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The Atlantic Slave Trade and Slave Life in the Americas: A Visual Record, www.slaveryimages.org. This a searchable collection of 1,275 images continues to be revised and corrected on a regular basis. Since the last up-date report in August 2007, corrections and modifications have been made to already existing entries, but new images have been added, particularly on the Caribbean, U.S. South and West Africa in the nineteenth century.

The latter include 22 unique, unpublished drawings and watercolors of social life, settlements, and material culture along West African coastal areas, particularly Liberia and what is today Equatorial Guinea (Corisco Island). These materials are held by the Department of Special Collections of the University of Virginia Library (see www.slaveryimages.org image references UVA01 and following).

The compilers particularly request assistance in identifying the provenience and content of these drawings, as they continue to welcome more generally any suggestions for corrections or modifications to the current bibliographic and historical information. They appreciate hearing from persons with specialist knowledge of any of the images. Such persons, from a variety of fields in a number of countries, have helped to improve information in the entries, thus enhancing the site's value as a research and teaching tool. The website continues to be widely used; for example, from 4 Feb. 2007 to 25 Oct. 2010, the site has been accessed by over 515,000 "unique visitors." Comments can be addressed to Jerry Handler at jh3v@virginia.edu.