

Of Interest To The Negro

HALF CENTURY OF FREEDOM.

Condition of the Colored Race—1863.

Population, census 1860: Slaves, 3,953,760; Free, 487,970; total	4,441,730
Illiteracy	90%
Value of property, estimated at	\$1,200,000
Number of colleges and universities	1
Number of college graduates, estimated at	30
Number of practising physicians and pharmacists	0
Number of lawyers	0
Number of banks operated by Negroes	0
Number of Negro towns	0
Number of newspapers	1
Number of churches owned, estimated at	400
Value of church property	\$500,000
Membership of Negro churches, estimated at	40,000
Number of children in schools, estimated at	25,000

Condition of the Colored People—1913.

Total Negro population (United States)	9,828,294
Homes owned by Negroes	500,000
Churches owned by Negroes	31,393
Church membership	3,207,305
Sunday Schools	24,380
Sunday School scholars	1,440
Illiteracy, census 1910	30.5%
Value of property, estimated at	\$1,000,000,000
Number of farms owned	250,000
Value of church property	\$65,000,000
Number of college and university graduates	8,000
Professional men	75,000
Number of practicing physicians estimated at	50,000
Number of children in schools	2,000,000
Number of Negro towns	50
Number of Negro teachers	30,000
Land owned by Negroes	20,000,000
acres or 31,000 square miles.	
Drug stores	300
General stores and other industrial enterprises	20,000
Newspapers and periodicals	389
Hospital and nurse training schools	61
Banks owned by Negroes	72
Insurance companies	100
62.2 per cent of all Negroes in the United States, 10 years of age and over are engaged in gainful occupations.	
Property owned by Negro secret societies	\$8,000,000
Capital stock Negro banks	2,000,000
Annual business done by Negro banks	20,000,000

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Second—The Negro enterprises

have no other means of support save their own people.

Third—Negro newspapers tell of the good things of the race, turn the bright side of the picture and don't wait until you get in jail to speak of you.