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Reports of Escaped Slaves, 1863. Virginia. Auditor of Public Accounts. APA 759, Runaway and escaped slaves: receipts and reports, 1806-1863. State Records Collection, The Library of Virginia.

Historical Information

King George County was named in honor of George I of England and was formed from Richmond County in 1720. Part of Westmoreland County was added in 1777.

Scope and Content

King George County (Va.) Claims for slaves who escaped during the late war, 1861-1865, are lists and affidavits by owners of slaves who either escaped or were taken by the Yankees during the Civil War. Most lists include slave names and ages and some include a statement as to the date and circumstances of the loss. Some affidavits only provide a number of slaves lost and an amount of money. Many of the lists have notations as to the value of the slave or the tax value. The list of William S. Brown of 1863 includes items other than slaves that he claims the Yankees also took from him including hay stacks, mules, geese, fodder, and fencing.

Index Terms

Corporate Names:

King George County (Va.) Circuit Court.

Subjects:

African Americans -- Virginia -- King George County.

Fugitive slaves -- Virginia -- King George County.

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Slavery -- Virginia -- King George County.

Geographical Names:

King George County (Va.) -- History -- Civil War, 1861-1865 -- African Americans.

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Genre and Form Terms:

Affidavits -- Virginia -- King George County.

Local government records -- Virginia -- King George County.

Tax and fiscal records -- Virginia -- King George County.

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