

AFRICAN AMERICAN BIOGRAPHICAL DATABASE

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The African American Biographical Database (AABD) includes 300 titles (146 in full text) that bring together more than 40,000 biographies of African-Americans, many not to be found in any other reference source. These biographical sketches have been carefully assembled from biographical dictionaries and other sources, with detailed indexing and extensive full-text searching.



This unparalleled collection contains extended narratives of African-American activists, business people, former slaves, performing artists, educators, lawyers, physicians, writers, church leaders, homemakers, religious workers, government workers, athletes, farmers, scientists, factory workers, and more—both the famous and the everyday person. Their stories are pivotal to an understanding of the Black American experience from 1790-1950, covering over 150 years.

Unique Content AABD draws its initial content from the acclaimed Chadwyck-Healey™ *Black Biographical Dictionaries 1790-1950* and includes descriptive listings of individuals taken from *Black Biography, 1790-*

1950: A Cumulative Index, edited by Randall K. Burkett, Nancy Hall Burkett, and Henry Louis Gates, Jr. Titles include:

- *The Afro-American Press, and its Editors*
- *A Brief History of the Coloured Baptists of Nova Scotia*
- *The Colored Patriots of the American Revolution*
- *The Colored Aristocracy of St. Louis*

Search Options That Get Results

The African American Biographical Database allows you to retrieve several levels of information through a Profile Search (searches of nine combinable fields) or through a Full Text Search (searches of the full text of biographies). ■ The Profile Search lets you search the indexed fields in

the database and locate biographical profiles. From there you can link to biographical sketches, full-text narratives from the various biographical sources in the database, and photographs or images available within the narratives. ■ The Full Text Search also lets you search the narratives directly. Our sophisticated search engine takes you to any occurrence of a word or name within the text itself, not just the names of individuals who are subjects of the full sketches.

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The Profile Search and Full Text Search options help you narrow your search and pinpoint the information you want. Below are examples of both types of searches:

Use a Profile Search when you're:

- **Searching for a specific person** Using the **Name** field, enter the last name first (e.g., Brown, Morris). You can also use this field if you know the name of a person's spouse or a nickname.
- **Searching for a specific person, but are unsure of the name** You can limit your search by using other fields. For example, you may know the subject was born in

Milwaukee, WI, around 1810 and became a journalist. By entering that information in the State/Country, City/County, Date of Birth, and Occupation fields, you can browse a small set of results.

- **Searching for specific groups of people**
For example:
 - Political figures (Occupation) born in Wisconsin (State/Country)
 - All Females (Gender) covered in Who's Who in Colored America (Source)
 - Baptist (Religion) Religious Workers (Occupation)
 - Educators (Occupation), born in Madison (City/County), who lived during the turn of the century (Date of Birth, Date of Death)

Use a Full Text Search when you:

- **Can't find a profile for an individual** By searching on the name in the All Keyword field, you may find details about the person through the biography of a relative, friend, or associate.
- **Want to find all mentions of a name, even in biographical sketches about other subjects** You can enter a name, first name first (e.g., Morris Brown), in the All Keyword field.
- **Want to find relationships between people** For example, you can enter two names connected by a Boolean operator, and find instances where both people are discussed on the same page, perhaps in relation to one another.
- **Want to find coverage of a geographical region, political movement, school district, area of missionary work, church, or other group or area.**