

# Slavery and Anti-Slavery

## ***Part 1: Debates over Slavery and Abolition***

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*Slavery and Anti-Slavery* is a new four-part series devoted to the transatlantic history of slavery. This project is unparalleled in size and in the range of documents it offers: printed materials, manuscripts, and a large selection of newspapers and periodicals. Once completed, it will include five million pages of documents and will continue to grow with collecting institutions making their archives part of this resource.

The first series, *Debates over Slavery and Abolition*, documents the issues and debates surrounding slavery and its abolition and how they shaped the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century. Many of the sources reflect the history of slavery in the United States but the collection also comprises significant works and documents related to the United Kingdom and other European countries, the Caribbean, Latin America, and Africa. As such it allows for comparative and comprehensive research on the abolitionist movement, highlighting the transatlantic influences.

Series I includes such noted resources as *The Anti-Slavery* collection at Oberlin College, based on the *Catalogue of the Collection of Anti-Slavery Propaganda* compiled in 1931-32 by Geraldine Hopkins Hubbard, as well as materials added since then; *The Slavery, Critical Source and Literature* collection, based on *A Bibliography of Anti-Slavery Literature in America* by Dwight L. Dumond and Joseph Sabin's *Biblioteca Americana*; *The American Missionary Association archives*, the cornerstone collection of the Amistad Research Center, *The Abolitionist Periodicals* from the Library of Congress, *The Lewis Tappan Papers*, a selection of Yale University Manuscripts collections, and many other resources that allow for a wide range of research opportunities.

In this database you will find over 1.2 million pages including:

- Documents (annual reports, addresses and publications) from anti-slavery societies such as the American Colonization Society, American Anti-Slavery Society, Boston Female Anti-slavery Society, Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, and others:

- Biographies of leaders of the anti-slavery movement (Antoine Bénézet., Harriet Beecher Stowe, Frederick Douglass, Laura Smith Haviland, William Lloyd Garrison, Benjamin Lundy, William Wilberforce, etc.)
- Books, pamphlets and other documents outlining the moral, religious, economic and legal aspects of the slavery debate
- Campaign literature and speeches made in and out of Congress
- Newspapers and periodicals, including *The Abolitionist*, *Advocate of Freedom*, *The American and Foreign Anti-Slavery Reporter*, *Colored American*, *El Abolicionista español*, *The Emancipator and Republican*, *Genius of universal emancipation*, *The Gerrit Smith Banner*, *The Liberator*, *Liberty*, *Lunar Work*, *Radical Abolitionist*, *The Rescuer*, *Rights of All*, and many others
- Poetry, songs, and anthologies
- Political works
- Sermons and theological works
- Manuscript pages relating missionary activities and records
- Pro-slavery literature
- Supreme court Records and Briefs
- Trials
- Slave narratives -- autobiographical, biographical and fictional (Charles Ball, Moses Grandy, Harriet A. Jacobs, Lunsford Lane, etc.)
- And a number of other correspondence and personal writings

Additionally, a selection of documents from existing online Gale collections—Eighteenth Century Collection Online, Sabin, Making of Modern World, Historic Trials, Supreme Court Records and Briefs, XIXth century US. Newspapers—has been included when it provides coverage that is essential for this project.

A number of ancillary features – chronology, research guides, subject outlines and scholarly essays on the subject – will highlight the value of the content and assist users with access to the primary materials; introductory essays on sources will describe archival collections history and explain their research value. A gallery of images and documents will highlight the value of significant representations in images and words. .

Futures Series are scheduled to include:

- **Part II *The Slave Trade in the Atlantic World***
- **Part III *The Institution of Slavery in the United States***
- **Part IV *The Age of Emancipation***