Resources for Researching Black History and the African American Contribution to United States History

*Select the hyperlinked name to access links. An internet connection is required.*

**Local Information**

- **The Sotterley Plantation** - restored, original slave cabin available for tours
- **Mathias de Sousa** - first known African American in Southern Maryland
- **Point Lookout** - Former Civil War Prisoner-of-War Camp
- **St. Mary's Business, Education and Community Alliance, Inc (BECA)** - Application for several local scholarships
- **St. Mary's County NAACP Branch #7025**

**General Information**

- **African American Environmentalist Association** - dedicated to increasing African American participation in the environmental movement (Thanks, Samantha!)
- **Black History Timeline** - informative timeline with historic tidbits beginning with the arrival of the first African slaves in the U.S.
- **Brown vs. the Board of Education**
- **Coming to the Table** - a supportive environment for all who wish to acknowledge and heal wounds from racism that is rooted in the United States’ history of slavery
- **Lawson State Community College** - A Salute to Black History
- **Martin Delany** - Pittsburgh doctor who saw the city through the cholera epidemic of 1854
- **Milestones in Black History** - a chronological list of many events that shaped black history (Thanks, Abby!)
- **NAACP Interactive Historical Timeline** - learning tool with links to educational resources that reveal shared history through the written word, interviews, pictures & film
- **The Slave Dwelling Project** - the people who lived in these structures are not a footnote in American history
- **Ubouind.com** - Great compilation of African American History Sites
- **United States Colored Troops** - more information on Wikipedia

**USCT - United States Colored Troops**

- **Battle of New Market Heights: USCT Soldiers Proved Their Heroism**
- **USCT Medal of Honor Recipients** - In the early morning hours of September 29, 1864, black troops, or United States Colored Troops (USCTs for short) charged the Rebel works at New Market Heights, VA. For their valor in this engagement, 14 USCTs received the Medal of Honor. This is the story of these men and the fateful morning of September 29, 1864.
- **National Archives** - Teaching With Documents: The Fight for Equal Rights: Black Soldiers in the Civil War Preserving the Legacy of the United States Colored Troops - By Budge Weidman
- **How Many Black Union Soldiers Won the Medal of Honor?**
- **African American Civil War Memorial and Museum**
As the nation marks the 150th anniversary of the Civil War, Pennsylvania invited travelers to Harrisburg last November to participate in a story largely unknown to most Americans – the Pennsylvania Grand Review. The Grand Review served as a commemoration to the November 1865 event of the same name, organized by the women of Harrisburg. It was meant to honor the United States Colored Troops (U.S.C.T.) from 25 states who were not permitted to participate in the Grand Review of the Armies, a military procession and celebration held May 23-24, 1865 in Washington, D.C., following the end of the Civil War.