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Notes and Documents

Georgia Registrations of Free People of Color, 1819

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In 1820, 13 percent of all blacks in the United States were free. Of this number, 134,223 were enumerated in the South; 99,281 in the North. That total, 233,504, would grow to nearly a half-million before the Civil War resulted in freedom for all nonwhites. Statistically, the modern black genealogist might expect one out of every eight antebellum ancestors to be free, not slave. In such cases, they will find those ancestors not only in conventional records created by most free Americans but also in valuable genealogical records that are unique to this race and class. Among the latter are the registrations of free people of color (black and mixed black-white-Indian combinations) which were created, to various extents, in almost all Southern areas.

As a means of controlling nonwhites in those years of slavery as well as to protect the freedom of those who were not enslaved, city and county ordinances often required them to carry and file proofs of their freedom. Those who moved from one area to another or those who made frequent trips to urban centers, such as sailors visiting various seaports, were often required to register with local officials. Such free papers and registrations also served as evidence that they were free and not subject to seizure, imprisonment, or sale as suspected runaway slaves.

As a source for genealogists and historians, these registrations—whether in the form of published lists or recorded affidavits—are a valuable source. They contain a variety of data, including (but not limited to) place of birth, age, occupation, racial composition, physical description, and length of residence in the area. In the case of recorded affidavits at courthouses, whites sometimes testified to their knowledge of a certain man, woman, or family's freedom, often providing clues for associations within the community and origins for the white affiant as well as the nonwhite friend. Registrations created before 1850 are especially important, as they contain the type of personal information that pre-1850 censuses do not provide on residents of any color.

As with other Americans, free Negroes were a mobile people. The list that follows, covering three of Georgia's major counties (including one whose records are burned), provides both overt and covert evidence of that mobility. The registered individuals were from two states north of the Mason-Dixon line, five to the south of it, and three foreign countries. Extant county records and subsequently published registrations reveals that only a small percentage remained within these counties after five or so years. A number later appear in neighboring states. Thus, other lists of this type, published in conformity with the Georgia law referenced below, could provide important information for tracing black ancestry in many of the Southern and Southwestern states.

Augusta Chronicle & Georgia Gazette [Published 13 March 1819, page 2]

Georgia, Richmond County Clerk's Office, Inferior Court 2d March 1819

"I Certify that the following is a correct list of the names of persons of color registered in this office, in conformity to the act of the 19th December, 1818, supplementary to, and more effectually to enforce an act prescribing the mode of manumitting slaves in this state, &c—and all persons concerned or interested will take notice, that certificates will issue to them, on or before the first Monday in May next, if objections are not filed thereto, on or before the second Monday in April next, viz:"

Names	Age in Years	Place of Nativity	Residence	Years in Ga.	Occupation or Pursuit
Harris, Jack	52	Maryland	Augusta	40	Boating
Harris, Rachael	12	Savannah	"	12	House servant
Todd, Harry	53	Virginia	"	35	Carpenter
Todd, Peggy	40		"	17	Sewing & washing
Todd, Maria	12	Savannah	"	12	House servant
Todd, Sarah	10	Augusta	"	10	" "
Todd, Hannah	8	"	"	8	" "
Todd, Matthew	2	"	"	2	
Todd, Delia	2 mos.	"	"	2 mos.	
Magnan, Jenny	38	St. Domingo	"	24	" "
Frost, Stephen	58	Baltimore	"	30	Boat corker
Hill, William	42	Virginia	"	26	
Hill, Patsey	39	Georgia	,,		Barber
Kennedy, Caesar	43	ocorgia "	,,	39	Sewing
Kennedy, Hannah	40	"	,,	43	Boating
Kennedy or Evans, Maria	21	,,	"	40	Sewing
Kennedy, John	18	,,	,,	21	~
		,,	,,	18	Saddler
Kennedy, Mary Ann	15	,,		15	Sewing
Kennedy, William	11	"	"	11	
Kennedy, Caesar, Jr.	9			9	,
Kennedy, Rosella	5			5	
Kennedy, Thomas	3			3	
Evans, Dickey	30	"	"	30	Pilot to steam boat
Kenedy, Lindey	25	Africa		11	House servant
Coleman, John	35	Virginia	"	6	Carpenter
Coleman, Molly	30	Augusta	"	30	Sewing
Harris, Mason	50	Georgia	"	50	Rafting
Harris, Nelly	53	Africa	"	40	Washing
Grant, Charles	50	N. Carolina	"	20	Carpenter
Johnson, Peter	46	Savannah	"	46	"
Johnson, Sally	16	Augusta	"	16	Sewing
Johnson, John	14	"	"	14	Carpenter
Johnson, Caty	7	"	"	7	
Johnson, Betty	11	"	"	11	
Johnson, Peter, Jr.	9	"	"	9	
Johnson, Nancy	3	"	"	3	
Johnson, Nancy	43	S. Carolina	"	_	Washing
Fox, Nancy	55	Augusta	"	55	" donning
Kelly, Junus	20	" sugusta	"	20	Sawing
Kelly, Betsey	22	"	"	22	Washing
Kelly, George	19	"	"	19	Carpenter
Kelly, Alfred	3 mos.	"	"	3 mos.	Carpenter
Kelly, Sam	5 mos.	"	"	5 mos.	
	70	C Carolina	"		Com'n Lohor
Kelly, Richard		S. Carolina	"	25	Com'n Laborer
Kelly, Josiah	1	Georgia	,,	1	***
Mabre, Venice	55	Guinea	**	30	Washing

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Names	Age in Years	Place of Nativity	Residence	Years in Ga.	Occupation or Pursuit
Kelly, Vienna	22	Augusta	"	22	Sewing
Kelly, Henry	2	"	"		
Langley, Sally	35	Maryland	"	22	Washing
Willson, Isabella	20	Georgia	"	20	Sewing
Carns, Sarah	35	N. Carolina	"	8	"
Carns, Jack	22	S. Carolina	"	15	Posting
Carns, Joe	20	S. Carollia	"	13	Boating
Carns, Vienna	15	"	"	1.4	G .
_		,,	,,	14	Sewing
Carns, Lucy	20			15	Sewing
Carter, Thomas	26	Maryland	"	14	Carpenter
Richards, Sarah	30	S. Carolina	"	20	Sewing
Course, Junus	30	Augusta	"	30	"
Kelly, Judy	35	S. Carolina	"	25	Washing
Kelly, William	13	Augusta	"	13	Carpenter
Kelly, Madison	10	"	"	10	- ar penter
Kelly, Augustus	7	"	"	7	
Kelly, Ann	5	"	"	5	
Kelly, Emily	2	"	"	2	
Kelly, Nancy	35 (55?)	S. Carolina	"		Washing
Kelly, Ann	33 (331)	o. Caronna	Dioher'd -	20	Washing
Haris, Nancy	50	"	Richm'd c'y	25	Sewing
Kelly, Venice		"	Augusta	10	Washing
	50	"	"	30	"
Dobbins, Amy	25	,,		3	
Dobbins, Silvester	6		"	3	
Dobbins, Edinburgh	5	"	"	3	
Fitch, Sarah	35	"	"	22	
Fitch, Sukey	4	"	"	4	
Fitch, Matilda	3	"	"	3	
Fitch, Andrew	6 days	"	"	6 days	
Caroline, Deanna	33	"	"	22	Sewing
Caroline, Merticia	5	**	"	5	Sewing
Pope, Alick	38	Pennsylvania	"	20	D
Keating, Jenny	35	Virginia	"		Drayman
Keating, Polly	12		"	25	Washing
Keating, Betsey		Augusta	"	12	Sewing
	11	"	,,	11	"
Keating, Mart!	8			8	
Keating, Thomas	3	"	"	3	
Keating, Augustus	11 mos.	"	"	11 mos.	
Knight, David	22	S. Carolina	"	2	Boating
Sibbald, Milly	40	Maryland	"	12	Washing
Estaerlin, Eliza	45	St. Domingo	"	24	Sewing
Estaerlin, Eliza or Babet	20	Georgia	"	20	"
Estaerlin, Adelia	17	"	"	17	"
Monroe, Mariah	18	Augusta	"	18	"
Sheftall, Edy	26	Savannah	"	26	"
Tubman, Charlotte			"		,,
	20	Augusta	"	20	
Walton, Sarah	25	5	"	25	Washing
Walton, Chloe	50	Savannah		50	Washing
Walton, Martha	5	Augusta	"	5	
Magnan, Betsey	40	St. Domingo	"	25	"
Triplet, James	60	Virginia	"	10	Waggonning
Triplet, Mary Ann	19	"	"	2	Washing, cooking
Triplet, Richard	13	"	"	10	Waggoning &c.
Triplet, James Jr.	2	Augusta	"	2	-00
Campbell, Sambo	70	S. Carolina	"	60	Gardening
Kelly, Thomas	25	"	"	20	_
Cloe, Mary Jenne	32	St Dominas	"		Boating
		St. Domingo	"	25	Washing
Ross, Jenny	60	Georgia		60	Washing
Bradley, Thomas	79	Virginia	Richm'd c'y	8 mos	Carpenter
Brown, Amelia	23		"	15	Sewing
Knight, Elenor	30	S. Carolina	"	7	"

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Names	Age in Years	Place of Nativity	Residence	Years in Ga.	Occupation or Pursuit
Knight, Benjamin	2	Savannah	"	2	
Haynes, Peggy	24	Columbia cn'y	"	24	House servant
Martin, Bob	23	Richm'd cn'y	"	23	Draying
Kelly, Nelly	23	Augusta	"	23	Washing
Kelly, John	9	0	" .	9	w asining
Scott, Jane	17	Augusta	"	17	Sewing
Harris, Elenor	29	S. Carolina	"	12	"
Kelly, Robert	12	"	"	1	House servant
Scott, Gilbert Madison	7	"	"	3	110dbc bei vant
Larry, James	51	Virginia	"	30	Labourer
Larry, Catey	20	Augusta	"	20	Weaving
Larry, Eliza	10	"	"	10	
Larry, James Jun	8	"	"	8	
Jones, Nelly	30	Virginia	"	16	Washing
Jones, Robert	14	Augusta	"	14	
Jones, Saphelia	7	"	"	7	
[Jones?], Mary Ann	1	"	"	1	
Larry, Augustus	1	"	"	1	
Caroline, Daniel	35	N. Carolina	"	8	Carpenter
Chavers, Rachel	30	S. Carolina	"	22	Washing, sewing &c.
Lambert, Linda	50	"	"	22	Marketing
Young, Suckey	50	Virginia	"	15	Washing
Kevan, Nancy	27	Georgia	"	27	Washing
Poison, Ursele	21	N. Carolina	"	18	Sewing
Keating, Betsey	27	S. Carolina	"	16	"
Keating, Caroline	9	Georgia	"	9	
Keating, Emily	7	"	"	7	
Keating, Eliza	5	"	"	5	
Keating, Joseph	3		"	3	
Tanner, Cesar	76	S. Carolina	Springfield	2	Sexton A. Church
——— Sopha Williams, Harriet	78	"	"	25	Sewing
-	36	"	Augusta	9	Weaving
Collins, Billy Dent, Roderick	55		"	25	Boating
Shifton, Kitty	25	Maryland	"	15	Blacksmith
Monroe, Lewis	13	Augusta	"	13	Sewing
Carter, Willis	4 mos.	37	"	4 mos.	
Smith, Joseph	26 22	Virginia	"	22	Carpenter
Lee, James	16	Augusta	,,	22	Saddler
Russell, David	13	Savannah	"	16	Farmer
Wright, John	30	Barnwell, S.C.		2	DI .
Wright, Polly	32	Georgia	Richm'd c'y	30	Planter
Coleman, Jana ²	14	Georgia S. Carolina	"	32	Spinning & weaving
Jones, Moses	65	S. Caronna		11 mos.	D
Welch, Jacob T.	27	Newark	Augusta	20	Boating
Harman, Isaac	27	Georgia	Dichm'd C'	4 mos	Harnessmaker &c
Harman, Matthew	25	"	Richm'd C'y	27 25	Common laborer
Harmon, James	22	"	"	22	" "
Harman, Abram	20	"	"	20	" "
Hagland, Ailsey	50	Virginia	Augusta	32	
Hulin, Martha	36	S. Carolina	Richm'd c'y	12	Spinning &c
Evans, John	54	Virginia	"	35	Mill wright
Evans, James	9	Richmond cn'y	"	9	Willi Wright
Hulin, Wm.	14	S. Carolina	"	12	Farming
Hulin, Mary	12	Richmond cn'y	"	12	Washing
Hulin, Navel	9	"	"	9	House servant
Hulin, John	7	"	"	7	110use servallt
Hulin, Anna	5	"	"	5	
Bond or Mullin, Betsey	25	S. Carolina	<i>n</i> ,	24	Washing
Cousins, John	55	Virginia	Augusta	5	Ostler
Bing, Precilla	43	S. Carolina	"	23	
01 - 1 - 1 - 1 - 1	13	o. Carollia		23	Spinning & weaving

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Rouse, Salle Evans, W. Tours Smith, Henry Leigh. Pener Coleman, Sura Johnson, Campa Johnson, Land Johnson, Roman Johnson, Ellin Johnson, Marie Frazer. Same Harmon, Eliza Harmon, Gasal Collins, Eliza Frazer. Walter Paris, Tom Rouse, Same Anthony, Office Hill, Moses Jones, Jacob Gowan, Jaseph Sharper Vasies Smith, Jereman Chaves, Walley Hall, Games Taylor, Data

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Names	Age in Years	Place of Nativity	Residence	Years in Ga.	Occupation or Pursuit
Rouse, Sally	22	Georgia	"	22	" " "
Evans, William	20	"	"	20	Common laborer
Smith, Henry	35	Philadelphia	"	9(2?)	Waitingman &c.
Leigh, Peter	58	Virginia	Richm'd c'y	38	Farming
Coleman, Stephen	69	Virginia	"	40	
Johnson, Caesar	51	N. Carolina	"	46	Boating & rafting
Johnson, Lucy	41	Virginia	"	28	Carpenter
Johnson, Rebecca	11	Augusta	"	11	Sewing & weaving Seamstress
Johnson, Eliza	7	"	Augusta	7	Seamstress
Johnson, Martha	4	"	"	4	
Frazer, Susannah	32	S. Carolina	Richm'd c'y	30	Wassing 0
Harmon, Elizabeth	21	"	Augusta	21	Weaving & sew'g
Harmon, Geo. Jefferson	1 mo.	Georgia	"	1 mo.	
Collins, Eliza Ann	30	S. Carolina	Richm'd c'y	23	Wassing &
Frazer, William	5	Georgia	Augusta	5	Weaving & sew'g
Paris, Tom	50	Richmond cn'y	"	50	Boating
Rouse, Sarah	30	S. Carolina	"	20	Washing
Anthony, Oliver	26	Georgia	Richm'd c'y	26	Boating
Hill, Moses	43	Virginia	" a c y	19	Boat Hand
Jones, Jacob	23	S. Carolina	"	3	Carpenter
Gowan, Joseph	24	Georgia	Richm'd c'y	24	Attending s. mill
Sharper, Violet	56	Maryland	"	30	Washing
Smith, Jeremiah	55	N. Carolina	"	9 mos.	Washing
Chaves, William	51	"	"	8	Mill wright
Hall, Gandy	25	Georgia	"	25	Boating
Taylor, Dick	60	Charleston, SC	"	8	Boating

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Waynesborough, Burke County 6 March 1819

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The following free persons of color having registered their names in my office at Waynesborough, Burke County. This is therefore to make known to those whom it may concern, that after the second Monday in April next, certificates will be granted them (if no objections are made) in terms of an act of the general assembly passed the 10th December 1818.

Names	Age	Nativity	Into the State	Occupation		
Gaulphin, Venture	63	Savannah	1818	Preacher of the Gospel		
Jones, Moses	33	N. Carolina	March 1818	House carpenter		
Kelly, Seley	50	Virginia	1817	Midwife		
Matherson, Gilbert	8	S. Carolina	"	Midwife		
Kelley, John	26	"	"	Planter		
Kelley, Jese	21	"	n	rianter "		
Kelley, Hezekiah [Keziah]3	23	"	"	Hamanifa		
Kelley, Berry	1	Georgia	"	Housewifery		
Wilkins, Whit	26	N. Carolina	1816	Diantan		
Millen, George	23	Savannah	1010	Planter		
Millen, Mary	28	S. Carolina	21 years ago	Taylor		
George	11	Georgia	21 years ago	Seamstress		
Maria		"				
Judith	35	"		"		
Ann	15	"				
George	11	"				
Julian	8	"				
Henrietta	6	"				
Louisa	4	"				

Names	Age	Nativity	Into the State	Occupation
David	2 mos.	"		
Scott, Mary	30	S. Carolina	15 years ago	Planting
Scott, Sam	20	"	15 " "	"
Scott, Charlotte	14	Georgia		Seamstress
Scott, Connecticut	9	"		"
Scott, Harriot	7	"		
Fryer, Cesar	52	"		Planter
Fryer, Rachel	64	S. Carolina	52 1100 00 000	Midwife
Nunes, [no first name]	23	S. Carolina	52 years ago While an infant	5.500 200
Nunes, Alexander	40	Savannah	wille an infant	Planter
Gaulphin, Frances	43	Savannan "		II
Nunes, Rose	75	,,		Housewifery
Nunes, Robert	16	Durles Court		DI
		Burke County		Planting
Nunes, Genett	17		20	Seamstress
Dunson, Wm.	65	Virginia	20 years ago	Planter
Dunson, James	35	N. Carolina	20 " "	
Dick	50	Virginia	25 years ago	"
Bush, Prince	75	N. Carolina	3 years ago	"
Williams, Joshua	65	"	20 years ago	"
Leah	55	Georgia		Housewifery
Coleman, Polly	20	S. Carolina	2 years ago	"
Coleman, Betsy	3	Georgia		
Hancock, Nero	30	"		Planter
Kelly, Nancy	29	S. Carolina	4 years ago	Housewifery
Kelley, Betsy	32	S. Carolina	12 years ago	•
Kelley, Nancy	11	"	while an infant	Spinner
Kelley, Wm.	8	"		
Kelley, Sally	7	Georgia		
Clarke, Darcas	23	"		Planter
Clark, Jensy	6	"		1 1411101
Clarke, Alfred	3	"		
Clarke, Jim	2	"		
Jones, Dick	23	"		Planter
Scott, Polly	17	S. Carolina	- Vears ago	Spinner
Scott, Vm.	2 mo.	5. Carollia	— years ago	Spinner
Clarke, Milly	30	Virginia	while on infert	Dianting
Clarke, Bob	23	Virginia	while an infant	Planting
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Molly	20	Minalata	26	Housebusiness
Clarke, Fan	60	Virginia	25 years ago	DI
Clarke, Jim	31		while an infant	Planting
Clarke, Elisha	17	Georgia		
Clarke, Cyntha	15	"		Housebusiness
Jinny	80			"
Newsom, Moses	64	N. Carolina	14 years ago	Planting
Newsom, Penny	45	"	"	
Newsom, Ephraim	11	Georgia		
Newsom, Dread	9	"		
Newsom, Betsy	5	"		
Newsom, Moses	4	"		

Georgia, Columbia County:

Names	Age	Nativity	Into the State	Occupation	
McClendon, Henry & wife &					
children	62	N. Carolina	Not known	Farmer	
McClendon, Rose	60	Georgia		Midwife	
McClendon, Hezekiah [Kezia	ah]				
& Hez.'s 3 children:	20	"		Weaver	
McClendon, Aaron	5	"			
McClendon, Rosella	3	"			

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McClendon, @ Huling, James Haynes, Frank Mango, Samuel Going, W Going, Sally Going, Poly Going, Wyan Going. Going, Lucan Going, W Going, Sally Page, Addelin Tombs, Land Tombs, B Tombs. Edward Going, Agree Going, Parsey Going, Thurs Going, John Going, Name Mango. Atm Mango. Alma Day, Edmund Miles, Cay Miles, Peter Evans, Miles Going. Money Going. E Going, Share Lyan, Joanna Jones, Waller Amy Manzo, Jane Amy Lamar. Ben Nelly Betty & here Cretty. Order Fanny. Ned, som Pulaskis, sum William, Barney, Land Susan Ann William San Frank Elias, son all

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McClendon, Caty	1	"		
Huling, James	19	S. Carolina	15 years ago	
Haynes, Francis	32	Georgia	is James age	Farmer
Mango, Simon	60	N. Carolina		Farmer
Going, William	50	Virginia	1777	Mill-right
Going, Sally	52	Virginia	1790	Weaver
Going, Polly	25	Georgia		Weaver
Going, Wyat	28	Georgia		Blacksmith
Going, Nancey	23	Georgia		Weaver
Going, Lucinda	21	Georgia		Weaver
Going, William (son of Wm.)	19	Georgia		Farmer
Going, Sally	9	Georgia		1 armer
Page, Addeline	4	Georgia		
Tombs, Luzetta	15	Georgia		
Tombs, Burnetty	13	Georgia		
Tombs, Edward	11	Georgia		
Going, Agness	66	Virginia	1787	
Going, Patsey & her 2 children	34	Georgia	1707	Weaver
Going, Thomas	4	Georgia		Weaver
Going, John	2			
Going, Nancy	37	Georgia		Weaver
Mango, Abram	49	N. Carolina	1811	Farmer
Mango, Abram (son of Abram)	9	Georgia	1011	rarmer
Day, Edmund	42	N. Carolina	20 мере дес	Lintton
Miles, Cay	65	N. Carolina	20 years ago	Hatter
Miles, Peter	65			Spinster
Evans, Miles	45	Virginia	unknown 1784	**/
	100	Virginia		Weaver
Going, Moses	45	Virginia	1789	Farmer (tanner?)
Going, Elizabeth	3	Georgia		
Going, Sherwood	11	Georgia		
Lyan, Joannah	18	Georgia		
Jones, William	36	Georgia		Carpenter
Amy	50	Not known	1000	Spinster
Manzo, Joseph	73	Virginia	1779	Farmer
Amy	60	S. Carolina	1779	Spinster
Lamar, Betty	49	Georgia		Baker
Nelly	33	Georgia		Spinster
Betty & her children:	not known	N. Carolina		Spinster
Cretty, oldest dtr.	19	Georgia		Spinster
Fanny, next dtr.	17	Georgia		Weaver
Ned, son	15	Georgia		Farmer
Pulaskis, son	2	Georgia		
William, son	2 mos.	Georgia		
Barney, Lucy	not known	Georgia		Spinster
Susan Ann	3	Georgia		
William Samuel	18 mos.	Georgia		
Frank	80	Supposedly ca	ame from Virginia	Farmer
Elias, son of Sally Crabb	12	Georgia		

Notes and References

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- 1. Joseph C. G. Kennedy, comp., *Population of the United States in 1860* (Washington, D.C.: Government Printing Office, 1864), 594-604.
 - 2. A briefer list, published 3 March 1819, gives her name as Juda Coleman.
 - 3. The next annual list, published 29 April 1820, gives her name as Keziah rather than Hezekiah.