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## Historical Information

Cumberland County was named for William Augustus, duke of Cumberland, third son of King George II. It was formed from Goochland County in 1749.

Throughout the Civil War, the principal responsibility for Virginia's indigent soldiers' families lay with the locality. The Virginia State Convention in 1861 gave the responsibility entirely to counties and incorporated towns and authorized whatever actions had already been taken. Acts of Assembly in 1862 and 1863 expanded the localities' powers to provide for their needy, and in 1863 some minimal state assistance was added in. At first relief was provided as money, but as the monetary system collapsed, relief was distributed in kind. Agents of the court maintained lists of eligible families, gathered goods for distribution and paid for them, and impressed supplies if necessary. Virginia was unique amongst the southern states in that it assigned the provisioning of needy families almost solely to the locality.

## Scope and Content

The Cumberland County (Va.) Lists of Indigent Soldiers' Families includes names individuals, number of children per family, status of soldier in the Confederate army, and the amount of provisions provided to each family.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Cumberland County (Va.) Circuit Court

**Subjects:**

Families of military personnel--Virginia--Cumberland County

Poor--Virginia--Cumberland County

Tax collection--Virginia--Cumberland County

**Geographical Names:**

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

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**Genre and Form Terms:**

Accounts--Virginia--Cumberland County

Lists--Virginia--Cumberland County

## Arrangement

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