

Boston & Massachusetts Resource Collections, Archives, & Institutes

on the history of Black Boston

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Boston Athenaeum. The Athenaeum has historical collections of rare books, tracts, broadsides, and other unique material. Some of their material relates to abolitionism in Boston and to Boston's Black Community,

<https://www.bostonathenaeum.org>

Over 13,000 items have been digitized and are available online:

<https://cdm.bostonathenaeum.org/digital/>

Boston Public Library. Anti-slavery Collection. The Anti-Slavery Collection contains about 40,000 pieces of correspondence, broadsides, newspapers, pamphlets, books, and realia spanning a 35-year period. The major holdings consist of the papers of William Lloyd Garrison, Maria Weston Chapman and Deborah Weston, Lydia Maria Child, Amos Augustus Phelps, and Samuel May Jr.; records of the American, Massachusetts, New England, and Female Anti-Slavery Societies; and the libraries of William Lloyd Garrison, Theodore Parker, and Wendell Phillips. The collection also contains a complete run of the Liberator newspaper.

<https://www.digitalcommonwealth.org/collections/commonwealth:ht24xg10q>

Harvard University. Hutchins Center for African and African American Research.

The Center hosts a number of institutes, collections, and projects.

<https://hutchinscenter.fas.harvard.edu/projects>

Massachusetts Historical Society. "African Americans and the End of Slavery in Massachusetts." Online collection.

<https://www.masshist.org/endofslavery/index.php>

MHS also has a collection on the 54th Regiment and an electronic database on CD-ROM - "Inhabitants and Estates of the Town of Boston, 1630-1800." Boston, Mass. : New England Historic Genealogical Society; Massachusetts Historical Society, 2001. This database, which was originally developed by Annie Haven Thwing, can be very useful for researching basic information about any African American resident of Boston during this period.

Museum of African American History, Boston. The Museum has extensive collections and archives and has embarked on a collections stewardship and storage optimization project to reconfigure the storage location for the Museum's collections. <https://www.maah.org/>

Online exhibit on the Abiel Smith School- https://www.maah.org/online_exhibit

See also the online resources on the Boston African American National Historic Site - <https://www.nps.gov/boaf/index.htm>

Northeastern University. *Lower Roxbury Black History Project*. Archives of video and audio interviews available at the Northeastern University Library and online at: <https://roxbury.library.northeastern.edu/> See also other Northeastern collections related to Boston's African American heritage including Freedom House, Elma Ina Lewis, United South End Settlements, Martin Gopen, the architectural firm Stull and Lee, and the Urban League of Eastern Massachusetts.

Tufts University. Center for the Study of Race and Democracy. African American Trail Project. This project maps African American and African-descended public history sites across greater Boston, and throughout Massachusetts. It includes online maps, photographs, and descriptions.

<https://africanamericantrailproject.tufts.edu/>

Another resource on this site is a list of New England Black Heritage trails:

<https://africanamericantrailproject.tufts.edu/trails-and-walking-tours>

University of Massachusetts Boston. William Monroe Trotter Institute.

Its research and publications relate to Boston's Black community and issues relevant to it. It was founded to address the needs and concerns of the Black community and communities of color in Boston and Massachusetts through research, technical assistance, and public service. For specific publications:

<https://www.umb.edu/trotter/about> / <https://www.umb.edu/trotter/publications>