

Black Studies Papers, 1783, 1798, 1802, 1814 – 1820, 1832 – 1836, 1849 – 1854, 1866 – 1867 and 1886; Photocopies

The documents in this collection were abstracted from materials out of the Governmental Records Section of the Georgia Archives. Simply put, the documents are grouped here because they were written about or for Blacks in Georgia and are among official state records. The most common theme in the collection is the treatment of Blacks before and during the reconstruction period. (Each folder is abstracted individually.) Particularly interesting is the attitude of the civil authorities toward the Freedmen's Bureau and the Bureau's difficulty in enforcing laws. Also, by reading the documents, one sees the attitudes of Whites toward Blacks in the counties and cities after the Civil War, especially in Henry County, Georgia.

Folders are arranged in chronological order. Documents that are located in separate folders but relate to the same specific subject are cross-referenced at the end of each folder description.

<u>FOLDER</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>
1	Account, "Negroes dtd by John Lindsey," 1783. 1 piece (photocopied). Incomplete document of Blacks in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia.
2	Census Abstract of Blacks and People of Color in the City of Savannah, 1798. 2 pieces (photocopied). A census of Blacks and French "Negroes" in Savannah by wards and a letter from Thomas Pitt with an explanation of the census.
3	Slaves Landing in South Carolina and Georgia Records, 1802. 10 pieces (photocopied). Documents concern fears of authorities over the possibility that some French frigates from Guadeloupe with "seven or eight hundred Negroes" would attempt to land in South Carolina and Georgia and the preparations to prevent the landing. The Blacks were thought to have participated in an uprising in Guadeloupe.
4	Slave Bill of Sale, 1816. 1 piece (photocopied). Tennessee. Charles Featherton's purchase of a slave, Nat, for \$410.00. Conditions of the sale as well as the age (13 - 14) and health of the slave are stated.
5	Poll Tax Receipt, 1814. 1 piece (photocopied). Liberty County, Georgia. Receipt and the condition for remittance of poll tax for Tyronne and Henry, free Blacks, and Billy Maxcureble, a free person of color.
6	Receipt for Transfer of Slaves, 1820. 1 piece (photocopied). Document relates to the transaction of business between The Corporation of Milledgeville and the State of Georgia for the transfer of 35 African slaves.

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7	State of Georgia Slave Records, 1832 - 1835. 1 account book and 2 items (3 photocopied pieces). Augusta and Milledgeville, GA. One document concerns the right to sell a slave kept in the Richmond County jail. The second document gives authority to sell a slave in the western division of the state's slave holdings. The record book is a listing of slaves belonging to the state, area where located, some names, and cost of each.
8	Coroner's Report and Deposition of a Mulatto Slave, 1836. 5 pieces (photocopied) Troup County, Georgia. The coroner's report concerns the death of a black woman, Cathy, who died from "beating, starving and ill treatment given by William Taylor and Catherine Taylor." The deposition of F.H. Fyall is a discussion of Fyall family history.
9	Bill of Sale, 1849. 1 piece (photocopied). Rome, Georgia. Sanders W. Vann's receipt for the purchase of a slave named Jim for \$600.00 from Joseph Ford. Conditions of the sale are stated as well as the age (ca. 30) and health of the slave.
10	Tax Receipts for Freemen, 1850. 1 piece (photocopied). Henry County, Georgia. Tax receipt for John Freeman (a freeman) paid by E.P. Wadkins to W.B. Elliot, Tax Collector. See folder #11.
11	John Freeman Papers, 1851. 6 pieces (photocopied). McDonough and Macon, Georgia. Documents related to court case of James R. Nelson vs. George W. Fish as guardian of John Freeman, a free Black man. Macon Superior court, 1851. See folder #10, #12, and #14.
12	John Freeman Papers, 1852. 1 piece (photocopied). Oglethorpe, Georgia. Document is a receipt which relates to the folder entry above. See folder #10, #11, and #14.
13	Relief for Ransom Montgomery and Promissory Note of A. Jett, 1854. 2 pieces (photocopied). One document is a copy of the legislation approved for payment of relief to Ransom Montgomery, a Black, for services with the Western and Atlantic Railroad. The second document is a promissory note using a slave as collateral. See #16.
14	John Freeman Papers, 1856. 1 piece (photocopied). Macon, Georgia. Document is a subpoena to E.P. Watkins to appear as a witness. See folder #10, #11, and #12.

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15	Freedmen's Bureau Records I, 1866. 31 pieces (photocopied). Augusta, Quitman, Clinch Counties, and Henry County, Georgia. Principal authors of these documents were David Tillson and O.O. Howard of the Bureau of Refugees. Documents concern the problems faced by the Freedmen's Bureau in trying to enforce the laws during the Reconstruction and civil authority's inability or unwillingness to help; proceedings from a court case (Mrs. Livingston vs. Viney Scarlett); results of a court case in Quitman, Georgia. See folder 19.
16	Ransom Montgomery Papers and Blacks in Constitutional Convention List, 1867. 4 pieces (photocopied). Two certificates in this collection concern the health and working ability of Ransom Montgomery, who had worked for the Western and Atlantic Railroad. One document lists Blacks who attended the Constitutional Convention of 1867 and 1868. See also folder #13.
17	Black Legislators Records, 1868. 14 pieces (photocopied). Items include: petition of Black legislators to block attempts to remove them from office; deposition on the disappearance of Perry Jeffreys and the murder of his son; affidavits in the case of W.B. Hill; and "Negroes in the Legislature, 1868 and 1870."
18	Request to Governor H.D. McDaniel for Troops to Stop Black Riot, 1886. 1 piece (photocopied). Jesup, Georgia. The document is a copy of a telegraph message from the sheriff of Wayne County to Governor McDaniel for troops to quell a possible riot by Blacks in Brunswick, Georgia.
19	Freedmen's Bureau Records II, 1865 - 1866. 4 pieces (photocopied). Augusta, Georgia. All documents were written by Davis Tillson of Bureau of Refugees. The two documents are requests to the Governor for a list of members of the State Legislature and certain agents to act for the Bureau of Refugees. See folder #15.
20	Pearcefield(?) and Belmont Plantation List, 1834-1836. 1 record book (photocopied). Record book contains the names of slaves; also listed is information on blankets issued, hogs purchased, and crops.