## AFRICAN AMERICANS IN SLAVERY

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AFRICAN-BORN ENSLAVED MEN

named Fassena and Renty by their slaveholders, Wade Hamilton and B. F. Taylor, near Columbia, South Carolina, March 1850

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Fassena (left): 35-5-10/53048 (digital file #60742042)
Renty (below): 35-5-10/53037 (digital file #60742031)
LUCY, HOLDING CHARLOTTE
ca. 1845

Lucy Cottrell, a young enslaved woman, holds the granddaughter of George Blaetterman, a professor at the University of Virginia who had acquired Lucy and her mother Dolly in the late 1820s from Thomas Jefferson’s grandson. In 1850 Blaetterman’s widow moved to Kentucky and in 1855 freed Lucy and Dolly.

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AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN HOLDING A WHITE CHILD
Arkansas (?), ca. 1855

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AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN (“NURSEMAID”) HOLDING OSCAR MENARD

Louisiana, ca. 1850

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ISAAC JEFFERSON
(ca. 1775 – ca. 1850)
age 72, blacksmith, Blacksburg, Virginia, ca. 1847

Isaac Jefferson was born on Thomas Jefferson’s plantation, Monticello, living there until 1822 when he was hired out to Jefferson’s son-in-law to build a threshing machine.

ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICAN WOMAN
HOLDING WOOL CARDERS
Virginia, ca. 1850s

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AFRICAN AMERICAN BOYS
photograph labelled “Intelligent Contraband” [slaves in Union-occupied territory], Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ca. 1863

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Photograph labelled “600 miles through swamp and cane brake to fight for freedom,” Baton Rouge, Louisiana, ca. 1863

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FIVE GENERATIONS OF AN ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICAN FAMILY

plantation of James Joyner Smith
Beaufort, South Carolina, 1862

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ENCELVED AFRICAN AMERICANS

Union-occupied plantation of Confederate general Thomas Drayton, Hilton Head, South Carolina, May 1862

ENSELVED AFRICAN AMERICANS

Union-occupied plantation of Confederate general Thomas Drayton, Hilton Head, South Carolina, May 1862

ENSLAVED AFRICAN AMERICANS

“Contraband” [slaves in Union-occupied territory] with Union encampment at Cumberland Landing (Foller’s farm), Virginia, 14 May 1862

Standing: Mrs. Anne Mary Jane Hunt, Mansfield Smith, Mrs. Lucinda Seymour

Seated: Henry Stevenson, Bush Johnson.

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN CANADA
FORMER SLAVES (FUGITIVES)
Windsor, Ontario, Canada, ca. 1892