

Document sets for African American History to 1877 CCP History 220 Spring 2019

After you sign in at the front desk, all members of your group should check in with the reference archivist on duty in the reading room. One member of your group will be asked to fill out a call slip to request one of the following document sets. Write down the **name of the set** (for example: The colonization movement), your **name**, the **class number** (CCP History 220), and the **date**. It is ok to use an abbreviated version of the name of the set (for example: James Pennington).

Document sets:

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- Free Black Suffrage and the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention (1838)
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The reference archivist will give you the documents to review at one of the tables in the reading room. The reference archivist will explain any special handling the materials may require.

If you would like to see items in another document set, you are welcome to fill out another call slip to request them.

When you are finished looking at the items in your document set and secondary sources, please return them to the reference archivist and let them know if you are planning to return for further research.

Rhetoric about slaves and slavery in the Revolutionary era (1757-1787)

Document:

Davies, Samuel. *The Duty of Christians to Propagate their Religion among Heathens, Earnestly Recommended to the Masters of Negroe Slaves in Virginia, A Sermon Preached in Hanover, January 8, 1757* (London: Printed by J. Oliver, 1758).
Call number: CR WW10 D28

Notes: See especially the first three pages (pp. 7-9); this document was printed using the "long s". The long s (ſ) is a form of the lower case letter s that was used by printers until the early 19th century. It was used in place of a single s at the beginning of a word or within a word, or as the first letter in a double s (e.g. "ſinfulneſs" for "sinfulness" and "ſelf defenſive war" for "self defensive war").

Document:

Rush, Benjamin. *An Address to the Inhabitants of the British Settlements in America, upon Slave-keeping* (Philadelphia: [J. Dunlap], 1773).
Call number: CR AMER 1773 E12991

Notes: See especially pages 1-4, 20-22, 28-30; printed "s" looks like "f".

Document:

Synod of New York and Philadelphia. *Minutes* [manuscript], May 26 and May 28, 1787.
Call number: VF BX 8951 .A3 1758-1788

Notes: See especially pages 434, 436-437. The Synod of New York and Philadelphia was the national body of Presbyterians at the time. The manuscript minutes record the first introduction of an overture to abolish slavery on May 26 and then how the synod amended the overture on May 28. In the manuscript version of this document, some instances of the letter "s" are formed like "f".

Printed transcription available in Klett, Guy S., ed. *Minutes of the Presbyterian Church in America 1706-1788* (Philadelphia: Presbyterian Historical Society, 1976), pp. 627, 629) (shelved in the reading room).

Suggested secondary source:

Taylor, William Harrison, "'Made of One Flesh?': Revisiting the 1787 Slavery Policy of the Synod of New York and Philadelphia," in *Faith and Slavery in the Presbyterian Diaspora* (Bethlehem: Lehigh University Press, 2016), pp. 71-94.
Call number: HT 917 .P7 F36 2016

African American clergy and churches: James W.C. Pennington (1820s-1850s)

Document:

Pennington, James W.C. *The Fugitive Blacksmith: Or, Events in the History of James W.C. Pennington, Pastor of a Presbyterian Church, New York, Formerly a Slave in the State of Maryland, United States* (Westport, CT: Negro Universities Press, 1971).

Call number: E 444 .P41 1971

Document:

Pennington, James W.C. *Christian Zeal: A Sermon Preached before the Third Presbytery of New-York, in Thirteenth-St. Presbyterian Church, July 3, 1853* (New York: Printed by Zuille & Leonard, 1854).

Call number: PAM HT 917 .P7 P4 1854

Notes: See especially pages 13-15.

Suggested secondary source:

Du Bois, W.E.B., "Of the Faith of the Fathers," in *Souls of Black Folk*.

Women and the anti-slavery movement (1830s)

Document:

Grimke, Sarah Moore. *An Epistle to the Clergy of the Southern States* (New York: s.n., 1836).

Call number: PAM HT 913 .G75 1836 c.2

Document:

Grimke, Angelina Emily. *Appeal to the Christian Women of the South* (s.l.: American Anti-slavery Society, 1836).

Call number: PAM HT 871 .G75 1836

Document:

Anti-slavery Convention of American Women. *An Appeal to the Women of the Nominally Free States: Issued by an Anti-slavery Convention of American Women....* (New-York: William S. Dorr, printer, 1837).

Call number: E 445 .N7001 W65 1837

Document:

Proceedings of the Anti-slavery Convention of American Women (New York: William S. Dorr, 1837).

Proceedings of the Anti-slavery Convention of American Women (Philadelphia: Merrihew and Gunn, 1838, 1839).

Call number: PAM E 445 .N7001 W6

Notes: See especially resolutions offered by Sarah Grimke and Angelina E. Grimke (Angelina E.G. Weld), pages 7-9 in 1837 volume; pages 8-10 in 1838 volume.

Suggested secondary source:

Salerno, Beth, "Internal Divisions, 1837-1840," in *Sister Societies: Women's Antislavery Organizations in Antebellum America* (DeKalb, Illinois: Northern Illinois University Press, 2005), pp 79-118.

Free Black suffrage and the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention (1838)

Document:

Fox, John. *Opinion of the Hon. John Fox, President Judge of the Judicial District Composed of the Counties of Bucks and Montgomery: Against the Exercise of Negro Suffrage in Pennsylvania: Also, the Vote of the Members of the Pennsylvania Convention ...* (Harrisburg: Printed by Packer, Barrett & Parke, 1838).

Call number: PAM JK 1929 .P4 69 1838

Document:

Purvis, Robert. *Appeal of Forty Thousand Citizens, Threatened with Disfranchisement, to the People of Pennsylvania.* (Philadelphia: Printed by Merrihew & Gunn, 1838).

Call number: PAM E 185.93 .P4 A7

Notes: See especially pages 1-4 (2 pages). Please note that pages 2-3 are not missing -- this is a printing error, and the text from page 1 continues on page 4.

Document:

Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery. *The Present State and Condition of the Free People of Color, of the City of Philadelphia and Adjoining Districts...* (Philadelphia: The Society, 1838).

Call number: PAM F 158.9 .N3 P4 1838

Notes: See especially the address following p. 40: "To the People of Color in the State of Pennsylvania."

Suggested secondary source:

Du Bois, W.E.B., "The Black Worker," in *Black Reconstruction*.

Presbyterian attitudes towards abolitionists (1860)

Document:

Rice, Daniel. *Harper's Ferry ... Its Lessons: A Sermon Preached in the Second Presbyterian Church, Lafayette, Indiana, Dec. 11, 1859* (Lafayette, IN: Luse & Wilson's Steam Book and Job Printing, 1860).
Call number: PAM HT 917 .P7 R5 1860

Notes: See especially pages 15-18. This sermon was preached at a New School congregation in support of John Brown and his cause (although the minister does not condone the attack on Harper's Ferry).

Document:

Van Dyke, Henry Jackson. *The Character and Influence of Abolitionism: a Sermon Preached in the First Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn, on Sabbath Evening, Dec. 9th, 1860* (New York: G.F. Nesbit & Co., 1860).
Call number: PAM E 449 .V242 1860

Notes: See especially pages 20-21 and 31-34. The overzealous language and tactics of some abolitionists brought about criticism from certain ministers. Henry Van Dyke (1822-1891) was a Presbyterian minister of the Old School branch. In this 1860 sermon, he states that slavery was a necessary step in bringing Africans towards Christianity and that abolitionists were dividing the country.

Suggested secondary sources:

Taylor, Maria, *Harriet Tubman: Antislavery Activist*, pp. 68-69

Du Bois, W.E.B., "The Legacy of John Brown," in *John Brown*.

Freedmen/Contraband during the Civil War (1863-1865)

Document:

National Freedman's Relief Association of the District of Columbia. *First Annual Report* (Washington, D.C.: M'Gill & Witherow, 1863).

Call number: PAM E 185.2 .N2 D3 1863

Document:

Yeatman, James E. *A Report on the Condition of the Freedmen of the Mississippi, Presented to the Western Sanitary Commission, December 17th, 1863* (St. Louis: Western Sanitary Com., 1864).

Call number: PAM E 185.93 .M6 Y42 1864

Document:

The African's Right to Citizenship (Philadelphia: James S. Claxton, 1865).

Call number: PAM E 185.2 .A4 1865

Notes: See especially pages 5-10 (page numbering starts on page 5).

Document:

Waterbury, Jared Bell. *Out of the House of Bondage: For the Freedmen* (New York: American Tract Society, [1864 or 1865]).

Call number: PAM E 185.2 .W38 1864

Notes: see especially Chapter 1 (God's Ways, pages 3-7) and Chapter IV (The Future, pages 19-22).

Suggested secondary sources:

The "Jourdan Anderson Letter" (one page document)

Harding, Vincent, "Slavery Chains Done Broke at Last," in *There Is a River*.