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Goochland County (Va.) Circuit Court.

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1 microfilm reel (96 images) and digital images.

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Related Material

Additional Goochland 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

Goochland County was formed from Henrico County in 1728.

The Virginia legislature passed an act on 27 February 1866 to legalize the marriages of former slaves who had been cohabiting as of that date. 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 cohabiting couples. 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

Goochland County (Va.) Register of Colored Persons Cohabiting, 1866, records the name and age of the husband, the name and age of the wife, the occupation of the husband, and the county of residence. There is a remarks column which mostly contains information about children that the husband had by a former wife. There is no index. It is also commonly called the Goochland County (Va.) Cohabitation Register.

At the beginning of the volume is a certification by the U.S. Secretary of War George W. McCrary that this volume is certified to be a correct transcript of the original. This certification is dated 1878 June 26.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Goochland County (Va.). Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans -- Employment -- Virginia -- Goochland County.

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Geographical Names:

Goochland County (Va.) -- History -- 19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Birth registers -- Virginia -- Goochland County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Goochland County.

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Added Entry - Corporate Name:

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