

*Get this from a library! The Leary-Evans, Ohio's free people of color. [Robert Ewell Greene].*

Haiti[ edit ] Prior to the Haitian Revolution , Saint-Domingue was legally divided into three distinct groups: More than half of the affranchis were gens de couleur libres. At the time when slavery ended in the colony in , there were approximately 28, anciens libres "free before" in Haiti. The term was used to distinguish those who were already free, compared to those liberated by the general emancipation of About 16, of these anciens libres were gens de couleur libres. Another 12, were black slaves who had either purchased their freedom or had received it from their masters for various reasons. Rights[ edit ] Regardless of their ethnicity, freedmen had been able to own plantations and often owned large numbers of slaves themselves. The slaves were generally not friendly with the freedmen, who sometimes portrayed themselves as bulwarks against a slave uprising. As property owners, freedmen tended to support distinct lines set between their own class and that of slaves. Often working as artisans, shopkeepers or landowners, the gens de couleur frequently became quite prosperous, and many prided themselves on their European culture and descent. They were often well-educated in the French language , and they tended to scorn the Haitian Creole language used by slaves. Most gens de couleur were Roman Catholic , and many denounced the Vodoun religion originating in Africa. They did not possess the same rights as white Frenchmen, specifically the right to vote. Most supported slavery on the island, at least up to the time of the French Revolution. But they sought equal rights for free people of color, which became an early central issue of the Haitian Revolution. The primary adversary of the gens de couleur before and into the Haitian Revolution were the poor white farmers and trademen of the colony, known as the petits blancs small whites. Beyond financial incentives the free coloreds caused the poor whites further problems in finding women to start a family because the successful mulattoes often won the hands of the small number of eligible bachelorettes on the island. With growing resentment, the working class whites monopolized assembly participation and caused the free people of color to look to France for legislative assistance. French citizenship[ edit ] The free people of color won a major political battle on May 15, when the National Assembly in France voted to give full French citizenship to free men of color. The decree restricted citizenship to those persons who had two free parents. The free people of color were encouraged, and many petits blancs were enraged. Struggle[ edit ] In their competition for power, both the poor whites and free coloreds enlisted the help of slaves. By doing this, the feud helped to disintegrate class discipline and propel the slave population in the colonists to search further inclusion and liberties in society. As the slave rebellion in the north of the island wore on, many free people of color abandoned their earlier distance from the slaves. A growing coalition between the free coloreds and the former slaves was essential for the eventual success of the Haitians to expel French influence. However, the former slaves and the anciens libres remained segregated in many respects. Their animosity and struggle for power erupted in After their loss in that conflict, many wealthy gens de couleur left as refugees to France , Cuba , Puerto Rico , the United States and elsewhere. Others, however, remained to play an influential role in Haitian politics. Caribbean[ edit ] Free people of color were also an important part of the history of the Caribbean during the period of slavery and afterward. Initially descendants of French men and African slaves, and often marrying within their own mixed-race community, some achieved wealth and power. By the late eighteenth century, most free people of color in Saint-Domingue were native born and part of colored families that had been free for generations. In Saint-Domingue, Martinique , Guadeloupe , and other French Caribbean colonies before slavery was abolished, the free people of color were known as gens de couleur libres , and affranchis. New Orleans and La Louisiane[ edit ] Free woman of color with quadroon daughter. Late 18th-century collage painting, New Orleans. Free people of color played an important role in the history of New Orleans and the southern area of La Louisiane, both when the area was controlled by the French and Spanish, and after acquisition by the United States as part of the Louisiana Purchase. They were also important in forming an educated class of people of color in French colonies of the Caribbean islands. When African slaves were imported to the colony, the colonists took African women as concubines or wives. In the period of French and Spanish rule, men

tended to marry later after becoming financially established. The French Creole men often paid for education of their "natural" illegitimate mixed-race children from these relationships, especially if they were sons, generally sending them to France to be educated. Over time, free people of color developed as a separate class between the colonial French and Spanish and the mass of enslaved black African workers. They often achieved education and some measure of wealth; they spoke French and practiced Catholicism, although they also developed a syncretic Christianity. At one time the center of their residential community in New Orleans was the French Quarter. Many were artisans who owned property and their own businesses. They formed a social category distinct from both whites and slaves, and maintained their own society into the period after United States annexation. Claiborne, appointed by Thomas Jefferson as governor of the Territory of Orleans, formally accepted delivery of the French colony on 20 December. Free men of color had been members of the militia for decades during both Spanish and French rule of the colony of Louisiana. They volunteered their services and pledged their loyalty to Claiborne and to their newly adopted country. Throughout the slave societies of the Americas, some slave owners took advantage of the power relationships to use female slaves sexually; sometimes they had extended relationships of concubinage. South Carolina diarist Mary Chesnut wrote in the mid-18th century that "like the patriarchs of old our men live all in one house with their wives and their concubines, and the mulattos one sees in every family exactly resemble the white children. Some were common-law marriages of affection. Slaveholders were more likely to free their mixed-race children of these relationships than they were to free other slaves. They also sometimes freed the enslaved women who were their concubines. Many slave societies allowed masters to free their slaves. As the population of color became larger and more threatening to the white ruling class, governments put increasing restrictions on manumissions. These usually included taxes, requirements that some socially useful reason be cited for manumission, and a requirement that a newly freed person demonstrate a means of independent support. Masters might free their slaves for a variety of reasons, but the most common was family relationship between master and slave. Slaves also achieved their freedom by purchasing it, whether at market or reduced value. Some masters hired out their slaves and allowed them to keep a portion of their earnings. From money saved, they could buy freedom. In other cases, relatives who were already free purchased the freedom of another. Sometimes masters, or the government, would free slaves without payment as a reward for some notable service; a slave who revealed slave conspiracies for uprisings was sometimes rewarded with freedom. Technically a maroon was also a free person of color. This term described slaves who had escaped and lived in areas outside settlements. Because maroons lived outside slave society, scholars regard them as quite different in character from free people of color, who made their way legally within societies. Many people who lived as free within the slave society did not have formal liberty papers. In some cases these were runaways, who hid in the towns among free people of color and tried to maintain a low profile. In other cases they were "living as free" with the permission of their master, sometimes in return for payment of rent or a share of money they earned by trades. The master never made their freedom official. Like the maroons, these people were always at risk of losing their freedom. In Maryland there was a large number of free blacks. Maryland was a state bordering Pennsylvania, which was a free state. This borderline caused problems during the time of the Morgan family kidnapping. The Morgan family consisted of Margaret, her husband Jerry, and their two children who lived in Maryland. The family was free, but Margaret did not have papers or documents to prove her freedom. This did not stop her from enjoying the freedom she was given by her parents, who were free when she was born. The laws in Maryland wanted the free blacks to register with the court to prove they were free. The only choice the Morgans had was to leave the state. The Morgans enjoyed life in Pennsylvania, and there were as yet no laws there which would adversely affect the family. Slave catchers became common after years of free blacks and fugitive slaves escaping to Pennsylvania. Many slave catchers would kidnap free blacks whether they were fugitive slaves or not, taking them back to Maryland as they did with the Morgan family. The family was kidnapped, but Jerry was released due to his manumitted deed from Maryland. Margaret and the children were taken to Maryland to be tried. Since women usually have children, it was hard for them to be as mobile as men were. Women like Margaret were captured and arrested whether they were free or not. Jerry tried to get his family back by asking the governor of Pennsylvania for help. When he

boarded a ship to travel to Columbia, the whites on the boat harassed him. He tried to escape them. He died after hitting the wall since he was tied up and fell under the boat. There were no criminal charges against the whites on the boat. Economic effects[ edit ] Free people of color filled an important niche in the economy of slave societies. In most places they worked as artisans and small retail merchants in the towns. In many places, especially in British-influenced colonies such as the United States, there were restrictions on people of color owning slaves and agricultural land. But many free blacks lived in the countryside and some became major slaveholders. Many stayed on or near the plantations where they or their ancestors had been slaves, and where they had extended family. Masters often used free blacks as plantation managers or overseers, especially if the master had a family relationship with the mixed-race man. By the late s, then, country courts could apprentice orphans, fatherless or abandoned children, illegitimate children, and free black children whose parents were not employed. Laws were passed that forbade the teaching of blacks to read and write , which was a requirement for having an apprenticeship. There was fear if blacks could read and write they might start slave revolts and rebellions.

**Chapter 2 : Leary Name Meaning, Family History, Family Crest & Coats of Arms**

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This is not to say that all of the research presented there is worthless, one just has to be keenly aware of the potential of a misleading agenda, while reviewing the information. In this post will discuss the sources cited on the blog referenced above, along with a series of other sources that can be found surrounding Mary. Butler, a letter from John S. Quite a number who were connected with the Croatans in Robeson County left the State at different times. Revels, his brother, Willis B. Father was born in Sampson County, on the Big Coharie, his parents having moved to that county. In they came to Fayetteville, where father lived until he died in My mother was born in France, and was brought to this country by her parents in Father and mother were married in He was killed on the 17th day of October, It is a small brick house. As soon as I can make it convenient to see him I will have a talk with him and put on paper whatever information I can get from him and give you the benefit of it. She was noted for her excellent cuisine and responded by preparing some delicious French dishes for this dinner. During this affair, she had the pleasure of conversing with him in French because she and her daughter were the only native French in the place at the time. Marriage Record of Cumberland Co. North Carolina Source 6: West Indies Source 7: Bahama Island Source 9: LaFayette, after reviewing the tables, asked who cooked the dinner. Domingo " from there to Charleston, S. She was widely known as a great cook, and sought after to cook for weddings, etc. She lived with my father, at one time. She was a small woman, quite dark in color, with straight hair and always wore a head handkerchief, in turban style. She had three Children " Matthew Leary, Sr. I believe there were three daughters of the Leary Family. Her language was a mixture of French and English. Excerpt from Article No. An old lady gave me her history twenty-five years ago. Benjamin was of French extraction also of Jewish extraction, as shown in his appearance when I saw him. While in Fayetteville his parents lived in that same house on Old Street. In a man riding on the Lumberton road was pointed out to me as his half-brother. I was not near enough to see if there was any resemblance. In doing this comparison, we want to see that information revealed through the sources are in concert OR revealing specific information that can be substantiated by other sources. On the surface you can see there as several events that are consistently reported across records consistency score in blue: Mary was born outside of the US. Julia was born outside of the US between Mary was broadly identified as French. Julia was broadly identified as French. Mary participated in the preparation for the La Fayette dinner in Fayetteville. Several events being reported seem highly inconsistent when all the sources are taken into account consistency score in red: Mary was Native American. Julia was born in the West Indies. Surveying the table you can see several orange highlighted blocks. When reviewing those horizontal rows, it is observed that that the sources overwhelming support or dispute that particularly event, while that single orange source is claiming the opposite. By highlighting these and observing that so many of them are associated with 1 source, it is possible to identify sources that do not agree with the entire field of information being reported. In particular, we are seeing that the Southern Claim source contains information that is in direct conflict with a number of sources, over and over again. Identifying the underlying reasons for that requires is some critical thinking and a qualitative analysis of the source. It is a pretty crude measure but the Consistency 2 line across the bottom of the table is a sum of the vertical columns. The green highlighting is helping to identifying sources that will also require a qualitative analysis to figure out what is going on. For sources 2, 3, 9 and 11, it is easy to see that those sources have a high totals because they are relatively long sources with lots of information that can be pulled out of them. In the case source 5 it has a large negative number indicating the information being presented by it conflicts with many of the other sources. Reviewing source 5, it appears that the census taker recorded Julia as being from North Carolina, despite virtually all of the other sources saying otherwise. Upon closer inspection of the census record, the census taker seems to have not been very attentive when recording where individuals were born. The entire page indicates that everyone born within the state. LazyAssCensusTakers The birthdate is still probably valuable though. In the case of source 13 " as I

previously mentioned, this requires some context and critical thinking. First the large negative number indicates the record is in conflict with many other sources the natural question is: It is short and only presents a few pieces of information. This happens to be a case you have to consider the intent and audience of the record, along with the context of the historical period. Make no mistake, the antebellum period was still an apartheid type of society – being a person of color, regardless of label did not present one with ideal living standards. No one in an apartheid type of society would ever seek a separate racial distinction for the worse – DUH – they would only go through all that effort of petitioning the state, for a separate racial distinction IF they thought it could elevate them out of an even worse situation. Particularly, if a person of color was trying to petition the Southern Claims Commission. It is possible but her being a person of color, makes this travel abroad seem implausible. Plus, if she was doing all that traveling, there would be more records to substantiate it. Dismantling the French Mary – Carib Myth: Once source 12 is discounted for the reasons I cited above, the French Mary Carib theory loses a lot of steam. Additionally, it was a common form of dress in many regions in Africa centuries ago and it is STILL a common way to cloth hair that way in Africa similarly today. So this being a Carib cultural-identifier is a reach. The colonist did not do the mining themselves, they employed forced labor. And whom did they employ as forced laborers? Between exposure to foreign disease and forced labor, this policy led to a collapse in the native populations on the islands. It is well documented that the Spanish were island hopping, capturing natives from other islands and transporting them back to their major island colonies to work in the mines as slaves. This practice along with disease exhausted the local labor force and gave rise to the transatlantic slave trade. Particularly given the degree of colonization and influx of Africans and Europeans over those years. AND for Mary to be familiar, with French cuisine she had to either a been French or b worked as a domestic for a French family, where she would have learned how to prepare the food. BUT Julia having a French maiden name in when she marries and the fact they Mary and her daughter Julia, are repeatedly identified as French is a strong indication of French cultural ties rather than Carib. BUT the important thing is not to jump to conclusions. If someone is interested in pursuing this research further let me know, I will provide scanned copies of the sources I transcribed above. If you plan on doing this research, there are 3 places I would recommend starting: Research the Memorell family. This can be time consuming and resources intensive but could yield definite dividends if Mary and daughter Julia could be found with that last name living abroad, in France, the French West Indies or immigrating to the US. Look at records going into Willmington and leaving the Bahamas between – Willmington is the closest major port to Fayetteville so if they did pass through Willmington as source 11 says this would be a good start. It could be possible that she was the informant and was most qualified to attest where she was born. The Bahamas being an English colony would have English records and be a great place to start looking. As always, I will update this if I find anything else.

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Leary, provides an elaborate narrative of her forbearers and because it is so informative and jam-packed with detail, a great deal of professional and amateur genealogists alike have accepted her information as fact. Together, they established the Leary Family. I believe there is a better and more credible source: John was a generation closer to the truth and had a much better chance of meeting his grandparents than Rose did in meeting her great-grandparents. In the event John never met or got to know his grandparents first hand, just being a generation closer meant there is less of a chance that information surrounding them has become factual-drift or been diluted. To accomplish this, George attempts to collect testimonials from families belonging to the tribe. One of the testimonials happens to be John Leary Sr. Quite a number who were connected with the Croatans in Robeson County left the State at different times. Revels, his brother, Willis B. Father was born in Sampson County, on the Big Coharie, his parents having moved to that county. In they came to Fayetteville, where father lived until he died in My mother was born in France, and was brought to this country by her parents in Father and mother were married in He was killed on the 17th day of October, It is a small brick house. As soon as I can make it convenient to see him I will have a talk with him and put on paper whatever information I can get from him and give you the benefit of it. Olds was printed on July 2, link to reprinted story. In the Daily News article he gives a long account of the famous Lost Colony but then he gets into the Croatan tribe and its surviving members. In this article he indicates that: He is an uncle of Senator Revels, of Mississippi. This is troubling because so many people on Ancestry. An additional short note on the Revel family history. All of the free Negroes were patriots and ardent supporters of the American cause, and when the clash of arms came, a large proportion of them entered the American Army as soldiers and gave their blood and lives for liberty. My great grandfather, a free Negro was one of the patriots and soldiers. He survived the contest and not only voted after the constitution of was ratified, but on account of a wound he received while fighting in the Army, was granted and drew a pension from the National Government. Lowry is a separate family name in the region. I retain lots of documents and family pictures, should there be a desire to obtain any, let me know. The following Photograph is of John S. Leary, author of the letter and his sister, my direct ancestor, Henrietta Leary b.

## Chapter 4 : The African American Experience in Southern Ohio

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The Revolutionary War Pictures: Mahala Lynch Davis, slave and free woman. Go to People Right: Davis born in Virginia in She holds her daughter, Julia Davis Carr. Mahala and Martha are representative of African Americans that migrated to southern Ohio. People of color have lived in the Scioto Valley since when the town of Chillicothe was founded. They have been instrumental in the building of the community from its beginning and many of these African Americans gained state and national prominence. One group of African Americans who settled in the valley were former slaves from either Virginia or North Carolina who came with former masters. They heiped to carve out a better life for themselves and their families and to provide more opportunities for their children. They especially wanted to ensure their children could learn to read and write. Another group that settled in Ohio, were runaway slaves escaping from the evils of slavery. Since the late s runaway slave learned that they could cross the Ohio River and hide in the wilderness of what is now southern Ohio. Other People of color that migrated to southern Ohio were men and women born of free parents and were never ensalved. They were able to buy land and proviide better education for their children. Descendants of these early settlers still live in southern Ohio today. The first institution organized by people of color in the Scioto Valley was the church. Then about , another church was organized in Lawrence County. Both were Baptist Churches. African Americans were major players in this movement. Early African American religious leaders in this region were: David Nickens, the first man of color to be ordained in the state of Ohio Rev. Lewis Woodson, nationally known antislavery activist,orator and businessman. Bowles Pastor of the First Baptist Church in Chillicothe a teacher, choral director and minister.

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Those who were successful in their search have come to be seen as quintessential American heroes. And yet while we celebrate freedom as the founding tenet of our nation, the great paradox of America is the long existence and influence of slavery. At the nexus of slavery and freedom were free people of color, the tens of thousands of people of African descent who overcame incredible odds and lived free in the most unlikely of places—the slave societies of the South, the Caribbean, and Latin America in the eighteenth and early nineteenth centuries. Many histories of America have failed to tell the story of these resilient and fascinating people. If most Americans today are aware that some black men and women, like Frederick Douglass and Harriet Tubman, were able to escape from southern plantations and live in freedom in the North, few realize that free African Americans also lived in and occasionally prospered in places where slavery was so deeply rooted that it took a war to abolish it. One such place was Louisiana. Most heavily concentrated in New Orleans, many worked as artisans and professionals. Significant numbers were also found in Baton Rouge, St. Landry Parish, and the Natchitoches area, where some were plantation owners and slaveholders. Only in the last few decades have historians themselves begun to appreciate the complexity of free black communities and their significance to our understanding not just of the past, but also the present. The fact that free people of color, particularly in the South, never made it into the mainstream narrative of American history is extraordinary considering their status was one of the most talked about issues of the first half of the nineteenth century. Even where their numbers were small, they made significant contributions to the economies and cultures of the communities in which they lived, and, as a group, exerted a strong influence on government policy and public opinion at a time of increasing polarization over the issue of slavery. Nor did their story lose its relevance once the abolition of slavery had rendered all Americans legally free. Discrimination against freedmen, blacks who had never known slavery, and Creoles of Color in the post-bellum South led many of them to seek a better life elsewhere, where many of mixed-race heritage were able to "pass" in their new communities. As a result of their exodus, southern black communities were deprived of talented leaders, businessmen, role models, and cultural brokers at the time when they were most needed. Those who remained, however, cooperated with other African Americans in the long struggle for civil rights. Free People of Color in the Americas, The history of free people of color in the Americas extends back to the beginning of the Age of Exploration. Manumission, by which slaves were granted or purchased their freedom, had been customary in the Iberian Peninsula as far back as Roman times and was transplanted by the Spanish and Portuguese to their American colonies, giving rise to a large and vibrant population of free people of color. The Roman Catholic faith, which, at least initially, discouraged the enslavement of anyone who had accepted Christianity, contributed to the relatively liberal attitude of the Spanish and Portuguese toward free people of color. In some ways, the French had a similar outlook, imagining a society where class was more important than race and in which everyone was entitled to fair treatment, provided they had been baptized into the Catholic Church. For all its harshness, the French Code Noir, adopted in 1685, included articles protecting the rights of freed slaves, which were essentially the same as those of whites, with the exception that they could not vote, hold public office, or marry a white person. While generally, the French, Spanish, and Portuguese codes treated slaves and free blacks less harshly and offered greater legal protection than did Protestant nations, in practice, local conditions such as slave revolts and the distance of the colonies from central administrative control probably more directly affected their experiences. The French were also more tolerant of racial mixing, especially in sparsely settled frontier societies like Louisiana, where there were significantly fewer white women than men. At the same time, they developed elaborate color categories to define the results of that mixing. In the British colonies, people of African descent, whether free or not, faced severe social and legal restrictions. Race, for the British, was as important as class. Most of the English colonies in North America and the Caribbean passed formal black codes between the 1600s and 1700s. Slaves there had almost no legal standing, and freed slaves and

freeborn Africans had few civil rights. Individuals had to carry "freedom papers" wherever they went, as proof of their status, and those without them ran the risk of being re-enslaved. Free black communities existed up and down the eastern seaboard of North America. The largest was in Philadelphia, which through the influence of Quaker antislavery activists had opened its doors to black men and women in the mid eighteenth century. Other cities with significant populations of free blacks were Boston, Providence, New York, and Charleston. The first man killed in the Boston Massacre of was Crispus Attucks, a free mixed-race sailor. Four African Americans fought at the Battle of Lexington in the American Revolution, and some historians have estimated that as much as one-fifth of the rebel army that recaptured Boston from the British was black. Although George Washington discouraged free colored men from enlisting in the Continental Army, they joined anyway. In the southern colonies during the Revolution, free blacks served in colonial regiments and militias, but were more likely to assist the British. That said, in , the state with the largest population of free blacks was Virginia. The era of the Early Republic in the U. Even in the Upper South, the number of manumissions rose. The free African-American population of the North grew from about 27, in to , in ; in the Upper South in the same period, it went from 30, to , This rise in population was due for the most part to natural growth. In states like Maryland, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Indiana, runaway slaves were a contributing factor, though some of the new states of the Midwest, particularly Illinois, enacted severe "Black Laws" to limit African-American migration there. Free people of color worked in a wide range of professions. In the North, many acquired small farms. Land ownership by free blacks in the South was less common, and those who worked in agriculture were often overseers and occasionally bookkeepers, business managers, and attorneys on the farms of white relatives. Many white planters, in fact, preferred to hire free blacks as managers because they would work for a lower salary than whites and were viewed as being more familiar with slave culture. In cases where the employer and employee were related—white fathers often employed their mixed-race children—there may have been an element of trust beyond what would have existed had the employee been a slave or an unrelated white worker. Free people of color occasionally became affluent farmers and businesspeople in their own right, especially in Louisiana. The navy and merchant marine were other common career paths for free black men. Some became craftsmen and artisans or worked as unskilled laborers at jobs that white people did not want to do. Others became ministers or, in Catholic areas like Louisiana, took religious orders. Free African-American women in cities typically found work as domestic servants, washerwomen, and seamstresses. A fortunate few owned boarding houses. The least fortunate worked as prostitutes. The conditions in which free people of color lived varied, but were often deplorable, especially in northern cities, where many could only afford lodging in attics and cellars. Though free, they still suffered from racial prejudice. As historian Donald Wright has written, "Simply because many northern whites condemned slavery did not mean that they cared at all for persons of African descent. In both North and South, free blacks faced segregation in public places. Mob violence targeted at black citizens occurred in many northern cities in the early s. A riot in Cincinnati in resulted in more than 1, African Americans leaving the United States altogether and moving to Canada. Colonial Louisiana, Ironically, given its later history, there was one place where free people of color enjoyed a relatively high level of acceptance and prosperity during the eighteenth century: Although Virginia, Maryland, and Pennsylvania all had larger free black populations, their influence and social significance were arguably greatest in Louisiana. The first free blacks in Louisiana were probably slaves who escaped and lived with American Indian tribes. A court case from is the first record of a free man of color in the struggling colony. Two years later, a free black man filed suit against a white man. The earliest record of a marriage between two free people of color dates from John, documenting that some people of color in colonial Louisiana held professional positions. Many of the slaves that fought with the French relief force were given their freedom in reward for their service. It became common practice in Louisiana for elderly slaves to be freed and also for masters, in their wills, to free individual slaves or entire families. The Spanish enacted a new set of laws called Las siete partidas. These laws offered slaves greater protection from mistreatment by whites and made it easier for them to acquire their freedom. Blacks who were already free could now serve in the militia, buy and sell their own slaves, and were protected from arbitrary police searches. Although the law forbidding mixed-race marriages remained, it was frequently ignored. Free

people of color were able to live lives not remarkably different from those of whites of similar social and economic status. In addition to marriages, extramarital relationships between the races existed. It became an accepted practice in Louisiana for white men married and unmarried to take black paramours. These relationships were often longstanding. Dozens of these women in the late eighteenth century acquired valuable property through their relationships with their white partners or fathers. By one estimate, a quarter of the houses along the main streets of New Orleans were owned by free blacks, many of whom were single women. Her offspring formed the basis of the large settlement of free people of color that lived along the Cane River. Successions of prominent white men as late as the s acknowledge and bequeath property or money to their illegitimate children of color. Historians have also argued that, in other instances, it was the woman who had the economic upper hand in such arrangements when the white man enjoyed lesser financial means than she. The first official U. Free people of color, it was argued, would only incite further unrest. The situation was made worse by the departure in of the Spanish, who had treated the group, for the most part, with a liberal hand. Territorial governor William C. Some wanted to see a reduction in the size of the free black population altogether. In , one year after the failed German Coast uprising the largest slave rebellion in U. Throughout this period and until the abolition of slavery made their separate legal status obsolete, free persons of color were required to carry passes, observe curfews, and to have their racial status designated in all public records. The Early Antebellum Era, Despite the restrictions imposed during the territorial period, the granting of statehood in coincided with the beginning of the "golden age" of free people of color in Louisiana. Free colored men and women could own, inherit, and sell property, including slaves. Large plantations on the outskirts of New Orleans were sold off and subdivided to form new neighborhoods where free blacks purchased plots of land alongside whites. Many became involved in important New Orleans social and cultural institutions such as opera, theaters, balls, benevolent groups, and the church. Free people of color worked in many of the trades that white people worked in, ranging from shopkeeping and general unskilled labor to more specialized lines of work such as carpentry, stonecutting, and metalworking. New Orleans also contained more than a quarter of all free men of color employed as professionals, managers, artists, clerks, and scientists in the fifteen largest cities in the United States. Many distinguished themselves as authors. Armand Lanusse published *Les Cenelles*, an anthology of poetry by free men of color, in A few free people of color were highly successful in business. Another philanthropist, Marie Couvent, the African-born widow of the wealthy black businessman Bernard Couvent, left money in her will when she died in that was used to found the Institute Catholique, one of the first schools in the United States to provide a free education to children of African descent.

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#### Chapter 9 : Free People of Color in Louisiana

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