

# Resources on THE HISTORY OF SLAVERY AT UNC-CHAPEL HILL

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This public document is a curated list of resources on slavery and UNC-Chapel Hill's past and present. The materials here illuminate the University's foundational relationship to slavery and include notable reflections on slavery's legacy there. Spanning four centuries, the sources below detail the lives of both prominent enslavers and enslaved workers as well as contemporary activist movements that have engaged the history of slavery and its legacy on campus.

Please note that the UNC-related secondary sources included here were created at various times by various individuals, classes, students, scholars, and others. Some, including those hosted by the university, may have incomplete or inaccurate information. Research on the history of the university's relationship to slavery is ongoing, and a work of many hands. Every account should be considered with a critical eye towards understanding the research and sources upon which it was based.

Originally developed for use in an undergraduate public history course focused on creating a campus tour related to the history of slavery, this set of resources also includes materials on public history methods and the history and interpretation of slavery at other universities.

Taken together, this set of materials could help researchers at any level create a campus tour about slavery at UNC-Chapel Hill.

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## The (First) Caldwell Monument: An Example of Slavery's Continuing Presence on the UNC-CH Landscape



The Caldwell Monument (1837, 1904)

The Caldwell Monument, located in the Old Chapel Hill Cemetery on north campus, presents an example of the University's complex relationship to slavery and its intimate violences. Dedicated in 1837, this stone obelisk once marked the grave of the University's first president, Joseph Caldwell, at the center of McCorkle Place.<sup>1</sup> Joseph Caldwell enslaved at least two people, including a man named November Caldwell who labored as his coachmen.<sup>2</sup> November Caldwell's wife, Rosa Burgess, was enslaved by another University President, David Lowry Swain.<sup>3</sup> November Caldwell and Rosa Burgess had a son, Wilson Swain Caldwell, who was also enslaved by President Swain until the ratification of the 13th amendment when, as a freedman, he served as a justice of the peace and town commissioner and ran schools for Black children. He later labored at the University as a janitor and remained head of the campus workforce until his death in 1898.<sup>4</sup> In 1904, a new monument was dedicated to Joseph Caldwell. Soon thereafter, the UNC Class of 1891 rededicated the original Caldwell monument to November Caldwell, Wilson Swain Caldwell, and two other enslaved workers, David Barham and Henry Smith, with a new engraved plaque at Wilson Swain Caldwell's gravesite in the segregated campus cemetery.<sup>5</sup> Over 800 Black people from Chapel Hill are buried in this cemetery, including people enslaved by University leaders. Many of their graves remain unmarked.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Caldwell Monument."

<sup>2</sup> "November Caldwell (1791-1872)"

<sup>3</sup> "November Caldwell (1791-1872)," and "Slaves of Faculty and Townspeople"

<sup>4</sup> "Wilson Caldwell (1841-1898)."

<sup>5</sup> "Monument in Old Chapel Hill Cemetery," 2014.

<sup>6</sup> "Old Chapel Hill Cemetery."

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Unaffiliated, activist account.

Highlights UNC's Confederate veterans and their families' relationships with slavery, with historical documents.

[William Sturkey](#). Twitter. @william\_sturkey

History faculty. Teaches HIST Race and Reckoning UNC course.

[Take Action Chapel Hill](#). Twitter. @takeactionch, 2019 2018.

Unaffiliated, activist account.

[The Real Silent Sam](#). Facebook.

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Official UNC Archives account.

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## Select Posts

["It's so Much Worse than This. Ruffin Was a Partner in a Slave Trading Business, Routinely Broke up Families, and Beat an Enslaved Woman for Giving Him a Look He Didn't like. It's All Rigorously Documented Here. https://t.co/GTOacbCGrT"](#) Tweet, Eric Muller.

["Here's the Kicker. The Way Estate Laws Were Drawn up in NC, the University Could Profit off of Enslaved People Whether They Were Willed to an Heir or Not. Remember, If a Person Died Intestate \(w/o a Will\), the People They Had Enslaved 'Escheated' to UNC.](#) Tweet, @sams\_reckoning.

["James C. Dobbin's 1857 Will Lists His Personal Property to Be Shared by His Heirs, Including '8 Slaves, Viz. Adam, Crissy, Davy, Mary, Joe, Candace, Eliza Jane and Frank.' Because His 3 Children \(Including John\) Were under 21, a Trustee Was Appointed to Manage Their Inheritance."](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

["John Holmes Dobbin, #UNC Class of 1861. Born 1840 in Cumberland Co., NC, to James Cochran Dobbin and Louisa Holmes. Father Enslaved 8 People at the Time of His Death in 1857. John's 1/3rd Share of 'Slave Inheritance' Was Then Used to Pay for His UNC Education. #samsreckoning."](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

["Let's Talk about Scale. The 95 Families We Have Researched to Date \(Actually Just One Parent\) Enslaved an Average of 53 People Each. This Would Put Them in the Top 1.8% of All](#)

[Slaveholders in NC in 1860. \(Comparing against This Source: https://www.ncpedia.org/anchor/distribution-land-and-slaves ...\)](https://www.ncpedia.org/anchor/distribution-land-and-slaves...) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

[“Many @UNC Students \(1795-1865\) Bankrolled Their Education through the Use of Their ‘Slave Inheritance’ as an Income-Producing, Wealth-Generating TRUST FUND.”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

[“Of the 95 UNC Confederate Dead That We’ve Researched so Far, 48 Were Slaveholders Themselves \(50.5%\). These 48 Tar Heels Enslaved at Least 1,259 People. Again, We Use a Very Strict Definition of ‘Documented Slaver.’ The Numbers Are Much Higher in Reality.”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

[“Time for a Research Update. We’ve Reckoned 33.1% of #UNC’s Confederate Dead \(95 of 287\). Slaving Rate among the Parents of the Dead Remains at 100%. Rate among the Dead Themselves Is 50.5%. These 95 Families Enslaved at Least 5,096 People. #samsreckoning for All the Receipts.”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning,

[“To Put It in the Context of the Time... If the 5,096 People Who Were Enslaved by These 95 Families Were the Inhabitants of a City in NC in 1860, It Would Have Been the Third Largest City in the Entire State - Larger than Raleigh \(4,780 People in 1860\).”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

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[“The Absence of Silent Sam Is Pushing White Supremacists to Terrorize/ Appropriate Other Contested Spaces on #UNC’s Campus \(as Long as Admin/ Police Continue to Provide Welcome Cover\). Last Night the Unsung Founders Monument Was Vandalized with Threats to Student Activists.”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

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[“And We’re Only 1/3rd of the Way through. If This Rate Holds, the 287 Families of UNC’s Confederate Dead Would Have Enslaved More than 15,000 People. If This Were a City in 1860, It Would Have Been the Ninth Most Populous in the Entire South, Just behind Nashville, TN.”](#) Tweet. @sams\_reckoning.

## Slavery and Other Campuses

Secondary sources

### Task Forces and Campus Research

[Universities Studying Slavery](#) (consortium)

[Brown University Committee on Slavery and Justice](#)

[Campus Slaves & Slavery - Slavery at South Carolina College, 1801-1865](#)

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## **Slavery and Campus Tours**

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### **UNC-CH Tours**

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[Beneath Our Feet: A Walking Tour of Archaeological Sites at UNC Chapel Hill](#) (Walking Tour)

[Campus History Walking Tour: Student Activism at UNC Chapel Hill](#) (Walking Tour)

[Chapel Hill Virtual Tour](#)

[Digging in Our Heels: A Herstory of Women at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill](#) (Walking Tour)

[Excerpts from the Black and Blue Campus Walking Tour](#) (Walking Tour)

[Native Narrative Tour](#) (Walking Tour)

[Places Dedicated to Enslavers and White Supremacists at UNC-Chapel Hill](#)

[Sense of Place Tour](#) (Walking Tour)

[Slavery Walking Tour](#) (Walking Tour)

[Virtual Black and Blue Tour](#) (Walking Tour)

### **Campus Tours (Other Universities)**

[African American Life at Princeton Is First in Series of Historical Walking Tours](#)

[Columbia University Historical Justice Initiative](#)

[\(In\)Visible Princeton Walking Tours Reveal University’s Nuanced History](#)

[Enslaved African Americans at the University of Virginia](#)

[Dr. Hillary Green’s \(Campus\) Walking Tours](#) (University of Alabama)

[Hallowed Grounds: Race, Slavery, and the University](#) (University of Alabama)

[UGA to Host Tour Exploring Connection of Black History and Namesakes on Campus](#)

[Harvard and Slavery Map](#)

[Hidden Portraits at Brown](#)

[Princeton History Working Group](#)

[The Racial Geography Tour at UT Austin](#)

[Racial Geography Tour: Explore the History of the University of Texas Campus](#)

[Stories of African American Life at Princeton](#)

[Walking Tour Participants Explore History of Slavery](#)

### **Other**



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Series 1, Folder 11: A letter, 1832, to Isaac Thomas Avery about the political and moral evils of slavery

#### [“Black Ink” 1969 - 2001](#)

UNC Black student newspaper

#### [Board of Trustees of the University of North Carolina Records, 1789-1932](#)

Documents from when Trustees took a very hands-on approach to managing the University.

#### [Cameron Family Papers, 1978 1757](#)

Family of one of the wealthiest enslavers in the South. Cameron Avenue is named for him.

"A letter written on behalf of an enslaved woman Mary Walker dated [September 4, 1859](#) (scans 1-4). The author of the letter, J. P. Lesley, asks Mildred Cameron to reunite Mary with her children."

"The Cameron family of Orange County was one of antebellum North Carolina's wealthiest families. On the eve of the Civil War, Paul Cameron and his siblings owned over one thousand slaves and nearly thirty thousand acres of plantation land in Orange, Wake, Person, and Granville Counties, as well as plantations in Alabama and Mississippi."

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Includes many resources on UNC campus history.

[The Daily Tar Heel, 1893-2008](#)

UNC student newspaper

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Enslaver, UNC President. Swain Hall is named for him.

Swain's many correspondents include William A. Graham, William H. Battle, William H. Haywood, Elisha Mitchell, John Motley Morehead, Thomas Ruffin, William W. Holden, Charles Phillips, and Cornelia Phillips Spencer; many were known enslavers.

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Robust collection of digital sources.

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Wilson Caldwell became a janitor.

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Oral history collection developed with antiracist activists who fought legacy of white supremacy at UNC.

## **UNC Exhibits**

*Secondary sources created by faculty, staff, students, and classes*

[After Slavery: Race, Citizenship and Democracy](#)

[The Carolina Story: A Virtual Museum of University History](#)

[The Carolina Hall Story](#)

[The Civil War Years](#)

[Commemorative Landscapes of North Carolina](#)

[Remembering Wilson Caldwell](#)

[Names in Brick and Stone: Histories from UNC's Built Landscape](#)

[Names Across the Landscape](#)

[Slavery and the Making of the University](#)

[Slavery and the University](#)

## **UNC Library Guides**

*Secondary sources*

[A Guide to Resources About UNC's Confederate Monument](#)

[A Guide to Researching Campus Monuments and Buildings](#)

[Voices of the Enslaved in Wilson Special Collections Library](#)

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