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Historical Information

Highland County was so named because of its mountainous terrain, and it is sometimes called the Little Switzerland of America. It was formed from Pendleton (now in West Virginia) and Bath Counties in 1847.

In 1806, the General Assembly moved to remove the free negro population from Virginia with a law that stated that all emancipated slaves, freed after May 1, 1806, who remained in the Commonwealth more than a year, would forfeit their right to freedom and be sold by the Overseers of the Poor for the benefit of the parish. Families wishing to stay were to petition the legislature through the local county court. Beginning in 1837, freed slaves could petition the local courts for permission to remain.

Scope and Content

Petition of Madison Douglas to Remain in Highland County, 1862, circa. The petition identifies Douglas as a free Negro of the age of 21 years. The petitioner also requests an opportunity to produce satisfactory proof of his being of good character, sober, peacable, orderly, and industrious.

Index Terms

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Madison, Douglas.

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