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## Examining American Slave Narratives

### Additional Resources

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#### Narratives featured in the presentation

- Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895, et al. [\*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, an American Slave\*](#). Pub. at the Anti-Slavery Office, 1845.
- Jacobs, Harriet Ann. [\*Incidents in the Life of a Slave Girl\*](#). United States, Pub. for the Author, 1861.
- Brown, William Wells. [\*Narrative of William W. Brown, a Fugitive Slave\*](#). United States, Anti-slavery office, 1847.
- Eliot, William Greenleaf. [\*The Story of Archer Alexander from Slavery to Freedom March 30, 1863\*](#). United States, Cupples, Upham and Company, 1885.

#### Other narratives

The slave narratives listed below can be found in the Dr. Helen E. Nash Collection of African-Americana and Africana at the St. Louis Mercantile Library. Clicking each link will take you to an online copy of the narrative, thanks to Google Books and UNC's Documenting the American South initiative.

- Equiano, Olaudah, 1745-1797, et al. [\*The Life of Olaudah Equiano, or Gustavus Vassa, the African\*](#). Published by Isaac Knapp, 1837.
- Clarke, Lewis Garrard, 1812-1897, et al. [\*Narratives of the Sufferings of Lewis and Milton Clarke: Sons of a Soldier of the Revolution, during a Captivity of More than Twenty Years among the Slaveholders of Kentucky, One of the so Called Christian States of North America. Dictated by Themselves\*](#). B. Marsh, 1846.
- Ball, Charles. [\*Slavery in the United States\*](#). N.p.: Applewood Books, 2008.
- Northup, Solomon, 1808-1863?, et al. [\*Twelve Years a Slave\*](#). 1853.
- Lee, Hannah Farnham Sawyer, 1780-1865. [\*Memoir of Pierre Toussaint, Born a Slave in St. Domingo\*](#). Crosby, Nichols and Company, 1854.
- Douglass, Frederick, 1818-1895. [\*My Bondage and My Freedom\*](#). Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1855.

- Drew, Benjamin, 1812-1903. [\*A North-Side View of Slavery: The Refugee: or, The Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada. Related by Themselves, with an Account of the History and Condition of the Colored Population of Upper Canada.\*](#) J.P. Jewett and Company; Sheldon, Lamport and Blakeman, 1856.
- Pickard, Kate E. R., and William Henry, 1802-1896 Furness. [\*The Kidnapped and the Ransomed: Being the Personal Recollections of Peter Still and His Wife "Vina," after Forty Years of Slavery.\*](#) W. T. Hamilton; Miller, Orton and Mulligan, 1856.
- Steward, Austin, 1794-1860. [\*Twenty-Two Years a Slave, and Forty Years a Freeman: Embracing a Correspondence of Several Years, While President of Wilberforce Colony, London, Canada West.\*](#) W. Alling, 1857.
- Henson, Josiah, 1789-1883, and Harriet Beecher Stowe, 1811-1896. [\*Father Henson's Story of His Own Life.\*](#) J.P. Jewett; H.P.B. Jewett, 1858.
- Loguen, Jermain Wesley, and E. P. (Elymas Payson), d. 1861 Rogers. [\*The Rev. J.W. Loguen, as a Slave and as a Freeman: a Narrative of Real Life.\*](#) J.G.K. Truair & Co., Stereotypers and Printers, 1859.
- Keckley, Elizabeth, approximately 1818-1907. [\*Behind the Scenes, or, Thirty Years a Slave and Four Years in the White House.\*](#) G.W. Carleton & Co, 1868.

## Federal Writers' Project

- [\*Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936 to 1938\*](#) contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black-and-white photographs of former slaves. These narratives were collected in the 1930s as part of the Federal Writers' Project (FWP) of the Works Progress Administration, later renamed Work Projects Administration (WPA). The narratives are arranged alphabetically by the state in which the interviews took place and thereunder by the surname of the narrator.



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