

REPARATIONS RECOVERY



Opt Out Form

If you are a descendant of ancestor enslavement in the US and you decide you do not want to participate in making a claim through a collective lawsuit by descendants of slavery. You can exclude yourself from this action – this is sometimes referred to as “opting out”.

African American Descendant of Slaves referred to as ADOS, Freedman, Native Blacks with a ancestral link to an enslaved person in America can use the Lineage Link Opt out form to be excluded from being a claimant in any class action suits and claims for reparations payments owed to any family member from which you were descendant related to slavery in America.

This OPT OUT 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 exclude yourself and any of your now minor children that you have in your household from receiving any compensation or concessions due to class members of this issue. If you exclude yourself, you will not receive any benefit from the Class Action suits. Any assets due will be forfeited and invested in services to support the needs of other class members that have not opt out supporting investments, education, housing, retirement, health, elderly support, assets and business. You will not 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 out, you can change your mind later and opt back into the Class Action. In order to exercise your right to exclude yourself from the Class, this Opt Out Form must be completed, signed and submitted to the Trust Notice Administrator via email to reparationstustfunds@gmail.com or at the address below. African American Descendants of Slaves In America and affiliated groups of the same class by any name who are identified as having a lineage connection to those who suffered and worked as slaves in America will be included but has a choice you will be excluded. You can sent this form to the Notice Administrator c/o Healing Hearts of Families USA/ Reparations Trust Administrator PO Box 2033 Lithonia Georgia 30038

DO NOT COMPLETE THIS FORM IF YOU WISH TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT FOR REPARATIONS

Type your information here **agreeing to OPT OUT**. Your electronic signature will be considered a valid signature for this purpose. Or you may scan and email to reparations.trustfund@gmail.com or fax to: **404-893-3933**

Name: _____

Email Address: _____

I reside at : _____ in the city/state of _____

Initial that you understand the terms for opting out of this action, _____ This information will be shared with the leading legal authority representing the class members. My DOB is: _____

5/30/2022 5:15 AM

DECLARATION

I (insert name) _____ and my minor dependents of my household assert that we maybe descendants of an ancestor enslaved in America, but I/we choose to forgo any lawsuits related to collection of payments in the form of reparations. I/we understand that payments made which are due me will go into a pool for management and identification of other descendants.

1. I understand that I will not receive any money or benefit which may be obtained as a result of any Reparations lawsuit or Settlements from the United States of America and 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 Out Form is true and correct.

3. I understand than any individual action must be commenced within a specified limitation period or it will be legally barred, and that I have not been provided with any legal advice by Class Counsel about when the limitation period may expire. Limitation periods will resume running against me if I opt out of this class proceeding with or without any future notices.

4. I acknowledge that I have been advised that the action commenced 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 and attorneys or persons representing the eligible class members vs. the United States of America at this time it has not been certified as a class action, and there is no guarantee that it will be certified. 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 if certified. This action automatically excludes person who are of excluded groups with no connection to being a descendant of enslaved Africans forced servitude in America. I choose to opt out on my own free will this ____ day of _____ in the year of _____.

Class Member Opting Out Information

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness information for -Opt Out

Print Name: _____ Signature: _____

Privacy Statement Personal Information regarding Opt Outs is collected, used, and retained by the Trust Notice Administrator pursuant to section 7(3)(c) of the Personal Information Protection and Electronic Documents Act, SC 2000, c 5:

Under the **Class Action Fairness Act of 2005 (CAFA)**, which allows any class action with damages greater than \$5 million to be moved to federal court

- For the purpose of administering the AARTF Program Class Action; and, • To notify the court and the parties that the individual has excluded themselves from the class action.

African American Descendant of Slaves in America

Genealogy Family Links / OPT OUT 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 verify a link of your family ties

YOUR MOTHER'S FAMILY

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 Fathers 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 Name/ Maiden Name: _____ Identified as _____

Her mother's name; _____ Identified as _____

Her Fathers Name _____ Identified as _____

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

First Name: _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Identified as _____

Her mother's name; _____ Identified as _____

Her Father's Name _____ Identified as _____

4Gen *YOUR MOM'S 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 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 _____

2. Gen 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: _____

4th 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: _____

4th 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 African American Ancestors

Due to the long history of slavery in the United States, family history research can be challenging for many African Americans. This information can be used to help you in your private search.

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
- [Interview your family members](#) and ask whether they have any records. Take note of names, dates, and places.
3. [Start a family tree](#) and add anything you've discovered.
4. [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.
5. Follow the strategies below.

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. 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 the project and free help to verify genealogical and residency linkages to families who were enslaved Africans in America.

These descendants of the enslaved on American soil are the 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. \$4, 40, \$400 once or monthly will help in this project. Via cash app to help sort the lineage link project to answer the questions of who actually is linked to slavery in America since everyone black is making that claim. Give to cash app at **\$Reparations4DOS**