

## **Essential Resources**

### **Recovering Black History in the Monadnock Region, 1730-1930 Project**

### **Resources to Find Archival Records Online**

#### **Ancestry.com**

Subscription required, although many libraries have access that is free to patrons. Use to locate vital records, view census records, see military service records, and much more.

#### **FamilySearch.org**

Free resource that includes vital records, census records, town and church records. Some records are not indexed and will not show up in the search results. Consult the site's Card Catalog to locate additional records that are not indexed.

#### **Archive.org**

Use to search town and county histories and other historical publications like compiled vital records published in the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> centuries.

#### **Find A Grave**

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

The burial entries often have a photograph of the gravestone and sometimes have a biography with sources you may not have consulted. An Ancestry.com search will often include Find A Grave references but it is always good to go to the original entry at Find A Grave to see if there are additional sources in the biography.

#### **New Hampshire Provincial and State Papers**

<https://scholars.unh.edu/propapers/>

Searchable PDF files of the 40 volumes published between 1867 and 1943. Contains Revolutionary war records, early probate records, provincial census records, court records, and town records.

#### **Massachusetts State Archives**

<https://www.sec.state.ma.us/divisions/archives/collections/digital-records.htm>

Links to digital repositories of various state and municipal repositories. Includes vital records, military archives, court records, provincial records, state censuses, and additional resources.

#### **Digital Maine**

<https://digitalmaine.com/>

Links to digital repositories of various state and community records. Includes materials from the Maine State Archives and the Maine Newspaper Project.

#### **Rhode Island State Digital Archives**

<https://sosri.access.preservica.com/home/>

#### **Connecticut State Library**

<https://libguides.ctstatelibrary.org/hq/home>

Provides links to various digital resources including census records, vital records, and other digital collections.

#### **Vermont Vital Records and State Papers**

Use Ancestry, Family Search, and Hathi Trust to find online resources related to Vermont towns.

### **Congregational Church Library and Archives- New England Hidden Histories Project**

<https://www.congregationallibrary.org/nehh>

Online database of digitized manuscript Congregational Church records from 1620-1850. Includes birth, marriage, and death records, ecclesiastical meetings, town meetings, trials, and other community events are documented in the church records. This is an ongoing project with new records being added to the database regularly.

### **10 Million Names Project**

<https://10millionnames.org/>

Multiple databases (with many more to be added) hosted by American Ancestors (New England Historical Genealogical Society). Users can search databases for records but a membership is required to view some of the original images.

## **Historical Newspapers**

### **Chronicling America Historic American Newspapers**

<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/>

Digitized newspapers from all New England states dating back to 1756.

### **Advantage Preservation Community History Archive**

<https://directory.advantage-preservation.com/advancesearch>

Use advanced search function to locate local newspapers and narrow search parameters by keyword (use to find names) and date.

## **Revolutionary War**

### **Forgotten Patriots**

<https://www.dar.org/library/forgotten-patriots/forgotten-patriots-book>

Daughters of the American Revolution publication available as a free PDF download.

*Patriots of Color: African Americans and Native Americans at Battle Road & Bunker Hill* by George Quintal, Jr. 2004,

<https://www.nps.gov/bost/learn/historyculture/quintal-patriotsofcolor.htm#>

Biographies from Quintal's 2004 book with source citations of 124 Black and Native American patriots.

### **Colonial Veterans of Color from Western Massachusetts**

<https://storymaps.arcgis.com/stories/befe9afbc8404275a767219c387d49a6>

### **Black Loyalists in Canada and *The Book of Negroes***

<https://archives.novascotia.ca/africanns/>