



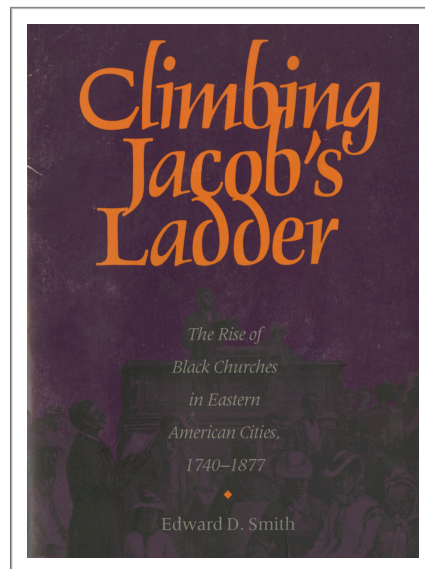
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Series 3: Audiovisual records, 1987-1994 (bulk 1991-1991)

15 Cubic feet (8 audio cassette sound recordings ; 4 open reel 1/4" sound recordings ; 1 cartridge 1/4" sound recordings ; 2 audio cassette sound recordings)

7 Linear feet

10 Video recordings (5 VHS 1/2" video recordings ; 2 U-matic 3/4" video recordings ; 3 open reel 1" video recordings)

Creator: Anacostia Community Museum
 Language: English.
 Scope and Contents: Audiovisual materials created for an exhibition on the growth of African American churches in the eastern United States. The exhibit was organized by the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988. This collection contains the audiovisual output of the exhibit, including video created for use within the exhibit and video and audio recordings of guided exhibit tours.
 Restrictions: Use of the materials requires an appointment. Some items are not accessible due to obsolete format and playback machinery restrictions. Please contact the archivist at ACMarchives@si.edu.
 Related Archival Materials: Anacostia Community Museum. Climbing Jacob's Ladder: the rise of Black churches in Eastern American cities, 1740 - 1877.
 Preferred Citation: *Climbing Jacob's Ladder* audiovisual records, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution
 Names: Smith, Edward D.
 Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
 Anacostia Community Museum
 Topic: African Americans
 African American churches
 Museum exhibits
 Genre/Form: Sound recordings
 Video recordings

ACMA AV000962: Church Songs of Black Americans 1740 - 1877, 1994, c1987

2 Video recordings (AV000962, AV003327; open reel; 1 inch)

1 Video recording (AV002642; VHS)

3 Sound recordings (AV002679, AV003345, AV003421; open reel; 1/4 inch)

1 Sound recording (AV003336; cartridge; 1/4 inch)

001822 002138 001601 002619 001410 000859 002000

Creator: Smithsonian Institution
 Smith, Edward D.
 Boyer, Horace Clarence, 1935-
 Anacostia Museum
 The Media Exchange, Inc.

Technical: 001822 002138 001601 002619 001410 000859 002000

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV003327

ACMA AV002679

ACMA AV003345

ACMA AV003421

ACMA AV003336

ACMA AV002642

Title transcribed from opening credits of video recording.

This short documentary provides an overview of the development of church music alongside the growth of African American churches in the eastern United States from the arrival of black Africans in Jamestown in 1619 through 1877 and the Reconstruction era. The evolution of church music within African American churches included the formation of music programs and performances, hymnals, choirs, negro spirituals, and music education as well as the addition of organs to accompany the singing of psalms, hymns, and anthems. During the Great Awakening of the 1730s and 1740s, the Christianization of slaves and Africanization of Protestant hymns swept through the American colonies. European Christianity and the emotionalism of the African homeland were combined during the Second Awakening, which began in the late eighteenth century and lasted until the middle of the nineteenth century. The history of church music created by urban and rural congregations within New England and Southern states is explored.

Short documentary. Part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual Records. Complete production: AV000962, AV003327. Production elements: AV002679 [narration], AV003345 [outtakes - sound], AV003421 [music], AV003336 [music]. AV003421: 6 songs including We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder [also known as Jacob's Ladder] and Battle Hymn of the Republic [also known as Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!]. AV003336: 2 recordings of We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder. Dated 19940923 [AV000962]. Undated [all other recordings].

Church Songs of Black Americans 1740 - 1877, Exhibition Records AV03-036, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Church Songs of Black Americans 1740 - 1877 was created alongside the Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition which explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988.

Produced by The Media Exchange, Inc. Copyright 1987 - Smithsonian Institution. Coordinator - Edward D. Smith, Historian, Anacostia Museum. Script Writer - Dr. Horace Boyer, Associate Professor, Department of Music, University of Massachusetts Amherst.

Names:

Allen, Richard, 1760-1831
 Jones, Absalom, 1746-1818
 Mather, Cotton, 1663-1728
 Watts, Isaac, 1674-1748
 Wesley, John, 1703-1791
 Liele, George, approximately 1750-approximately 1825

Hosier, Harry, approximately 1750-1806
 Rush, Christopher, 1777-1873
 Spencer, Peter, 1782-1843
 Garnet, Henry Highland, 1815-1882
 Allen, William Francis, 1830-1889
 Garrison, Lucy McKim, 1842-1877
 Ware, Charles Pickard, 1840-1921
 Sankey, Ira David, 1840-1908
 Bliss, P. P. (Philip Paul), 1838-1876
 Bradbury, William B. (William Batchelder), 1816-1868
 Turner, Henry McNeal, 1834-1915
 Anacostia Community Museum
 Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
 Society of Negroes
 St. George's United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 St. Thomas' Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 Mother African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church (New York, N.Y.)
 First African Presbyterian Church (New York, N.Y.)
 African Harmonic Society (New York, N.Y.)
 First African Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 Fifteenth Street Presbyterian Church (Washington, D.C.)
 St. Philip's Church (Harlem, New York, N.Y.)
 Shiloh Baptist Church (Washington, D.C.)
 Jubilee Singers

Topic: African Americans
 African American churches
 Churches
 Church history
 Religion
 Church music
 Music
 African American choirs
 Choirs (Music)
 Spirituals (Songs)
 Shape-note singing
 Music -- Instruction and study
 Slavery
 Enslaved persons
 Jacob's ladder (Biblical dream)

Place: United States

Genre/Form: Video recordings
 Sound recordings
 Documentary films

ACMA AV001351_A: The Early Black Church as a Social Institution, 1988
 1 Sound recording (audio cassette)
 004652
 Creator: Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
 Technical: 004652
 Language: English.

Notes: Title transcribed from physical asset.
 Historian Ed Smith explained the historical role of the black church in America, particularly the significant role of churches in African American communities. His talk focused on the early black church as a social institution in regards to educational, economical, political, and cultural spheres.
 Lecture. Audio only. Related to the exhibition 'The Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877.' Dated 19880627.
 The Early Black Church as a Social Institution, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.
 'The Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877' exhibition explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
 Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
 Churches
 African American churches
 Church history

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
 Washington (D.C.)
 United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings

ACMA AV002681: Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audio Tour, 1987

1 Sound recording (open reel; 1/4 inch)

1 Sound recording (audio cassette)

003221 003250

Creator: Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Technical: 003221 003250

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV001345

Audio tour for the exhibition - Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 - presents African American religious history beginning with the first African slaves who brought African religious faith with them and the incorporation of African religion customs with Euro-Christian faith. The audio tour includes the history of Black Methodist, Presbyterian, Baptist, and Episcopalian congregations in the North; black congregations in the South during Civil War and Reconstruction; black churches and politics, including slave rebellions; the work of Reverends and Preachers; negro spirituals; and vodou. Names profiled include Cotton Mather, David Walker, Nat Turner, Henry M. Turner, and the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

Audio tour. Part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual Records.
AV002681: dated 19871201. AV001345: undated.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audio Tour, Exhibition Records AV03-036,
Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audio Tour was created for the Climbing
Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American
Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition which explored the growth and central
role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-
centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York,
Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition
was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October
1987 to October 1988.

Created for Anacostia Neighborhood Museum.

Names: Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
Churches
African American churches
Religion
Christianity
Spirituals (Songs)
Enslaved persons
Slave insurrections
Museum exhibits

Place: Anacostia (Washington, D.C.)
Washington (D.C.)
United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings
Narration

ACMA AV003356: Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston, circa 1987
2 Sound recordings (open reel; 1/4 inch)
000542 000320

Creator: Anacostia Community Museum
Vance, Jim

Technical: 000542 000320

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV003428

Narrator Jim Vance presents a very short history of the Twelfth Baptist
Church of Boston and the life of Reverend Leonard Grimes. The
church's and reverend's work with the Underground Railroad and
antislavery movement, and after the passing of Fugitive Slave Act of
1850 are highlighted. The arrests of Shadrach and Anthony Burns are
also addressed. Members of the Twelfth Baptist Church wanted the
right to bear arms as part of the Union Forces during the Civil War;
William L. Garrison and Frederick Douglass argued for this right.

Narration only. Might be part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual
Records. Production elements: AV003356 and AV003428 [narration].
AV003356: begins at 000115 [first minute of recording related to The
Times of Richard Allen]. Undated.

Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston might be related to the Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition which explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988.;Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston was formed by a small group of dissentients who split from the First African Baptist Church in 1848. It served as an anti-slavery meetinghouse, and provided refuge and spiritual guidance to free blacks and fugitive slaves. Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston was also known as the Fugitives Church or the Church of the Fugitive Slave.;Reverend Leonard Grimes was pastor of the Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston from 1848 to 1874. Born to free parents in Leesburg, Virginia, Grimes first became involved in the antislavery movement through his work with the Underground Railroad in Washington, D.C.

Copyright holder unknown. Field 110 might be incorrect. Narrator: Jim Vance.

Names: Grimes, Leonard A., 1815-1873
Minkins, Shadrach
Burns, Anthony, 1834-1862
Garrison, William Lloyd, 1805-1879
Douglass, Frederick, 1817?-1895
Twelfth Baptist Church (Boston, Mass.)
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
African American churches
Churches
Church history
Religion
Slavery
Enslaved persons
Fugitive slaves
Antislavery movements
African American abolitionists
Abolitionists
Jacob's ladder (Biblical dream)

Place: Boston (Mass.)
United States
United States -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865

Genre/Form: Sound recordings
Narration

ACMA AV003354: Abolition Church and Richard Allen, 1987
1 Sound recording (open reel; 1/4 inch)
001009
Creator: Anacostia Museum
Technical: 001009
Language: English.

Notes: Title transcribed from physical asset.
Abolition Church and Richard Allen includes the following music selections: Documentary Themes A-E, Battle Hymn of the Republic, Onward Christian Soldiers, and Solemn Hymn.
Instrumental music. Might be part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual Records. Dated 19871006.
Abolition Church and Richard Allen, Exhibition Records AV03-036, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.
Abolition Church and Richard Allen might be related to The Times of Richard Allen which was created alongside the Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition [Exhibition Records 03-036]. The exhibition explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988.
Copyright holder unknown. Field 110 might be incorrect.

Names: Allen, Richard, 1760-1831
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Topic: African Americans
African American churches
Churches
Religion
Church music
Music
Jacob's ladder (Biblical dream)

Place: United States

Genre/Form: Sound recordings
Music

ACMA AV000961: The Times of Richard Allen, 1994
1 Video recording (AV000961; open reel; 1 inch)
2 Sound recordings (AV003353, AV003356; open reel; 1/4 inch)
000820 000039 000542

Creator: Anacostia Community Museum
Howell, Michael W.
Vance, Jim
Smithsonian Institution

Technical: 000820 000039 000542

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV003353

ACMA AV003356

Title transcribed from opening credits of video recording.

Michael W. Howell dramatizes Richard Allen's life from his birth into slavery through his establishment of what was to become the modern-day African Methodist Episcopal Church. Events which led

to the founding of the Free African Society and Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia are explained.

Short one-man dramatization with still images and narration interspersed. Part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual Records. Complete production: AV000961 [captions burned into image]. Production elements: AV003353 and AV003356 [narration]. AV003356: first minute only [remaining recording related to Twelfth Baptist Church of Boston]. Dated 19941031 [AV000961]. Undated [all other recordings].

The Times of Richard Allen was created alongside the Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition which explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988.;Born a slave in 1760 on the Delaware property of Benjamin Chew and later sold to Stokely Sturgis, Richard Allen was one of the founders of the Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Philadelphia in 1789. In 1801, his collection of spiritual songs and hymns helped to establish an ongoing tradition of hymn singing at Mother Bethel. Allen also formed the Free African Society, Philadelphia's first black mutual aid society to serve the needs of African Americans regardless of religious beliefs, with Absalom Jones in 1787 after African Americans were segregated during worship services at St. George's United Methodist Church in Philadelphia.;Michael W. Howell collaborated with Smithsonian staff to create The Times of Richard Allen, a one-man dramatization performed by Howell at the Smithsonian's Museum of American History in 1987 to augment the museum's exhibit "After the Revolution: Everyday Life in America, 1780-1800," which focused in part on Allen. [McIntyre, Mike. Accolade for Round House. The Washington Post, Feb. 17, 1987.]

Copyright holder unknown. Field 110 might be incorrect. Performer: Michael W. Howell. Narrator: Jim Vance.

Names:

Allen, Richard, 1760-1831
Jones, Absalom, 1746-1818
Chew, Benjamin, 1722-1810
Sturgis, Stokely
Anacostia Community Museum
Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
Free African Society (Philadelphia, Pa.)
St. George's United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)

Topic:

African Americans
African American churches
Churches
Church history
Religion

Methodism
African American clergy
Clergy
Preachers
Slavery
Enslaved persons
Segregation
Jacob's ladder (Biblical dream)
Place: Philadelphia (Pa.)
Delaware
United States
Genre/Form: Video recordings
Sound recordings
Drama

ACMA AV001152: Climbing Jacob's Ladder, circa 1992

1 Video recording (open reel; 1 inch)

1 Video recording (MiniDV)

1 Item (film ; color interpositive; 16mm)

002957 003100 002939

Creator: Anacostia Museum
Smith, Edward D.
Reinckens, Sharon A.
Nelson, Stanley, 1955-
Caesar, Shirley, 1938-
Smithsonian Institution

Technical: 002957 003100 002939

Language: English.

Notes: ACMA AV005160

ACMA AV005350

Title transcribed from open credits of video recording.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder argues for the importance of documenting and preserving the history of the African American church as explained by church historians, archivists, and curators. The African American church tells the story of African Americans, provides direction and goals for the young, and is the center of African American life. Its history is illustrated through photographs and moving images, which are endangered of being lost and forgotten if preservation measures are not taken. The short documentary also provides an overview of the history of the black church and African American worship from slavery through present day, the role and style of black preachers, black church music and choirs, and clothing worn to religious services.

Short documentary. Part of Climbing Jacob's Ladder Audiovisual Records. AV001152: dated 19920324. AV005160: transferred from VHS, captions burnt into image, dated 1991. AV005350: 16mm Preservation Color Interpositive, no sound, dated 20150317.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder, Exhibition Records AV03-036, Anacostia Community Museum Archives, Smithsonian Institution.

Climbing Jacob's Ladder was based on the Climbing Jacob's Ladder: The Rise of Black Churches in Eastern American Cities, 1740 - 1877 exhibition which explored the growth and central role of African American churches during the 18th- and 19th-centuries in the eastern United States: Boston, Savannah, New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond. The exhibition was organized by the Anacostia Museum and held there from October 1987 to October 1988. The African American church provides the spiritual, educational, social, political, and economic center for the African American community. Because the history of the African American church tells the story of African Americans, the church is the largest repository of African American history.

Developed by the Anacostia Museum. Copyright 1992 - Anacostia Museum, Smithsonian Institution. Producer and Director - Stanley Nelson. Project Director - Sharon A. Reinckens. Project Historian - Edward D. Smith. Narrator - Shirley Caesar.

Names:

Allen, Richard, 1760-1831
 Jones, Absalom, 1746-1818
 Jasper, John, 1812-1901
 Dougherty, Dorothy
 Boyd, Ruby Chappelle
 Ross, Benjamin
 Epps, Annie
 James, Harry, Deacon
 Collier-Thomas, Bettye
 Turner, Wesley
 West, Donald
 Ellis, Edward L., Reverend
 Freeman, Felder
 Freeman, Evelynne
 Washington, Alonzo, Reverend
 Anacostia Community Museum
 Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
 Mother Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 St. Thomas' Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 St. George's United Methodist Church (Philadelphia, Pa.)
 First African Baptist Church (Savannah, Ga.)
 Sharp Street Memorial United Methodist Church (Baltimore, Md.)
 Sixth Mount Zion Baptist Church (Richmond, Va.)
 First Bryan Baptist Church (Savannah, Ga.)
 Johns Island Presbyterian Church (Johns Island, S.C.)

Topic:

African Americans
 African American history
 African American churches
 Churches
 Church history
 Historic preservation
 Religion
 Preachers
 Church music
 Music

African American choirs
Choirs (Music)
Spirituals (Songs)
Slavery
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Civil rights movements
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African American youth
Youth
Place: United States
Genre/Form: Video recordings
Documentary films

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