

# Your History

Dates Back Beyond the Cotton  
Fields in the South . . . Back  
Thousands of Years Before Christ.

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THE FIRST SLAVES IN THE AMERICAN COLONIES WERE CALLED VARIOUSLY, BLACK-AMORES, MOORS, MORES, AFRICANS, NIGERS, NEGRS, ETHIOPAINS AND NEGROS..... OF THE PRESENT TERMS, NEGRO IS VERY ANCIENT AFRICAN AND COMES FROM NIGER (NIGERIA), AND WAS THE NAME OF PEOPLES FROM THAT REGION IN ROME 'COLORED', A MUCH LATER TERM, IS OLD FRENCH... 'BLACK' IS FROM OLD GERMAN AND OLD ANGLO-SAXON AND WAS USED TO DESCRIBE THINGS DREADFUL AND GLOOMY AS NIGHT AND FEAR.....



**SLAVERY** BECAME A LAW IN VIRGINIA ABOUT 1661 OR 1680; IN MARYLAND IN 1663; N. CAROLINA, IN 1751, AND MASSACHUSETTS, THE FIRST TO LEGALIZE IT, IN 1641. PRIOR TO THAT THE STATUS OF THE NEGRO WAS THE SAME AS THAT OF THE WHITES WHO WERE HELD OR SOLD INTO SERVITUDE, THAT IS, FOR A LIMITED TIME... THE FIRST NEGROES IN VA. WHO NUMBERED 20 IN 1625, WERE NOT SLAVES...