

**Freedmen Listed in Labor Contracts Contained in the  
Records of the Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, Virginia 1865-1872  
Bowling Green (Caroline County) Field Office**

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The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands (Freedmen's Bureau) was established by an act of Congress after the end of the Civil War. The purpose of the Freedmen's Bureau was to assist refugees and former slaves, as well as address matters regarding land abandoned or seized during the Civil War.

One of the duties performed by the Freedmen's Bureau was to supervise labor contracts between planters and freedmen. The following is a list of names found in the labor contracts contained in the records of the Bowling Green (Caroline County) field office of the Freedmen's Bureau. Most of the documents were written as contracts, other documents were written as agreements. The contents of the document (contract or agreement) were similar; generally a freedman agreed to work for a planter in exchange for a share of the crop and in some instances a sum of money. The planter agreed to provide the freedman the land and tools necessary to perform the work, in addition to basic shelter. In some instances the labor contract specifically referred to the person doing the work as "freedman", in other instances the person doing the work was referred to as "colored" or "black". For the purposes of this document the person providing the land is listed in the "planter" column and the person agreeing to do the work is listed in the "freedman" column.

The first four columns contain information taken directly from the labor contract. Some labor contracts also contained the names of other members of the freedman's family. This information is listed in the "Other Names Mentioned" column and along with the relationship of the person to the freedman. The "Comments" column contains information listed in the labor contract that may be of interest or information I have gathered while performing other research.

The last column indicates if the name is also listed in the in the *Register of Colored Persons of Caroline County, State of Virginia, cohabitating together and husband and wife on 27th February, 1866*. This marriage register is another document created by the Freedmen's Bureau. It lists the names of former slaves of Caroline County, VA who had been living together as husband and wife during slavery. It is an excellent resource for those researching African American families in Caroline County because it contains the last slave owner of each individual, as well as, the names and ages of the couple's children. The original document is located at the Central Rappahannock Heritage Center in Fredericksburg, VA. The document can also be found online on the University of Mary Washington's website (<http://departments.umw.edu/hjpr/www/freedmen/CarolineAffAmmarried.htm>). "Yes" in the last column indicates a person with the same name appears on the marriage register; it does not mean it is the same person. "Maybe" means there is a person on the register with a similar name.

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Dec 23, 1865	J.H. DeJarnette	Richard Armstead		Maybe (Rich'd Armistead)
		Moses Chiles		Yes
		W.L. Battle		Yes
		Hornton Enes		
		Ned Enes		
		Dick Minor		Yes
		Seth Boswell		Yes
Dec 29, 1865	B.C. Shackelford	Dennis Harrison		
		Robert Morton		
Jan. 1, 1866	John W. S. Calloway	James Hopkins		Yes
Jan 1, 1866	Edwin Pullen	Peter Gatewood		Yes
		Lucian Loney		
		Williams Rix		
Jan 1, 1866	George Marshall	George Blackman		
Jan 1, 1866	W.S. Colloway	Charles Steward	Charles children: Richard Helen Bartlett Maria	
Jan 1, 1866	Jos. A. Broaddus	Bob Blagburn		
Jan 1, 1866	Charles T. Jesse	George Lomax		Maybe (Geo Lomox) Maybe (George Lomax)

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		Wormley Ellis	Nancy (wife)		Yes
		Charles Smith	Phillis (wife)		
		Maria Taylor			
Jan 1, 1866	E.M. Richardson				
Jan 1, 1866	George Tyler	Winston Reny [??]			
		Anthony Anderson			
		Abner Goodwin			Yes
		George Hicks			Yes
		Andrew Chiles			Yes
		Milly Tyler	Eliza (daughter)		
		Suker Lewis			
Jan 1, 1866	Edwin R. Pullen <sup>1</sup>	Peter Gatewood			
		Lucian Loney			
		William Rix			
Jan 1, 1866	Mrs. Virginia Clarke	Henry Morton		Mr. Joseph B. Clark has management of the farm.	
		Achilis Jason			Yes
		Martin Singleton			
		Ben Hix			Yes
		Gerret [Garret] Corbin			
Jan 1, 1866	W.P. Farish	John Allen		Farm known as Villebora	
		Charles Steward			
		Allen ???			
		Peter Carter			Yes
		Reuben Shelton			Yes

<sup>1</sup> Entry is listed on the microfilm twice.

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		Andrew Jackson			Yes
Jan 1, 1866	George W. Marshall	Matilda Ferguson	Thom (infant) Humphrey (son)	Matilda is pregnant Humphrey in under age	
Jan 1, 1866	Edwin R. Pullin <sup>1</sup>	Peter Gatewood Lucian Loney William Rix			
Jan 1, 1866	Catherine A. Raines	Ben Jackson Davy Carter			Yes Maybe (David Carter)
Jan 1, 1866	Henry F. Thornton	Horace Hawkins	Barnet (son) Polly (wife) Willie (daughter) Robert (son) Reuben (son)	H.F. Thornton and his wife sold Horace land on Jan 17, 1872 (see Caroline County, VA Deed Book 57, page 17.)  H.F. Thornton and his wife sold Polly land on Jan 2, 1880 (see Caroline County, VA Deed Book 58, page 323.)	Yes
Jan. 1, 1866	Wm. S Royston	Eliza Day Turner Corbin	Children (names not mentioned) Wife (no name mentioned)		

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			Patsy Ann (daughter)	
		Aleck Jackson	Rachael Ann (daughter)	
		Mary Nelson	Ella Clarence (daughter)	
		Jim Parker	Wife (no name mentioned)	
Jan 10, 1866	Ann H. Buckner	William Matthews		
		George Rollins		
		Leroy Hawes		Yes
		Spencer Bartlett		Yes
Jan 11, 1866	James T. White	Anthony Jackson		Yes
		Lewis Noel		
Jan. 12, 1866	Littleton Flippo	Elinor Fells	Mary Ella (daughter)	
			Tom (son)	
Jan 15, 1866	Littleton Flippo	Polly Minor	Minor (son)	
			Thomas (son)	
			Billy (son)	
			Alice (daughter)	
			Nancy (daughter)	
Jan 15, 1866	Jefferson Flippo	Maria Goodwin	Henry (son)	
			Armstead (son)	
Jan 15, 1866	Jefferson Flippo	Henry Brown		

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Jan 15, 1866	Jefferson Flippo	Patison Carter		
Feb 3, 1866	Henry McCalley	Thomas Rolls		
		James (Jim) Lewis		
		Sam Hill		
Feb 2, 1866	George Lightfoot	George Smith		
Feb 28, 1866	William Thornly	Lewis Baylor		
		John Baylor		
Mar 10, 1866	Robert Jesse	Ambrose Sanders	Ambrose's children: Thornton Reuben Margaret Mary	Maybe (Ambrose Saunders) Children's names are the same
Mar 22, 1866	William L. Childs	William Young		Yes
Mar 23, 1866	James D. Coleman	John B. Harris		
		William Jackson		Yes
		Andrew Jackson		
		James Catlett		
		Thornton Runnells [??]		Maybe (Thos Runnells)
Sep 25, 1866	Waller W. Withers	Moses Wilker		
		Frank Sanders		Maybe (Frank Saunders)
		Charles Hailstock		Maybe (Chas Hailstock)
			Jinnie (wife – does not say whose wife)	

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			Betsy (wife – does not say whose wife)	According to marriage records she may be Frank's wife	