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Frederick Douglass

Research Guide

SCOPE

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INTRODUCTION

Born a slave in 1818, Frederick Douglass escaped and later purchased his freedom, becoming an orator for the abolitionist movement, an author, editor, and U.S. Marshall who contributed to the reformation of America until his death on February 20, 1895. Douglass moved to Rochester in 1847 and began publishing the abolitionist newspaper *The North Star* that same year from an office on Main Street. When a fire suspected to be arson destroyed his home in 1872, Douglass and his family left Rochester and made a new home in Washington, D.C. Douglass died in 1895 and is buried in Mount Hope Cemetery.

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L/H = Local History Division (these materials do not circulate)

BUS = Business & Social Sciences Division (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

CHILD = Children's Division (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

HIS = Science, History, and Travel Division (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

TEEN = Teen Central (these materials circulate and may be checked out)

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MICROFILM

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- Card File DE- Local Newspaper Index: 1898-1903.
DO

Clipping Files

- RVF1 Biography – Douglass (4 folders)

RVF1 Underground Railroad

ONLINE RESOURCES

Many Roads to Freedom: Abolitionism and the Civil War in Rochester:

<http://www.libraryweb.org/rochimag/roads/home.htm>

Underground Railroad: <https://roccitylibrary.org/pathfinders/underground-railroad-pathfinder/>

PAMPHLET FILES

RVF2 Biography – Douglass, Frederick

RVF2 Slavery

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SUBJECT HEADINGS

Subject headings to try when searching:

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African American abolitionists – Biography

African Americans – Biography
African Americans – History to 1863
African Americans – Politics and government
African Americans – Suffrage
Antislavery movements – United States
Antislavery movements – United States History – 19th century
Douglass, Frederick
Fourth of July orations
Slavery – Maryland
Slaves – United States – Biography
Slaves – United States Biography – History and criticism
Slaves – United States – Social conditions
Speeches, addresses, etc., – American
Speeches, addresses, etc., – American – African American authors