The Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation (SHMR) Project, on behalf of the Jesuits of Canada and the United States, is researching the lives of people held in slavery by the Jesuits.

We endeavor to communicate what we have learned, and we invite you to join us in this effort. We also invite living descendants of the people the Jesuits held in slavery to work with the Jesuits to determine appropriate responses to this history.

Descendants of enslaved people who labored for the Jesuits in Missouri may share the following commonalities in their family histories:

- African ancestry
- Family ties to the St. Louis area that go back at least five generations
- Roman Catholic or formerly Catholic
- Ancestors were owned by the Jesuits or Catholic priests
- Ancestors came from Missouri, Maryland (specifically White Marsh, Baltimore County), Washington, DC, Kentucky, Kansas, or Illinois
- Ancestors from the 19th century have one or more of the following last names or their variations:
  - Brown
  - Chauvin
  - Hammond (Hammons, Hammon, Hammonds, Hamond, Chambers*)
  - Harris (Arris, Haris)
  - Hawkins (Hawkens, Opkins)
  - Hoppins
  - Mills
  - Queen (Quinn, Quin)
  - Rowden (Roach)
  - Taylor or Tell
  - Turner
  - Tyler (Tylor, Taylor)
  - Wilson

* indicates that a surname belonged to a slaveholder rather than an enslaved person, but an enslaved person may have still used this surname.

INVITATION

If you believe you have some of these commonalities in your family history, we invite you to contact us:

SHMR@Jesuits.org
314-758-7159

Please describe the possible connection to the enslaved people, as well as your name and how we can contact you.
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Connecting with Descendants - Missouri

Map of Greater St. Louis Area
Descendants will have historic ties to these locations in Missouri.

Map of Central United States
Descendants will also have historic ties to these locations.