

African American Civil War Museum



← **Meet Banister Jackson,**

I am a 12 year old slave boy who ran away to join the Union army.
Can you find my picture inside the museum?
(HINT: look for “A Soldier’s Duties”)

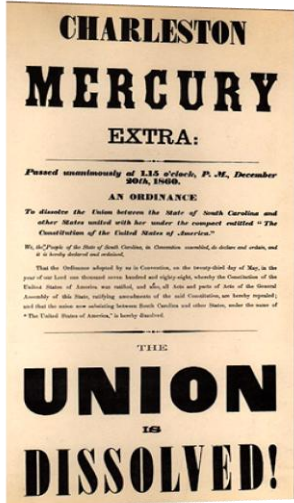
Look for these shackles. Touch them! →

These shackles were used to secure African captives in the belly of ships as they crossed the Atlantic Ocean.
What do you think they are made of? Do you think they would be comfortable?



Look for Harriet Tubman’s picture inside the exhibit →

The Underground Railroad helped hundreds of slaves reach freedom. Workers on the Underground Railroad, like Harriet Tubman, were called “conductors”.
Was the Underground Railroad a real railroad? Did it use trains?



← **Go to “Electing Secession” and find this picture.**

South Carolina became the first of 11 states to secede from the Union (meaning they decided they did not want to be in it anymore) on December 24, 1860.

Fill in the blanks to find out which other states seceded!

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Find a Union Uniform (HINT: look in the chest!)

← Try on the uniform! Banister Jackson would have worn a hat like this. Some soldiers marched 30 miles a day in these uniforms.

How does the uniform feel? Would you want to wear it on a hot day? What about on a cold day? A rainy day?



← Find this drum. (HINT: it's next to the chest!)

Musicians like Banister Jackson would send signals to soldiers using drum beats.

Use the drum to make your own signal. What does your signal mean?

Bonus, Go To “Toward A More Perfect Union”

In the 1950's and 1960's many people marched for equal rights. They wore buttons like these.

What was Martin Luther King Jr.'s most famous speech? He gave it during the March on Washington in 1963.



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to do at home

Make your own button or protest sign for a march for equality and find other activities at www.afroamcivilwar.org



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