

Sullivan's Island:

The African-American Ellis Island



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Lewis Auditorium • Ground Floor



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Many Americans are more familiar with West African slaves entering American soil from the shores of the Caribbean islands. However, Sullivan's Island, South Carolina, served as the main point of entry for African slaves—a quarantine station for those individuals who would be sold into slavery; over 200,000 African men, women and children who endured the Middle Passage. About forty percent of today's African-American population can trace their ancestral roots to West Africa through the Sullivan's Island/Charleston gateway, which is the percent equivalent of white Americans passing through Ellis Island. For many of today's African-American population, this new found information could hold the key to completing the exploration of their ancestry.



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