

NEW JERSEY *Historical* COMMISSION

AUGUST 2019 MARKS 400 YEARS SINCE THE FIRST ARRIVAL IN ENGLISH-OCCUPIED NORTH AMERICA OF ENSLAVED PEOPLE FROM AFRICA. TO MARK THIS ANNIVERSARY, THE COMMISSION IS HIGHLIGHTING A SELECTION OF RESOURCES RELATED TO THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY IN NEW JERSEY. THE COMMISSION REMAINS COMMITTED TO PROMOTING ONGOING EFFORTS TO TELL AND ENGAGE WITH THIS IMPORTANT HISTORY.

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- Price, Clement Alexander. *Freedom Not Far Distant: A Documentary History of Afro-Americans in New Jersey*. Newark, NJ: New Jersey Historical Society, 1980.
- Wright, Giles R. *Afro-Americans in New Jersey: A Short History*. Trenton, NJ: New Jersey Historical Commission, 1989.
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PUBLIC HISTORY & EDUCATION PROJECTS

- [New Jersey Amistad Commission Interactive Curriculum](#)
This state agency ensures that the Department of Education and public schools of New Jersey identify materials and texts which integrate the history and contributions of African Americans and the descendants of the African Diaspora.
- [Princeton & Slavery](#)
This project investigates Princeton University’s involvement with the institution of slavery.
- [Sankofa Collaborative](#)
Sankofa builds the capacity of individuals, groups, and organizations to learn about, present, and discuss the complex and difficult issues in the history and current experiences of African Americans in New Jersey.
- [Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum’s Mapping Application for African American Places, Culture & History](#)
This map allows users to view information related to sites of African American history in New Jersey.

HISTORIC SITES & MUSEUMS

- [“Enslaved Africans Once Sold Here” Markers](#), Camden, NJ
Two of three planned historical markers indicate sites in Camden where enslaved Africans were sold.
- [Mount Zion African Methodist Episcopal Church and Mount Zion Cemetery](#), Woolwich Township, NJ
Built in 1834, this church served as an Underground Railroad station.
- [Peter Mott House](#), Lawnside, NJ
This historic house, built around 1845, was a station along the Underground Railroad.
- [Stoutsburg Sourland African American Museum](#), Skillman, NJ
This museum tells the story of the unique culture, experiences, and contributions of the African American community of the Sourland Mountain Region.