AFRICAN-AMERICAN HERITAGE

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY

The African-American presents in Prince William County date from initial settlement in the late 1800s. Slaves and a whole overseer-established settlements of cabins called "Negro Quarters." From then, they got out to run and till the plantations of largely absentee landlords.

Slaves also labored in mills, mines and plantations, especially after the end of Emancipation in the 1860s. They also served as plantation overseers and some even purchased land to produce and market cotton, wheat, and grains.

Slaves were, however, largely excluded from decision-making power, even as the country recovered from the Civil War. The freedmen's movement, which sought to empower freedmen, was largely ineffective.

Suffragists and the NAACP worked for decades to win voting rights and other civil rights for African Americans. Their efforts were largely successful in the 1960s.

Today, Prince William County is a diverse community with a rich African-American history.

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