

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

Arkansas Assistant Commissioners and Field Office Staff List

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel, including assistant commissioners and field office staff for Arkansas.

ARKANSAS HEADQUARTERS

Assistant Commissioner

Brig. Gen. John W. Sprague	May 1865–Oct. 1866
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward O.C. Ord	Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith	Mar. 1867–Apr. 1869

Provost Marshal for the Dept. of Arkansas

Jonas Lindale	May–Aug. 1865
William Tisdale	Aug.–Oct. 1865

Disbursing Officer (Missouri)

Frederick A. Seely	Apr. 1867–Fe. 1872
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Superintendent of Education

William M. Colby	July 1865–Jan. 1869
Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith	Jan. 1869–Apr. 1869
William M. Colby	May 1869–July 1870

Assistant Superintendents for Education

William M. Colby	Jan. 1869–Apr. 1869
David C. Casey	Jan. 1869–Apr. 1869
James T. Watson	Jan. 1869–Apr. 1869

ARKADELPHIA (Clark County)

Superintendent and Agent

William A. Stuart	July–Dec. 1865
William A. Britton	Dec. 1865–Oct. 1866
Anthony E. Babricht	Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868

AUGUSTA (Woodruff County)

Superintendent and Agent

John Thorp	Nov. 1865–Nov. 1866
Lt. Sebastian Geisreiter	Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867

BATESVILLE (Independence County)

Superintendent and Agent

Reuben Harplam	Dec. 1865–ca. June 1866
Capt. William Brian	July 1866–Feb. 1867
Capt. Walter O. Lattimore	Apr. 1867
Capt. Albert H. Andrews	Apr.–Nov. 1867

Lt. John Harold
Capt. William J. Lyster

Nov.–Dec. 1867
Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868

**CAMDEN (Ouchita County)
Superintendent and Agent**

Lewis H. Carhart
Nathan Cole
Joseph L. Thorp

July 1865–June 1866
June–Oct. 1866
Oct. 1866–July 1868

**DEVALL'S BLUFF (Prairie County)
Superintendent and Agent**

Willis Davis
William McCullough
Hiram Willis
William McCullough

June 1865
July 1865–July 1866
July–Dec. 1866
Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868

**FORT SMITH (Sebastian County)
Superintendent and Agent**

Francis Springer
Thomas Abel
Sebastian Geisreiter
Charles Banzhaf
Elihu G. Barker
Charles Banzhaf
Pinkney Lugenbeel

Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866
Mar.–May 1866
May–Aug. 1866
Aug. 1866–May 1867
May–Aug. 1867
Aug.–Oct. 1867
Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868

**HAMBURG (Ashley County)
Superintendent and Agent**

Lt. Fred A. Tencate
Lt. Isaiah S. Taylor
George Towle
Sebastian Geisreiter

Mar.–July 1866
July 1866–Oct. 1867
Nov. 1867–July 1868
July–Dec. 1868

**HAMPTON (Calhoun County)
Superintendent and Agent**

John Scroggins

Oct. 1865–Aug. 1867

**HELENA (Phillips County)
Superintendent and Agent**

H. Sweeney (Superintendent of Freedmen)
H. Sweeney (Superintendent)
James T. Watson (Claims Agent)

1864–65
1867
1869–71

**JACKSONPORT (Upper White River District)
General Superintendent**

J. M. Bowler
J. T. Watson

Jan.–Mar. 1866
Mar. 1866–Mar. 1867

JACKSONPORT (Jackson County)**Superintendent and Agent**

Jonas Lindale	May–Aug. 1865
William Tisdale	Aug.–Oct. 1865
J. M. Bowler	Oct.–Dec. 1865
Robert Anderson	Dec. 1865–Mar. 1866
A. S. Dyer	Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867
William Brian	Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868

LAKE VILLAGE AND LUNA LANDING (Chicot County)**Superintendent and Agent**

Thomas Abel	July–Oct. 1866
S. Geisreiter	Nov. 1866
S. Hersey	Dec. 1866–June 1867
G. Benson	July–Dec. 1867
A. G. Cunningham	Dec. 1867–Nov. 1868

LEWISBURG (Conway County)**Superintendent and Agent**

John Vetter	Feb.–Mar. 1866
William Morgan	June 1866–Dec. 1868

LEWISVILLE (Lafayette County)**Superintendent and Agent**

Nathan Cole	Oct. 1866–June 1867
V. V. Smith	July 1867–Dec. 1868

LITTLE ROCK (Pulaski County)**Superintendent of Freedmen**

W. G. Sargent (Superintendent at Helena)	Jan.–Mar. 1864
W. G. Sargent	Apr. 1864–Nov. 1865
J. Raines	Feb.–July 1865

Superintendent and Agent

J. Raines	July–Sept. 1865
W. Tisdale	Nov. 1865–July 1866
F. Gross	July 1866–Sept. 1867
James T. Watson	Aug. 1867
A. S. Dyer	Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868

MADISON (St. Francis County)**Superintendent and Agent**

A. S. Dyer	Apr.–Sept. 1867
Williams	Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868

MARION (Crittenden County)**Agent**

James R. Walker	Sept. 1866–Oct. 1867
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E. G. Barker Oct. 1867–Aug. 1868
Main Sept.–Dec. 1868

MONTICELLO (Drew County)

General Superintendent for the South Eastern District of Arkansas

E. G. Barker Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867

Agent

E. G. Barker July 1865–ca. Jan. 1866

G. Duvall Jan.–Oct. 1866

OSCEOLA (Mississippi County)

Superintendent and Agent

Eli Mix Apr. 1866–Oct. 1868

PARACLIFTA (Sevier County)

Superintendent and Agent

A. W. Ballard Dec. 1865–Dec. 1866

Hiram Willis Dec. 1866–Oct. 1868

PINE BLUFF (Arkansas River District)

General Superintendent

William J. Dawes July 1866–Jan. 1867

William D. Hale Jan.–Feb. 1867

William J. Dawes Feb. 1867

PINE BLUFF (Jefferson County)

Superintendent and Agent

S. W. Mallory (Superintendent until July 1865) Dec. 1864–Nov. 1865

D. H. Williams Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866

A. Coats Jan.–Mar. 1866

E. Wallace Mar.–Sept. 1866

S. Geisreiter Sept. 1866–Mar. 1867

W. J. Dawes (Agent) Mar.–May 1867

S. Geisreiter (Agent) May 1867–July 1868

R. W. Barnard Aug.–Dec. 1868

PRINCETON (Dallas County)

Superintendent and Agent

Stubblefield 1866

George W. Mallett 1866–68

SOUTH BEND (Arkansas County)

Superintendent and Agent

William D. Hale May 1866–June 1867

S. Hersey June–Sept. 1867

A. Coats Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868

DeWolf Mar.–July 1868

**UNION (Fulton County)
Superintendent and Agent**

Simpson Mason

Oct. 1866–Sept. 1868

John Martin

Sept.–Dec. 1868

WASHINGTON (South West District of Arkansas)

General Superintendent

E. W. Gantt

Nov. 1865–Oct. 1866

F. Thibant

Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867

WASHINGTON (Hemstead)

Superintendent and Agent

John R. Montgomery

July–Dec. 1865

James Williams

Dec. 1865–July 1866

F. Thibant

July 1866–Dec. 1867

C. C. Gilbert

Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868