[Angola: The Immigration Origins of U.S. Slavery](#)

Stolen by Portuguese slave traders, kidnapped by English pirates, and taken far from home in Angola, African arrivals to colonial Virginia in 1619 marked the origins of U.S. slavery. The colonial conquest of Angola, a country in southwestern Africa, by the Portuguese helped to provide a rich heritage. This process unfolded in various stages over almost 400 years beginning with missionaries in the Kingdom of Kongo in the 1490s and the establishment of colony of Lunanda in 1575. In the beginning the Portuguese were mostly interested in slave trade. They conquered the coastal areas which could serve as slave trading hubs. Luanda was the biggest of these, but another large colonial hub was the city of Benguela which was established in 1617. The Portuguese would then either do slaving raids into the country from these coastal fortresses or rely on local inland rulers to sell them slaves who had been captured during local conflicts.

Angola

From a single URL cited below on FamilySearch, you will find a comprehensive overview of resources for Angola that covers the gamut of resources and research tools that you could initiate researching your family roots there. It is a guide to Angola's ancestry, history, and genealogy with birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, military records and much more. The URL is https://www.familysearch.org/wiki/en/Angola_Genealogy

Angola Genealogy

Angola Wiki Topics

Beginning Research

- [Research Strategies](#)
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Record Types

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Local Research Resources

- [Archives & Libraries](#)
- [Societies](#)

- [Family History Centers](#)

Angola

Guide to **Angola ancestry,family history and genealogy**: birth records, marriage records, death records, census records, family history, and military records.

Country Information

Angola is a country in Africa bordered by [Namibia](#), [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#), and [Zambia](#). It was a former colony of [Portugal](#). The official language is Portuguese.[1]

Getting Started

Getting Started with Angola Research

Links to articles on getting started with Angola research.

- [How to Find Birth Records](#)
- [How to Find Marriage Records](#)
- [How to Find Death Records](#)

Angola Research Tools

Links to articles and websites that assist in Angola research.

- [Angola Mailing Lists](#)
- [Angola Genealogy](#)

Angola Online Records   Ask the Community

Angola Map

Provinces[edit source]

Genealogy records are kept on the local level in Angola.

- [1 - Bengo Province](#)
- [2 - Benguela Province](#)
- [3 - Bie Province](#)
- [4 - Cabinda Province](#)
- [5 - Cuando Cubango Province](#)
- [6 - Cuanza Norte Province](#)

* 7 - Cuanza Sul Province

* 8 - Cunene Province

* 9 - Huambo Province

* 10 - Huila Province

* 11 - Luanda Province

* 12 - Lunda Norte Province

* 13 - Lunda Sul Province

* 14 - Malanje Province

* 15 - Moxico Province

* 16 - Namibe Province

* 17 - Uige Province

* 18 - Zaire Province

FamilySearch Resources

Below are FamilySearch resources that can assist you in researching your family.

* Facebook Communities - Facebook groups discussing genealogy research

* Learning Center - Online genealogy courses

* Historical Records

* Family History Center locator map

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Angola Online Genealogy Records

Angola

Online Records

Guide to Angola Online Genealogy Records for researching ancestry, family history and genealogy: birth, marriage, death, census, church, military, immigration, and naturalization records.

Angola Online Genealogy Records
These are genealogy links to Angola online databases to assist in researching your family history. This online collection has links to online databases and indexes that may include birth records, marriage records, death records, biographies, cemeteries, censuses, histories, immigration records, land records, military records, newspapers, obituaries, or probate records.
Ancestry.com, findmypast.com, and MyHeritage.com can be searched free of charge at your local family history center **or the** Family History Library **in Salt Lake City, Utah.**

Church Records and Vital Records

Births, Baptisms, or Christenings; Marriages; Deaths or Burials

- South Africa, Church of the Province of South Africa, Parish Registers, 1801-2004 includes Angola. Index and images.
- British Nationals Born Overseas 1818-2005, index and images.
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Births and Baptisms, Angola, index and images, ($)
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Births and Baptisms, Africa, index and images, ($)
- British Nationals Married Overseas 1818-2005, index and images,
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Banns and Marriages, Angola, index and images, ($)
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Banns and Marriages, Africa, index and images, ($)
- British Nationals Died Overseas 1818-2005, index and images.
- British Armed Forces and Overseas Deaths and Burials, index and images, ($)

- South Africa, Church of the Province of South Africa, Parish Registers, 1801-2004, index and images, includes Angola
- South Africa, Netherdutch Reformed Church Registers (Pretoria Archive), 1838-1991, index and images, includes Angola,
- South Africa, Reformed Church Records, 1856-1988, images, includes Angola

Periodicals

- Periodical Source Index, index and images, ($)