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Culpeper County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Physical Characteristics

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Related Material

Additional Culpeper 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 Memory](#) website.

Culpeper County is one of Virginia's Lost Records Localities. Additional Culpeper County Court Records may be found in the Virginia Lost Records Localities Collection at the Library of Virginia. Search the [Lost Records Localities Database](#) found at the Library of Virginia web site.

Historical Information

Culpeper County was formed in 1749 from Orange County.

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

Culpeper County (Va.) Register of Marriages (Colored) Under Act of Assembly of Virginia, February 27th, 1866, is also known as the Culpeper County (Va.) Cohabitation Register. It consists of 5 pages of marriages of former slaves recorded on forms usually used to record regular marriages. Information recorded includes date and place of marriage (all given as February 27, 1866), town or county, full name of husband and wife, age and condition before marriage (single or widowed), places of birth of husband and wife, places of residence, names of parents, occupation of husband, and name of person performing marriage ceremony (all

given as "Law of VA"). Unlike other cohabitation registers, no information is recorded about previous owners. There is no index.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

Culpeper County (Va.). Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans -- Employment -- Virginia -- Culpeper County.

African Americans -- Virginia -- Culpeper County.

Freedmen -- Virginia -- Culpeper County.

Geographical Names:

Culpeper County -- History -- 19th century.

Genre and Form Terms:

Local government records -- Virginia -- Culpeper County.

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Added Entry - Corporate Name:

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