

Guide to the **Black History Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

This collection contains a wide assortment of materials on local, regional, and national African American history with an emphasis on local. Most materials are secondary sources, and there is a selection of research materials on people and topics. The dates covered range from early 19th century to late 20th century.

Among the selection of abolitionist pamphlets is one by the influential human rights advocate Lydia Maria Child. There is also information on a long lost enslaved persons burial ground in Newark Valley, the breakaway Hayt's Corner chapel, the Underground Railroad in Tompkins County, the Webb/Bailor Family of Caroline, a compilation of local archival holdings on African American history and a deed for the sale of four enslaved persons in Galveston, Texas.

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Copies of enslaved person manumission records from <i>The Journal of Negro History</i> , 1800-1828	Folder 5
Deed for sale of four enslaved persons, Galveston, TX, 1856; “Violation of Personal Liberty” by Douglass Boardman, 1860	Folder 6
NAACP brochure; Orpheus Jubilee flyer	Folder 7
Civil War era pamphlets: “An Appeal to Freedom” 1860; “The Impending Crisis—The Irrepressible Conflict Between Freedom and Slavery” 1860; “The ‘Separate but Equal’ Doctrine: An Abolitionist Discusses Racial Segregation and Educational Policy During the Civil War”; “The Right Way, The Safe Way” 1860	Folder 8

Late 19 th and early 20 th century pamphlets and documents, including “WPA And the Negro”	Folder 9
Research materials and secondary sources on local Black History	Folder 10
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Information and archival holdings on African American History	Folder 16
Information on Jerome “Brud” Holland from Cornell’s Mann Library Exhibit, Spring 2012	Folder 17
Military Records copied from National Archives Collection on African American soldiers from Tompkins County who served in the Union Army during the Civil War in the U.S. Colored Troops (26 th NY)	
Material from 2011 “Dear Friend Amelia” exhibit	Folder 18
“A Snapshot of African American Life in Ithaca, 1900-1940 by Ingrid Bauer	Folder 19
Email correspondence between Mary Tomlan (Ithaca City Historian) and Robert Davis, former Cornell student and researcher on local African American organizations, some early 20 th century—emails 2017	Folder 20
“Slavery or Involuntary Servitude: Does It Legally Exist in the State of New York?” 1864 court case	Folder 21
Webb/Bailor Family	Folder 22
“Ithaca’s Black Community” by Field Horn, 1987	Folder 23

See also:

“Without Struggle There is No Progress: An Ethnohistoric Study of Ithaca, New York’s African
American Community” Thesis by Deidre Hazel Pauline Hill, January 1994; 974.771 H645
“The Lore of the Negro in Central New York State” Thesis by Corinne Brown Galvin, May
1943; 974.771 G182
“Practicing Neighborhood and Community” Thesis by Ingrid Bauer, December 2001,
974.771 B351