

GENEALOGY RESOURCES FOR THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN RESEARCHER

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First Steps

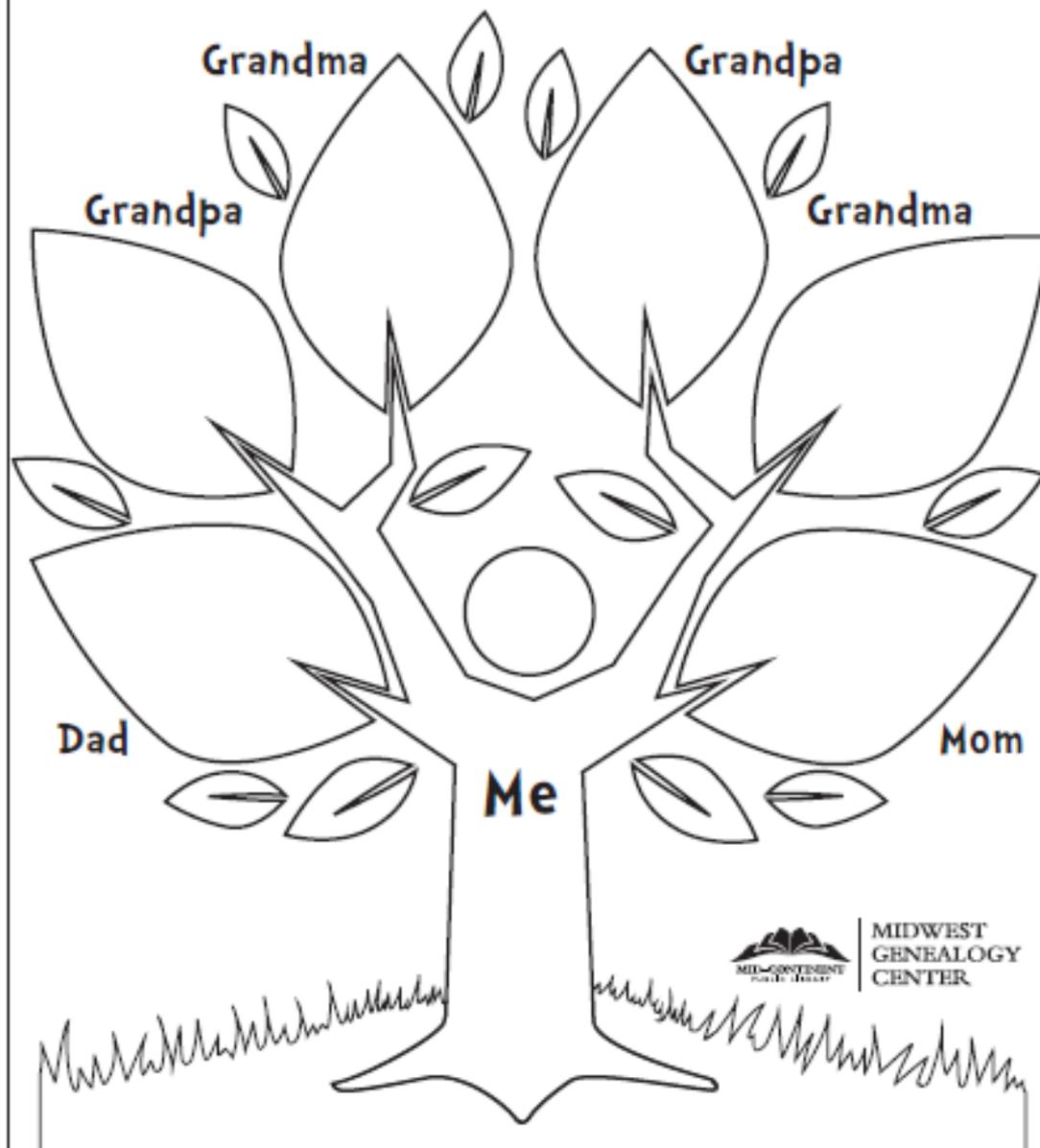
- ❑ Start with yourself and go backward in time.
- ❑ Get all the information possible from your living relatives.
- ❑ Interview the oldest relatives first.
- ❑ Use forms such as a Family Group Sheet to record names, dates, and places.

Genealogy Forms

Midwest Genealogy Center

<http://www.mymcpl.org/genealogy/family-history-forms>

My Family Tree!!!



Issues in African-American Research

- ❑ Separation of records.
- ❑ Records poorly maintained.
- ❑ Hitting the "Wall."
- ❑ Need for research on plantation-owning families.

U. S. Federal Census

- HeritageQuestOnline.com
- Ancestry Library Edition

- Ancestry.com (\$)
- Fold3.com (\$)
- FamilySearch.org (?\$?)

	1930	1935	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
56	1930	224	0	1200	NO	Thomas Singleton J.	Head	0	M	May	40	M	NO	8	8	South Carolina			
57						— Bessie D	Wife	1	F	May	35	M	NO	9	9	South Carolina			
58	1929	350	1500	0		Moore Christine	Head	0	F	May	48	NO	NO	5	5	South Carolina			
59						Williams Gus	Son	2	M	May	30	S	NO	8	4	South Carolina			
60						Friester Rufus	Son	2	M	May	17	S	NO	8	4	South Carolina			
61						— Christine	Son	2	M	May	14	S	NO	7	7	South Carolina			
62						— Norman	Son	2	M	May	13	S	NO	5	5	South Carolina			
63						Williams Della	Mother	3	F	May	50	NO	NO	0		South Carolina			
64	1920	236	0	2000	NO	Wannumaker Fred	Head	0	M	May	42	M	NO	R-2	50	South Carolina			
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66						— Elizabeth	Daughter	2	F	May	18	S	NO	H-4	30	South Carolina			
67						— Harriett M	Daughter	2	F	May	17	S	NO	0		South Carolina			
68						— Fred	Son	2	M	May	12	S	NO	0		South Carolina			
69						Jefferson Willie May	Lodger	6	F	May	26	S	NO	5	5	South Carolina			
70						Sturks Mary	Lodger	6	F	May	25	S	NO	8	8	South Carolina			
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73						— Ella	Wife	1	F	May	18	M	NO	7	7	South Carolina			

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- ❑ Digital Public Library of America (dp.la)
- ❑ Digital state archives
- ❑ Ancestry.com (\$)

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 Goss, I. H., off. 227 College ave.
 Gresham, Geo. W., c, off. 317 Pope.
 Hamilton, W. T., off. 154 ½ E. Clayton.
 Harper, H. B., 763 Prince ave.
 Harris, W. H., c, off. 144 ½ E. Clayton.
 Haynes, C. S., c, off. 537 W. Hancock ave.
 Holliday, A. C., off. 101 ½ E. Clayton.
 Johnson, O. H., (specialist), off. 614 Sou. Mut. Ins. bldg.
 McKinney, J. C., off. Hodgson-Shackelford bldg.
 Matthews, M. F., off. 220 ½ E. Clayton.

Jones, Chas, c, Hoyt, nr College ave.
 Parks, Grant, c, nr 337 Reese.
 Pinkard, Amos, c, 195 Prince ave.
 Red & Black Pressing Club 184 ½ E. Clayton.
 Smith, Robert, c, 394 W. Broad.
 White Pressing Club, 201 N. Lumpkin.

PRINTERS—BOOK & JOB.

Banner Job Office, T. H. Atkinson, prop., 149 W. Lumpkin.
Clarke County Courier, J. E. Gardner, prop., 151 E. Broad.
McGregor Co., 264 E. Clayton.
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Young, J. J., 320 Foundry.

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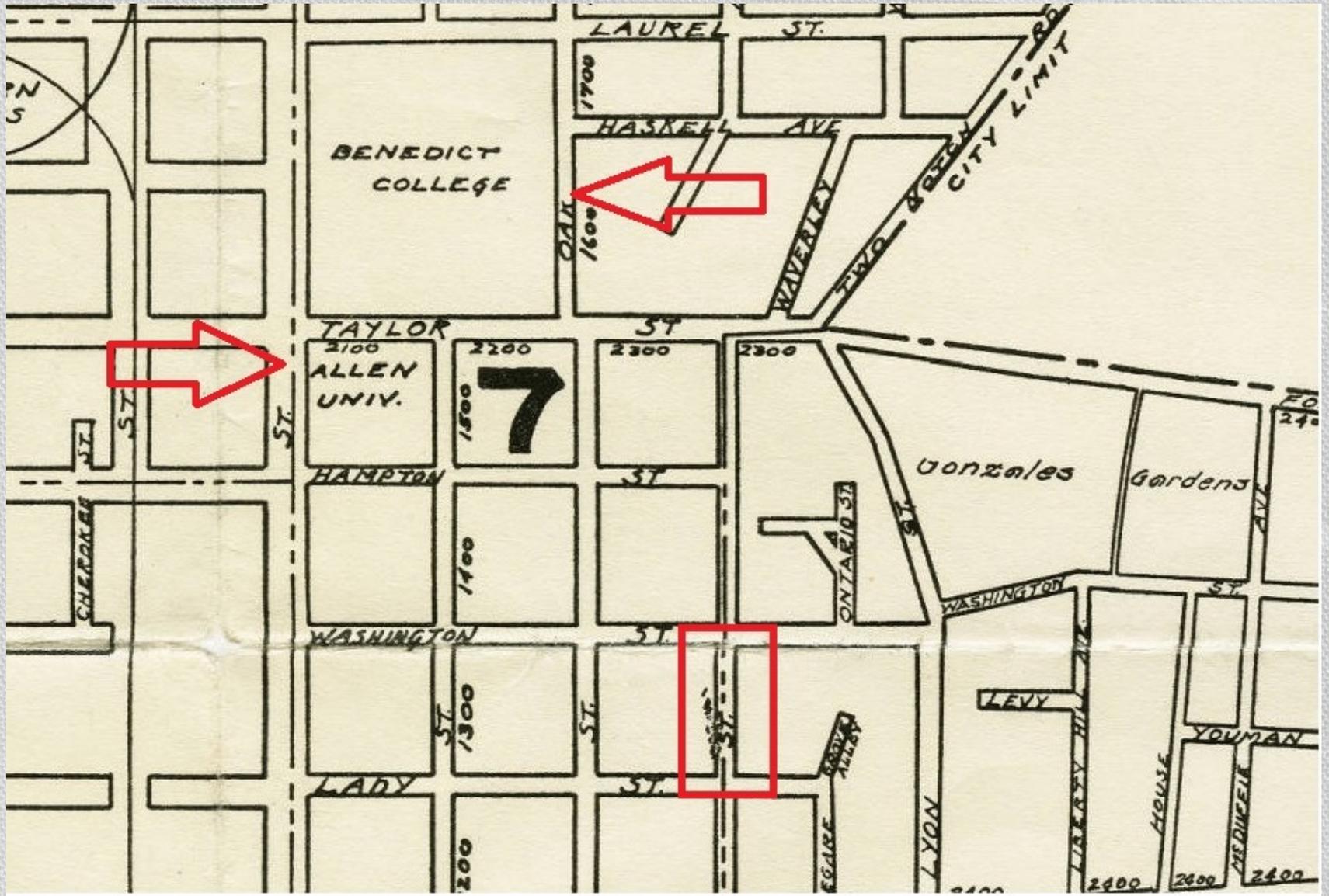
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 1217 Rice
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 1214 Blossom
 2125 Gervais
 1200 Main, 1210 Blossom
 & Lowrance, 7 rear 1012 Washington
 1 rear 2021 Marion
 1 rear 800 Pickens
 Wayne
 1 rear 1022 Green

Enumeration Maps



Virginia Slave Births Index

1853-1865

Volume 1 A-C

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Virginia Slave Births Index, 1853-1865

Informant's Surname, Informant's First Name; Slave's Name;
Mother's Name; Date of Birth; Place of Birth

Abbitt, Benjamin; Alexander, ----; Dec 1853; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Amanda; Martha; Mar 1857; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Bettie; Emily; Mar 11, 1859; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Elliott; Martha; Aug 13, 1859; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Fil, ----; Jul 3, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Franklin; Charlotte; Dec 1, 1859; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; George; Emily; Mar 3, 1857; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Ida; Charlotte; Nov 27, 1855; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Jane; Little Salley; Aug 29, 1857; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Palmer; Mahala; Sep 3, 1862; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Porter; Emily; Apr 16, 1862; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Rhoda; Sally; Apr 3, 1860; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Robert; Salley; May 25, 1857; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Walter; Charlotte; Feb 10, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin; Willie, ----; Dec 1853; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin Sr; Anna Belle; Mahala; Feb 15, 1861; Appomattox
Abbitt, Benjamin Sr; Isham Yancey; Martha; May 25, 1861; Appomattox
Abbitt, G W; Polly, ----; Oct 1857; Campbell
Abbitt, Geo; (fem); Mariah; Sep 1860; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; (fem); Mina; May 1865; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; (male); Martha; Sep 1860; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Albert; Biddie; Jul 3, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Albert; Bettie; Dec 1857; Appomattox (mu)
Abbitt, George; Alice; Mariah; Jul 1862; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Clara; Pauline; Oct 1862; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Eliza; Martha Ann; Sep 1854; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Flemin; Frances; Mar 15, 1857; Appomattox (mu)
Abbitt, George; Henrietta; Martha Ann; Sep 1, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Henry; Rose; Dec 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Jane; Mariah; Nov 10, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, George; Toney; Martha Ann; Mar 1, 1857; Appomattox (mu)
Abbitt, George; William; Paulina; Dec 28, 1858; Appomattox
Abbitt, George Jr; (fem-tws); Paulina; Jul 1860; Appomattox
Abbitt, George Jr; Robert (tw); Paulina; Aug 12, 1861; Appomattox
Abbitt, George Jr; Susan (tw); Paulina; Aug 12, 1861; Appomattox
Abbitt, George Sr; (fem); Betsey; Apr 3, 1860; Appomattox
Abbitt, George Sr; (fem); Miny; Jul 1861; Appomattox

Mother	Child	DOB	Informant
Martha	Jerry	6/1855	Burnley, Seth
Martha	Horace	9/15/1857	Burnley, James H.
Martha	Judy	3/4/1859	Burnley, James H.

Name	Age	Sex	Race	Where Born?
Martha Tunstal	41 (1829)	F	M	Virginia
Joseph Tunstal	21 (1849)	M	M	Virginia
Benjamin Tunstal	17 (1853)	M	M	Virginia
Jerry Tunstal	15 (1855)	M	M	Virginia
Horace Tunstal	13 (1857)	M	M	Virginia
Judy Tunstal	10 (1860)	F	M	Virginia

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VirginiaMemory.com - Resources by Topic

- Chancery Court Records
- Cohabitation Records
- Lost Records Localities Digital Collection
- VirginiaChronicle.com
- World War I History Commission
Questionnaires

A List of Free Negroes & Mulattos in the District of George Rowland
 Commissioner in Botetourt County for the year 1803

Parties Names	Place of Residence
March 30. Frank Bonister a farmer -----	on the Land of James Siskey,
Lucy Wife to Frank Bonister -----	Ditto
Buckey Daughter to Lucy -----	Ditto
Nancy Ditto ----- Ditto -----	Ditto
Isabel Ditto ----- Ditto -----	Ditto
Rachel Ditto ----- Ditto -----	Ditto
James Son to Ditto -----	Ditto
Jenkins Ditto to Ditto -----	Ditto
Alick ----- Ditto to Ditto -----	Ditto
Frank .. Ditto to Ditto -----	Ditto
Billey .. Ditto to Ditto -----	Ditto

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Dates:

Newspapers

- VirginiaChronicle.com
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- [Ethnic NewsWatch](#)

Full-text of newspaper, magazine, and journal articles from 200 ethnic, minority

- [Accessible Archives - African American Historical News](#)

19th Century African America news.

- [New America Media](#)

Founded by the nonprofit Pacific News Service in 1996, New America Media is ethnic news organizations.

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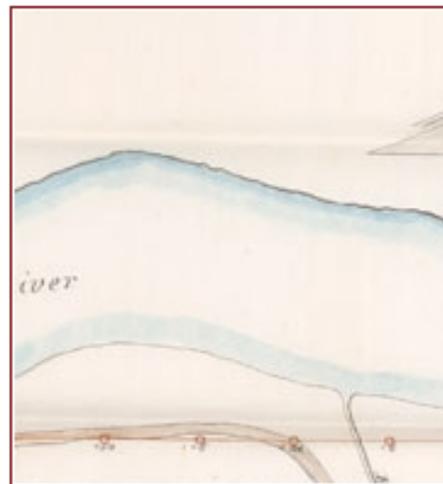
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Chancery Records Index

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Montgomery County,
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Norfolk County, 1888-1913

The Chancery Records Index (CRI) is a result of archival processing and indexing projects overseen by the Library of Virginia (LVA) and funded, in part, by the Virginia Circuit Court Records Preservation Program (CCRP). Each of Virginia's circuit courts created chancery records that contain considerable historical and genealogical information. Because the records rely so heavily on testimony from witnesses, they offer a unique glimpse into the lives of Virginians from the early 18th century through the First World War.

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Northampton Co	Northern Tidewater	1721-1912	Scanned	08/04/15- Additional suits covering the years 1747 through 1912 have been digitized and added to the index.
Northumberland Co	Northern Tidewater	1759-1980	Scanned, Originals	Digital images available for the years 1759-1912 (bulk 1786-1912). Indexed information available through 1980. See online catalog or contact Archives Research Services for availability of original records.

Ques. What account did these girls give of themselves when you first saw them?

Ans. They severally said they were from Reberton Va.

... they were always spoken of as the slaves and children of Charles R. Ayres ...

were slave
lied,
detached
grand-
a Union

lines as soon as she was dead - near his grandma
✓ Kilda was the mother of Charles R. Ayres. They also spoke of Ann Rector who was a daughter of Grandma Kilda and half sister of Mr Ayres and the same person has since married Dr. Hawley. They said

Court of Fauquier County Virginia
The undersigned, J. C. Thomas

We have duly considered the matter, and believ[e] that our interests and comfort will be better secured by remaining in the state of Virginia among our relations and friends, as slaves...

than by accepting the boon of freedom thus generously tendered to us, by our late Master, which renders unnecessary

Freedmen's Bureau Records

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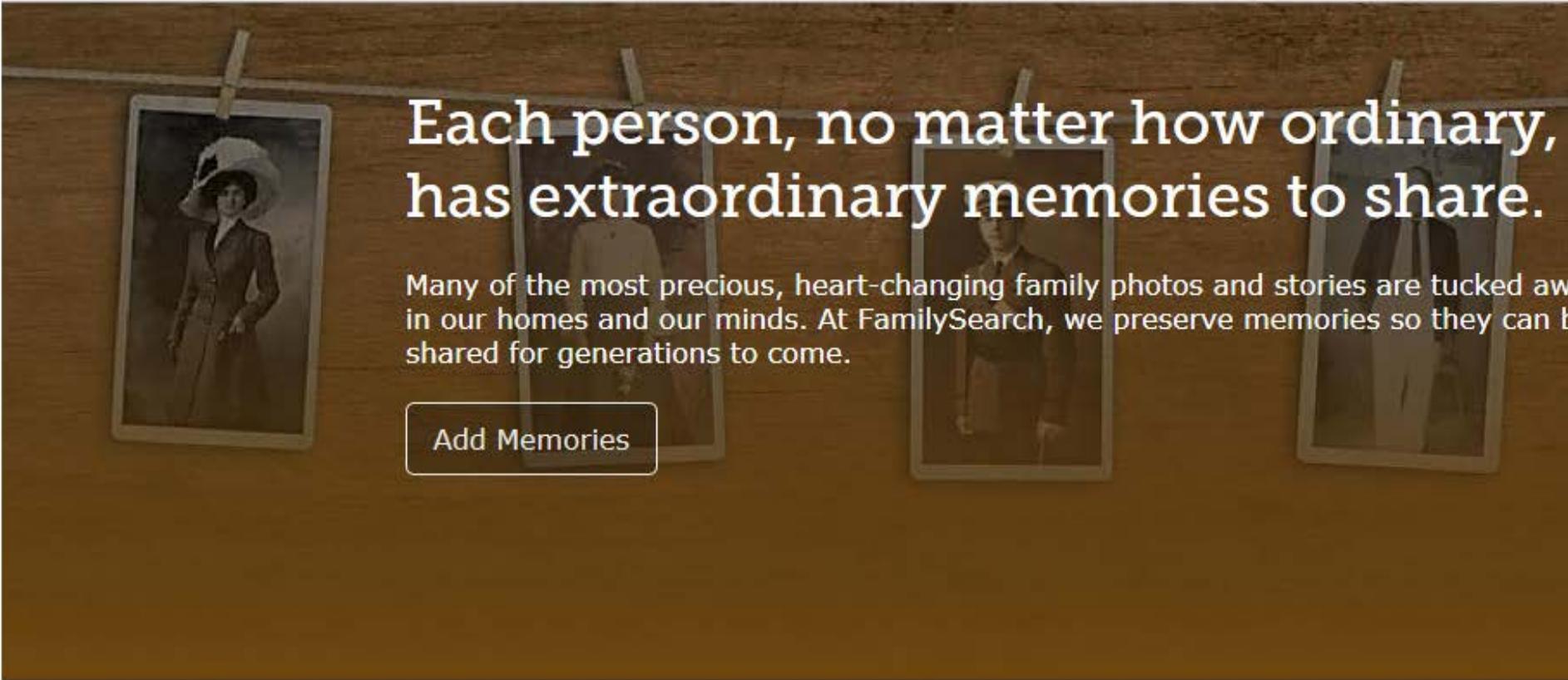
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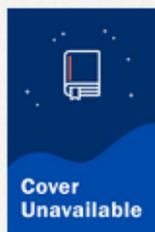
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This list of Negroes is according to the division
Jan 1762
Sam
Samuel
Jesse
June
Charl

January, 1854

INVENTORY

Manager

The 4 portion of sa lease then to return to s^r track
Thirdly I bequeath my beloved wife the following
slaves namely Andrew Sam and Nancy his wife
Fanny and her son by name George Washington
Fourthly I bequeath to my beloved wife all my
track of evry description together with all my household
and kitchen furniture plantation utensils &c which
property she is to enjoy during her life, after which time
its my desire that she have the disposing of one third of
all my property both real and personal
The remaining two thirds it is my desire that it

Subj. Billy
June
June
C. W. T.

Phelia
Polly
Betty } Feb 20 1807
Phelia

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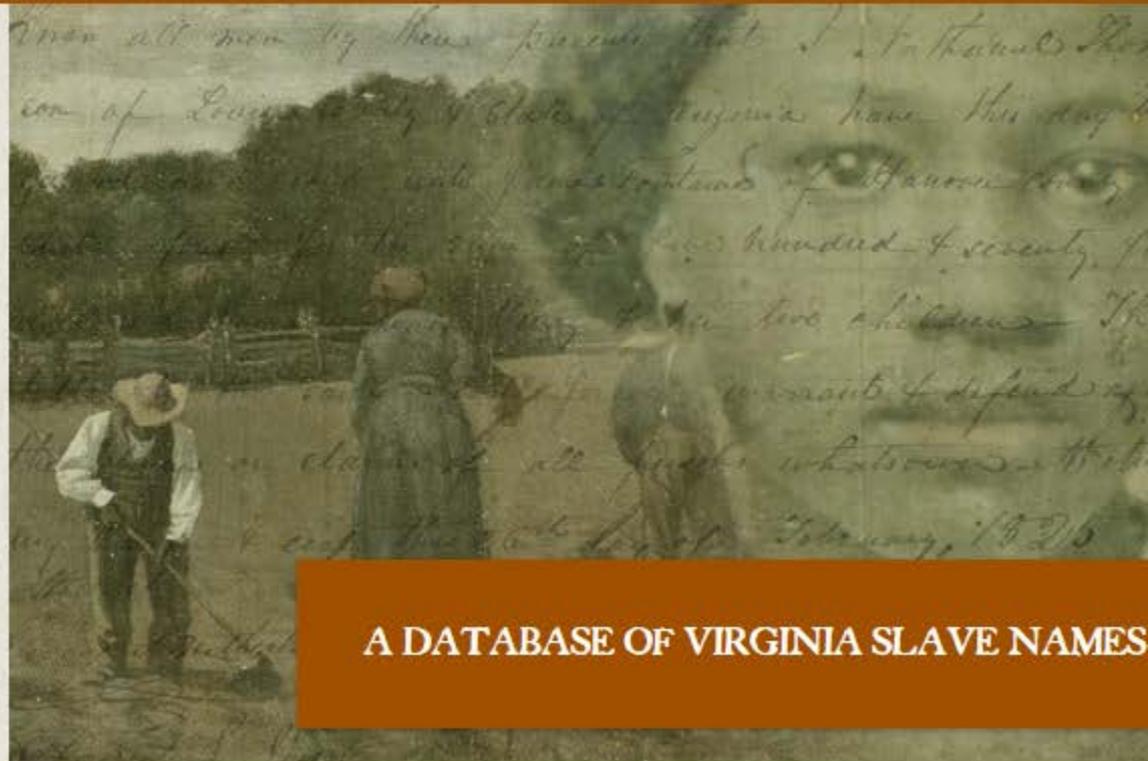
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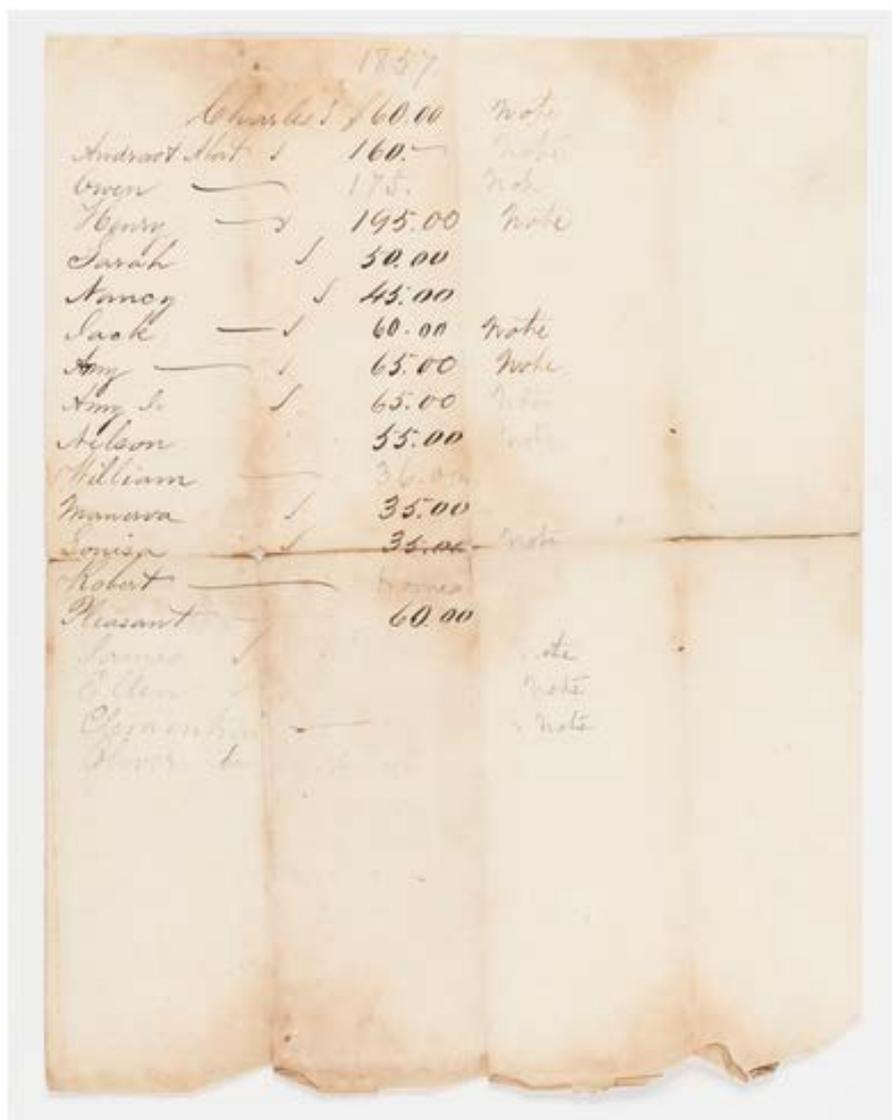


A DATABASE OF VIRGINIA SLAVE NAMES

First Name: Sarah M. (Camp)
Last Name: Shepherd
Gender: Female
Reference Number: UNL000023

Slaves owned by this person:

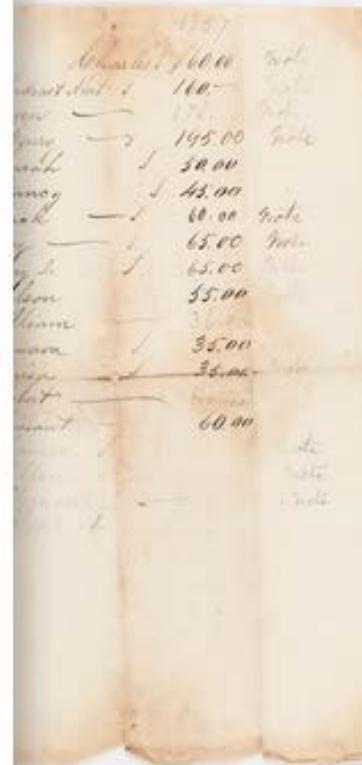
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| Albert | Amy |
| Amy Jr. | Amy Sr. |
| Andrew | Charles |
| Clara | Clementine |
| Edward | Eliza |
| Ellen | Esther |
| Frances | Francis |
| Harriet | Henry |
| Isaac | Jack |
| Jacob | James |
| Jeffery | Joe |
| John | Joseph |
| Linda | Louisa |
| Lydia | Manervia |
| Mary | Nancy |
| Nelson | Oliver |
| Owen | Phillis |
| Pleasant | Robert |
| Ryland | Sarah |
| Sarah's child | Tom |
| William | |



List, 1857, of African-American slaves owned by Sarah M. (Camp)

Shepherd of Norfolk, Va. - page 4 of 4

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 d to this person ▶



Search for Africans

African name

Bora

Ship name

Voyage ID

Time frame

Age

Height (inches)

Sex/Age

boys

girls

men

women

males

females

Place of origin

Embarkation and disembarkation

Search

New Query

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African name : Bora

ID	Name	Age	Height [in]	Sex/Age	Origin	Voyage ID	Ship name
1	Bora	30	62.5	Man		2314 ▶	NS de Regla
104	Cannonbora	33	63.25	Male		2319 ▶	NS de las Niev
1420	Whaborah	12	54.0	Girl	Eboo, Hebo	2325 ▶	NS de Caridad
1430	Embora	12	58.0	Girl	Eboo, Hebo	2325 ▶	NS de Caridad
1843	Tamborah	9	50.0	Girl	Bijogas	2898 ▶	Conde de Villa
2248	Degborah	17	64.0	Man		2331 ▶	Icanam
8021	Boray	10	49.0	Boy		2957 ▶	Netuno
9378	Eboray	27	63.0	Man		2841 ▶	Lynx
15354	Imborah	7	47.0	Boy		3009 ▶	Arcenia
15978	Boray	23	64.0	Man		3013 ▶	Vingador
15989	Boray	24	69.0	Man		3013 ▶	Vingador
16057	Borah	37	69.0	Man		3013 ▶	Vingador
16093	Anneborah	15	59.0	Woman		3013 ▶	Vingador
17956	Aboray	8	53.0	Girl		2883 ▶	Jules
17982	Imboraykoo	9	49.0	Girl		2883 ▶	Jules
20958	Bora	28	65.0	Man		2407 ▶	Manzaneras
21200	Boray	8	52.0	Girl		2407 ▶	Manzaneras
24978	Imborakay	17	61.0	Woman		2445 ▶	Frasquita (a) C
25061	Imboray	7	52.0	Girl		2445 ▶	Frasquita (a)



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