Propaganda photos, such as the one above of light-skinned former slaves, circulated in 1864 as a way to fundraise for the education of former slaves and to provoke unease in “white Northerners” and spur them to act in the fight against slavery.

More contextual information for this series of cartes de visite can be found here and here.

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Featured Library Book:

*Life of William Grimes, the runaway slave* / edited by William L. Andrews and Regina E. Mason
306.36209 GRIMES

Selected Library Materials:

*Puttin’ on ole massa; the slave narratives of Henry Bibb, William Wells Brown, and Solomon Northup* / William L. Andrews, general editor; David A. Davis ... [et al.], editors
301.4522 OSOFSKY

*North Carolina slave narratives : the lives of Moses Roper, Lunsford Lane, Moses Grandy & Thomas H. Jones* / William L. Andrews, general editor; David A. Davis ... [et al.], editors
306.36209 NORTH

*Voices from slavery* / Edited by Norman R. Yetman
973.711 YETMAN

*Unchained memories [videorecording] : readings from the slave narratives / an HBO Documentary Film in association with the Library of Congress ; producers, Jacqueline Glover, Thomas Lennon ; writer, Mark Jonathan Harris ; directors, Ed Bell, Thomas Lennon
DVD 306.362 UNCHAINED

*A son of Africa [videorecording] : the slave narrative of Olaudah Equiano / Aimimage Productions for the BBC ; producer, Hugh Williams ; director, Alrick Riley ; writer, Danny Padmore
DVD BIO EQUIANO
Selected Archival Collections:

**MS 6 Gibson Family Papers**

The Gibson Family Papers encompass materials relating to six family members: Audrey Gibson Robinson; Charles Nelson Gibson; Lucinda Ray Gibson; Lois Gibson; Maude E. Gibson; and Frederick D. Robinson.

Lucinda Ray was a descendent of Nelson Ray, a slave who obtained his freedom in 1864 and came out to California to mine for gold. Through his profits, Ray acquired enough money to pay for his wife and children's freedom and settled in Placerville, where he worked as a carpenter and blacksmith.

**MS 41 Mayme C. Netherland Collection**

The Mayme C. Netherland Photograph Collection includes 41 photographs of friends and family of Mayme C. Netherland.

Mayme (Mary) C. Netherland (1877-1973) was born to Oscar Thomas Jackson and Mary Ellen Jackson (née Scott) in Oakland, California. Her maternal grandfather, John Scott (1815-1916), was born a slave in White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia. At the age of 23, he escaped and joined a band of Cherokee Indians. During this time, he helped other slaves escape along the Underground Railroad. After two years of freedom, Scott was caught and sold to Lieutenant Hoskins of the U.S. Army. Scott served alongside Hoskins in the Mexican-American War and was a member of John C. Fremont's 1844 expedition to California. At the end of the expedition, Scott escaped again and found a rich gold mine in Calaveras County.

**MS 60 Ruth Beckford Papers**

The Ruth Beckford Papers include dance programs, correspondence, lesson plans, oral histories, manuscripts, newspapers clippings, and photographs documenting Beckford's career as a noted African-Haitian dancer, actress, and teacher.

**MS 179 African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection**

The African American Museum & Library at Oakland Vertical File Collection consists of programs, flyers, correspondence, posters, pamphlets, and ephemera collected by the African American Museum & Library at Oakland.

**MS 186 Proverb Jacobs Papers**

Proverb Jacobs (1935-2016), professional football player from 1958-1964 and Laney College Athletics Director, was born Proverb Jacobs Jr. in Marksville, Louisiana, on May 25, 1935. The Proverb Jacobs Papers include newspaper clippings, souvenir programs, correspondence, curriculum vitae, handwritten notes, pamphlets, photographs, ephemera, and assorted material documenting Jacob's football and teaching career.

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**The Duc de Main (slave ship) undated**

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**Slave Jacob sold 11-2-1808 undated**