

African American Genealogy Workshop

Info Sources

For a detailed list of resources and genealogy tips view the Resources and Genealogy Tips tabs on the **Central MD Chapter of AAHGS** website. This list of resources can aid you in your genealogy journey.

www.aahgscmc.org

Getting Started

Developing your Family Tree

Be a good Ancestor **Start with yourself!**

Create a notebook/online file about yourself with information and photos

List out family members including siblings of parents, grandparents, etc.

Interview all living family members starting with the elders!

Gather and Organize Information

Print-Binder System or File Folders

Online Folder System-Scan documents, photos and track with Excel spreadsheets, genealogy software

Use Public Records for Research

Vital Records

Federal Census

State Census

Tax Records

Voter Registration

Military Records/Military Pension Records

Probate/Wills

Genealogy Charts

Ancestral Chart

<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/genealogy/charts-forms/ancestral-chart.pdf>

Family Group Chart

<https://www.archives.gov/files/research/genealogy/charts-forms/family-group-sheet.pdf>

Research Log

https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/img_auth.php/5/50/Research_Log.pdf

US Census Information

Access available census records via FamilySearch.org (free) or Ancestry.com(\$)
Ancestry.com -free access via local library system till March 31, 2021

National Archives <https://www.archives.gov>
<https://1940census.archives.gov>

Blank Census Forms

<https://www.archives.gov/research/genealogy/charts-forms>

US Census Bureau

Information on what questions were asked in all known census records and enumerator instructions

https://www.census.gov/history/www/through_the_decades/index_of_questions/1940_population.html

Measuring American: The Decennial Censuses From 1790 to 2000

https://www.census.gov/library/publications/2002/dec/pol_02-ma.html

Vital Records

Where to obtain vital records:

Ancestry.com (\$)

FamilySearch.org

State Archives

Other sources of family information

Military Records

Fold3.com

National Archives

Ancestry.com

Newspapers

Chronicling America-Library of Congress (historic newspapers)

Newspapers.com (\$)