

# CONNECTING HISTORIES

## Guide

### Slavery / Antislavery Resources in Local Studies and History Collections - Birmingham Central Library

The *Black History Collection* and the *Birmingham Collection* in Local Studies and History is an excellent place to begin your investigation into local antislavery connections. The following list offers just some examples of materials that may be useful to you. Many other texts on antislavery history may be discovered through the Local Studies and History catalogue (note: there are also substantial materials on Birmingham antislavery in City Archives). Some of the items listed below may be unique, rare, or in fragile condition; so please treat them with respect. Any text marked with an asterisk\*, indicates the item is not on open display - to gain access, please ask at enquiry desk using the details below. You may be required to show identification to view.

*BHC: Black History Collection*  
*B.COL: Birmingham Collection*

#### Information on Joseph Sturge and the Birmingham Antislavery Society

Henry Richard, *Memoirs of Joseph Sturge* (1865)  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 78.1 STU]

Stephen Hobhouse, *Joseph Sturge, His Life and Work* (1919)  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 78.1 STU]

\*Joseph Sturge and Thomas Harvey, *A Visit To The West Indies*.  
(1837, rpt. London: Frank Cass and Company Ltd, 1968)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 972.9]

\*William Hughes, *Sophia Sturge, A Memoir* (1940)  
[Birmingham Collection. Reserve Stack (ask at desk) B.COL: 78.1 STU]

\*Alex Tyrell, *Joseph Sturge and the Moral Radical Party in Early Victorian Britain* (1987)  
[Birmingham Collection. Reserve Stack (ask at desk) B.COL: L78.1 STU]

*(note: Joseph Sturge was a key member of the Birmingham Antislavery Society and a leading abolitionist in the 19th century)*

## Early Antislavery Reformers

Wilberforce, *The Life of William Wilberforce, Vol. 1 to 5* (1838)  
[BHC: A326. WIL]

\*Joseph John Gurney, *Familiar Sketch of the Late William Wilberforce* (1838)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326 GUR]

\*Thomas Clarkson, *The History of The Abolition of the Slave Trade Vol. 1 and 2* (1807).  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.1 CLA]

\*Thomas Taylor, *A Biographical Sketch of Thomas Clarkson* (1847)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.8 CLA]

\*R. Coupland, *The British Anti-Slavery Movement*, (1933)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.80941 COU]

\*Charles Buxton, *Memoirs of Sir Thomas Buxton* (1925)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.8 BUX]

## Slave Narratives by Black Abolitionists with connections to Birmingham

\**The Interesting Narrative of Olaudah Equiano* (sixth edition, 1793)  
[Eighteenth Century Collection: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) HGD/094/1793/36]

\**Narrative of the Life of James Watkins* (1853 edition)  
[Reserve Stack (ask at desk) Narrative is contained in: Aston X 310. Birmingham Vol.26]

\**The Narrative of Moses Roper* (1839 edition)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326 973 ROP]

\**From Bondage to Liberty*, Peter Stanford (1889)  
[Birmingham Collection. Reserve Stack (ask at desk) B.COL: L78.1 STA]

\**A Narrative of Events since the First of August, 1834, by William James, an Apprenticed Labourer in Jamaica.*  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at Desk) Slavery Pamphlets Collection 326.08 Vol. D/1]

\**The Narrative of Frederick Douglass* (1846 edition)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.973. DOU]

\*John Lobb ed., *Life and Times of Frederick Douglass from 1817 to 1882; With An introduction by John Bright* (1887)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 326.973 DOU]

## **Women's Antislavery**

Clair Midgley, *Women Against Slavery: The British Campaigns, 1780-1870* (1995)  
[BHC: 326.0941 MID]

*(note: includes detailed information on Birmingham's female antislavery societies)*

\*Sarah Bradford, *Scenes in the Life of Harriet Tubman* (1869)  
B.H.C: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.92 TUB

## **19<sup>th</sup> century American Antislavery Activists with links to Birmingham, see also:**

William Lloyd Garrison, *The Life and Times of William Lloyd Garrison Volumes 1 and 2* (1885)  
[BHC: (placed under early antislavery publications) 326.973 GAR]

*(note: Garrison was president of the American Antislavery Society. He visited Birmingham in 1846, attending a meeting with Frederick Douglass in Livery Street)*

\*Levi Coffin, *Reminiscences of Levi Coffin* (1876)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.973 COF]

*(note: Levi Coffin visited Birmingham in 1864, attending a meeting at the Edgbaston home of Joseph Sturge)*

\*Henry Thoreau, *Antislavery and Reform Papers*  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.4 THO]

## **Antislavery and Birmingham in the 18th Century**

Jenny Uglow, *The Lunar Men* (2002)  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 50.6 UGL]

*(note: this is an excellent guide to Birmingham intellectuals, inventors and antislavery activists)*

Langford, LL.D, John Alfred, ed., *A Century of Birmingham Life*  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 73.2]

\**Reflections of Recent Occurrences at Lichfield* (1826)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.4]

Malcolm Dick, *Joseph Priestley and Birmingham* (2005)  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 78.1 PRI]

*(note: also see Local Studies and History for numerous texts by Joseph Priestley)*

## **General Information on Antislavery and Birmingham**

Grosvenor, McLean and Roberts, *Making Connections* (2002)  
[Birmingham Collection. B.COL: 21.85 GRO]

Catherine Hall, *Civilising Subjects: Metropole and Colony in the English Imagination 1830-1867* (Polity Press, 2002)  
[Reserve Stack (ask at desk) L52 HAL]

Betty Fladeland, *Men & Brothers: Anglo American Antislavery Cooperation* (1972)  
[BHC: 326.973 FLA]

\*Howard Temperley, *British Antislavery 1833-1870* (1972)  
[Reserve Stack (ask at desk) L20.08]

## **Contemporary Overviews of Antislavery History**

Hugh Thomas, *The Slave Trade* (2006)  
[BHC: 382.4409 THO]

James Walvin, *Britain's Slave Empire* (2000)  
[BHC: 381.440941 WAL]

Adam Hochschild, *Bury The Chains: The British Struggle to Abolish Slavery* (2005)  
[BHC: 326.80941 HOC]

*The Interesting Narrative of Olaudah Equiano* (1878; reprint Penguin Books (2003)  
[BHC: 306.062 EQU]

Verene Shephard and Hilary Beckles, *Caribbean Slavery in the Atlantic World* (2000)  
[BHC: 305.6709729 SHE]

## **Early Texts on Slavery in Africa and other locations**

\*Alfred J. Swan, *Fighting the Slave Hunters in Central Africa* (1910)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326. 067]

\*Capn. G.L. Sullivan, *Dhow Chasing in Zanzibar & on the Eastern Coast of Africa* (1873)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.1]

\*Verger, *Bahia and the West Coast Trade, 1549-1851* (1964)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) A326.1]

\*H.H. Johnson, *The History of a Slave* (1889)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 396.966]

## **Antislavery and the Caribbean**

C.L.R. James, *The Black Jacobins* (1938; Reprint, Penguin Books, 1980)  
[BHC: 972.9403 JAM]

*(note: this is a classic account of slavery in the West Indies)*

### **For Early publications on the Caribbean:**

\*Joseph Sturge and Thomas Harvey, *The West Indies in 1837* (1838)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk)]

\*James Phillippo, *Jamaica: Its Present State by James Phillippo of Spanish Town, Jamaica; Twenty years a Baptist Missionary in that Island* (1843)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 972.92]

\**Collection of Pamphlets on Jamaica.*  
[BHC: 3 volumes. D/1, D/2, D/3]

*(note: these above volumes contain a variety of original 19th century pamphlets on early history of the islands, with much information on slavery and occurrences running up to the emancipation of 1838. Some of these documents may relate to Birmingham abolitionists: see, for example: 'Letters to Joseph Sturge' in volume D/2)*

\*Samuel Hazard, *Santo Domingo Past and Present with a Glance at Hayti* (1873)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 972.93]

\*Thomas Harvey and William Brewin, *Jamaica in 1866* (1867)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 972.93]

\*Charles Buxton, *Slavery and Freedom in the British West Indies* (1860)  
[BHC: Reserve Stack (ask at desk) 326.9729]

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