



African-American
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**African-American
History**
A GIFT OF HERITAGE...





1900-1930

Historical photographs and documents displayed in the upper section of the case, including a portrait of a man and a group photo.

Historical artifacts displayed in the lower section of the case, including a blue ceramic pot, a white plate with a floral design, and a glass dome.





EARLY FAMILIES



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THROUGH THE YEARS

African American History Comes Home



The experiences of African Americans in Champaign County address universal themes of human endeavor: family, work, education, religion and worshiping, African traditions, the first wave of African Americans migrated mostly from the South to different sections of the country, hoping to provide better lives for themselves and for their families. Since the primary mode of travel was by boat, and Champaign County was isolated along a major waterway, some African Americans decided to settle in Champaign County. The census shows that the "first wave" of African Americans migrated from 1810 through 1830, to Champaign County resulted in an increase from 40 to 1,000 to 2,100 by 1850 and 864 by 1880. From 1840 to 1850, the number tripled from 211 to 620.

Champaign County African Americans built and supported institutions: churches, businesses, social groups, educational institutions, medical, worked in the military, and contributed to "American society's economic, political, social, and cultural development." This migration to the American midwest led to achievements, struggles, and sacrifices, which are a part of our history.









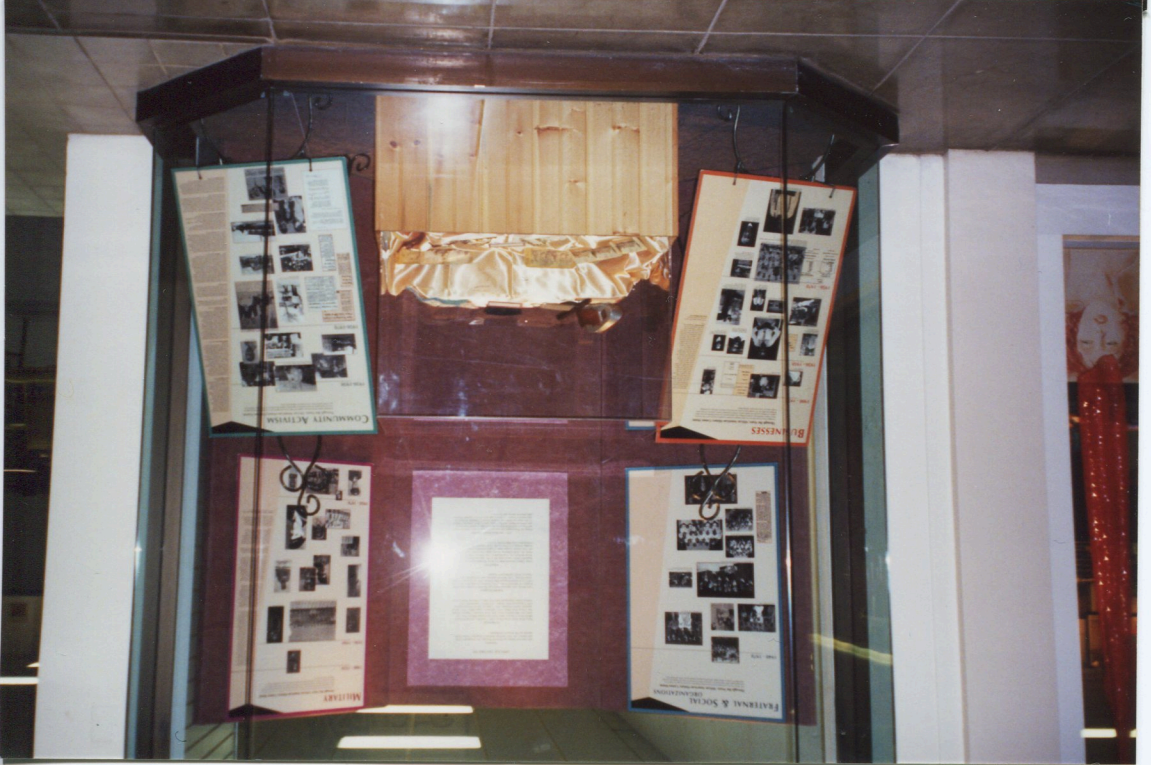






















FRATERNAL & SOCIAL ORGANIZATIONS

Through the Years 1880-1900-1950-1990



1880-1900
1900-1950
1950-1990

MILITARY



BUSINESSES

Through the Years 1880-1900-1950-1990



COMMUNITY ACTIVISM

Through the Years 1880-1900-1950-1990

