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Notable Kentucky
African Americans Database

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- The Notable Kentucky African Americans (NKAA) Database, sponsored by the University of Kentucky Libraries, is the first database developed to provide biographical and historical information concerning African Americans in a particular U.S. state.
- The main focus of the NKAA Database is to provide information about African Americans in and from Kentucky. It is a free electronic collection of data about people, places, and events in Kentucky, along with details that reveal the extent of their influence well beyond the state border. For example, the entry on the history of the first Carnegie Colored Libraries in Louisville describes how they came to influence the establishment of the Non-European libraries in South Africa.
- The Carnegie Colored Libraries' influence is only one of the phenomena unique to Kentucky. Lots of new entries have been added since 2003, when the NKAA project was established as a website. Generous and steady contributions were received from many

who used the website, encouraging us to develop NKAA into a database in 2007. The contributions have continued, with updates added each week. The NKAA Database covers the early history, from the 1700s up to the current year.

- No need to worry about a password or ID; just go directly to <http://www.uky.edu/Libraries/NKAA/>
- The entries can be searched by subjects, dates, or keywords. For those who want to see what's new, a link to the list of recent additions and updates is available. And, for those who want to see everything, view the entire alphabetical list of entries or sources. But be forewarned: these are large lists, so it may take a while for them to load to your computer!
- "Did you know?" highlights some of the lesser-known facts about particular people, places, and events; refresh the home page to see the next item in the sequence.

- Use the NKAA Database to begin your exploration of the significance of Kentucky African Americans to the state, the country and the world. Links and sources will lead you to additional information on each topic.
- Be a contributor! If there is something you think we need to know, send it to us by completing the suggestion form on the NKAA Database home page.

