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Augusta (Va.) Circuit Court.

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1 leaf and 1 microfilm reel (1 p.) and digital images.

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Administrative Information

Access Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

Use Restrictions

Patrons are to use microfilm copy Augusta County Reel 228, inkjet copies (barcode 0007432757), or digital images with a searchable transcription available through the Library of Virginia's [Virginia Untold: the African American Narrative](#) website.

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Related Material

Additional Augusta County Marriage Records and Vital Statistics can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia. Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm](#)" found on the Library of Virginia web site.

Additional cohabitation registers are available digitally with searchable transcriptions through the Library of Virginia's [Virginia Untold: the African American Narrative](#) website.

Historical Information

Augusta County was formed from Orange in 1738 and its first government established in 1745.

The Virginia legislature passed an act on 27 February 1866 to legalize the marriages of former slaves and provided for the legitimization of children of couples no longer cohabiting as long as the father recognized the children to be his. See Virginia Acts of Assembly, 1866-1867, Chapter 18, An act to amend and re-enact the 14th section of chapter 108 of the Code of Virginia for 1860, in regard to registers of marriage; and to legalize the marriages of colored persons now cohabiting as husband and wife.

The federal Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands directed the Assistant Superintendents of the states to order the county clerks to make a registry of such children. See Circular No. 11, dated 19 March 1866, in Orders, Circulars, Circular Letters, and Letters of Instruction, vol. 2 (1866). Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Records of the Assistant Commissioner for the State of Virginia, 1865-1869. Miscellaneous reel 3880, Library of Virginia. National Archives microfilm M1048 (reel 41), Record Group 105.

Scope and Content

Augusta County (Va.) Register of Children of Colored Persons in Augusta County, State of Virginia, whose Parents had ceased to cohabit on 27th February, 1866, which the Father recognizes to be his. Also commonly called Augusta County (Va.) Cohabitation Register. This one page register lists the name of the child, age, place of birth, residence, last owner, residence of the last owner, residence of father, his age and

last owner, residence of last owner of father, name of mother, her age, her residence if alive or noted if dead, last owner of mother, residence of last owner of mother, and the signature of the father.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Augusta County (Va.). Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans--Virginia--Augusta County.

Freedmen--Virginia--Augusta County.

Slaveholders--Virginia--Augusta County.

Geographical Names:

Augusta County (Va.)--History--19th Century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Birth registers--Virginia--Augusta County.

Local government records--Virginia--Augusta County.

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United States. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands.