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Honoring Enslaved Ancestors and How to Find Them

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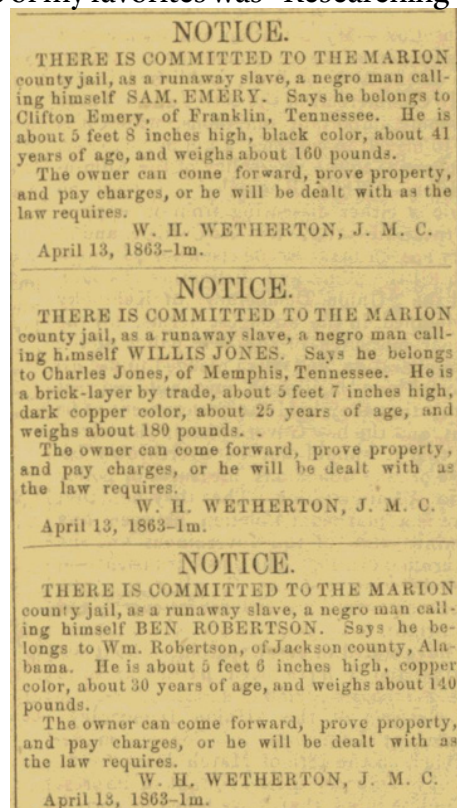
Juneteenth, also known as Freedom Day or Emancipation Day, is a significant holiday celebrated on June 19th each year. It commemorates the emancipation of enslaved African Americans in the United States. On June 19, 1865, Union General Gordon Granger arrived in Galveston, Texas, and issued General Order No. 3, officially proclaiming the end of slavery in Texas, over two years after the Emancipation Proclamation was signed. Juneteenth serves as a symbolic milestone in the ongoing struggle for freedom and equality. It is a time to reflect on the hardships endured by enslaved individuals and to celebrate their resilience, cultural heritage, and contributions to American society.

While attending the National Genealogical Society's annual conference in Richmond, Virginia, earlier this month, I managed to take a break from our Storied booth to sit in on several sessions. One of my favorites was "Researching Enslaved Persons in Virginia Records" by Melanie McComb, one of the genealogists at the New England Historic Genealogical Society and American Ancestors. It got me thinking about how to utilize NewspaperArchive. While finding detailed information about enslaved ancestors can be challenging due to the nature of slavery and limited records, using newspapers to search for enslaved ancestors can be a valuable resource in your genealogical research. Here are some tips to help you navigate newspapers effectively:

1. **Be Mindful of Historical Context:** Recognize the inherent biases and dehumanizing language prevalent in newspapers of the time. Approach the information with sensitivity and critical analysis, understanding the social and cultural climate of the era.

2. **Research Relevant Newspaper Collections:** Identify publications from the geographic area where your ancestors were enslaved. Look for publications that cover the time period when slavery existed. NewspaperArchive has more than 2,500 publications from 1736-1866.

Want to learn more? [Read the entire blog post HERE.](#)



FAMILY HISTORY SPOTLIGHT

Newspapers have long served as valuable sources of wedding information, offering a glimpse into the joyous celebrations of couples throughout history. These wedding notices often included essential details such as the names of the betrothed, their families, the date and location of the ceremony, and sometimes even descriptions of the bridal party and guests. By perusing old newspapers, we can gain insight into the customs, traditions, and societal norms surrounding weddings during different eras. Want to learn more? For a limited time, enroll in Newspaper Nuptials for 99 cents! Use coupon code BRIDE at checkout to claim the offer through July 15th.



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Each year, Family Tree Magazine highlights the top 101 best genealogy websites. This year, NewspaperArchive made the list in the category "Best Historical Newspaper Websites!" Newspapers are a valuable resource that can bring your ancestors' stories to life. Find your ancestors in the pages of history today.

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1913-2023



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Jefferson, OH
2022