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BOOK REVIEWS

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A Guide to Researching African American Ancestors in Laurens County, South Carolina and Selected Finding Aids by LaBrenda Garrett-Nelso, C. G. 6 x 9 size, 423 + xxii pp. Available in hard cover (\$34.99), soft cover (\$23.99) and e-book (\$3.99) versions, indexed, maps, photographs, facsimile copies of records. Available on Amazon.com, barnesandnoble.com, and xlibris.com. The author has shared the research on her own ancestry and has included a variety of records from Laurens County, including slave holders from the 1860 slave schedule, blacks from the 1870 census, excerpts from records of the Freedmen's Bureau, and cemetery inscriptions from five early black churches in Laurens County. Additionally, names of slaves mentioned in the WPA will transcripts from Laurens County are listed. This work can be a guide to such research in other South Carolina counties, as similar records are available from many of the counties. In the list of resources, we are most pleased to find SCMAR listed. This work is highly recommended as a guide for such research, and we hope that others will publish such resources for other South Carolina counties.