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This paper focuses on the sexual abuse and exploitation of enslaved men in America. I am in the process of expanding into a book my published article, "Sexual Abuse of Black Men Under American Slavery," (*Journal of the History of Sexuality*). This talk will give an overview of this book project and raise the problems of interpretation and analysis of historical sources for the study of rape and sexual coercion and exploitation of enslaved men. In particular, for this topic, one confronts an archive that did not legally or culturally articulate rape and sexual assault with regards to enslaved men. Studying the sexual exploitation of enslaved men, contributes to the scholarship on gender and sexuality in early America, to our understanding of slavery and slave life, to literature on black masculinity, and also to literature examining historicisation of rape.



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