Source Guide to the Civil Rights Movement

This guide provides a listing of sources related to the civil rights movement that can be found in the Maryland Historical Society’s collection. This is an updated and expanded list of civil rights related sources found in the Guide to African American Sources. Materials listed relate to the 20th century civil rights movement, segregation, and other related topics such as Pennsylvania Avenue.

Materials include manuscript and photograph collections, books, journals, pamphlets, and oral histories. The general collection contains books both specifically related to Maryland as well as general works on African American history and the civil rights movement. The oral history collection is a particularly valuable resource for the civil rights movement in Maryland, containing interviews with many of the participants.

Please note that this list is not comprehensive (Last updated on 7/3/2012)

Please see the Guide to African American Sources for additional sources on African American history from the 17th century to the 20th century.

General Collection (Books, Pamphlets, Journals)

Manuscript Collections

Photograph Collections

Oral Histories

Maryland Historical Magazine

General Collection (Books, Pamphlets, Journals)
The items from the General Collection listed here include books, pamphlets, journals, and items on microfilm. The general collection contains books both specifically related to Maryland as well as general works on African American history and the civil rights movement.

**The African American Experience: personal and social activism in the 19th and 20th centuries**

Edited by Karen L.T. Ackerman


E 185.6 .A24 2004

**African Americans and the living Constitution**

Edited by John Hope Franklin and Genna Rae McNeil


KF 4757 .A5 A44 1995

**The African American experience: personal and social activism in the 19th and 20th centuries**

Edited by Karen L.T. Ackerman.


E 185.6 .A24 2004

**All deliberate speed: reflections on the first half century of Brown v. Board of Education**

Ogletree, Charles J. Jr.

Almost forgotten
McClure, James, 1954-
York, Pa.: York Daily Record: York County Heritage Trust [distributor], c2002.
F 157 .Y6 M36 2002

The amalgamation waltz: race, performance, and the ruses of memory
Ochieng’ Nyongó, Tavia Amolo.
Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Press, c2009.
E 184 .A1 O25

The American Negro, his history and literature: Thirty years of lynching in the United States, 1889-1918.
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
HV6457.N3

And grace will lead me home: the ministry of Rev. Marcus Garvey Wood: covering fifty years, 1945-1995
Marcus Garvey Wood.
BX 6455 .W66 A3 1998
An American city in transition: the Baltimore community self-survey of inter-group relations.

Maryland Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations

Baltimore, 1955

MF255.B1M25

"An idea whose time has come": from segregation to integration at Towson State College 1935 to 1973.

Stafford, Ellenor K.

Baltimore: [s.n.], 1973.

MLD499.S7

Annual report [1924-] Baltimore Urban League (Md.)

[S.l. : s.n., 1924-]

MHS2261.U3R

Annual report of the Commission on Interracial Problems and Relations to the Governor and General Assembly of Maryland


E 185.93 .M2 A35

Apartheid Baltimore style; the residential segregation ordinances of 1910-1913

Power, Garrett.

[s.l.]: [s.n.], [n.d.]
Atheneum, NL 7. Studies in American Negro life - The black worker: the Negro and the labor movement
Sterling D. Spero & Abram L. Harris. With a new preface by Herbert G. Gutman.
New York: Atheneum, 1968 [c1959]
E185.8.S74

The Baltimore Elite Giants: sport and society in the age of Negro League baseball
GV 875 .N35 L85

Baltimore '68: riots and rebirth in an American city
Edited by Jessica I. Elfenbein, Thomas L. Hollowak, and Elizabeth M. Nix.
MF 212 .B336

Baltimore street map, with each block serially numbered and a rubber stamp "Dept. of Assessments." Internal evidence (e.g. racial segregation in Druid Hill Park, site for anticipated cathedral on north Baltimore street map, with each block serially numbered and a rubber stamp "Dept. of Assessments." Internal evidence (e.g. racial segregation in Druid Hill Park, site for anticipated cathedral on north Charles St., etc.) suggest a date in the 1930's.
[s.l.] : [s.n.], [n.d.]
G1274.B2 folio
Before us lies the timber: the segregated high school of Montgomery County, Maryland, 1927-1960

Warrick S. Hill.

Silver Spring, MD: Bartleby Press, c2003.

MF 187 M7 .H55

Behind the backlash: white working-class politics in Baltimore, 1940-1980

Kenneth D. Durr


HD 8079 .B2 D87 2003

Between justice and beauty: race, planning, and the failure of urban policy in Washington, D.C.

Howard Gillette, Jr.


HN 80 .W3 G55 1995

Between white and black; the faces of American institutions in the ghetto

Supplemental studies for the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders

New York, Praeger [1968]

E185.61 .S94 1968b

Bigotry in the United States
Myers, Gustavus, 1872-1942.
New York: Random house, 1943.
BR 516 .M9

The Bill of Rights: a lively heritage
Edited by Jon Kukla; essays by Lawrence Delbert Cress ... [et al.].
KF4749.B5

Blacks and the White House
E 185 .B53 2002

The Black Experience in Maryland
Rollo, Vera A. Foster.
Lanham, Md: Maryland Historical Press, c1980.
E185.93.M2R63

Black heritage (formerly Negro Heritage)
E185.N31

Black power in the suburbs: the myth or reality of African-American suburban political incorporation
Valerie C. Johnson
F 187 .P9 J64

**The Black Muslims in America**
Lincoln, C. Eric (Charles Eric), 1924-
Foreword by Gordon Allport.
Boston: Beacon Press, [1961]
E185.61.L56

**Black Nationalism**
Essien-Udom, Essien Udosen.
E185.61.E75

**Black odyssey: the story of the Negro in America**
Ottley, Roi, 1906-
E185.O85

**Black social capital: the politics of school reform in Baltimore, 1986-1998**
Orr, Marion, 1962-
Black women in the United States: from colonial times to the 1980's
Gregory, Chester W.
Baltimore, MD: Gateway Press ; Baltimore, MD (1302 Lincolnwood Dr., 21228) :
E 185.86 .G75 2004

Blockbusting in Baltimore: the Edmondson Village story
W. Edward Orser
MF225.E266O76

Brown in Baltimore: school desegregation and the limits of liberalism
Baum, Howell S.
MLC 214.23 B35 B38

Celebrating a century of service: the Clarence M. Mitchell Jr. courthouse 1900-2000
[Baltimore, Md.?; Centennial Committee?, 1999?]
NA 4473 .B2 C4 1999

A century of "separate but equal" education in Anne Arundel County
Philip L. Brown
MF187.A6B879

City life--a perspective from Baltimore, 1968-1978
Evans, Paul Fairfax.
F 189 .B145 E9 1981

Civil war on Race Street: the civil rights movement in Cambridge, Maryland
Levy, Peter B.; foreword by Stanley Harrold and Randall J. Miller, series editors
MF 187 .D6 L485

Chicago University. Population Research and Training Center. Monographs
Negroes in cities: residential segregation and neighborhood change
Karl E. Taeuber and Alma F. Taeuber
E185.89.H6T3

Desegregating the altar: the Josephites and the struggle for Black priests, 1871-1960
Ochs, Stephen J.
BX1407.N42O24
A documentary history of the Negro people in the United States
Aptheker, Herbert, ed. (Preface by W.E.B. Du Bois)
New York: Citadel Press, [1951]-.
E185.A58 Main Reading Room

Druid Hill Park: the heart of historic Baltimore
Bowditch, Eden Unger and Anne Draddy
MF 242 .D6 B785

From slavery to freedom: a history of Negro Americans
Franklin, John Hope, 1915-
New York: Knopf, [1974]
E185.F825

"Got my mind set on freedom": Maryland's story of black & white activism, 1663-2000
Mills, Barbara
E 185.93 .M2 M55 2002

Here lies Jim Crow: civil rights in Maryland
Smith, C. Fraser
History of Blacks in Howard County, Maryland: oral history, schooling, and contemporary issues

Cornelison, Alice, Silas E. Craft, Sr., and Lillie Price under the auspices of the Howard County Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People

Columbia, Md. (P.O. Box 662, Columbia 21045): Howard County, Maryland, NAACP, c1986.

MF187.H8C814

The Howard University bibliography of African and Afro-American religious studies: with locations in American libraries

Compiled by Ethel L. Williams and Clifton F. Brown

Wilmington, Del: Scholarly Resources, 1977

Z1361.N39W555

In Black America, 1968: the year of awakening

Compiled and edited with an introduction by Patricia W. Romero.


E185.5.I52

International library of Negro life and history: The Negro in music and art

Patterson, Lindsay.

New York: Publishers Co., [1967]
XML 3556.P38

Journal of the African American Historical and Genealogical Society
E 185 .A25

Journal of Negro history
Washington, D.C.: Association for the study of Negro life and history.
E185.J86

A journey through Berkley, Maryland: a tapestry of black and white lives woven together over 200 years at a rural crossroads
Constance R. Beims, Christine P. Tolbert
MF 187 .H2 B45

Knights of the razor: black barbers in slavery and freedom
Douglas Walter Bristol, Jr.
HD 8039 .B32 U6195

Leading the Race: the transformation of the Black elite in the nation's capital, 1880-1920
Moore, Jacqueline M., 1965-
Lion in the Lobby: Clarence Mitchell, Jr.'s struggle for the passage of civil rights laws

Watson, Denton L.


E185.6.M63W37

Lonely eagles: the story of America's Black Air Force in World War II

Rose, Robert, 1932-

Los Angeles: Tuskegee Airmen, Western Region, [c1980]

E185.63.R797

The negro community of Baltimore

Reid, Ira De Augustine, 1901-1968.

Baltimore, 1935.

PAM 11195

Negro heritage

Chicago: Sylvestre C. Watkins, 1961-

E185.N3

Negro history bulletin
Washington, D.C.: Association for the study of Negro life and history.
E185.N33

**Negroes in cities: residential segregation and neighborhood change**
Karl E. Taeuber and Alma F. Taeuber.
E185.89.H6T3

**The Negro in the making of America**
Quarles, Benjamin.
[New York]: Collier Books, [1969]
E185.Q2

**Negro problem solved**
O'Neil, Socrate Abelard E.
Baltimore, Md.: S. A. E. O'Neil, [c1918]
E185.61.O57

**Not in My Neighborhood: How Bigotry Shaped a Great American City**
Antero Pietila
MF 212.A285
One Hundred and Forty Years of African American Freedom in the U.S.A. God's providential history: 1865-2005
Edited by Leroy Fitts
Date unknown
PAM 12883

Papers on inter-racial problems: communicated to the First Universal Races Congress, held at the University of London, July 26-29, 1911
HT1505.U6

Polish-black encounters: a history of Polish and black relations in America since 1619
Joseph A. Wytrwal
E184.P7W993

Round and round together: taking a merry-go-round ride into the civil rights movement
Nathan, Amy.
MF 255 .B19 N458

Studies in race relations
Tell all the children our story: memories and mementos of being young and Black in America

Bolden, Tonya


E 185.86 .B633 2001

The shadow of equality: [microform] the Negro in Baltimore, 1864-1911

Paul, William George.

1972.

Micro 3324

This American People


New York: Harper, [1951]

JC599.U5J6

Toward equality, Baltimore's Progress report: a chronicle of progress since World War II toward the achievement of equal rights and opportunities for Negroes in Maryland

Sidney Hollander Foundation

Baltimore. [Baltimore, 1960]
Wendell Phillips: a centennial oration delivered at Park street church, Boston, November 28, 1911.

Stafford, Wendell Phillips, b. 1861.

New York: National association for the advancement of colored people, [1911]

E449.P56S

Woodholme: A Black Man's Story of Growing Up Alone

Wickham, Dewayne

Farrar, Straus and Giroux Farrar, Straus and Giroux Paperbacks, August 2004

E185.97 W615A3

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Manuscript Collections

The links provided below will take you to a finding aid or catalog entry for each collection.

MS 329, William Ellinger Scrapbook, 1915-1919

Newspaper clippings about WW I, with marginal comments by William Ellinger, and including clippings of many “Letters to the Editor” by Ellinger. Also clippings on the revival meetings of Billy Sunday and the "Negro problem" in 1918.

MS 1009, Edwin Warfield Scrapbooks, 1888-1915

Edwin Warfield was a lawyer, Governor of MD 1904-1908, and President of the Maryland Historical Society, 1913-1920. One of the scrapbooks in the collections contains material on the “Negro problem.”

MS 2044, Sidney Hollander Manuscript Collection, 1926-1972
Sidney Hollander was a Baltimore MD businessman, owner of the MD Pharmaceutical Co., who devoted most of his spare time and much of his retirement to volunteer work in the fields of social welfare and social reform. He served numerous private and public philanthropic organizations as an officer and board member and gained prominence on both the local and national welfare scenes. This large collection deals almost exclusively with his long career as a social activist and reformer, a career which spanned 1938-71 and which led Hollander to grapple with a wide variety of American social problems.

MS 2372, Research papers, 1977, University of Maryland, Baltimore County. American Studies Dept.

Collection consists of 9 family history research papers written for a course given at UMBC entitled "Perspectives on the Family". Four of the papers document the experiences of African Americans in the first half of the 20th century.

MS 2437, Frances Morton Froelicher Collection, 1972-1978

Collection contains five items (1972-78) relating to Mr. and Mrs. Hans Froelicher Jr.'s involvement in the early urban renewal and desegregation efforts in Baltimore (1940s-60s).


Collection consists of nine family history research papers 1979-80 written for a course offered at UMBC entitled "Perspectives on the Family". A few of the papers contain material on African American family life and racial discrimination.

MS 2643, Thomas G. Pullen Papers, 1926-1979

Collection contains correspondence, oral history transcripts, typescripts of speeches and books, and subject files. The bulk of the material concerns Dr. Pullen's contribution to education in MD, especially the desegregation of public schools and the accreditation of the University of Baltimore.

MS 2961, The Papers of Harry S. Cummings, 1866-1997

The collection consists of memorabilia related to the life of Harry Sythe Cummings. Cummings was one of the first two African American men to receive the Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Maryland. He was also the first African American member of the City Council of Baltimore City.

MS 3089, Paul Henderson Manuscript and Ephemera Collection, 1909-1989

Personal papers, correspondence, and publications owned by Paul Samuel Henderson and Elizabeth Johnson Henderson. Paul Henderson was a staff photographer for the Afro-
American newspaper until ca. 1945 after which he focused on his freelance photography business. He documented the Baltimore African American community and many civil rights related activities.

**MS 3092, Louise Kerr Hines Ephemera Collection, 1942-1993**

The collection consists of two boxes of miscellaneous print ephemera that documents African American civic, political, and religious life in twentieth-century Maryland. This material is organized thematically. The majority of items are publications from Baltimore churches, institutions, schools and colleges, and civic organizations and programs from the funerals of prominent African Americans, including Clarence M. Mitchell and Justice Thurgood Marshall. The political material primarily relates to the Democratic Party and African American politicians in Baltimore. Ms. Hines was plaintiff in the Enoch Pratt Free Library suit to integrate training classes in 1943.

**Photograph Collections**

The photograph collections listed below contain over 7500 images, many of which are related to the civil rights movement. The **Paul Henderson Photograph Collection** provides a particularly strong record of the civil rights movement and related subjects.

**Paul Henderson Photograph Collection**

Paul Henderson was a photographer for the Afro-American Newspaper. His photographs document Baltimore’s African American community during the years 1940-1960. Civil rights related subjects that Henderson photographed include: the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP); the Baltimore Urban League; civil rights demonstrations; Pennsylvania Avenue; Morgan State College (now Morgan State University) and more.

**PP177, The Childress Photograph Collection**

This collection is currently being processed and will be available soon.

**PP240, Harry Sythe Cummings Photograph Collection, 1890-1910**

Cummings was one of the first two African American men to receive the Bachelor of Law degree from the University of Maryland. He was also the first African American member of the City Council of Baltimore City. The collection includes photographic prints, one etched plate with wood backing, six framed photographs, and postcards.

**PP256, Sidney Hollander Photograph Collection, 1920-1980**
Sidney Hollander was a Baltimore MD businessman, owner of the MD Pharmaceutical Co., who devoted most of his spare time and much of his retirement to volunteer work in the fields of social welfare and social reform. He served numerous private and public philanthropic organizations as an officer and board member and gained prominence on both the local and national welfare scenes. The collection contains 42 photographs. Includes prints, negatives, and one 35mm slide.

Subject Vertical File (SVF)


Consists of 11 prints relating to Pennsylvania Avenue, the African-American shopping and entertainment district. Most of the images are of the Sphinx Club, one of the nation’s first minority owned membership night clubs. The Sphinx Club was open from 1946 to the mid 1990s

Oral Histories

The Maryland Historical Society’s collection of more than 1000 oral histories is particularly strong on the civil rights movement and related topics. There are a few individual projects or series that focus specifically on the civil rights movement such as the McKeldin-Jackson Project. Some of these projects are unprocessed; special collections staff hope to have them available for public use soon. There are also many interviews that discuss various aspects of the civil rights movement, segregation, and related topics that are part of projects not specifically focusing on the civil right movement. Links provided below will take you to the specific project page containing inventories of interviews, project descriptions, and other resources.

McKeldin-Jackson Project, 1969-1977

This project consists of 92 oral histories that examine the civil rights era by focusing on the roles played by civil rights pioneer and Baltimore NAACP President Lillie May Jackson and Governor Theodore R. McKeldin. Follow the link above to view a list of the interviewees, project description, and other resources.

Baltimore Gas and Electric Company Corporate History Project, 1982-1983

This project contains one interview dealing with the civil rights movement. A former manager at BGE, Anton Endler discusses his service as a member of the Maryland National Guard and his experiences during the Cambridge Riots of 1963 and the Baltimore Riots of 1968.
Baltimore Interfaith Series, 1974-1976

Seven of the 23 oral histories in this series contain civil rights related material. Topics discussed in the interviews listed below include segregation, the 1963 Gwynn Oak Park demonstrations, the Baltimore Civil Rights Bill of 1964, and the 1968 Baltimore Riots,

OH 8228, Marion Bascom
OH 8232, Ellsworth Bunce
OH 8223, John Cronin
OH 8238, David Glenn
OH 8244, Abraham Shusterman
OH 8245, Asbury Smith
OH 8248, Alfred Starrett

Baltimore Neighborhood Heritage Project, 1978-1982

This collection of over 200 oral histories contains 27 interviews that touch on interviewee’s experiences with segregation. The Pennsylvania Avenue shopping and entertainment district is also discussed.

OH 8297.006, Margaret Proctor
OH 8297.011, George Mesologites
OH 8297.022, Lucy Jane Cox
OH 8297.043, Richard Meads
OH 8297.059, Coleman Grant
OH 8297.070, Mary Proctor
OH 8297.084, William Perkins
OH 8297.092, John Jackson
OH 8297.094, Anonymous
OH 8297.098, William Tyler
OH 8297.101, Charlotte Harper
OH 8297.102, Greg Zorn
OH 8297.111, Luther Butler
OH 8297.135, James Miller
OH 8297.142, Mary Randall
OH 8297.145, Bernadine Williams
OH 8297.161, Bernard Redd
OH 8297.174, Leon Sachs
OH 8297.178, Joseph Shields
OH 8297.181, Walter Carr Sr.
OH 8297.186, Clarence Fairfax
OH 8297.188, Benjamin Perry
OH 8297.189, Samuel Ware
OH 8297.195, Alma Walker
OH 8297.196, Carrie Jackson
OH 8297.199, George O'Connor
OH 8297.204, Ellen Pinter

Oral histories not part of a project or series

Please click on the link above to visit the main oral history page where the following interviews can be located in the numbered inventories. The inventories include biographical information and summaries of each interview.

OH 8025, Judge Simon Sobeloff

OH 8044, Walter Sondheim, Jr.
The Maryland Historical Magazine, a peer-reviewed quarterly, enjoys one of the largest readerships of any state historical journal in the nation. Over its 104 years, it has developed strong ties to the scholarly community. Despite the distance usually separating local and academic history, the magazine strives to bring together the "professional" and the "popular" to engage a broad audience while publishing serious research on Maryland and the region.

The Maryland Historical Magazine is available online. Click on the link provided to view the articles listed below.

The Desegregation of the University of Maryland

Edward J. Kuebler

Vol. 1, No. 1, Spring 1976.

Separate and Unequal: The Evolution of a Black Land Grant College in Maryland, 1890 – 1930
John R. and Ruth Ellen Wennersten

Vol. 72, No. 1, Spring 1977.

The National Urban League Comes to Baltimore

Ralph L. Pearson

Vol. 72, No. 4, Winter 1977.

The Formative Years of Maryland’s First Black Postsecondary School

Martha S. Putney

Vol. 73, No. 2, June 1978.

The Black Colleges in the Maryland State College System: Quest for Equal Opportunity, 1908 – 1975

Martha S. Putney

Vol. 75, No. 4, December 1980.

Old West Baltimore

Roderick N. Ryon


The Making of a Baltimore Rowhouse Community: The Edmondson Avenue Area, 1915-1945

W. Edward Orser

Vol. 80, No. 3, Fall 1985.
A Cycle of Race Relations on Maryland’s Eastern Shore: Somerset County, 1850-1917

John R. Wennersten


Towards a Roosevelt Coalition: The Democratic Party and the New Deal in Baltimore

Jo Ann E. Argersinger

Vol. 82, No. 4, Winter 1987.

Boom and Bust: The Elite Giants and Black Baseball in Baltimore, 1936-1951

Robert V. Leffler, Jr.


Wages of War: The Shifting Landscape of Race and Gender in World War II Baltimore

Amy Bentley


Everybody Must Get Stoned: The Origins of the Modern Drug Culture in Baltimore

Jill Jonnes

Vol. 91, No. 2, Summer 1996

Neither Separate Nor Equal: Foreshadowing Brown in Baltimore County, 1935-1937

W. Edward Orser
Student Involvement in the Baltimore Civil Rights Movement, 1953-1963
Robert M. Palumbos

Spiro T. Agnew and Middle Ground Politics
Justin P. Coffey

Spirogate: The Washington Post and the Rise and Fall of Spiro Agnew
Charles J. Holden and Zach Messitte
Vol. 102, No. 3, Fall 2007.

A Catholic Tuskegee: The Cardinal Gibbons Institute, 1922-1933
Nicholas M. Creary
Vol. 102, No. 1, Spring 2007.

“A Veil of Voodoo”: George P. Mahoney, Open Housing, and the 1966 Governor’s Race
Richard Hardesty
Vol. 104, No. 2, Summer 2009

Paul Henderson’s Baltimore, c.1940-1960
Jennifer A. Ferretti

“Today U.S. One, Tomorrow the World”: The May 1970 Protests at the University of Maryland, College Park
Damon Talbot
Vol. 106, No. 2, Summer 2011

The Lynching of Howard Cooper
Alexander Ormond Boulton
Vol. 106, No. 3, Fall 2011

The Chauffer and the Candy Maker: The Killing of George Murphy in Baltimore, 1913
John Wesley Young
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