The Independent African-American Church 1865-1900

Between 1865 and 1900 the Independent African-American Church developed as a compelling and powerful institution, whereby the church developed itself as a tool to constant progress for African-Americans in the American society. The African-American church was not only a religious place, but also a place where the African-Americans developed a collective identity. The independent African-American Church brought the African-Americans for the same and common cause together. This church has played an enormously important role in the formation of a self-contained community, as many scientists have already investigated.

The Independent African-American Church played an important role in the African-American society. A few researchers looked into the question why the African-Americans decided to leave the white controlled churches after the abolition of slavery. This thesis looked into the general history of the independent African-American church. This research is based their conclusion on base of autobiographies and work of the most influential, leading religious figures after the abolition of slavery in 1865. This thesis proposed the hypothesis that the independent African-American church was formed by the aim to educate the just liberated African-American in both a spiritual and an educational way, as a form of protest and in order to uplift their race.