

African Diaspora History Materials in the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center Library

Materials are primarily 19th-century works on the abolitionist and colonization movements prior to and following the publication of *Uncle Tom's Cabin* in 1851-1852.

Abolitionist Publications (1770s-1850s)

- ❖ United States Congressional documents
- ❖ Speeches and sermons
- ❖ Annual and special reports of American and British antislavery societies
- ❖ Antislavery tracts

Freedom Narratives (1840s-1870s)

- ❖ Autobiographies and biographies of former slaves

Uncle Tom's Cabin by Harriet Beecher Stowe (1851-2000s)

- ❖ American editions, many with notable introductions and illustrations
- ❖ Translations into 23 different languages

Publications written in response to *Uncle Tom's Cabin*, mid-1850s

- ❖ "Anti-Toms" fictional works supporting slavery
- ❖ Spin-offs, e.g., *Uncle Tom's Cabin Almanac*, an almanac with abolitionist notes and statistics; dramatization of *Uncle Tom's Cabin*; sheet music

Manuscripts

- ❖ Census of African Americans living in Hartford, 1802-1805
- ❖ Two account books of shoemaker Jeremiah Jacobs, Hartford's first African American businessman
- ❖ Letters by or to Frederick Douglass, Josiah Henson, Harriet Jacobs and other former slaves

Photographs

- ❖ small selection of images of 19th century African Americans