

African American Research Team members are available for research consultations each Wednesday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. by appointment. Please contact the Library at least a week in advance to set your appointment.

The African American Interest Group meetings are held the second Saturday of each month from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Individual research assistance is available following the SCGS monthly Lunch and Learn program.

If you are unable to visit the library in person, assistance is available at modest rates.

E-mail your research request to [scgs@scgsgenealogy.com](mailto:scgs@scgsgenealogy.com) with the subject line of African American Research Request, or send your research request by postal mail to SCGS, attention African American Research Team.

The Southern California Genealogical Society, established in 1964, is a 501(c)(3) organization that is staffed solely by volunteers.

The SCGS Family Research Library in Burbank, California, is open to the public. It holds more than 35,000 volumes of genealogical resource materials, family genealogies, maps, CDs, manuscripts, and other sources.

When they are researching onsite at the Library, SCGS members enjoy free access to the Library's online databases, including Ancestry Library Edition, Heritage Quest, Historical Los Angeles Times, Footnote, World Vital Records, ProQuest Obituaries, NEHGS, and AccessNewspaperARCHIVE. Wireless Internet access is also available to SCGS members.

Seasoned genealogists provide research guidance and assistance. Genealogy classes, workshops, and lectures are available at no cost.

For further information on membership or for the hours and directions to the SCGS Family Research Library, check the Society's website at [www.scgsgenealogy.com](http://www.scgsgenealogy.com).



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Most African Americans can trace their families back to The Civil War using vital records, census records, and perhaps land records. The search for earlier generations is more challenging due to the lack of documentation, naming practices, lost records, etc.

Trying to find your ancestors before 1865 can be difficult; and the African American Research Team and African American Interest Group at SCGS can help you navigate the unique challenges of re-searching them. The African American Research Team is in the library on Wednesdays with advance notice. Please contact the library to set up an appointment.

Drawing from the SCGS Library's main collection and online databases, our experienced researchers will assist in locating your ancestors.

Many of our volumes are rare and have never seen the light of a scanner or digital camera. If you have been working solely online, we may have some surprises for you. We can help you prove your findings.

**ALEXANDRIA AND NEW ORLEANS  
PACKETS.**

**B**RIG UNCAS, NATHANIEL BANKS, master, will sail as above, on the 1st of September.  
 Brig TRIBUNE, SAMUEL C. BOWEN, master, on the 15th September.  
 Brig ISAAC FRANKLIN, WILLIAM SMITH, master, on the 1st of October.

They will continue to leave this port on the 1st and 15th of each month, throughout the shipping season. They are all vessels of the first class, commanded by experienced and accommodating officers, will at all times go up the Mississippi by steam, and every exertion used to promote the interest of Shippers and comfort of Passengers.

Shippers may prevent a disappointment, by having their Bills of Lading ready the day previous to sailing, as they will go promptly at the time.

Servants that are intended to be shipped, will at any time be received for safe keeping, at 25 cts. per day.

JOHN ARMFIELD  
 ALEXANDRIA, July 15--1861.

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**CASH FOR 500 NEGROES,**  
**I**NCLUDING both sexes, from 12 to 25 years of age. Persons having likely servants to dispose of, will find it to their interest to give us a call, as we will give higher prices, in cash, than any other purchaser who is now, or may hereafter come into this market.

FRANKLIN & ARMFIELD.  
 Alexandria, April 6--1862.

*Lectures on the Growth and Development of the United States* by Edwin Wiley, Irving Everett Rines, Albert Bushnell. Vol. III, Chapter XXI, Page 156. Copyright 1916. Articles appeared in Alexandria newspapers (likely National Intelligencer) April 6, 1835.

SCGS is a candy store for genealogists - come have a taste!

The Library collection holds material for every US state.\* While the collections are not strictly African American, many have African American information.

Alabama	704 items
Arkansas	226 items
California	1,957 items
Florida	120 items
Georgia	302 items
Illinois	959 items
Indiana	596 items
Kentucky	626 items
Louisiana	303 items
Maryland	483 items
Michigan	483 items
Mississippi	244 items
Missouri	751 items
New York	1,075 items
North Carolina	490 items
Ohio	912 items
Oklahoma	182 items
Pennsylvania	1,517 items
South Carolina	422 items
Tennessee	773 items
Texas	810 items
Virginia	741 items

\*inventory as of June 2009