African American Newspapers in the South, 1870-1926

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Accessible Archives’ *African American Newspapers in the South, 1870-1926* documents the African American press in the South from Reconstruction through the Jim Crow period. Written by African Americans for African Americans, the first-hand reporting, editorials, and features kept readers abreast of current domestic and international events, often focusing on racial issues. The editors didn’t shy away from exposing racial discrimination and violence, including the emotionally laden topic of lynching. Yet, the newspapers also covered lighter fare, reporting on civic and religious events, politics, foreign affairs, local gossip, and more.

Many articles also focused on:

- dispelling false assumptions perpetuated about African Americans by mainstream newspapers
- promoting self-help literature
- encouraging readers to purchase homes
- supporting locally black-owned businesses, many of which advertised in the papers
- highlighting middle-class deportment within the African American community

Many of these newspapers were strong supporters of African American troops in World War I, by supporting fundraising campaigns, recruitment notices, and draft rolls, and carried government advertisements for Liberty Bonds.

Most newspapers in this collection also featured poetry, lessons on manners and prayer, instruction for raising children, and lifestyle advice for young men and women. It also included news about churches and their governing bodies, particularly the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) Zion church.

Here is a sampling of topics discussed in the newspapers:

- Anti-lynching efforts
- Racial relations
- Employment and discrimination
- Black businesses
- Republican Party support
- Economics and finances
- Niagara movement
- Crime
- Congressional activities
- Education and schools
- Desegregation
- World War I
- Farming and sharecropping
- Great Migration
- Entertainment and recreation
- And much more

*African American Newspapers in the South, 1870-1926* has been subdivided into four parts, these newspapers provided a unique journalistic record of the African American experience in segregated southern America. Includes complete runs of representative newspapers from the District of Columbia, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia:

- The Advocate, 1907 – 1912
- Athens Republique, 1921 – 1926
- The Banner-Enterprise, 1883 – 1884
- The Bee, 1882 – 1884
- The Black Dispatch, 1917 – 1922
- The Educator, 1874 – 1875
- The Langston City Herald, 1892 – 1900
- The Lousianian, 1870 – 1871
- The Muskogee Cimeter, 1904 – 1920
- The Nashville Globe, 1907 – 1918
- The National Forum, 1910
- Pioneer Press, 1911 – 1917
- The Republican, 1873 – 1875
- Semi-Weekly Louisianian, 1871 – 1872
- The Tulsa Star, 1913 – 1921
- Western World, 1903 – 1904
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