

1: From Slavery to Freedom, Volume 1 by John Hope Franklin

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Whether enslaved or free Americans of African descent have always desired freedom. That desire has manifested in numerous ways both in their ancestral homeland, the continent of Africa, as well as in the Americas. The Senator John Heinz History Center has developed a micro site to feature its award winning exhibition project that chronicles the African experience in America and its manifestation of freedom in Pittsburgh and elsewhere. This site is an online version of a larger project that included an award winning exhibition, public programs, research, workshops, and education lessons and teachings. The project is named in dedication to the great historian, John Hope Franklin, and his seminal work, the nine editions of *From Slavery to Freedom: A History of African Americans* first published in 1967. I first met Dr. Franklin when I invited him to be the keynote speaker celebrating the 25 anniversary of the African American Archives in Cleveland in 1992. I felt then as I do now that any work looking at a wide range of the African American experience should be embraced by Franklin the most dynamic and scholarly academic of my lifetime. With the blessing of his son, John W. Franklin, the Heinz History Center uses the title of its project to not only honor Franklin but also the thousands of Africans and African Americans on both sides of the Atlantic, spanning hundreds of years of struggle and triumph, and forever seeking a path to freedom. The site is largely focused on African Americans in Pittsburgh but in order to due proper historical context, the African background is explored including the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade moving forward. The site explores the abolitionist movement and Underground Railroad in greater Pittsburgh and original research that examines more closely the efforts of freedom seekers to sustain their lives as they made their way from slavery to freedom. During the antebellum period of the 19th century Pittsburgh became a destination of freedom. By 1808 Africans had been enslaved in America for two hundred -eleven years. For the next 30 years Pittsburgh would be engrossed in the abolition of slavery locally and nationally. During this period the local population increased as did the resolve of local abolitionist to fight for suffrage rights and the end of bondage in America. Pittsburgh held the reputation as an active militant community of both African and white abolitionists. Not until the end of the Civil War in 1865 did many of the issues of slavery, citizenship, and suffrage resolve into a new world for African Americans. Legal bondage may have disappeared, but social codes forced African Americans to relive slavery if but in another form. Despite the bonds of American racism, Africans Americans in Pittsburgh contributed greatly to the development of the Three Rivers region and helped form its identity as a hardworking and creative city. From the anti-slavery movement to civil rights African Americans have defined freedom and shaped the American experience. Freedom has been a major part of African societies throughout its history. The Trans-Atlantic slave trade from the 16th to 19th centuries is only a small part of the history of West African civilization, however it had a profound impact on the region. In Western Africa from Senegal to the Central African region Angola of the 15th to the 19th centuries, unaffected by the slave trade, great developments in metallurgy, textiles, agriculture, government, economy, social and cultural dynamics advanced. These were great societies with large cities and city-states. Metallurgy, textile development, currency, wears, tools, agricultural techniques, social and cultural practices are all signs of African civilization. These skills, technologies, and development processes were exploited by Europeans in the slave plantations, mines and fisheries of the Americas. Metal work such as sophisticated weapons, tools, and currency are examples of the skill and technique of Africans. A Congo spearhead like those used by Luango warriors helped build a great empire along the Southwestern Atlantic coast. Other iron tools were used to advance the agriculture practices of Africans. The iron hatchet was used for many work applications including harvesting wood and other needs. Currency were examples of metallurgy among African people but also reinforced a system of trade and commerce. The cross or x-shaped Katanga currency bar is a great example of such craftsmanship. These currency bars were copper casted and used in trade and commerce in the Southern Congo region. African textiles utilized natural fibers made from cotton, raffia, bark fibers, and animal fur. The African weaving

techniques demonstrate a cultural tradition dating back thousands of years. The kente of the Akan people are just one example of material culture that is defining of a people. Social and cultural practices such as age-grade ceremonies, rituals, hierarchical ceremonies, all played a role in the manifestation of African culture. These cultural practices utilized the adornments and instruments of ritual or entertainment developed by various societies. Language, musical rhythms, and social thought advanced Africans cultural norms and reinforced ethnic identities. It is important to know that this region of Africa contained a multitude of social, political and cultural systems. The hand piano instrument has many names and is used in various regions in western Africa. Another retention of African musical innovation can be found in the gourd fiddle circa This instrument is known to have been made in St. Entrepreneurs conducted trade, material innovation, marketing, management, and accounting to support the growth, development and sustainability of these societies. Trade routes were established long before Europeans came to this part of Africa. In the central region, trade routes stretched from the Atlantic coast across Southern Africa to the eastern Swahili coast. Another route stretched from the West African Atlantic coastal region north across the Sahara to the Mediterranean coast and east across the great desert to the Middle East. These were the routes historically taken by Mansa Musa and the great kings of Songhay. No one knows the exact population of the African Atlantic coast between the 15th and the 19th centuries. We know that most estimates of captives that disembarked in the Americas during the slave trade were at 12 million. Many more than that were captives who perished during the middle passage. Some historians have estimated that more than 75 million Africans inhabited the coastal region from the Senegambia to Angola. During this time major political structures were empires, kingdoms, queendoms, and city-states such as Songhai, Akan, Borno, Ife, Benin, Oyo, Ndongo, and Kongo. Cultural spiritualities as well as Islam existed in these societies. Social and cultural practices from political systems, economic bases, education, family, and territorial networks existed. Generations after the end of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, these fruitful societies were invaded by colonial powers only to be raped of human and natural resources all over again. Not until the era of the American Civil Rights Movement did the independence movement in Africa emerge new states, territories, and societies. The triangular trade moved African captives from along the western coast from Senegal to Angola across the Atlantic where they mined precious minerals and produced goods shipped to European markets and colonial governments where products were sent to Africa for more captives. During this hundred year period, slave ship engineering further developed. Merchant ships were refitted as slave ships to transport human cargo. These ships carried between and 1, people packed like sardines in a can. It all began with the Portuguese caravel in the 15th century. They landed in modern Mauritania in and captured free Africans transporting them to the Atlantic Ocean islands of Cape Verde and the Azores before eventually holding Africans enslaved in mainland Portugal at its capital in Lisbon. The Portuguese would control the enslavement of Africans that were first brought to the Atlantic Islands, Europe, and other parts of West Africa before being transporting across the Atlantic to the Americas. Over time, a systematic enterprise took root between European governments and corporations and African governments and monarchies. Hundreds of ethnic Africans were packed like sardines in the hull of slave ships and transported in what Marcus Rediker calls, "floating dungeons. Viewing Africans not by their ethnic origin but by their "blackness" and status as property would make it more difficult to attach ethnic origin to the descendants of captives for centuries. The expanse of the new commerce brought a renewed economic life to Europe. New port cities were developed or expanded due to the profits of the trade including Bristol, Liverpool, and Manchester, England. The ports of London, Nantes, and Lisbon expanded due to the extensive commerce of slaves, spices, gold, and other goods. Lisbon, the western-most port in Europe and the land base closest to the Western Hemisphere, enjoyed significant population, economic, political, and cultural growth during the slave trade period. In its first 16 years, the RAC transported approximately 90, captives across the Atlantic. London reaped great profits from the slave trade from the 17th through 18th centuries. Sugar became a major cash crop for both Iberian and British companies. Although Europeans initiated and controlled the Trans-Atlantic slave trade, it could not have been as profitable and impacted the development of the Americas if not for the collaboration of some African societies. Kingdoms in Dahomey and Kongo collaborated with Europeans such as the Portuguese, British, Dutch, and others to extract the sick, prisoners of war, drought

victims, debtors, victims of violence, raiding, and kidnapping for the trade. Some of these Africans societies came to rely on the slave trade economically and were handicapped when the abolition of such trade was initiated in the early 19th century. Roughly , captives disembarked in North American ports at Charleston, S. The slave trade proved profitable for Americans and served as a basis for the economy of the new nation after the Revolutionary War. By the late 18th century, political opinion of the slave trade in Britain intensified and became successful in suppressing the trade by law in . It must be understood that the slave trade was not abolished for moral reasons but purely economic and political ones. The Trans-Atlantic trade was abolished but the internal trade in North America became an even greater institution until . Once on the ships, Africans continued to resist. This section depicts possible dialogue from African men and women who were often separated on board the ships and vulnerable to the advances and oppression of the white male crew. The dialogue shows the cunning survival skills of women and their determination to survive their ordeal. African ritual music and song was often part of the dialog on board ship to disguise the messages they shared from their European captors. Their languages from the Bantu region was spoken on the thousands of slave ships crossing the Atlantic and is recalled here as an example of the resistance of Africans. Malinke [Your browser does not support the audio element. However, the From Slavery to Freedom exhibition focuses on the economic aspect of slavery and includes labor as a part of the overall economic and financial plan of enslavement. And like many other economic ventures, slavery developed peripheral industries and systems that had a lasting impact on the global economy. By examining the plantation system, cash crop globalization, slave ship engineering, tool and machine innovations, technological exploitation, as well as socio-political economic development can we better understand the totality of the slave economy. The Spanish were known for their brutality of native and African populations. Mining, plantation agriculture, and socio-cultural politicization were the cornerstone of Spanish imperial conquest. Colonial Africans were defined as property and therefore their status would be defined in economic terms for quite some time. In , the Royal African Company relinquished its monopoly on the slave trade and it became the right of every British citizen to trade in slaves as they saw fit. North American colonists used indentured servants until when the Virginia colony passed laws declaring and defining slavery as the domain of Africans and hereditarily through African women. This was the beginning of North America slave statues.

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