

Topics in Black American Philanthropy in the United States Since 1785

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Description

This guide documents the various ways in which blacks have practiced self-help starting with the formation in 1785 of the Free African Society, the first of many mutual aid societies established by free blacks in the United States. The author emphasizes the organizations and individuals who were significant to efforts to improve the black condition, while also analyzing the ideology that legitimized various philanthropic exercises. He considers both the successes and the failures and includes a look at those who sought to “redeem” Africa and Africans.

Audience

The guide will be of particular use to those seeking to understand the long tradition of black philanthropy, self-help and other organizations, and how the history of these organizations reflects the struggles of a people to create and realize themselves.

Uses

Information on key African American individuals and organizations is readily accessible. The guide may be used to identify sound building blocks for developing strategies for culturally sensitive and historically appropriate fundraising appeals.