

Louisiana

AFRICAN AMERICAN
GENEALOGY DIGITAL
RESOURCE GUIDE



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LOUISIANA MUSEUMS & RESEARCH CENTERS

List of of must visit museums
and archives

FAMILY TREE SOFTWARE

Organize your research &
share what you learned with
others

FURTHER YOUR KNOWLEDGE

Genealogy societies, videos
& blogs

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ABOUT OUR MAMMY'S

"Plant a seed, so the next generation can enjoy the fruit of the trees."

NATCHEZ, MS
PHOTO BY ANTOINETTE HARRELL, 2018

Our Mammy's shares the stories of Louisiana's African Americans through the lens of the founder's ancestors—what they contributed, how they survived, why it's important—so that future generations can understand what was sacrificed and be inspired by all the ancestors have accomplished in the face of adversity.

In 2013, Mammy's was created to honor the legacy of those who sacrificed their lives to take care of others. The company was named Mammy's to reclaim the name Mammy, and to emphasize to others that a Mammy was much more than just a name. Mammy cared for generations of plantation owners, laborers, and enslaved Africans and African Americans.

Museums, University Archives, and Special Collection

Louisiana State University Special Collections
Hill Memorial Library Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3300
<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/about/>

Collection of manuscripts, books, periodicals, maps, prints, pamphlets, Louisiana state documents, and microfilm of Louisiana newspapers

Tulane University Amistad Research Center
6823 St Charles Ave, New Orleans, LA 70118
<http://www.amistadresearchcenter.org/>

Primary documents such as family photographs, personal letters, oral histories, organizational records, pamphlets, newspapers, government reports. Metered parking available outside of the center.

Xavier University at New Orleans Archives & Special Collections
1 Drexel Drive, New Orleans, LA, 70125
<https://xula.libguides.com/Library/ArchivesandSpecialCollections>

Xavier Archives collects unpublished and rare published items on four topics, the history of Xavier University of Louisiana, African-American history and culture, Roman Catholicism in the United States, and the Southern U. S. and the Gulf-Caribbean region, with special emphasis on the history of Louisiana and New Orleans.

Tuskegee Institute News Clippings File
<http://www.bl.uk/reshelp/findhelpprestype/news/tuskegee/tuskegee.html>

Orleans Parish Archives Historical Documents
Notarial Archives Division Research Center
1340 Poydras Street, Suite 360
New Orleans, LA 70112
Telephone: (504) 407-0106
<http://www.oreanscivilclerk.com/research.htm>

Historic New Orleans Collection
Williams Research Center
410 Chartres Street, New Orleans, Louisiana 70130
http://www.hnoc.org/collections/research_subjects.html

Collection featuring information on colonial Louisiana, the Louisiana Purchase, the Battle of New Orleans, the Civil War, Mississippi River life, cartography, transportation, plantations, urban development, Louisiana artists and writers, architecture, French Quarter, jazz and other forms of early New Orleans music, historic preservation, and Mardi Gras.

Louisiana Historical Center- Louisiana State Museum Old US Mint
400 Esplanade Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70116 <http://www.crt.state.la.us/louisiana-state-museum/search-and-reference/index>
Colonial Era Maps and manuscripts

Louisiana State Library Genealogy Division
701 North 4th Street, Baton Rouge, LA 70802-5345 <http://www.state.lib.la.us/library-collections/genealogy>

Census records for the southeastern U. S.; military service and parish records on microfilm; Current and historical city directories and telephone books for Louisiana cities and towns, and Louisiana and southeastern U.S. genealogy and family histories.

Division of State Lands
1201 N. Third St., Suite G-150
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
(225)342-4578

<http://doa.louisiana.gov/SLO/records.htm>

Official township plates, U.S. and state tract book records, state land patents and information on land claims. Fee charged for research and copying.

Genealogy Sleuthing with Mammy's

Genealogy Sleuthing with Mammy's is an interactive program designed to introduce children to family history. Participants will develop a portion of their family tree, look for clues and uncover evidence from artifacts. "Your ancestors are waiting for you. Seek them and they will appear."



Vital Records

Secretary of State Division of Archives, Records Management and History
3851 Essen Lane
Baton Rouge, LA 70804
(225)922-1207

<http://www.sec.state.la.us/archives/archives/archives-library.htm>

War of 1812 and Confederate Pension Applications; New Orleans birth records over 100 years old and New Orleans marriages and deaths over 50 years old; statewide death and marriage records over 50 years old. Index to naturalizations, 1831-1906. Fee for searches.

Form to request vital records

<http://www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/PublishedDocuments/LFP3AndLH8PublicVitalRecordsAvailableApplicationForm.pdf>

Secretary of State Louisiana- Office Vital Records
Archived Death & Birth Certificates

<http://www.sos.la.gov/HistoricalResources/ResearchHistoricalRecords/Pages/OnlinePublicVitalRecordsIndex.aspx>

National Archives & Records Administration Genealogy Page (NARA)

<http://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/index.html>

Libraries

New Orleans Public Library-Louisiana Division & City
Archives African American Genealogy Resource Center

219 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA 70112

<http://nutrias.org/guides/genguide/slavery.htm>

In addition to visiting the resource center, visit the website above to find manuscripts, city directories, probate records, and an extensive collection of documents regarding the recording of slave purchases and sales. The center has records on slavery and enslaved persons, emancipation records, and documents on Free People of Color.

Collection of city historical newspapers and maps

Jefferson Parish Library Eastbank Regional

4747 W Napoleon Ave

Metairie, LA 70001

Collection of newspapers and books related to Louisiana history

Jefferson Parish Library Obituary search Times Picayune January 1972- 1978

www.jplibrary.net/obit/ObitSearch.asp

Library of Congress Reading Room
<http://www.loc.gov/rr/genealogy/>

Military Records & Museums

Military Service Records National Archives (GSA),
Washington D.C. 20408

http://www.archives.gov/research_room/obtain_copies/veterans_service_records.html

Military service records prior to 1900, except Confederate military records
which are held at the state level.

National Personnel Records Center
9700 Page Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63132

<http://www.archives.gov/st-louis/military-personnel/about-ompfs.html>

Military service records since 1900. Federal Civilian Personnel records since mid-
1800's

National World War II Museum
945 Magazine St, New Orleans, LA 70130

<http://www.nationalww2museum.org/honor/research-a-veteran.html>

Exhibits on World War II Museum history

Jackson Barracks Military Library Jackson Barracks, Bldg.
53 New Orleans, LA 70146-0330 (504)278-8241

<http://www.la.ngb.army.mil/dmh/jbml>.

Records of Louisiana military units from War of 1812 to present

Fold3

Collections of original military records including stories, photos, and documents

<https://www.fold3.com/>

Newspapers

Times-Picayune Obituaries Last 180 days only
<http://obits.nola.com/obituaries/nola/>

Newspapers by Ancestry
<https://www.newspapers.com/>

Genealogy Bank
<http://genealogybank.com/>

Library of Congress Newspaper Collection
<https://www.loc.gov/newspapers/>

Cemetery

Find A Grave
Find the graves of ancestors, create virtual memorials, add photos, virtual flowers, and a note to a loved one's memorial. Search or browse cemeteries and grave records.
https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery-browse/USA/Louisiana?id=state_20

Louisiana Cemetery Board
Search for Louisiana cemeteries by parish or cities.
<http://www.lcb.state.la.us/search.html>

New Orleans Catholic Cemeteries
List of New Orleans Historic Catholic Cemeteries
<https://nolacatholiccemeteries.org/cemeteries>

City of New Orleans Cemeteries
Information on the City of New Orleans six municipal cemeteries: Lafayette Cemetery No. 1, Lafayette Cemetery No. 2, Carrollton Cemetery No. 1 (also known as Green Street Cemetery), Carrollton Cemetery No. 2 (also known as St. Mary's Cemetery), Valence Cemetery, and Holt Cemetery
<https://nola.gov/cemeteries/>



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Louisiana African American Museums & Cultural Centers

River Road African American Museum
406 Charles Street
Donaldsonville, LA 70346

Ashe Cultural Arts Center
1712 Oretha Castle-Haley Blvd
New Orleans, LA 70113

Finding Our Roots African American Museum
918 Roussell St
Houma, LA 70360

Tangipahoa African American Heritage Museum
1600 Phoenix Square
Hammond, LA 70403

New Orleans African American Museum
1418 Governor Nicholls S
New Orleans, LA 70116

Le Musee de FPC
2336 Esplanade Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119

Treme's Petit Jazz Museum
1500 Governor Nicholls St
New Orleans, LA 70116

Creole Heritage Folklife Center
1113 W Vine St
Opelousas, LA 70570

Tate, Etienne, and Prevost (TEP) Center
5909 St. Claude Ave.
New Orleans, Louisiana 70117

Whitney Plantation
5099 Louisiana Highway 18
Edgard, LA 70049

Family Tree Software & Websites

Ancestry

www.ancestry.com

Family Search

www.familysearch.org

My Heritage

www.myheritage.com

Family Tree Maker

www.familytreemaker.com

Slavery

Slave Voyages

The Trans-Atlantic and Intra-American slave trade database

<https://www.slavevoyages.org/>

The Geography of Slavery in Virginia

Collection of advertisements for freedom seekers and captured enslaved in 18th- and 19th-century Virginia newspapers

http://www2.vcdh.virginia.edu/gos/browse/browse_main.php

Slave Emancipation Petitions in the Parish Court

Index of Orleans Parish Court petitions for the emancipation of slaves, 1813-1843

<http://nutrias.org/~nopl/inv/vcp/vcp5.htm>

Destrehan Plantation Enslaved Registry

Registries of the enslaved provided to us by the St. Charles Parish Court House

<https://www.destrehanplantation.org/history/enslaved-registry>

Oak Alley Plantation Slave Database

<http://www.oakalleyplantation.com/SlaveryResearchDatabase>

List of persons enslaved on Oak Alley Plantation. Database also includes a list of recorded transactions.

Free People of Color

Louisiana State University

Digitized collection of papers from individuals that were free people of color.

Collaboration between LSU Libraries Special Collections, The Historic New Orleans Collection, the Louisiana Research Collection in Tulane University Special Collections, the Historical Center at the Louisiana State Museum, and the Louisiana Division of the New Orleans Public Library.

<https://www.lib.lsu.edu/sites/all/files/sc/fpoc/collections.html>

Louisiana Creole Research Association (LA Creole)

info@lacreole.org

<https://lacreole.org/>

Further Your Knowledge

The Ancestor Key

theancestorkey@gmail.com

Black ProGen

<http://www.whoisnickasmith.com/blackprogen/>

Antoinette Harrell

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC3gG8afOHJJig7U7GI4kXiA>

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/antoinette-harrell>

Bernice Bennett

<https://www.youtube.com/user/AncestorsFootprints>

<https://www.blogtalkradio.com/bernicebennett>

Who is Nicka Smith?

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDfGEwZ7P8kHvvr-9iChExA>

My True Roots

<https://mytrueroots.blogspot.com/>

Alex Genealogy

Southwest Louisiana genealogy research including photos, family history, and genealogy research

swlouisianacreoleproductions@gmail.com

<https://www.facebook.com/Alexgenealogy/>

MAAGI

Midwest African American Genealogy Institute

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

Genealogy Societies

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society National

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

Afro-American Historical and Genealogical Society Louisiana Chapter

President - Ja'el Gordon - aahgs-la@gmail.com

National Genealogical Society

<https://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>

Sons & Daughters of the United States Middle Passage

<https://sdusmp.org/>

Other Digital Resources

AfriGeneas

African American genealogy research community

www.afrigeneas.com

Louisiana Historic & Cultural Vistas

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

US GenWeb

www.usgenweb.org

Louisiana Rootsweb Roots-L Louisiana

<http://www.rootsweb.ancestry.com/roots-l/USA/la.html>

Afro-Louisiana History and Genealogy (1719-1820)

<http://www.ibiblio.org/laslave>

RootsTech

<https://www.rootstech.org/?lang=eng>



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