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### Collector

Fredericksburg (Va.) Circuit Court.

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## Adjunct Descriptive Data

### Related Material

The original documents are located in the papers of the Fredericksburg Circuit Court, Fredericksburg, Virginia.

## Historical Information

Fredericksburg was established in 1728. Incorporated as a town in 1782, it was incorporated as a city in 1879 and is one of the independent cities of Virginia.

## Scope and Content

Fredericksburg (Va.) Certificates and Registry of Free Negroes in the City of Fredericksburg, 1790-1862, consists of wills, deeds of manumission and emancipation, discharges from servitude, affidavits and certificates of status as a free negro, registrations as free negroes, and a partial register of free negroes with registrations dated 1850-1862 circa. Some of the very first items in the collection are undated. A typed compiled index completed in 1977 precedes the documents.

## Index Terms

### Corporate Names:

Fredericksburg (Va.) Circuit Court.

### Subjects:

African Americans -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.  
Free African Americans. -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.  
Freedmen. -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.  
Indentured servants. -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.  
Slaves -- Emancipation -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

### Geographical Names:

Fredericksburg (Va.) -- History.

## **Genre and Form Terms:**

Affidavits -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Certifications -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Deeds -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Free negro and slave records -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Free negro certificates -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Free negro registrations -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

Local government records -- Virginia -- Fredericksburg.

## **Arrangement**

Arranged chronologically.