AFRICAN DIASPORA HISTORY MATERIALS IN THE HARRIET BEECHER STOWE CENTER LIBRARY

The library materials are comprised primarily of 19th-century works on the abolitionist and colonization movements prior to and following the publication of Uncle Tom’s Cabin in 1851-1852.

ABOLITIONIST PUBLICATIONS (1770s-1850s)
- United States Congressional documents
- Speeches & sermons
- Annual & special reports of American & British antislavery societies
- Anti-slavery tracts

SLAVE NARRATIVES (1840s-1870s)
- Autobiographies & biographies of former slaves

UNCLE TOM’S CABIN by Harriet Beecher Stowe (1851-2000s)
- American editions many with notable introductions & illustrations
- Translations from 23 different languages (over 60 translations worldwide)

TOMITUDES (publications written in response to Uncle Tom’s Cabin, mid-1850s)
- “Anti-Toms” fictional works supporting slavery
- Spin-offs, e.g., Uncle Tom’s Cabin Almanac, an almanac with abolitionist notes & statistics; dramatization of Uncle Tom's Cabin; sheet music

MANUSCRIPTS
- Census of African Americans living in Hartford, 1802-1805
- Two account books of shoemaker Jeremiah Jacobs, Hartford’s first African American businessman
- Letter by or to Frederick Douglass, Josiah Henson, Harriet Jacobs and other former slaves

PHOTOGRAPHS
- A small selection of images of 19th century African Americans

These and other materials are available for use in the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center Library, Monday-Friday, 9:30 am-4:30 pm. An appointment is necessary. Please call (860) 522-9258, ext. 313 for Beth Burgess, Collections Manager, to schedule an appointment.

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