

## REPARATIONS OPT IN FORM

*If you are a descendant of ancestor enslavement in the US identified as African American Descendant of Slaves referred to as ADOS, Freedman, Native Blacks with a ancestral link to an enslaved person in America included to be a claimant in any class action suit(s) and claims for reparations payments owed to you or your family member from which you were descendant related to slavery in America.*

**This OPT IN form** covers any program or class member benefits in collective or individual actions including the receipt of any payments from government, business, individuals, investments, reparate concessions, insurance or other assets relating to slavery and reparations as a possible descendant of an Enslaved African in America. By signing this form, you are acknowledging you want to **INCLUDE** yourself and any of your family and minor children that you have in your household to receive compensation and concessions due to class members for this issue. When you include yourself, you will receive the money and benefits of any Class Action suits. As a descendant any assets due will be paid to the class members that have not opt out. You will be bound by the terms of any judgment or settlement in the Class Action, and you may forfeit your right, if any, to sue the defendants regarding the issues in this case. If you opt in your are acknowledging that we may verify your lineage link to an enslaved ancestor in America. In order to exercise your right to include yourself as a claimant

This Opt-n form must be completed, signed and submitted via email **to [reparationstustfunds@gmail.com](mailto:reparationstustfunds@gmail.com)** or at the address below this will help us to identify the people who are willing to be a member of a class action suit for Reparations from the American government. African American Descendants of Slaves in America and affiliated groups of the same or different names can be included in the class of claimants by any name they choose to use as long as the members as claimants have a lineage connection to enslaved persons as descendants through one or more parents whose ancestors suffered as slaves in America they can be included. The Class Action Notice Administrator Healing Hearts of Families USA-/ Reparations Trust Fund-Administrator PO Box 2033 Lithonia Georgia 30038

### **DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO OPT OUT OF PARTICIPATING IN THE SETTLEMENT FOR REPARATIONS**

Type your name and email here **agreeing to OPT IN**. Your electronic signature will be considered a valid signature for this purpose. Or sign, scan and email to [reparations.trustfund@gmail.com](mailto:reparations.trustfund@gmail.com) or fax to: **404-893-3933**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I reside at: \_\_\_\_\_ City/state of \_\_\_\_\_

Initial that you understand the terms for opting **INTO** this action, \_\_\_\_\_ This information will be shared with the leading legal authority representing the class members.

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## DECLARATION

I (insert name) \_\_\_\_\_ and my minor dependents of my household declare that we maybe descendants of ancestors enslaved in America and I/we choose to be included in any lawsuits related to collection of payments due to my family. We agree to receiving other forms of reparate concessions as well along with financial reparations. I/we understand that payments made which are due will go to me and my family in an equitable manner based on the lineage pay plans after identification as a descendant.

1. I understand that I will receive money and other benefits which may be due, as a result of any Reparations lawsuit or Settlements and payments made from the United States of America, its markets, banks, corporations and affiliate countries paying reparations.

2. I declare under penalty of perjury that all of the information provided in this Opt **IN FORM** is true and correct I will provide a copy of my legal ID ( ) if requested. ( ) coy attached.

3. I understand that any individual actions are not necessary as a claimant in class action suits and there maybe a specified OPT IN PERIOD at some point with a deadline to OPT IN. I have not been provided with any legal advice by Class Counsel at this time.

4. I acknowledge that I have been advised that the action will commence by or on behalf of African Descendants of people enslaved in America, ADOAS and other direct class groups representing African Descendants of people enslaved in America the attorneys or persons representing the eligible class members vs. the United States of America. At this time no suit has been certified as a class action. I understand that it is not necessary to opt out of this certified class action, if I wish to participate in any future suits or the action, if that action is permitted to proceed as a class action, and that it is possible to be a member of the class in all actions. This action automatically excludes person who are of excluded groups, those who opt out and those whose lineage is not linked to enslaved persons in America as slaves and those with no connection to being a descendant of enslaved Africans forced servitude in America. I choose to opt in on my own free will this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ in the year of \_\_\_\_\_.

### Class Member Information

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Witness information for -Opt In (Witness phone/email)** \_\_\_\_\_

Print Witness Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**African American Descendant of Slaves in America**

**Genealogy Family Links / TRACKING Opt IN form**

*This form can be used to determine your lineage links or as a link to help you in your decision to opt out.*

**Your Contact Information**

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Middle Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ SURNAME (FAMILY) \_\_\_\_\_

**Current Mailing Address**

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

***Lineage Links please complete this information to help verify a link of your family ties***

**YOUR MOTHER'S FAMILY Identified as (Lineage ID as black, negro, African American)**

**1. Your Mother's Full Name -**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Her Family Name Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**2Gen Her Mother/Your Grand Mother's Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Her Family Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ She was Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**2ndGen- YOUR MOM'S Father/Your Grand Father's Full name**

His First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Fathers Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**3Gen \*YOUR MOM'S Mother/Your Great Grand Mother Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Her Family / Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**3rdGen- Your Mom's Great Grand Father's Name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**4Gen \*YOUR MOM'S Great- Great-Grand Mothers- Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Her Family Name/ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

**4rdGen-\*YOUR MOM'S Great Great Grand Fathers- \ Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Identified as \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**Your Dad's Family**

1. Your Dad Full Name is \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

**2Gen His Mother/Your Grand Mother's Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

Her Name/ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**2ndGen- His Father/Your Grand Father's Full name**

His First \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**3rdGen \*YOUR DAD'S Grand Mothers- Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_ Her

*Family Name/ Maiden Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Her mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**3rdGen- \*YOUR DAD'S Grand Fathers- \Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> Gen \*YOUR DAD'S Great Grand Mothers- Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

*Her Family Name/ Maiden Name:* \_\_\_\_\_

Her mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

Her Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

**4<sup>th</sup> Gen- \*YOUR DAD'S Great Grand Fathers- \ Full name**

First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle \_\_\_\_\_ Last \_\_\_\_\_

His mother's name; \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

His Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Identified as \_\_\_\_\_ via: \_\_\_\_\_

We hope this helps in your search for answers you can trace back from vital records i.e. birth certificates, us census bureau looking for cities states where they once lived and who the relatives were listed on the census reports.

# Researching YOUR African American Ancestors

Due to the long history of slavery in the United States, family history research can be challenging for many African Americans.

Census takers rarely recorded the names of enslaved people and seldom listed family members together. Enslaved people were often subjected to forced name changes, family separation, and sexual violence. In addition to causing logistical challenges, the historical realities of slavery can make for taxing and painful reading.

To help, we've compiled the strategies below.

## Getting started

1. Download our [guide to African American family history](#).
2. Gather information:
  - Family Bibles
  - Journals, diaries, and letters
  - Photographs
  - Obituaries and newspaper clippings
  - Birth, marriage, and death certificates
  - Family group sheets, pedigree charts, and books of remembrance
3. [Interview your family members](#) and ask whether they have any records. Take note of names, dates, and places.
4. [Start a family tree](#) and add anything you've discovered.
5. [Search family trees](#) by clicking the **Search** tab and selecting **Public Member Trees**. To narrow your search results, try adding information one field at a time until you get results you can use.
6. Follow the strategies below.
7. Take a DNA test African ancestry or ancestry.com

## Tracing your family backward

In the United States, federal censuses are taken every 10 years. Trace your ancestors backward in censuses starting with your immediate family, recording each detail you find.

Enslaved people were not usually named in censuses in many cases the names were misspelled Thomas may be spelled tomas. Slavery was abolished in 1865, so the first census that included the names of most African Americans was the [1870 U.S. Federal Census](#).

If you're able to trace your ancestor back to the 1870 census, you've got a good start. The next step is to find out whether they appeared in the [1860 U.S. Federal Census](#).

In 1860, about 10% of African Americans were free. If your ancestor was free in 1860, they should be listed in the census. If you can't find them in the 1860 census, they were likely among the 90% of African Americans who were still enslaved.

Look too for your ancestor in the [Mortality Schedules](#). These are indexes of people who died during the 12 months prior to the date of the census. Mortality schedules are available for the 1850–1880 censuses. These schedules often include the names of both freedmen and enslaved people, but sometimes the names of enslaved people were excluded from the index.

Trace your ancestors backward until you can't find them anymore. At that point, it's time to find the name of the last slave owner.

### **Finding the last slave owner**

In order to find pre-1870 records that include your African American ancestor, you may need to find records for the slave owner.

- If your ancestor has an uncommon last name, search censuses for white people with the same surname as your ancestor in the same area. When you find them, make a list; these are possible slave owners. Only about 15% of formerly enslaved people took the slave owner's surname. Start with the [1860 U.S. Federal Census](#).
- Search the [Freedmen's Bureau](#) for your ancestor's name. The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands was established in 1865 to help newly freed African Americans transition to life outside of slavery. The names of former slave owners were often included in labor contracts, sharecropping agreements, and marriage records.
- Search the [U.S. Colored Troops Military Service Records](#) and the [Civil War Pension Index](#). First, identify an ancestor in the Colored Troops Military Service Records, then use the information you find to locate the same person in the Civil War Pension Index, which often lists the names of slave owners.
- Search the [Freedman's Bank Records](#). The Freedman's Savings and Trust was an institution chartered by Congress for the benefit of newly-emancipated people. This publication reproduces fifty-five volumes of signatures and personal identification data of thousands of depositors who maintained accounts with the bank. These records usually show account numbers, dates of application, and the depositor's name, age, complexion, place of birth, place raised, occupation, spouse, children, family members' names, remarks, and signature. These registers of deposits sometimes included the name of a formerly enslaved person, their family members, and the former slave owner.
- Search the [Wills and probate records](#). Slave owners' wills and probate records often list enslaved people by name.
- Search [U.S. Interviews with Former Slaves, 1936-1939](#). This database contains more than 2,300 first-person accounts of slavery and 500 black and white photographs of people who were formerly enslaved. It's searchable by any word, so references to specific names can be found easily. Slave owners were often named in these narratives.

## Searching slave schedules

If you know the slave owner's name and your ancestor's likely year of birth, try searching for the slave owner in the [1850 slave schedules](#) and [1860 slave schedules](#). For help searching or understanding slave schedules, see [Searching Slave Schedules](#).

## More resources

- The [African American history page](#) on Ancestry contains information about our DNA test and links to search databases.
- The [African American Historical Record Collection](#) features interviews with people who were formerly enslaved, slave manifests, slave emancipation records, and more.
- [AfriGeneas](#) provides resources for African-related genealogy with a vision of finding and documenting the last slaveholder and the first African in each family.
- [Cyndi's List](#) has an index of genealogy sites pertaining to African American research.
- The [National Archives](#) contain both African American research and links to resources.
- The [Hutchins Center for African & African American Research](#) is a Harvard research center that supports research on the history and culture of people of African descent and provides a forum for collaboration.

## GIVE TO THE REPARATIONS TRUST FUND

Support for the project allows us to get researchers and offer free information to verify genealogical and residency linkages to families who were enslaved Africans in America.

All descendants of the enslaved on American soil are the potential claimants in a suit against the government for unpaid labor. Verification that the persons whom have identified as African American, Negro, Black, colored who were born and direct descendants of slavery on American Soils and not through immigration status dating back to or before 1865.

Give \$4, 40, \$400 once or monthly to help with this project. Via cash app to help sort the lineage link project to answer the questions of who actually are the blacks linked to slavery in America helping to make valid claims. Support our work give to cash app at **\$Reparations4DOS**