Baltimore native Rev. David Smith (b. 1784 - ?)
From the Biography of Rev. David Smith of the A.M.E. Church

MARYLAND SLAVE NARRATIVES BY COUNTY

ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY
Leonard Black
The Life and Sufferings of Leonard Black, a Fugitive from Slavery, Written by Himself (1847)
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Mrs. Nancy Howard
A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada by Benjamin Drew (1856).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Job
Some Memoirs of the Life of Job by Thomas Bluett (MDCCXXXIV).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

*For Job Ben Solomon also known as Ayuba Suleiman Diallo see also
The Fortunate Slave: An Illustration of African Slavery in the Early Eighteenth Century by Douglas Grant (1968)
William Parker
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Caroline Hammond Page Harris James Wiggins
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938 (Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

**BALTIMORE CITY AND COUNTY**
William Howard
*A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada* by Benjamin Drew (1856).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Rev. David Smith
*Biography of Rev. David Smith of the A.M.E. Church* by Rev. David Smith (1881).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

James Watkins
*Narrative of the Life of James Watkins; Formerly a “Chattel” in Maryland, U.S.* (1852).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Struggles for Freedom; or The Life of James Watkins, Formerly a Slave in Maryland, U.S. by James Watkins (1860).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Jane Blake
*Memoirs of Margaret Jane Blake of Baltimore, MD* by Sarah R. Levering (1897).
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Thomas Foote, Cockeysville, MD (A free Negro)
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938 (Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)
CALVERT COUNTY
Charles Ball
Fifty Years in Chains, or, The Life of an American Slave by Charles Ball (1859).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Slavery in the United States: A Narrative of the Life and Adventures of Charles Ball, A Black Man, Who Lived Forty Years in Maryland, South Carolina and Georgia (1837).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

CARROLL COUNTY
Menellis Gassaway
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

CHARLES COUNTY
Josiah Henson
The Life of Josiah Henson, Formerly a Slave, Now an Inhabitant of Canada as narrated by himself (1849).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Truth Stranger Than Fiction: Father Henson’s Story of His Own Life (1858).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Josiah: The Maimed Fugitive, A True Tale by Henry Bleby (1873).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Charles Coles
James V. Deane
Richard Macks
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)
DORCHESTER COUNTY
Harriet Tubman
*Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman* by Sarah H. Bradford Auburn (1869).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

(EASTERN SHORE)
Mrs. James Seward
*A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada* by Benjamin Drew (1856).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Samuel Ringgold Ward
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

FREDERICK COUNTY
Henry Franklin
*A Sketch of Henry Franklin & Family* (1877).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Lewis Charlton
*Sketch of the Life of Mr. Lewis Charlton and Reminiscences of Slavery* by Edward Everett Brown.
http://docsouth.unc.edu

George Jones
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

HOWARD COUNTY
Tom Randall
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

KENT COUNTY
Isaac Mason
*Life of Isaac Mason As a Slave* (1893).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu
Perry Lewis  
*Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers' Project, 1936-1938*  
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

**MONTGOMERY COUNTY**  
Josiah Henson (See Charles County)

Lucy Brooks  Phillip Johnson  
*Born In Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938*  
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

**PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY**  
Thomas Smallwood  
*A Narrative of Thomas Smallwood by Thomas Smallwood* (1851).  
Documenting the American South  
[http://docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)

Dennis Simms  “Parson” Rezin Williams  
*Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938*  
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

**QUEEN ANNE’S COUNTY**  
Rev. Alexander Hemsley (born Nathan Mead)  
*A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada* by Benjamin Drew (1856).  
Documenting the American South  
[http://docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)

Rev. G.W. Offley  
Documenting the American South  
[http://docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)

**ST. MARY’S COUNTY**  
Rev. Thomas W. Henry  
Documenting the American South  
[http://docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)
TALBOT COUNTY
Frederick Douglass
*Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, Written By Himself* (1881).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

*My Bondage & My Freedom. Part I Life as a Slave, Part II Life as a Freeman* by Frederick Douglass (1855).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

*Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, An American Slave, Written by Himself* (1845).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

William Green
*Narrative of Events in the life of William Green (formerly a slave), Written by himself* (1853).
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Jim Taylor
Born in Slavery: Slave Narratives from the Federal Writers’ Project, 1936-1938
(Google Born in Slavery, Click on Browse by State, Click Maryland)

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Rev. Thomas W. Henry
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

*Rev. James W.C. Pennington
The Fugitive Blacksmith* by James W.C. Pennington (1849).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

WASHINGTON COUNTY
Rev. R. S. W. Sorrick
*A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada* by Benjamin Drew (1856).
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu
STATE OF MARYLAND
Elizabeth
*Elizabeth, A Colored Minister of the Gospel Born in Slavery (1889).*
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

John Thompson
*The Life of John Thompson, A Fugitive Slave, Written by Himself (MdCCLVI).*
Documenting the American South
http://docsouth.unc.edu

Robert Belt  William Henry Bradley  Mrs. Henry Brant
Benedict Duncan  Daniel Grier  John A. Hunter
Edward Patterson  Mrs. Isaac Riley  Henry Williamson
*A North-Side View of Slavery: the Refugee: or the Narratives of Fugitive Slaves in Canada* by Benjamin Drew (1856).
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A FINAL NOTE
Listed below are additional biographies on both enslaved and free African American Marylanders of the antebellum era.

Ira Aldridge
*Aldridge’s birthplace is often listed as New York City or Maryland. Although this book lists NYC as his birthplace--it does provide a good overview of his career in theater.*

Benjamin Banneker
*Benjamin Banneker: Surveyor, Astronomer, Publisher, Patriot* by Charles Cerami (2002).

*The Life of Benjamin Banneker* by Silvio Bedini (1971).

Henry Highland Garnett
“Let Your Motto be Resistance” by Earl Ofari (1972).

Joshua Johnson
Harriet Tubman
*Bound for the Promised Land: Harriet Tubman, Portrait of an American Hero*
by Kate Larson (2004).
*See also Tubman biographies by Milton Sernett, Catherine Clinton, Carole Marks, and Beverly Lowery.*

Collected Biography
Harriet Tubman, Frederick Douglass & Henry Highland Garnett
*Black Leaders of the Nineteenth Century* by Leon Litwack & August Meier (1988).

Men of Maryland (including a couple of women)
Men of Maryland by George F. Bragg (1914)
Documenting the American South
[http://docsouth.unc.edu](http://docsouth.unc.edu)