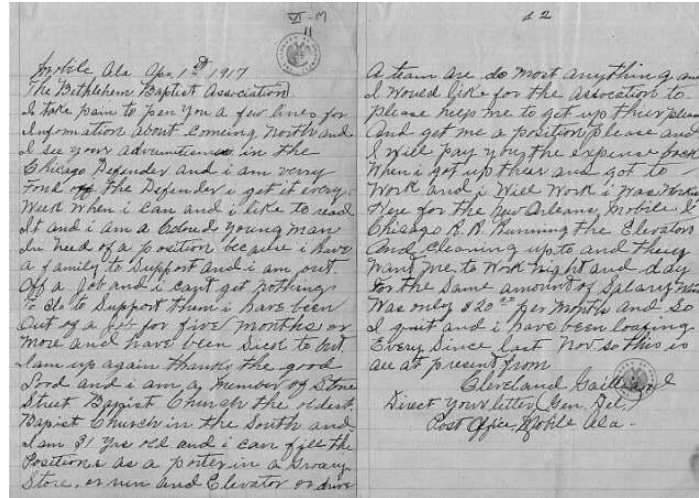


Resource Sheet #2



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Source B

Letter from Cleveland Gaillard to the Bethlehem Baptist Association

The Chicago Defender was a remarkably successful in encouraging blacks to migrate from the South to Chicago, often listing names of churches and other organizations to whom they could write for help. As a result, thousands of prospective migrants wrote letters to black churches, such as the Bethlehem Baptist Association in Chicago, Illinois, which assumed the task of helping black migrants find housing and employment. They also helped migrants to adjust to their new environment.

Mobile, Ala

April 1st 1917

The Bethlehem Baptist Association

I take pains to pen you a few lines for information about coming North and I see your advertisements in the Chicago Defender and i am very Fond off the Defender i get it every week when i can and i like to read It and i am a Colred young man In need of a position because i have a family to support and I am out off a job and i can't nothing To do to Support them i havs been Out of a job for five months or more and have been Sick to but I am up again thanks the good Lord and i am a member of Stone Street Baptist Church the olders Baptist Church in the South and I am 31 yrs old and i can fill the positions as a porter in a Grocery Store. Or run and Elevator or drive a Team are do most anything and I would like for the Association to please help me to get up thier please And get a position please and I will help pay you the expenses when i get up their and got to work and i will work i was working for the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago R.R. running the elevator and cleaning up to and they want me to work night and day for the same amount of salary which was \$20.00 per month so I quit and i been looking every since last Nov so this is all at present from

Cleveland Gaillard

Direct your letter (Gen. Del.)

Post Office, Mobile, Ala

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