

Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive

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- Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition
- Part II: Slave Trade in the Atlantic World
- Part III: Institution of Slavery
- Part IV: Age of Emancipation

Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition

The first part of *Slavery and Anti-Slavery: A Transnational Archive* is available now and contains more than 6,000 books and pamphlets, more than 60 newspaper and periodical titles, and a dozen major manuscript collections. Varied sources — from well-known journals to private papers — open up endless possibilities for academic researchers, historians, undergraduate and graduate students, faculty and others studying the history of slavery. The 1.5 million pages in *Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition* shed light on the:

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- And more

Part I: Debates over Slavery and Abolition strongly supports research with a U.S. focus, but also includes resources from Africa, Europe, Latin America and the Caribbean — allowing for comparative research. Developed under the guidance of a board of scholars, this new digital archive explores all facets of the controversy with a focus on economic, gender, legal, religious and government issues.



▲ Brings together historical books, legal documents, portraits, maps, manuscripts, pamphlets, newspapers and periodicals for the world’s largest archive on the history of slavery

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— Troy Smith, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

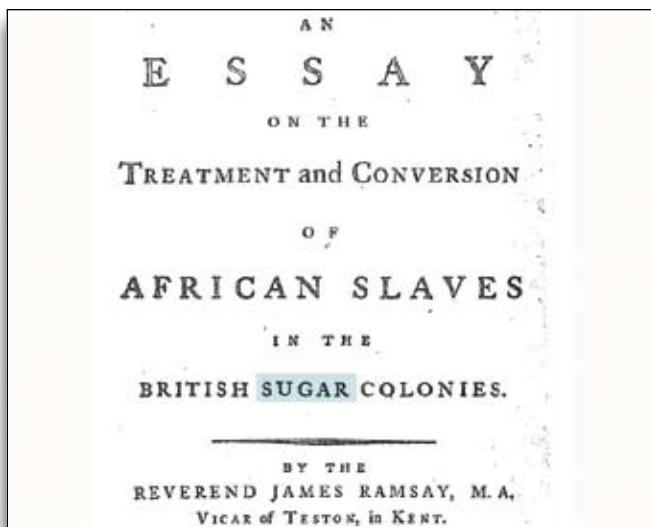
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- Papers of American abolitionist Lewis Tappan
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- Papers of the Christian Faith Society
- Abolitionist periodicals
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