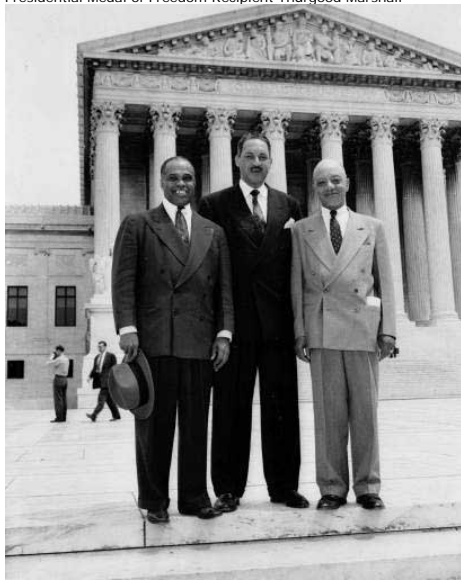




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African-American History on the Web. General Sites

- Resources For Black History Research... www.archives.gov/research/alic/reference/black-history.html
- The Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. www.nypl.org/research/scr
- University of Washington. Libraries. <http://www.lib.washington.edu/subject/History/tm/black.html>
- The U.S. Civil Rights Movement: Photo Gallery. http://photos.state.gov/galleries/usinfo-photo/39/civil_rights_07/1.html

Census Statistics Documenting African-Americans

- http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/010969.html

Constitutional Amendments Impacting African - American History

- 13th, 14th and 15th Amendments.
http://www.archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution_amendments_11-27.html

The Emancipation Proclamation.

- www.archives.gov/exhibits/featured_documents/emancipation_proclamation/

Nomination Hearings for Thurgood Marshall: Clarence Thomas: and Colin Powell

- **Nomination of Thurgood Marshall.** DOC-TYPE: hearings--Digital Collection, HEARING -ID: HRG-1067-SJS-0014, July 13, 14, 18, 19, 24, 1967, 202 pp. *Lexis-Nexis Digital Hearings Collection (Congressional Hearings)*. ON-SITE AT SIBL
- **Nomination of Judge Clarence Thomas to be Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States.** Part 1. DOC-TYPE: HEARINGS-Digital Collection, HEARING-ID: HRG-1991-SJS-0050, Sept. 10-13, 16, 618 pp. *Lexis-Nexis Digital Hearings Collection (Congressional Hearings)*. ON-SITE AT SIBL. THIS IS PART 1 OF A 4 PART SERIES OF HEARINGS. ALL PARTS ARE AVAILABLE.
- **Nomination of Colin L. Powell to be Secretary of State.** DOC-TYPE: hearings--Digital Collection. HEARING-ID: HRG-2001-FOR-0018, Jan 17, 2001, 136 pp. *Lexis-Nexis Digital Hearings Collection (Congressional Hearings)*. ON-SITE AT SIBL.

Public Laws Documenting Civil Rights

All of the following laws can be retrieved on - site at SIBL using the *Congressional Universe* database. Use the menu on the left of the website page. Click on Legislative Histories, Bills & Laws then click on Get a Document. Use either the public law number (PL) or Statutes At Large citation (Stat.)

- **Civil Rights Act of 1957.** September 9, 1957.....85 P.L. 315; 71 Stat.634
- **Civil Rights Act of 1960.** May 6, 1960.....86 P.L. 449; 74 Stat. 86
- **Civil Rights Act of 1964.** July 2, 1964.....88 P.L. 352; 78 Stat. 241
- **Civil Rights Act of 1968.** April 11, 1968.....90 P.L. 284; 82 Stat. 73
- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday: a Legal Public Holiday Public Law.** November 2, 1983.....98 P.L.144; 97; Stat. 917
- **National Museum of African American History and Culture Act Public Law.** December 16, 2003.....108 P.L.184; 117; Stat. 2676
http://frwebgate.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/getdoc.cgi?dbname=108_cong_public_laws&docid=f:publ184.108.pdf

United States Supreme Court Cases Impacting African - American History

- *Dred Scott v Sanford.* 60 U.S. 393 (1857). <http://www.ourdocuments.gov/doc.php?flash=true&doc=29>
- *Brown v Board of Education* 347 U.S.483 (1954). http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/historics/USSC_CR_0347_0483_ZS.html
- *Regents of the University of California v Bakke.*438 U.S.265 (1978).
http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/html/historics/USSC_CR_0438_0265_ZS.html