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Abstract

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Administrative History

The U. S. Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (better known as the Freedmen's Bureau) was established in March 1865 to provide provisions, healthcare, and education to refugees and people who were formerly enslaved. It's Virginia operations ended in January 1869, and the bureau was abolished in June 1872.

External Sources:

"African American Research at the Library of Virginia to 1870", Library of Virginia, <https://lva-virginia.libguides.com/african-american/freedmens-bureau>, accessed June 11, 2024.

"The Freedmen's Bureau" in "Remaking Virginia: Transformation Through Emancipation" exhibit, Library of Virginia, <https://www.virginiamemory.com/online-exhibitions/exhibits/show/remaking-virginia/freedmens-bureau>, accessed June 11, 2024.

Scope and Content

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Content Warning: This collection contains outdated language and racist stereotypes.

Keywords

African Americans -- History

Christiansburg (Va.)

Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

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

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