

**American Slavery Resource** is a collection of thousands of interviews with former slaves conducted under the Works Progress Administration, primarily in the 1930s. Users may use American Slavery Resource within the library or by remote access.

Go to: **RCPL** (<http://www.myrcl.com>)  
Click on: **Research Tools**  
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Scroll down to: **American Slavery Resource**  
Click On: **inside the library** OR **home access**

Computer commands, field names and mouse actions are in *Italics*.  
Text that you must type is within single quote marks (' ').

★ To return to the table of contents, click **YOUR GREENWOOD eBOOKS** (top of the screen).

**1. How can I browse through interviews with South Carolina slaves?**

- ❑ Click on *The American Slave: South Carolina Narratives* (vol. 3)
- ❑ The list of names is on the left. Click on a name to read that person's interview.


*Caution! Names are **not** in alphabetical order.*

**2. I am looking for information about Dinah Allen from Mississippi.**

- ❑ Type 'Dinah Allen' in the *quick search* box
- ❑ Select *Entire Catalog* from the dropdown menu. Click GO.
- ❑ Click on *The American Slave – Mississippi Narratives*




**3. How can I find a list of all those who were interviewed?**

- ❑ Return to the table of contents (click **YOUR GREENWOOD eBOOKS**)
- ❑ Scroll down and click on *A Comprehensive Name Index for The American Slave*
- ❑ Click on *Narrator Index*
- ❑ Click the beige arrow (right of screen) to open the pages of the index 

*Notice that the first page is 79 (upper left corner). The Narrator Index covers pages 79 - 222.*

**4. Who was the youngest person to be interviewed?**

- ❑ Return to the table of contents (click **Your GREENWOOD Ebooks**)
- ❑ Scroll down and click on *A Comprehensive Name Index for The American Slave*
- ❑ Click on *Narrator Birth Year Index* on the left
- ❑ Click the beige arrow (right of screen) to open the pages of the index 

*Notice that the first page is 313 (upper left corner). The Narrator Birth Year Index covers pages 313 - 390.*

**5. How can I find out more about using this resource?**

- ❑ Return to the table of contents (click **Your GREENWOOD Ebooks**)
- ❑ Scroll down and click on *Index to The American Slave*
- ❑ Click on *How to Use this Index*

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