Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive

“This comprehensive digital collection is not only valuable, it is a treasure trove.”
— Troy Smith, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
The world’s largest archive on the history of slavery
The most ambitious project of its kind, Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive is an historical archive that embraces the scholarly study of slavery in a comprehensive, conceptual and global way. Once completed, this digital collection will comprise five million pages of documents (ten times the content of its closest competitor) organized in four parts:

- Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition
- Part II: Slave Trade in the Atlantic World
- Part III: Institution of Slavery
- Part IV: Age of Emancipation

There is no other source on the history of slavery with the breadth of coverage, quality of content and capabilities for research (at an incomparable value) than Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive.

A scholarly source accessible to a wide audience
Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive is prepared for the serious researcher, but with extensive reference material that will reach a less expert audience. The content is carefully reviewed by a renowned board of scholars and thematically arranged. It covers a wide spectrum of interests related to the history of slavery: legal issues; the Caribbean; children and women under slavery; modes of resistance; and much more.

Jonathan Walker (above) being branded for aiding slaves in escape — one of thousands of images revealing the saga of the enslavement and eventual emancipation of Africans from the 16th through the early 20th Century.
Opens endless research and teaching possibilities

Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive brings together historical books, legal documents, court records, portraits, maps, manuscripts, monographs, pamphlets, newspapers and periodicals from different countries — a true achievement in the field of historic archives — allowing researchers to study the history of slavery as never before:

- Search across all documents in one seamless interface — making previously impossible research connections
- Access rare historical manuscript collections — material until now available only through microfilm or restricted to academic reading rooms and requiring months or even years of travel to access
- Discover opposing views and perspectives — enriching lectures, papers and discussions
- Conduct interdisciplinary and comparative analysis, explore new research questions, take intuitive leaps

Covers both popular and little-known periodicals. In 1831, famous abolitionist William Lloyd Garrison established “The Liberator” (above), a weekly newspaper supporting the rights of America’s blacks. The last issue of “The Liberator” was published after the Civil War in 1865.
Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition

The first part of Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive — available now — tells the story of the enslavement of Africans from the 16th century through 1888, the abolition of slavery in Brazil. It demonstrates the fights and debates that surrounded the practice, experience and eventual abolition of slavery.

Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition contains more than 7,000 books and pamphlets, 80 newspaper and periodical titles, and a dozen major manuscript collections. Varied sources — from well-known journals to lesser-known, short-lived periodicals and from states’ records to private correspondence — support the efforts of academic researchers, historians, undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and others studying the history of slavery.

The 1.5–million pages in Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition shed light on the:

• Abolitionist movement and conflicts within it
• Anti- and pro-slavery arguments of the period
• Debates on the subject of colonization
• Much more

Manuscripts, private papers and letters — like this 1823 correspondence from John Marshall (above) — provide first-hand insight into the thoughts of those involved in the slavery and anti-slavery struggle.
“Thanks to Gale’s Slavery and Anti-Slavery: Debates over Slavery and Abolition archive, the first of four massive transnational digital archives on slavery, the information we need to research, write, teach, understand, and explain slavery is readily available, and in a comprehensive, usable format.”

— Orville Vernon Burton, Coastal Carolina University, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

**International in scope**

*Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition* strongly supports research with a U.S. focus, but also includes resources from Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean — allowing for comparative research. Developed under the guidance of a board of scholars, this new digital archive explores all facets of the controversy with a focus on economic, gender, legal, religious and government issues.

Monographs give insight into the public dimensions of the slavery debate.
A rare find

Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition presents more than 20 historical collections in their entirety, adding depth and context to the study of the history of slavery. More than 1.1 million pages of these rare archives include:

- The American Missionary Association Archives, 1839-1882
- The American Colonization Society Papers
- Papers of British abolitionist Sir Thomas Fowell-Buxton
- Papers of American abolitionist Lewis Tappan
- Salmon P. Chase Papers
- Anti-Slavery Collection from Oberlin College
- Papers of the Christian Faith Society
- Records of the Office of the Secretary of the Interior Relating to the Suppression of the African Slave Trade and Negro Colonization, 1854-72
- Records of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia Relating to Slaves, 1851-1863
- And more

Complete collections

While some resources include highly edited selections of historical archives, Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive keeps complete collections intact — a unique feature that:

- Gives users a total research experience — not just packaged history
- Duplicates the researcher's experience in the original archives or microfilm collections
- Shows in a concrete way the context in which slavery took place
- Allows for research and teaching opportunities beyond the study of slavery, including many topics in American, world, European, African, Latin American, economic, legal and religion history

Includes legal documents and court records — essential primary sources.
Research tools
Ancillary features highlight the value of the content and assist users with access to the primary materials, including biographies, a chronology, links to further resources, bibliographies, scholarly essays and more.

Editorial board
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Helpful tools, scholarly essays and more round out the research experience.
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