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Some African Americans Listed in Mobile, Alabama City Directories 1837-1839, 1842, 1844

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Introduction

City directories can be an excellent genealogical resource used to trace Americans of any ethnicity and are especially helpful because they may be obtainable when census records are not available. Directories are a list of residents and businesses in a particular locality in a particular year. They are useful in helping to reconstruct a community and might also provide some insight into living conditions.

It should be kept in mind, however, that not all city directories are alike. Some directories listed "colored people" in a separate section in the back. Other directories included African Americans, but may not have always identified them by race. Women business owners as well as widows and heads of households might also be included in the directories.

Although some early city directories included only the names of heads of household, a city directory might be divided into the following sections:

- a listing of streets;
- a listing of businesses, including advertisements for local businesses, products and services;
- an appendix that might include churches, schools, and charitable institutions, societies, fraternal organizations and clubs, banks, government offices, hospitals, cemeteries, asylums, names of community leaders and the organizations they are affiliated with, and orphanages.

Early Mobile, Alabama, city directories did contain the names of African Americans and usually included the occupations and an address. The absence of an occupation, however, does not mean that the individual was indigent, it merely means that the information was not available.

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The following transcription may not include every free person of color because not all directory entries included a racial designation.

The directory included the following: (1) in the address section, "c." for corner and "b." for between; (2) in the race column, "c" for colored, "fwc/fmc" for free woman of color or free man of color and "fcm" for free colored man. Information enclosed in brackets [] has been inserted by the transcriber. The column headings have been inserted on each page.

1837

Last Name	First Name	Race	Occupation	Address	Page #
Alexander	R	Fwc	Shopkeeper		009
Banter	John Glaud	Fmc			010
Belfore	William	Fmc	Waterman		012
Boaddre	Alex	Fmc	Carpenter	C. St., Louis & Hamilton	012
Boudin	J.	Fwc		St. Michael, C St. Joacim & Jackson	13
Charles	Peter	Fmc	Bricklayer	St. Louis, B. St. Joseph & Conception	16
Clara	Madame	Fwc	Confectioner	C. Conception & St. Michael	16
Clements	Bongarson	Fmc	Fruiterer	Dauphin B. St. Joachim & Conception	17
Collin	Fauster [Faustin?]	Fmc		Conti, B. Conception & Emanuel	17
Collins	John	Fmc	Carpenter	St. Michael, B. Conception & St. Joachim	18
Cooper	Edy	Fwc	Washer	St. Joachim, B. Dauphin, Conti	18
Darrington	Margaret	Fwc		Dearborn, B. St. Michael, St. Louis	20
Donavan	Hannah	Fwc		Dearborn, B. St. Michael, St. Louis	21
Durette	Isabella	Fwc		Laurence, B. Dauphin, St. Francis	22
Durette	Isadore	Fmc	Carpenter		22
Durette	Joseph		Butcher	C. Cedar, St. Francis	22
Durette	Nannett [Madam]	Fwc		C. St. Joachim, St. Francis	22
Field	Richard	Fmc	Preacher, African Ch.	St. Michael, B. Frankin, Laurence	24
Fournier	Noel	Fmc	Bricklayer	St. Emanuel, B. Eslava, Madison	25
Gamble	Phillip	Fmc	Jobber	C. Adams, Conception	25
Goumarrin	Alex	Fmc	Shoemaker	Dauphin, B. conception, St. Joachim	27
Laland	Horace	Fmc	Tailor	Conception, B. Govt., Conti	34
Lewis	Catherine	Fwc	Washer	St. Joachim, B. St. Anthony, St. Louis	35
Lora	Joseph	Fmc	Grocer	c. Cedar, St. Louis	35
Mcalister	T. M.	Fmc	Steward Steamboat	St. Michael and Claiborn	36
Mitchell	Ann	Fwc	Washer & Ironer	St. Louis, B. St. Joachim and Jackson	40

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Moody	Henry	Fmc	Steward Steamboat	C. St Michael and Claiborn	40
Nacissie	W. [Wadderly]	Fmc	Shoemaker	Dauphin, B. St. Joachim, Conception	41
Nouille	Isabella	Fwc		Spring Hill Road	42
Osborn	William	Fmc	Drayman	Cedar, B. St. Louis, St. Michael	43
Parker	Edward	Fmc	Wood Merchant	R. Claiborn, B. Eslava and Madison	43
Parker	Rosetta	Fwc	Washer	St. Joachim, B. Dauphin and Conti	43
Pierre	Mary	Fwc	Washer Woman	Warren, B. St. Louis and St. Michael	44
Pierre [Chastang]	Major [Pierre]	Fmc	Drayman	Franklin, B. St. Francis, St. Michael	44
Raymon	Rives	Fmc	Fisherman	Conception, B. Govt. and Church	46
Strong	Sandy	Fmc	Bookseller & Circulating	C. Dauphin and St. Joachim	54
Taylor	Arthur	Fmc	Laborer	St. Louis, B. Dearborn, Warren	55
Tomlinson	Henry	Fmc	Barber		56
Voravy	Louis	Fmc	Hunter	Cedar, B. St. Francis, Dauphin	57
Zedoridurate	Jared	Fmc	Carpenter	Lower End Water [St.]	60
Ziddo	Boca	Fmc	Fisherman & Hunter	C. St. Louis, Wilkinson	60

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Bada	Judy	C	Fruit	78 St. Michael	18
Bahee	Madame	C		24 Conception	18
Barns	Louisa	C		65 St. Michael	19
Bazil	Marcellin	C		91 Conti	20
Bazil	Mary Jane	C		89 Conti	20
Belfore	William	C		Claiborne South of Eslava	20
Bongerson	Augustine	C	Blacksmith	67 St. Joachim	22
Bongerson	Clement	C	Grocer	65 St. Joachim	22
Bryant	Maria	C	Boarding House	36 St. Joachim	23
Bucca	Lidda	C		St. Louis, C. Cedar	24
Cador	[none]	C	Drayman	St. Michael, C. Cedar	24
Charles	Caroline	C	Fruits	17 St. Louis	26
Chase	Cyrus	C	Carpenter	St. Michael, C. Cedar	26
Collin	John	C	Carpenter	63 St. Michael	27
Collins	Polly	C		39 Church	28
Cooper	Edy	C		51 St. Joachim	28
Dick	Mary	C	Fruit Shop	40 St. Joachim	31
Durand	Madam	C		28 Cedar	32
Durand	Polly	C		4 North St. Joachim	33
Durett	Barbarry	C		26 Laurence	33
Durett	Joseph	C	Butcher	117 St. Francis	33
Durett	Margaret	C		26 Laurence	33

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Durett	Nannett	C		21 Jackson	33
Faustin [Collins]	Collin [Faustin]	C		79 Conti	34
Garcia	Joseph	C		90 Dauphin	36
Glover	Rachael	C		16 Stone	37
Gregory	Francis	C	Butcher	147 Conti	38
Griggs	Catherine	C		105 St. Louis	39
Grove	Henry	C		107 St. Louis	39
Henry	Louisa	C		6 Cedar	41
Jenkins	Mary	C		19 Hamilton	44
Joseph	Mary	C		8 Cedar	45
King	Easter	C	Boarding House	152 Dauphin	46
Laland	Horace	C	Tailor	59 Conception	47
Laland	Lucien	C	Tailor	59 Conception	47
Laland	Stephen	C	Butcher	13 Hamilton	47
Laurendinejo	Joseph	C	Carpenter	93 St. Louis	48
Laurendine	Lucy	C		None	48
Laurendine	Madame	C		94 St. Michael	38
Laurendine	Robinson	C	Butcher	None	48
Marchand	Eliza	C		19 St. Louis	52
Mcbride	George	C	Barber	19 St. Francis	49
Mcmasters	Betsey	C		Congress	51
Medad	Hannah	C		117 St. Louis	53
Menet	Madame	C	Midwife	26 Cedar	54
Methodist Church	Methodist Church			St. Michael, C. Franklin?	54
Mitchell	James	C		56 Conti	54
Mitchell	Margaret	C		58 Conti	52
Narcisse	W.	C	Shoemaker	90 Dauphin	56
Noel	Isabella	C	Fruits	SpringHill Road	56
None Listed	Seymore	C		4 Cedar	66
O'Brien	Thomas	C	Barber	34 St. Joachim	57
Panquinette	Pierre	C		Clairborne, C. St. Michael	58
Parker	Edward	C	Wood Merchant	Claiborne N. Eslava	58
Petie	Rose	C		116 St. Louis	59
Petit	Valerine	C	Fruits	17 St. Louis	59
Pinta	F.	C	Grocer	Dauphin, C. Warren	59
Pollard	James	C	Bricklayer	24 Hamilton	59
Ponce	Anna	C		112 Dauphin	59
Pope	Sally	C		98 St. Michael	60
Portier	Alexander	C	Shoe Maker	107 Dauphin	60
Roberts	John	C	Shoemaker	4 North St. Joachim	63
Rondin	Peter	C	Butcher	231 Dauphin	64
Savage	Mary [c.]	C		190 Dauphin	65
Stran	Jack	C	Barber	13 St. Emanuel	70
Talbert	Joseph	C	Carpenter	5 Cedar	70
Taylor	Arthur	C	Cartman	117 St. Louis	71

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Trenier	Clariss	C		101 St. Louis	72
Trenier	John	C	Grocer	92 Dauphin	72
Trenier	John	C	Carpenter	Stickney's Block, St. Francis	72

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Andrew	John B.	C	Fisherman & Hunter	166 Water	45
Barba	Jura	C		26 Laurence	46
Barnes	Louisa	C		65 St. Michael	47
Belfore	William	C		Clairborne, South of Eslava	47
Belfour	Mary Deborah	C		[Clairborne?], South of Eslava	47
Blocker	Charles	C	Barber	24 Joachim	48
Bongerson	A.	C	Blacksmith	65 St. Joachim	49
Bongerson	Augustin	C	Grocer & Confectioner	69 St. Joachim	49
Bongerson	Clement	C	Grocer	65 St. Joachim	49
Bowlin (Bolling?)	Peter	C		80 St. Francis	49
Cador	None	C	Drayman	St. Michael, 9 Cedar	51
Chase	Cyrus	C	Carpenter	St. Michael, C. Cedar	52
Chastang	Catherine	C		7 Walnut	53
Clara (Madame)	Madame (Clara)	C	Confectioner	C. Conception and St. Michael	54
Clement (Joseph)	Joseph B.	C	Grocer	65 St. Joachim	54
Collin	Faustin	C		79 Conti	55
Collin	John	C	Carpenter	63 St. Michael	55
Collins	Polly	C	Coffee House	39 Church	54
Constantine	E., Mrs.	C		99 Dauphin	54
De Vally	Delia	C		40 St. Joachim	58
Durett	Barbary	C		26 Laurence	57
Durett	Joseph	C		117 St. Francis C. Cedar	57
Emerson	Catherine	C		56 St. Joachim	60
Field	Abby	C		113 St. Michael	60
Fontinett	Pierre	C		C. St. Michael & Clairborne	62
Foster	F.	C		107 St. Louis	62
Fournier	Emanuel	C	Bricklayer	95 St. Emanuel	63
Gamble	Philip, Jr.	C		Orange Grove N. St. Joseph	63
Gamble	Philip, Sr.	C		Orange Grove N. St. Joseph	63
Gregory	Antoinett	C		105 St. Louis	65
Gregory	Francis	C	Butcher	147 Conti	65
Groce	Henry	C		132 St. Michael	65
Groves	Henry	C		C. Warren & St. Michael	65

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Hilliard	Rebecca	C		18 Cedar	66
Kennedy	Esther	C		152 Dauphin	72
Laland	Stephen	C	Butcher	13 Hamilton	73
Laurendine	Benjamin	C		94 St. Michael	74
Laurendine	Joseph	C	Carpenter	93 St. Louis	74
Laurendine	Lucy	C		126 Conti	74
Laurendine	Madame	C		94 St. Michael	74
Laurendine	Robinson	C	Butcher	231 Dauphin	74
Mcbride	George	C		19 St. Francis, R. 3 Warren	75
Menet	Madame	C	Midwife	26 Cedar	79
Narcisse	Waddallie	C	Shoemaker	90 Dauphin	82
Netles	Mary	C		12 St. Joachim	82
Noille (Noel)	Isabella	C		Spring Hill Road	83
Nora	Louisa	C		75 Conception	83
Page	Elam	C	Barber	Under City Hall	84
Panquinette	Pierre	C		100 St. Michael	84
Parker	Edward	C	Wood Merchant	3 Warren	84
Petit	Valerine	C	Fruits	17 St. Louis	85
Pochon	Nannett	C		24 St. Michael	85
Pope	Sally	C		98 St. Michael	86
Portier	Alexander	C	Shoemaker	107 Dauphin	86
Ray	Christiana	C		5 Cedar	87
Rondin	Peter	C	Butcher	231 Dauphin	89
Savage	Mary C.	C		190 Dauphin	91
Stong	Hercules	C		22 St. Joachim	95
Stong	Sandy	C	Grocer	6 Cedar	96
Stran	Jack	C	Barber	3 St. Emanuel	95
Trenier	John	C	Grocer	92 Dauphin	98
Trenier	None	C		154 St. Michael C. Wilkinson	98
Waddlie	Narcisse	C	Shoemaker	90 Dauphin	99
West	Mary	C	Washer Woman	Monroe N. Cruzat's	100

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Clara	Madame	C	Confectioner	St. Michael B. St. Joseph and Conception	18
Collin	Faustin	C		79 Conti	19
Kennedy	William	C	Bricklayer	Ss Conti, 2d Door E. of Dearborn	35
King	Esther	C		Dauphin C. Hamilton	35
Laurendine	Benjamin	C		94 St. Michael	36
Laurendine	Joseph	C	Carpenter	93 St. Louis	36
Laurendine	Lucy	C		126 Conti	37
Laurendine	Madam	C		94 St. Michael	37
Laurendine	Robinson	C	Butcher	231 Dauphin Above Franklin	37

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Menett	Madam	C	Midwife	26 Cedar	41
Page	Elam	C	Barber	56 Royal	45
Pope	Sally	C		98 St. Michael	47
Trenier	John	C		Northwest C. St. Louis and Dearborn	58

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Antonio	[None]	Creole		Northwest C. St. Michael and Claiborne	46
Bouquet	Mrs. Frances	Creole		Southeast C. St. Francis and Cedar	116
Brown	Peter	C		88 State	51
Bucay	Mary	Creole	Furniture Renovator	Southwest C. Government and Franklin	117
Carter	Milton	C	Furniture Renovator	Southwest C. Government and Franklin	117
Collins	Madam Augusta	C		240 Dauphin	57
Collins	Polite	C		R. South East Corner Chestnut and 3 rd	56
Daratte [Durette]	Barbe	C		29 Lawrence	63
Duret	Jose	C		61 Emanuel	118
Fire Company	Creole #1			43 Jackson	65
Gale	Mrs. Louisa	Creole		Southeast C. St. Francis and Cedar	119
Gray	James	C	Tailor	88 St. Michael	119
Joseph	Clement B.	C	Grocer	55 Joachim	78
Lockwood	Charlotte	C		18 Conception	120
Marand	None	C		Dauphin Near Broad	84
Methodist Church	Colored People	C		St. Michael, B. Hamilton and Lawrence	86
Wilkinson	Mary	C		Southeast C. Church and Dearborn	113