Finding Enslaved Laborers at UVA
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What I know:
Local area historic
Have a passion for the stories
Historical societies and Libraries
Local genealogy community
Lessons will be learned doing this type of research
There will be emotional times

Basic Understanding of African American Research It's American History Slavery = Economics People were property There was renting, buying and selling going on Some were sold to the deep south Free People of Color

African American Genealogical Research begins just like any other research Begin with what you know Think about what you don't know Ask yourself who or what would know

Tips:

Stop jumping outside the box, stay inside the box and conduct deeper research and analysis Remember every Record creates a Record Challenges: Expect them, Embrace them and let them Expand your research skills

Strategy #1 Listen and Ask Questions
Stay Local
Learn about the slaveholders in the area
Use the census
Google
Online databases (ancestry, familysearch, etc.)

Strategy#2 Reverse the Genealogy (past to the future and P\present to the past) Genealogy is about Time, Place and Asking Questions What do you know now?

What do you need to know? Who or what would know the information you are missing or seeking Plan the research for resources & seek out what you need

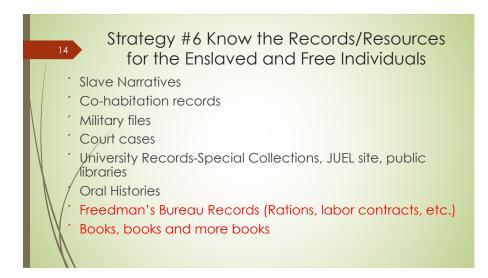
Strategy #3 Slave Era Research and Questions

- Review the law during the research era!
- Finding Emancipation or Manumission papers
- Slave narratives, family genealogy records
- Bill of Sales, Plantation records: Inventories
- City & County directories, Public notices or records, local courthouse records (wills, probates), city halls & more!
- Find resources where Slave research has been successful...keeping in touch with the local genealogy groups, libraries, and historical societies-local
- Sharing, sharing, sharing



Strategy #5 Get a MAP, determine your research location

Strategy #6 Know what records and resources are available for the enslaved and free individuals-make a list



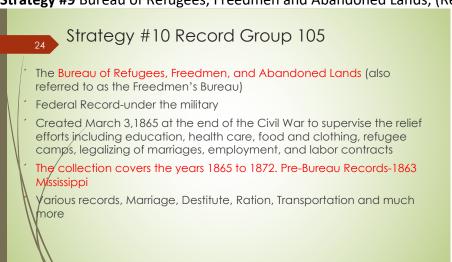
Strategy #7 Getting the word out

Use social media: Set up a Facebook page Set up a Twitter account Get a genealogy buddy

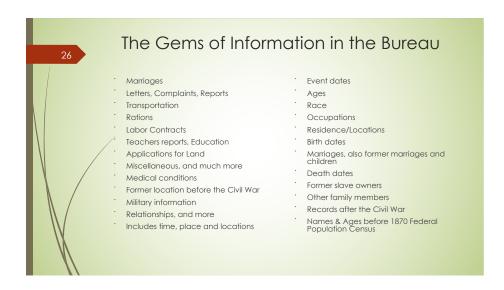
Strategy #8 Part of the Plan

Build a questionnaire or an Intake plan as a way to gather info about possible descendants Set up meetings to review the Intake form Build ancestry trees on slaveholders and the enslaved

Strategy #9 Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands, (Record Group 105)



Refugees are White, Freedmen are formally enslaved



Resources:

Historical Societies Public libraries

Mapping the Freedmen's Bureau- https://mappingthefreedmensbureau.com

