aahgsnisw.org/>

*“AAHGS-NISW’s mission is to develop a network of individuals with the common goal of advancing towards a greater awareness of African-American heritage and lineage with the vision to empower individuals, families, and communities by increasing knowledge, cultivating self-awareness, enhancing personal growth and pride, and developing identity. The members of AAHGS-NISW believe the past shapes the future; therefore, one must know where he has been to know where he is going.”*

**African-American Cultural & Genealogical Society of Illinois, Inc. Museum**  
314 N. Main Street  
P.O. Box 25251  
Decatur, Illinois 62525  
<http://www.african-american-cultural.org/index.html>

*“[I]t has been dedicated to: promoting and facilitating an interest in research, preservation and publishing African-American, genealogy and family histories; providing resources and education about Africans and African-American history of the Central Illinois community as a whole and African-American youth in particular; enhance self-esteem and race relations through education, cultural activities, fellowship and cultural events; promotes and preserves the study of African-American history. It fosters self-worth through cultural, artistic and educational endeavors. We honor all cultures; to assist and support any genealogical library in (state) which is open to the public.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)  
Little Egypt Chapter**  
P. O. Box 974  
Carbondale, Illinois 62903-0974

▪ **INDIANA**

**Indiana African American Genealogy Group**  
P. O. Box 1811  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46206  
<http://www.iaagg.org/>  
<http://iaagg.blogspot.com/> [blog]

*“Enhance the availability of resources for the study of African American genealogy by: Promoting the accumulation and preservation of African American genealogical and historical materials; Uniting all individuals who want to share in the growth of African American genealogy; Fostering and encouraging family research through education; Transcribing documents for public use and contribute to repositories; Promoting community awareness of the importance of family history and preservation.”*

▪ **IOWA**



- **KANSAS**

- **KENTUCKY**

**The African American Genealogy Group of Kentucky**

P.O. Box 1211

Frankfort, KY 40602

<http://aaggky.blogspot.com/>

*“The African-American Genealogy Group of Kentucky, "The Group", is a non-profit organization of researchers, historians, and everyday folk working together to save the history of Kentucky's Black families. Begun in January 2011, our focus is to help people research their family histories and to give them a forum to share their findings. By sharing, we can tell 'our' story, educate our children and our communities. Our mission is to 'save history and pass it on.'”*

- **LOUISIANA**

**Louisiana Creole Research Association**

P. O. Box 791845

New Orleans, Louisiana 70179-1845

<http://lacreole.org/>

*“LA Creole is a New Orleans based non-profit family research organization dedicated to the study of the history and culture of the Creoles of Color of Louisiana through ancestral research, education, and celebration.”*

**The Creole Heritage Education and Research Society (C.H.E.R.S.)**

P. O. Box 6982

Slidell, Louisiana 70460

<http://www.creolehistory.com/chers/index.html>

*“C.H.E.R.S., The Creole Heritage Education and Research Society was formed in 2002 by a group of online researchers to create an interest in the genealogies and family ties of the Creole people with a special emphasis on the rich history of the Gens De Couleur of Louisiana.”*

- **MAINE**

- **MARYLAND**

**The African American Heritage Society of Charles County, Inc. (AAHSOCIETYCC)**

P.O. Box 2250,

7485 Crain Highway

La Plata, Maryland 20646

<http://www.aahsocietycc.org/>

*“The African American Heritage Society of Charles County, Inc. is a non-profit organization with a dedicated mission to foster public awareness and understanding of the African American way of life; the*

*culture and historical contributions of African Americans to the growth and development of Southern Maryland and the nation.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Prince George's County Chapter**

P. O. Box 44252

Fort Washington, Maryland 20744-4252

<http://pgcm.aahgs.org/>

*“As a non-profit volunteer organization, our objectives are to promote Black History in Prince George's County, to encourage the historical and genealogical studies of African Americans currently residing in the county, and to support the goals and objectives of our national society.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Central Maryland Chapter**

6352 Windharp Way

Columbia, Maryland 21045-4548

<http://cmgen.wordpress.com/>

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Agnes Kane Callum Chapter (Baltimore)**

P. O. Box 9366

Catonsville, Maryland 21228-0366

▪ **MASSACHUSETTS**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**New England Chapter**

42 Laurelwood Drive

Stoughton, Massachusetts 02072-4961

<http://www.aahgs-ne.org/>

*“The primary purpose of the New England Chapter of the Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS-NE) is to encourage African Americans in all walks of life -- from students to young adults to older adults to retired persons -- to investigate their family heritage.”*

▪ **MICHIGAN**

**Fred Hart Williams Genealogical Society**

Burton Historical Collection

Detroit Public Library

5201 Woodward Avenue

Detroit, Michigan 48202

<http://www.fhwgs.org/>

*“As the first genealogical society in the State of Michigan dedicated to the research and preservation of our African-American history, we take pride in our heritage and our contributions to the world and especially this country. We share this knowledge with enthusiasm, so that we may take our rightful place in history.”*

**Detroit African American Genealogy Society**

Dr. B. Arkela Revels

8834 Prest Street  
Detroit, Michigan 48228-2206

**Lansing Area African American Genealogy Society**

P. O. Box 22203  
Lansing, Michigan 48909-2203

<http://www.laaags.org/>

*“LAAAGS was founded in 2001 and is located in Lansing, Michigan. The purpose of LAAAGS is to promote the preservation of African American family history for Lansing area residents and other interested persons.”*

**The Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society**

612 N. Park St.  
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49007

<http://www.smbhs.org/>

*“The mission of the Southwest Michigan Black Heritage Society, a not-for-profit organization, is: To research and document the history of African Americans in Southwest Michigan; To educate the community, through exhibitions, workshops, seminars, and publications; To establish resources for genealogical and historical studies.”*

- MINNESOTA
  
  
- MISSISSIPPI
  
  
- MISSOURI

**St. Louis African American History and Genealogy Society**

P.O. Box 18754  
St. Louis, Missouri 63118

<http://www.stl-aaahgs.com/>

*“The St. Louis African American History and Genealogy Society’s (St. Louis AAHGS) mission is to preserve African-ancestral family history, genealogy, and cultural diversity by providing educational and research opportunities by offering community services, collecting, preserving, and publishing genealogical and historical records.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Landon Cheek Chapter**

P. O. Box 32116  
St. Louis, Missouri 63132-8116

**St. Louis Genealogical Society**

**African American Special Interest Group**

P.O. Box 43010  
St. Louis, Missouri 63143

[http://www.stlgs.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=28](http://www.stlgs.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=19&Itemid=28)

*“The African-American Special Interest Group (AA-SIG) provides a forum for individuals to network, share genealogical research, study, and preserve the history of Americans with particular interest in African descent.”*

**Midwest Afro-American Genealogical Interest Coalition (M.A.G.I.C.)**

P.O. Box 300972

Kansas City, Missouri 64130

<http://www.magickc.org/>

*“Thousands of people are interested in tracing their family ancestry in order to retrieve a large part of their family history. Many others already doing their own research, would like to discuss problems and share in their successes with fellow researchers. If you want help with your family research, or just want to network with others who share your interest in genealogy, M.A.G.I.C. may be the organization for you.”*

- MONTANA
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- NEBRASKA
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- NEVADA

**Nevada African American Genealogy Society (NAAGS)**

\*\*Address updated Jun 2011\*\*

10733 Esk Drive

Las Vegas, NV 89144

<http://communitylink.reviewjournal.com/lvrj/naags>

*“To inspire and the support the utilization of genealogy as a tool for African-Americans to become aware of their history, culture, heritage and self worth. To encourage the collection, preservation and maintenance of African-American genealogical materials by supplementing various library collections and such other repositories as the Society deems appropriate. To stimulate the membership and general public to study, research and record their own family histories. To promote and maintain ethical standards in genealogical research and publications.”*

- NEW HAMPSHIRE
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- NEW JERSEY

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**New Jersey Chapter**

P. O. Box 83

Middletown, New Jersey 07748-0083

<http://www.aahgsnj.org/>

*“For over twenty years the NJAAHGS has strived to preserve African ancestral family history, genealogy, and cultural diversity by promoting research and disseminating information throughout the*

*community. We seek to create a network of persons with similar interest, sharing our experiences and resources to assist members in documenting their histories.”*

- **NEW MEXICO**

- **NEW YORK**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Jean Sampson Scott - Greater New York Chapter**

P. O. Box 022340

Brooklyn, New York 11201-0049

<http://www.aahgsny.org/>

**African Atlantic Genealogical Society (AAGS)**

P. O. Box 7385

Freeport, New York 11520-0757

<http://www.aagsinc.net/>

**Afro American Historical Association of the Niagara Frontier**

P.O. Box 63

Buffalo, New York 14207

<http://www.aahanf.org/>

*“The primary mission of the Association is to preserve historical sources that pertain to Afro-Americans in Western New York and to promote research and scholarship that has to do with the life and history of Afro-Americans in New York State.”*

**The Buffalo Genealogical Society of the African Diaspora**

P. O. Box 2534

Buffalo, New York 14240-2534

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~nybgsad/>

*“Our goal is to assist members in developing their research skills and contribute to the genealogical community at large.”*

- **NORTH CAROLINA**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Winston-Salem Chapter**

5400 Novack Street

Winston-Salem, North Carolina 27105-1756

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**North Carolina/Piedmont-Triad Chapter**

P. O. Box 36254

Greensboro, North Carolina 27416-6254

<http://onlinegreensboro.com/~aahgs/>

*“The Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society of North Carolina/Piedmont-Triad (AAHGS) is a local organization dedicated to promoting research, study, and publication of history and genealogy of Americans, with particular interest in persons of African descent.”*

**African American Genealogical Association/Trans-Catawba**

Office of Historical Coordinator

211 W. Water St.

Lincolnton, NC 28092

- **NORTH DAKOTA**

- **OHIO**

**Franklin County Genealogical & Historical Society**

**African American Special Interest Group**

3378 Park Street, Suite D

Grove City, Ohio 43123-2630

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~ohfcghs/>

**Multicultural Genealogical Center**

P. O. Box 125

Chesterhill, Ohio 43728

<http://www.mgcenter.org/>

*“The Center shall be a non-profit organization to document the contributions of multicultural and multiracial families to the social, cultural, political, religious, educational and economic development of the Ohio River Valley. The Center will: Collect written and electronic records that document the lives, histories, and genealogies of families in the region whose ancestries cross racial and cultural boundaries; Protect the integrity of these records and documents for future generations by securing and maintaining an orderly archive for public benefit; Assist individuals or organizations interested--for personal genealogical and not-for-profit purposes--in researching such families or accessing data housed in the Center archives; Educate members, visitors, and the public about the lives, roles, and contributions of those families and traditions to American society; Exhibit, disseminate, and publicize in appropriate venues information regarding such contributions; Promote and improve, through community and educational programs, public perception and recognition of the region's diverse, multicultural heritage; and Work cooperatively with organizations, universities, agencies, and libraries to gather, share, and preserve genealogical information and related historic documents pertinent to the region.”*

**Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group (OAAGHG)**

M.P.O. Box 0374

Oberlin, Ohio 44074-0374

<http://www.oaaghg.com/>

*“The Oberlin African-American Genealogy & History Group (OAAGHG) is dedicated to encouraging support for African-American genealogy and historical research.”*

**African American Genealogical Society**

P. O. Box 201476

Cleveland, Ohio 44120

<http://www.aagsclev.org/>

*“Our Society began in 1990. The mission of the twelve founding members was to assist novice historians in beginning their family research, to facilitate networking among African-American researchers, and to promote genealogical studies by offering the talents of its members as speakers, teachers and exhibitors. Our mission remains unchanged.”*

**African American Genealogy Group of the Miami Valley**

P.O. Box 485

Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387-1224

<http://www.aagmv.org/>

*“The Miami Valley African American Genealogical Group is a non-profit, service organization devoted to the promotion of African American genealogy. It encourages education and training in basic genealogical research methods and supports techniques for finding ancestors who were brought to America as slaves or who were non-white and outside the social and political framework of early-America. A search for ancestors, their identification, and their documentation are main goals of the group. Activities include networking, workshops, and field trips for genealogical purposes. The organization promotes the writing of personal family histories, and encourages cooperation with other local, regional, and national historical and genealogical societies. Membership is open to everyone.”*

▪ **OKLAHOMA**

**Choctaw-Chickasaw Freedmen Association of Oklahoma**

18663 3rd Street

Spiro, Oklahoma 74959

<http://www.choctawchickasawfreedmen.com/>

*“The Choctaw Chickasaw Freedmen of Oklahoma is an organization founded in Ft. Coffee Oklahoma. The purpose of the organization is to work with the local community to research, document and celebrate the unique history, heritage and legacy of the Freedmen of the Choctaw and Chickasaw Nations. The Freedmen were the former slaves of the two nations that migrated to Indian Territory in the 1830s. Freed by the treaty of 1866 the two groups remained in the the land of their birth, according to the traditions of the land where they were born. Many of the Freedmen emerged as leaders in their communities as they made efforts to establish themselves on footing the the land where many and their elders had once been enslaved. The challenges that faced the former slaves were grave as they negotiated life in the Territory. The Choctaw-Chickasaw Freedmen Association, seeks to encourage research, explore the history of the eastern communities of Oklahoma, and to support the efforts of the inclusion of the Freedmen in the histories of their nations, to inform the community of the issues as they effect the Freedmen and their descendants, and to express solidarity with others who have concerns and interests of the Freedmen of the Five Civilized Tribes.”*

▪ **OREGON**

▪ **PENNSYLVANIA**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Family Quest Society (Philadelphia) Chapter**

P.O. Box 34620

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19101

<http://aahgsphila.webs.com/>

*“The mission of the organization is to establish a focus on African-American Genealogy research. Our goal is to strengthen research skills that will enable our members to leave a legacy for the generations of their families to follow.”*

**African American Genealogy Group**

P.O. Box 27356

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19118

<http://www.aagg.org/>

*“The African American Genealogy Group is dedicated to the encouragement of and support for genealogy research and serves the African-American community of Philadelphia and the Tri State area.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Pittsburgh Chapter**

P. O. Box 5707

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15208

<http://pittsburgh.aahgs.org/>

*“Our Mission: To provide a forum for individuals to network and share genealogical and historical research methodology; To enhance the heritage of African-Americans; To work cooperatively with other Chapters and groups to exchange ideas and experiences; To encourage the collection and preservation of memoirs, diaries, documents, artifacts and records of importance to African-American research; To participate in the programs and activities of the National Society.”*

▪ **RHODE ISLAND**

**The Rhode Island Black Heritage Society**

65 Weybosset Street at the Arcade, Suite 29

Providence, Rhode Island 02903

[http://cityof.providenceri.com/RI\\_BlackHeritage/](http://cityof.providenceri.com/RI_BlackHeritage/)

*“The Rhode Island Black Heritage Society ‘is constituted for the purpose of: Procuring, collecting, and preserving books, pamphlets, letters, manuscripts, prints, photographs, paintings, and any other historical material relating to the history of the Blacks of Rhode Island; encouraging and promoting the study of such history by lectures and otherwise; and publishing and diffusing information as to such history.’”*

▪ **SOUTH CAROLINA**

**Old Edgefield District African American Genealogical Society (OEDAAGS)**

<http://www.oedgs.org/aaooedgs.htm>

*“The importance of creating an African American genealogical society was discussed as well as the need for African American research and the lack of resources available to assist in the research. It was decided that the mission of this new society is to promote and preserve African American history and heritage, especially of the Old Edgefield District. The goals of the society are to collect and distribute African American historical and genealogical materials; maintain a web page; and conduct historical meetings, programs, and seminars related to African American studies.”*

▪ **SOUTH DAKOTA**



- **TENNESSEE**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Nashville Chapter**

3415 West End Avenue #511  
Nashville, Tennessee 37203-1060

- **TEXAS**

**Dallas Genealogical Society**

**African American Genealogical Interest Group**

P. O. Box 12446

Dallas, Texas 75225-0446

[http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com\\_content&view=article&id=157&Itemid=93](http://www.dallasgenealogy.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=157&Itemid=93)

**Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society**

P. O. Box 50483

Fort Worth, Texas 76105

<http://www.tarrantcountyblackhistory.org/>

*“The Tarrant County Black Historical and Genealogical Society is a non-profit organization whose mission is to locate, collect, analyze, organize and preserve African-American historical contributions used to educate, empower and interpret African-American history in Tarrant County. This history is significant in the developmental heritage and growth of Tarrant County.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Willie Lee Gay - H-Town Chapter**

1807 Waterside Drive

Missouri City, Texas 77459-1671

<http://htown.aahgs.org/>

*“As a Chapter of the premier institution (AAHGS) for African ancestry family history and genealogy in the United States, our primary task is to nurture the interest and collaboration of genealogical and family history research, with emphasis on though not limited to people of African descent. The Chapter further seeks to preserve the local history and cultural heritage of people of African descent in the State of Texas.”*

- **UTAH**

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Utah Chapter**

P.O. Box 17914

Salt Lake City, Utah 84117-7914

- **VERMONT**

- **VIRGINIA**

**Afro-American Historical Association of Fauquier County**

4243 Loudoun Avenue

P. O. Box 340

The Plains, Virginia 20198

<http://www.aahafauquier.org/>

*“To foster the historical and genealogical heritage of Afro-Americans in Fauquier County, Virginia, by research, restoration and preservation. To make known places, structures, scenic views, events, family ancestry and other information as it pertains to the historic and cultural value to Fauquier County, Virginia. To catalogue, index, and display in a professional manner the historical collection and holdings of the Afro-American Historical Association.”*

**The Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, Inc. (ASPBH)**

P. O. Box 3527

Alexandria, Virginia 22302

<http://alexandriava.gov/historic/blackhistory/default.aspx?id=37386>

*“ASPBH continues its mission to identify, preserve and educate the overall Alexandria community if it’s illustrious black heritage. We support our mission by: Preserving, collections and promoting the early history and impressive contributions of the black community of Alexandria; Financial support and volunteer services for the daily operations of the Alexandria Black History Museum; Over twenty years inspiring a diverse group of local children via the Martin Luther King Jr. poster context.”*

**Friends of Freedmen’s Cemetery**

638 North Alfred Street

Alexandria, Virginia 22314

<http://www.freedmenscemetery.org/>

*“The Friends of Freedmen’s Cemetery was founded in 1997 for the purposes of preserving, commemorating and researching a little known, Civil War-era, African American burying ground in Old Town Alexandria.”*

**African American Genealogy Group**

Burke Brown Steppe Chapter of Virginia

P. O. Box 7492

Charlottesville, Virginia 22906-7492

<https://sites.google.com/site/bbschapterofva/home>

*“The Burke Brown Steppe Chapter of Charlottesville and Albemarle County first met in November 1995 at the offices of Region Ten Community Services then on Market Street in Charlottesville. Twelve people attended the initial organizational meeting. Since 1996 the group has presented exhibits which celebrate our heritage and helps encourage people to recall family and friends. These exhibits have been displayed at the annual African American Cultural Arts Festival, at libraries, schools, community centers, and other gathering places. The group also assists with other projects that add to community understanding.”*

**Orange County African-American Historical Society (OCAAHS)**

130 Caroline Street

Orange, Virginia 22960

<http://www.ocaahs.org/>

*“The Orange County African-American Historical Society (OCAAHS) was founded to explore African-American contributions to the cultural and historical heritage of Orange County, Virginia. We also seek to enhance and promote awareness of the accomplishments and contributions of people of African descent as organic and essential components of our community, and of our nation, at large. Toward those*

*ends, we endeavor to identify, research and preserve African-American legacies, lore, and historical sites.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Central Virginia Chapter**

265 Turkeysag Trail, Ste. 102 #140

Palmyra, Virginia 22963

<http://sites.google.com/site/centralvirginiachapteraaahgs/>

*“The primary goal of the AAHGS is to promote scholarly research, provide resources for historical and genealogical studies, create a network of people with similar interests, and assist members in documenting their histories. The AAHGS, Central Virginia Chapter will serve researchers interested in the central Virginia counties of Buckingham, Fluvanna, Greene, Louisa, Madison, Nelson, and Orange.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Greater Richmond Chapter**

P.O. Box 27833

Richmond, Virginia 23261

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Hampton Roads Chapter**

P. O. Box 2448

Newport News, VA 23609-2448

<http://aahgshr.blogspot.com/>

*“AAHGS-Hampton Roads is a chartered member of the Afro American Historical & Genealogical Society (and is also known as the Virginia Society for Black Historical and Genealogical Research (VSBHGR). The organization was formed in 1986 to provide support for its members and others interested in learning about their ancestry. The organization provides the setting for individuals to meet, to learn about the techniques involved and to share information and experiences.”*

**Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical & Historical Society of Virginia (MPAAGHS)**

<http://mpaagenealogicalsociety.org/>

*“The mission of the Middle Peninsula African-American Genealogical and Historical Society of Virginia (MPAAGHS) is to create and provide a venue for the research, documentation and publication of African-American genealogy. The group's focus has been the Middle Peninsula area (including the counties of Essex, Middlesex, King and Queen and King William) which is in the Tidewater region of Virginia. However, we have expanded to include the Northern Neck counties of King George, Lancaster, Northumberland, Richmond and Westmoreland. Anyone doing black genealogy research is encouraged to become involved and will surely find something to share. Membership is open to anyone who is interested in African-American ancestry, history and culture.”*

▪ **WASHINGTON**

**Black Genealogy Research Group of Seattle (BGRG)**

P.O. BOX 22848

Seattle, Washington 98122

email [SeattleBGRG@gmail.com](mailto:SeattleBGRG@gmail.com)

phone 206-784-0337

*BGRG meets the first Saturday of each month, with the exception of December, 11:00am at Northwest African American Museum (2300 South Massachusetts Street, Seattle, WA 98144; phone 206-518-6000).*

**The Black Heritage Society of Washington State**

P. O. Box 22961

Seattle, Washington 98122-0961

<http://www.blackheritagewa.org/index.asp>

*“The Black Heritage Society of Washington State, Inc. is a non-profit organization dedicated to the acquisition, preservation and exhibition of materials relating to the history and culture of African-Americans in the State of Washington.”*

- WEST VIRGINIA

- WISCONSIN

**Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum**

2620 West Center Street

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53206

<http://wbhsm.homestead.com>

*“The mission of the Wisconsin Black Historical Society/Museum is to document and preserve the historical heritage of African descent in Wisconsin. The Museum exhibits, collects and disseminates materials depicting this heritage. Serving as a resource center for all people interested in Wisconsin’s rich African American heritage, the Museum’s purpose is to encourage and promote family community and cultural activities.”*

**African American Genealogical Society of Milwaukee**

P. O. Box 12843

Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53212

<http://aagsom.org/default.aspx>

*“The Society stress the importance of African-American history and genealogy by encouraging research, recording, and documenting personal family histories, and to encourage contemporary and future African-Americans to preserve records of their families and their communities.”*

**Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society, Inc. (AAHGS)**

**Northern Illinois/Southern Wisconsin Chapter**

P. O. Box 1732

Rockford, IL 61110-1732

<http://www.aahgsnisw.org/>

*“AAHGS-NISW’s mission is to develop a network of individuals with the common goal of advancing towards a greater awareness of African-American heritage and lineage with the vision to empower individuals, families, and communities by increasing knowledge, cultivating self-awareness, enhancing personal growth and pride, and developing identity. The members of AAHGS-NISW believe the past shapes the future; therefore, one must know where he has been to know where he is going.”*

- WYOMING