

Appendix A- Missing Pages Research Aid

Primary and secondary sources around Black history in Utah

Far from a comprehensive list, this is an aid to help students conduct the “Our Untold History” project research.

*Remind students to cite their sources.

PRIMARY SOURCE #1:

[Missing Stories: An Oral History of Ethnic Minority Groups in Utah](#) (Access the African American portion of the archive)

Interviews with African Americans in Utah from 1982-1988 consist of transcripts detailing events recalled by the interviewees spanning the time period from 1889 to 1988. Topics include family life, work, religion, discrimination, civil rights experiences, and relations with the white, and in particular the Mormon, establishment in Utah.

List of Black Utahns From Missing Stories Archive :

1. Frances Leggroan Fleming, Elevator Operator, Maid
2. Mrs. Lucille Bankhead, Farmer
3. Dorothy Steward Fry, Maid, Farmer
4. Howard Browne, Sr., Coal Miner, Farmer, Redcap
5. Rubie Lugdol Nathaniel, Elevator Operator, Maid
6. William Price, Professional Boxer, Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, Bureau of Land Management
7. Nathan “Woody” Wright, Assembly-Line Worker, Sperry Univac
8. Albert Fritz, President of the Salt Lake City Branch of the NAACP, Journeyman Electrician
9. John Oscar Williams, Postal Clerk
10. Dr. Charles “Chuck” Nabors, Assistant Professor- Department of Anatomy, and Assistant Dean for Minority Affairs, School of Medicine, University of Utah
11. Jake R. Green, JR., Salt Lake City Police Department
12. Terry Lee Williams, Senator, Utah State Legislature

*Note the interviews done by Reverend France Davis (Reverend France Davis is a friend of Marian whom she mentions in the video *Missing Pages: Our Untold History*) and Reverend Theodore P. Fields, regarding the 1980 killing of two young black men, and the interview by Woody Wright which provides insight into the activities taking place in Ogden, Utah, on the notorious 25th Street.

PRIMARY SOURCE #2:

[Century of Black Mormons](#) (J. Willard Marriott Library, University of Utah, SLC. UT)

“Are there black Mormons? I find that hard to believe.” Jimmy Kimmel

Century of Black Mormons is a digital history database and public history project conducted by W. Paul Reeve. It was designed to share not only the stories of Black Latter-day Saints with the general public, but the primary source documents which chronicle their lives.

LESSER KNOWN CIVIL RIGHTS ERA ACTIVISTS

Consider researching any of the lesser known black civil rights era activists such as:

1. [Barbara Johns](#): 16-year-old activist for better school conditions during segregation.
2. [Constance Baker Motley](#): First African American woman to argue a case before the Supreme Court, be elected to the New York state senate, and be appointed a federal judge.
3. [Autherine Lucy](#): When denied entrance to an Alabama college, she fought for racial integration in U.S. colleges. “My response to fear is: do it anyway. Let nothing stop you.” In November 2020, Lucy’s great niece, Nikema Williams, was elected to the House of Representatives. She won the seat held by the late civil rights icon, John Lewis.
4. [J.D and Ethel Shelley](#): In 1945, while banned from buying a home in St. Louis due to a law called “restrictive housing covenants,” they fought back. This led to the 1968 Fair Housing Act that bans discrimination in housing.

SECONDARY SOURCES

1. Williams, Carter. (2018) ‘[Remembering Utah’s Forgotten Black Pioneers](#)’. *KSL.com*. February 18.
2. [Onovu Otitigbe-Dangerfield](#) This 17-year-old is the first black valedictorian in her New York high school's 152-year history.
3. [Benjamin Banneker](#)- Born in 1731, this intellectual and naturalist from Maryland established the original borders of Washington, D.C. He also broke ground in another field: cicada research.