

Slavery in the 18th Century

This guide is designed to help researchers using the Library at Gunston Hall research Slavery in the 18th century. It is divided into five sections: General Information, Slave Life, Slavery and the American Revolution, Slavery and Virginia, and Primary Sources.

General Information

Finkelman, Paul, ed. *Slavery and the Law*. Madison: Madison House, 1997.

In this collection of essays, the authors focus on the intersection of slavery and the law and the ways the two influenced each other. The authors examine Black Codes as well as key legal decisions which influenced the shaping of slavery in America.

KF 4545 .S5 S577 1996

Genovese, Eugene D. *The Political Economy of Slavery: Studies in the Economy and Society of the Slave South*. Connecticut: Wesleyan University Press, 1989.

In this collection of essays, Genovese explains the effect of the economy on slavery in the south. He interprets the southern economy as a stagnant system with continued resistance to change. Genovese's revised edition includes a new introduction.

E441 .G42 1989

Kolchin, Peter. *American Slavery 1619-1877*. New York: Hill and Wang, 2003.

Kolchin presents a synopsis of the development of American slavery in this book. He studies the slaves, slave owners, and the system of slavery itself, explains how the system changed over time, and presents a historiography of the study of slavery. In the revised edition, Kolchin includes a new preface, afterword, and an expanded bibliographic essay.

E 441 .K64 2003

Tise, Larry E. *Proslavery: A History of the Defense of Slavery in America, 1701-1840*. Athens: University of Georgia Press, 1987.

In this innovative approach, Tise argues that proslavery ideals had their origins not in the south but, in conservative New England. He asserts that following the Revolution, a conservative reaction occurred throughout America which was founded on the fear of slave rebellions.

E 337. 5 .T57 1987

Vertical Files:

Includes articles and newspaper clippings

Plantation Operations

Slavery: General, 1700-1779

Slavery: General, 1780-1820

Slaves: Maser/ Slave Relationship

Slaves: Plantations Operations

Slave Trade

Slave Life

Vlach, John Michael. *Back of the Big House: The Architecture of Plantation Slavery*. Chapel Hill: University of North Carolina Press, 1993.

Vlach studies photographs and slave narratives to explain life for slaves in America. He includes numerous illustrations and photographs of slaves and the places they lived and worked.

E443. V58 1993

White, Deborah Gray. *Ar'n't I A Woman? Female Slaves in the Plantation South*. New York: W.W. Norton & Company, 1985.

White explores the role and treatment of female slaves in the south. She studies the mythology behind female slavery, the bonds female slaves formed with one another, the positions and responsibilities of female slaves, and the influence of men and family in the lives of female slaves.

E443 .W58 1985

Vertical Files:

Includes articles and newspaper clippings

Clothing: Slaves/ Servants

Slaves: Lifestyles

Slavery and the American Revolution

Blumrosen, Alfred W. and Ruth G. Blumrosen. *Slave Nation: How Slavery United the Colonies & Sparked the American Revolution*. Illinois: Sourcebooks, Inc., 2005.

In this book, the authors examine slavery as a motivating force behind the American Revolution. The authors focus on the influence of the law and specifically the *Somerset* case on the colonists' demand for freedom.

E446 .B58 2005

Nash, Gary B. *Race and Revolution*. Madison: Madison House, 1990.

In this collection of three essays, Nash explores the rise and fall of abolitionism in contributing to the American Revolution. He includes excerpts from numerous primary source documents relating to slavery during the Revolution.

E 446 .N37 1990

Finkelman, Paul. *Slavery and the Founders: Race and Liberty in the Age of Jefferson*. New York: M.E. Sharpe, 2001.

Finkelman inspects the influence of slavery on the making of the Constitution and argues slavery was a constant issue during the Constitutional Convention. In this revised edition, Finkelman includes a new chapter on the Federalists who he argues were strong supporters in favor of emancipation.

KF 4545 .S5 F565 2001

Slavery and Virginia

Dunn, Terry K. *Interpreting Slave Life on Eighteenth Century Virginia Plantations Through Material Culture*. 1991.

In this short paper, Dunn gives a sweeping overview of slavery in Virginia to aid with the understanding of plantation life at Gunston Hall.

Unpublished Papers, Box 3

Dunn, Terry K. *Slave Resistance in Virginia: The Rascals of Gunston Hall*, 1996.

In this short paper, Dunn examines the acts of rebellion committed by slaves on an everyday basis. She focuses on Gunston Hall, the means the slaves used to rebel and the ways George Mason IV sought to stop the acts of rebellion.

Unpublished Papers, Box 5

Hadden, Sally E. *Slave Patrols: Law and Violence in Virginia and the Carolinas*. London: Harvard University Press, 2001.

Hadden introduces a new examination of slavery in Virginia by studying the influence of the state on slavery. She focuses on the role of slave patrols, the ways they were formed, and the violence they used to enforce slave codes.

E 443 .H33 2001

Morgan, Edmund S. *American Slavery, American Freedom: the ordeal of colonial Virginia*. New York: Norton, 1975.

In this classic text on slavery in Virginia, Morgan examines the implementation of a slave system in the colony. He focuses on race relations and transitions to explain the reasons for and consequences of slavery in Virginia.

E 445 .V8 M67 1975

Parent, Anthony S. Jr. *Foul Means: The Formation of a Slave Society in Virginia, 1660-1740*. Chapel Hill, NC: University of North Carolina Press, 2003.

In this new approach to the study of slavery, Parent argues that Virginia's founding fathers introduced racial slavery in an attempt to further their economic interests and consolidate their power in the colony.

E445 .V8 P37 2003

Wolf, Eva Sheppard. *Race and Liberty in the New Nation: Emancipation in Virginia from the Revolution to Nat Turner's Rebellion*. Baton Rouge: Louisiana State University Press, 2006.

Wolf studies the way ordinary citizens dealt with slavery in Virginia. She examines the connotation of words such as "liberty" and "slavery" and the ways Virginians repeatedly refused to abolish the institution, in spite of their personal objections.

E 445 .V8 W65 2006

Vertical Files:

Includes articles and newspaper clippings

Plantations, Descriptions of VA

Primary Sources

Davis, Charles T. and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. *The Slave's Narrative*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1985.

This book consists of numerous primary source excerpts from slave autobiographies and narratives. They include interpretations of the narratives and explain the ways they can be viewed as both history and literature.

E 444 .S575 1985

Kaminski, John P., ed. *A Necessary Evil? Slavery and the Debate Over the Constitution*. Madison: Madison House, 1995.

This collection of primary source documents explores the attitudes of Americans towards slavery in their own words. The documents illuminate the transformation of American ideals from the writing of the Declaration of Independence to the drafting of the Constitution. Kaminski focuses on the debate over slavery in New England, the middle states, and the south.

KF4545 .S5 N43

Minchinton, Walter and Celia King and Peter Waite, ed. *Virginia Slave-Trade Statistics 1698-1775*. Richmond: Virginia State Library, 1984.

The editors compiled this book to include the changes and omissions which have come to light since the publication of Elizabeth Donnan's 1930s *Documents Illustrative of the History of the Slave Trade to America*. This book includes lists of the ships carrying slaves which entered Virginia's harbors in the 18th century.

E445 .V8 M56 1984

Windley, Lathan A. *Runaway Slave Advertisements: A Documentary History from the 1730s to 1790, Vol. 1: Virginia and North Carolina*. Connecticut: Greenwood Press, 1983.

This primary source is comprised of runaway slave advertisements from Virginia in the 18th century.

E446 .W73 1983