

Using Newspapers In African American Genealogy Research

African American newspaper illustrations

African American newspapers touched all corners of the Black community and this is illustrated in the Shamele Jordan's recent Genealogy Quick Start interview with James Morgan III on the topic of Black fraternal orders.

The geographic reach of Black newspapers is quite long and you should conduct your research accordingly.

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As you can see here, James points to newspapers as the 1st step for learning about these ever-present organizations

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STEP 1 LEARN ABOUT THE LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS

Woman Who Knew Abe Lincoln Dies

Mrs. Sarah Campbell, mother of Mrs. Mary E. Taylor, died Wednesday at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, A. J. Taylor, 4152 Indiana Ave. She was ill two months. Funeral services were held Saturday at St. Elizabeth's Catholic church. A large number of admiring friends were in attendance. Interment in Holy Sepulchre cemetery.

Mrs. Campbell was born in St. Mary's county, Maryland. During her early life she came in contact with Abraham Lincoln while a slave on the plantation of George Broome in St. Mary's county, and always talked of the meals she served the president.

Eighteen years ago she and her husband, now deceased, came to Chicago and make their home with the Taylors. She was the mother of 17 children, seven of whom survive her. They are Mrs. Mary Taylor, Chicago; Mrs. Nannie Barnes, Philadelphia; Mrs. Lessie Briscoe, Chicago; Mrs. Jennie Allen, Chicago; Mrs. Ruth Briscoe, Philadelphia, and Ignatius and James Campbell, Philadelphia. She had a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren, five son-in-laws and one daughter-in-law. Mrs. Allen and Mrs. Taylor nursed their mother during her illness.

One of my favorite research finds from the many years of doing research in African American newspapers.

I have not done any sustained research on the family, but the article proved pretty accurate in the areas of location and migration.

1910 United States Federal Census for Sarah Campbell
 Maryland > Saint Mary's > Election District 1 > District 0080

Street	House No.	Visited No.	Family No.	Name	Relation	Sex	Race	Age	Marital Status	Years Mar.	Children	Children	Birthplace	Father's Birthplace	Mother's Birthplace
				Mrs. Veronica Combs	Wife	F	W	43	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
	177	183		Fredrick	Head	M	W	27	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Ellen	Wife	F	W	64	MS		9	7	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				John	Brother	M	W	29	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Victoria	Sister	F	W	28	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Taylor Floyd	Nephew	M	W	13	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
	178	181		Campbell James H.	Head	M	W	79	M	51			Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Sarah	Daughter	F	W	74	M	51	18	7	Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Biscoe John	Son	M	W	11	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Nicholas	Son	M	W	9	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				William	Son	M	W	5	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland
				Joseph	Son	M	W	14	S				Maryland	Maryland	Maryland

Sarah Campbell

1910 United States Federal Census

Detail Related Source

Suggested Records

- 1900 United States Federal Census
Name: Sarah Campbell
- 1880 United States Federal Census
Name: Zora Campbell
- Pennsylvania, U.S., Death Certificates, 1906-1967
Name: Sarah Biscoe
- 1920 United States Federal Census
Name: Sarah Campbell

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