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Continuing Genealogical Studies: African American Roots: A Historical Perspective Syllabus

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Module 1. Getting Started

- 1.1 - Introduction
- 1.2.1 - What Makes African American Genealogical Research Different?
- 1.2.2 - What Makes African American Genealogical Research Different? (2)
- 1.3 - Historical Overview
- 1.4 - Genealogical Proof Standard (GPS)
 - Thorough Reasonably Exhaustive Research.
 - Complete and Accurate Citation of Sources.
 - Analysis and Correlation (comparison) of sources.
 - Resolution of Conflicts.
 - Writing A Conclusion.
- 1.5 - First Steps
- 1.6 - Family Interviews
- 1.7 - Make a Research Plan
- 1.8.1 - Common Places to Look for Records
 - Federal Records
 - State Records
 - Local Government Records (City or County/Parish)

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1.8.2 - Common Places to Look for Records (2)

- Libraries and Special Collections

Module 1 Quiz. Getting Started

Module 2. Colonial Times (pre 1776 Revolutionary War)

2.1 - Introduction

2.2 - Explorations of North America

2.3 - Early North American Colonies

- St. Augustine
- Jamestown
- Plymouth

2.4 - The Atlantic Slave Trade

2.5 - Growth of Chattel Slavery

- North American Colonies
- Spanish and French Colonies
- Mexican Colony

2.6 - Early Laws of Slavery

2.7 - Finding Records

Module 2 Quiz. Colonial Times

Module 3. Revolutionary War to pre-Civil War

3.1 - Introduction

3.2.1 - Military Service - Revolutionary War (1776-1783)

3.2.2 - Patriots

3.2.3 - Loyalists

3.2.4 - Finding Records

- Military Service Records
- Military Bounty Land

3.2.5 - Military Service – War of 1812

- Where Are the Records?

3.2.6 - Military Service - Mexican American War

3.3.1 - Legal Issues

3.3.2 - Legal Issues (2)

3.3.3 - Legal Issues (3)

3.4.1 - Getting Free

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3.4.2 - Getting Free (2)

- Where Would a Researcher Find Information about Escapees?

3.5 - Slavery Continues

- Where Can Researchers Find Records of Those Who Continued to be Enslaved?
- Is it Possible to Identify Likely Slaveholders of an Ancestor?

3.6 - Federal Censuses

- Where Can I Find Census Records?

Module 3 Quiz. Revolutionary War to pre-Civil War

Module 4. 1860-1900: Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow Segregation

4.1 - Introduction

4.2.1 - Military - Civil War

- Did Your Ancestor Fight in the United States Colored Troops?
- Did any African Americans Fight for the Confederacy?
- Are there Confederate Records for African Americans?

4.2.2 - Military - Indian Wars

4.2.3 - Military - Spanish American War

- Where are the Records on the 9th and 10th Cavalry and 24th and 25th Infantry?

4.3 - Reconstruction Era 1865-1877

- Constitutional Amendments
- Reconstruction Acts
- Freedmen's Bureau
- Freedman's Savings and Trust
- Finding Relatives

4.4 - Voting

- Where Are the Records?

4.5 - Freedmen in Indian Territory

- Where Are the Records?

4.6 - Censuses

- Special Census Schedules
- State and Territorial Censuses

4.7 - Education

4.8 - Work

4.9 - Land Ownership

- Homestead Act of 1862

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- Where Are the Records?
 - Timber Culture Act (1873) and Timber and Stone Law (1878)
 - General Land Ownership
- 4.10 - The Black Church after Emancipation
- Where Are the Records?
- 4.11 - Rise of Jim Crow Segregation
- Vital Records
 - Violence
- 4.12 - Historic Newspapers and Slave Narratives
- Module 4 Quiz. 1860-1900: Civil War, Reconstruction, Jim Crow Segregation

Module 5. Early Twentieth Century through World War II

- 5.1 - Introduction
- 5.2 - The Great Migration
- 5.3 - The Great Depression
- 5.4.1 - Work
- Sharecropping
 - Industrial
 - Women's Work
- 5.4.2 - Civilian Conservation Corps
- 5.4.3 - Works Progress Administration (WPA)
- Where Are the Records?
- 5.4.4 - Railroads
- Where Are the Records?
- 5.5 - Education
- Where Are the Records?
- 5.6 - Fraternal Societies and Social Clubs
- Where Are the Records?
- 5.7 - Harlem Renaissance
- 5.8 - Censuses – 1900 to 1940
- 1900 Federal Census
 - 1910 Federal Census
 - 1920 Federal Census
 - 1930 Federal Census
 - 1940 Federal Census

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5.9 - Vital Records in the Early Twentieth Century

- Birth Records
- Marriage Records
- Death Records

5.10.1 - Military Service - WWI

5.10.2 - Military Service - WWII

5.10.3 - Military Service - WWII (2)

- Tuskegee Airmen
- Women in World War II

5.10.4 - Finding Military Records

Module 5 Quiz. Early Twentieth Century through World War II

Module 6. Mid-twentieth Century: The Road to Equal Rights

6.1 - Introduction

6.2.1 - Military Service - Korean War

- Korean War
- Where Are the Records?

6.2.2 - Military Service - Vietnam War

- Where Are the Records?

6.3 - Vital Events

6.4 - Other Government Records

6.5.1 - Civil Rights Movement

6.5.2 - Civil Rights Movement (2)

- Where Are the Records?

6.6 - Civil Rights Protests

- Little Rock Nine
- Emmet Till Killing
- Montgomery Bus Boycott
- Sit-Ins
- Freedom Rides

6.7 - Churches

6.8 - Community Organizations

- Where Are the Records?

6.9 - Employment

Module 6 Quiz. Mid- twentieth Century: The Road to Equal Rights

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Module 7. DNA

7.1 - Overview of DNA

- Y-DNA
- mtDNA
- Autosomal DNA

7.2 - Connecting With Family

- Where Can You Test?

Module 7 Quiz. DNA

Course Survey

Bibliography