

SAY THEIR NAMES

A Hallowed Grounds Project

Black History Month 2019

Black Migrations

University of Alabama

POWER OF NAMING

From the construction of the initial buildings to the destruction of the campus on April 4, 1865, enslaved men, women, and children had a foundational role in the development of the University of Alabama.

ACT OF RECOVERY

This project showcases the recovered names of the enslaved campus laborers. Often appearing more than once, their names are listed once.

ERADICATING SILENCES

Amplifying the names found in the surviving financial records, administrative records, accounts of violence, acts of resistance, deaths, births, and the casual mentions in University records.

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1820s and 1830s

1820

BEN

Arthur, Ben, Cesar,
Dick, James, Lawran,
Lewis, Lydia, Mary and
her 14 month old son
William

1830

Richard, Sabra, Sam,
Unknown boy, Unknown
men, Unknown woman
and
William Pratt

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1840s

Anderson, Arthur,
Augustus, Ben, Berry,
Binkey (born on March
23, 1840), Briggs, Dick.
Edward

Fanny (born December
23, 1844), Francis, Hetty
(born on November 10,
1840), Jack, James,
Jerome, Jim, John

John (born February 22,
1842), Johnson, Julia
(born January 25, 1842),
Levi (born April 5, 1825),

Lydia, Mary, Molly,
Moses, Nancy, Ned,
Peter, Pierce, Prince

Sabra, Sam, Scipio,
Serena (born on
October 31, 1846),
Snow, Unknown men

William Pratt, William
Boysey Brown, William
Drish, and Willis

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1850s

Albert, Arthur, Ben,
Dudley, Edward,

Elisa, Elisabeth, Francis,
George, Isaac, Isaiah,
Jack

Leroy, Lewis, Luna,
Mary, Morgan, Moses

Moses, Ned, Patrick,
Sam, Sandy, Spencer

Tom, Toby, Tobe,
Unknown men

William, William Pratt

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1860s

1860

Andy, Armistead,
Cannon, Claiborne,
Daniel, Erasmus, G.
Ecoles, Henderson,
Jack, Jim. John, John,
Jordan

Josh, Jupiter, Kemp,
Major, Miles, Ned,
Pierce, Quillin, Reuben,
Robert, Schooler,
Speers, Shindie, Tacket,
Unknown men

1861

Arthur, Dudley, Edwin,
Gabe, Henry, Isaiah,
Jack, Kennan, Mac, Mad

Maloney, Mollie, Neal,
Tom, Unknown men,
Wash, and William Pratt

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1862

Arthur, Bob, Cannon,
Claiborne, Clem,
Cornelius, Cleary,
Daffron, Eph, Gabe,
Gabe (drummer), Henry,

Jack, Jim, John, Mac,
Mad, Madison, Neal,
Sam, Unknown boy,
Unknown men, Wash,
and William Pratt

1863

Arthur, Crabb, Claiborne,
Claiborne, Clem,
Cornelius, Crawford,
Dan, Edward, Gabe,
Gabe (drummer), Hale.
Jack, Jim, John,

Larkin, Lewis, Mac, Mad,
Ned, Neal, Neil, Sally,
Sands, Stanhope,
Unknown men, Wash,
William Pratt, and York

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1864

Alfrim, Anson, Arthur, Bill, Bob, Caleb, Charles, Collins, Columbus, Cornelius, Crawford (attendant), Crawford (drummer),

Dave, Dick, Gabe, Garland, Green, Henry, Holland, Jack, Jack, Jim, John, John, John, Larken, Milton, Neal, Neal, Nelson

Peter, Preston, Sam, Sam, Sam, Samuel, Thomas, Thornton, Tobe, Tom, Tom, Unknown, Warren, Wash, William Pratt, and York

1865

Crawford (attendant), Crawford (drummer), Gabe, Camelias, Eliza and infant, Unknown men

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After Slavery Reconstruction In Tuscaloosa

PROFILES OF FORMER ENSLAVED CAMPUS LABORERS

PAID UA EMPLOYEES

UA hired Henderson Johnson, John Garland, Jim Woods, Jack Gantt, Spencer Armstrong, and Milton Nelson.

JEREMIAH BARNES

Educator, principal of Tuscaloosa Central Colored Grade School, a Mason, and accomplished choir director.

CLAIBORNE GARLAND

UA paid employee and operated the private Colored Normal School until his 1892 death.

CORNELIUS GARLAND

UA paid employee and early African American political community. He eventually relocated to Birmingham.

Collectively, these former enslaved campus laborers forged new lives, cemented family ties, and created African American communal institutions.

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