

FREEDMEN'S BUREAU TRANSCRIPTION PROJECT

Virginia 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 Virginia.

VIRGINIA HEADQUARTERS

Assistant Commissioner

Orlando Brown	June 1865–May 1866
Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Terry	June 1866–Aug. 1866
Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield	Aug. 1866–Mar. 1867
Orlando Brown	Mar. 1867–May 1869

Military Commander (Department of Virginia, later Department of the Potomac)

Maj. Gen. Alfred H. Terry	June 1866–Aug. 1866
Maj. Gen. John M. Schofield	Aug. 1866–Mar. 1867

Superintendent of Schools

Prof. W. H. Woodbury	June 1865–Oct. 1865
Ralza Morse Manly	Nov. 1865–August 1870
Orlando Brown	Mar. 1867–May 1869

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

R. S. Lacey (at Lynchburg)	Jan.–Mar. 1869
Paul R. Hambrick (at Richmond)	Jan.–Apr. 1869
H. G. Thomas (at Salem)	Jan.–Mar. 1869

Surgeon

J.J. De Lamaster

ALEXANDRIA

Superintendent of Contrabands

A. Gladwin	Oct. 1863–June 1865
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Superintendent

James Ferree (5th District)	July–Nov. 1865
Henry Alvord	Nov. 1865–Jan. 1866

Superintendent and Subassistant Commissioner

S. R. Lee	Jan. 1866–Mar. 1867
S. R. Lee (10th Subdistrict)	Mar. 1867–Dec. 1868

Superintendent

S. R. Lee (6th Educational Subdistrict of VA)	Jan.–Apr. 1869
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AMELIA COURTHOUSE**Assistant Superintendent**

W. F. White

Oct. 1865–Aug. 1866

James Drysdale

Aug. 1866–Jan. 1867

Acting Subassistant Commissioner

J. B. Clinton

Jan. 1867–Dec. 1868

APPOMATTOX COURTHOUSE**Assistant Subassistant Commissioner**

Louis Neswick

1868

ASHLAND

Ed Murphy

1865–66

Ira Ayers

1867–68

BOWLING GREEN (Caroline County)**Assistant Superintendent**

John Dwyer

Jan. 1866–Nov. 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

W. B. Pease

Nov.–Dec. 1867

Hector Sears (at Fredericksburg)

Jan.–Feb. 1868

F. S. Tukey

Feb.–Dec. 1868

BOYDTON (Mecklenburg County)**Assistant Subassistant Commissioner**

Lt. George T. Cook (at Clarksville)

Dec. 1866–Apr. 1867

Alexander D. Bailie (at Clarksville)

Apr.–Nov. 1867

Alexander D. Bailie

Nov.–Dec. 1867

George W. Graham (3rd Division, 11th Subdistrict)

Jan.–Dec. 1868

BUCKINGHAM COURTHOUSE (Buckingham County)**Assistant Superintendent**

Lt. James P. Wogan

July–Aug. 1865

Lt. Paul Kolbe

Sept.–Nov. 1865

Lt. J. F. Dengler

Dec. 1865–Apr. 1866

Capt. W. James Kay

May–Aug. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Charles E. Fincke (at Maysville)

Jan.–Dec. 1868

BURKESVILLE (Nottoway County)**Assistant Superintendent**

Capt. D. Jerome Connolly

July 1866–Oct. 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. R. G. Rutherford

Oct. 1867–Oct. 1868

CHARLOTTE COURTHOUSE (Charlotte County)**Assistant Superintendent**

Lt. Louis Ahrens

Feb.–Apr. 1866

Lt. Edwin Lyon
Lt. F. A. Page

May–June 1866
June–Sept. 1866

CHARLOTTESVILLE (Albemarle County)

Assistant Superintendent

James Joyes
Capt. William L. Tidball

Jan.–Mar. 1866
June 1866–June 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. A. F. Higgs

June 1867–Feb. 1868

CHESTERFIELD COURTHOUSE (Chesterfield County)

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. Henry Eisenhill
Lt. John H. Kendall
Lt. William Taylor
Capt. William Kedlich
Lt. Dennis M. Carroll
Col. James M. Powell
Lt. W. James Kay

July 1865
Aug. 1865
Aug.–Oct. 1865
Oct.–Nov. 1865
Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866
Jan. 1866
Jan.–Mar. 1866

CHRISTIANBURG (Montgomery County)

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. C. S. Schaeffer (8th District of VA)

May 1866–Dec. 1868

CITY POINT (Prince George County)

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. John E. Herriot
Capt. William Hedges
R. P. Clayton
Lt. Charles H. Bird
Lt. J. Arnold Yeckley

July 1865
Aug. 1865
Sept. 1865–Apr. 1866
May–July 1866
Aug. 1866–Jan. 1867

CULPEPER COURTHOUSE (Culpeper County)

Assistant Superintendent

Capt. Earl Pierce
Lt. W. S. Chase

Oct.–Nov. 1865
Dec. 1865–July 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. W. MacNulty

Aug. 1866–Dec. 1868

CULPEPER

Assistant Superintendent

William R. Morse (4th Education Subdistrict)

Jan.–Mar. 1869

CUMBERLAND COURTHOUSE (Cumberland County)

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. Curtis McCornish

July–Aug. 1865

Provost Marshal

Capt. Oscar Fleichman

May–Oct. 1865

Lt. E. Steinmann Capt. D.
Jerome Connolly
Oct.–Nov. 1865
Dec. 1865–Feb. 1866

DANVILLE (Pittsylvania County)

Assistant Superintendent

Capt. Moses Smith
Capt. P. J. Hawk
Capt. J. F. Wilcox
Col. G. B. Carse
Aug. 1865
Aug.–Oct. 1865
Dec. 1865–Nov. 1866
Nov. 1866–July 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. Andrew Mahoney
William Leahey (at Pittsylvania Courthouse)
July 1867–June 1868
June–Dec. 1868

DRUMMONDTOWN

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. Charles W. Hite
Maj. George H. French
Lt. Ed. Murphy
Dec. 1865–Feb. 1866
Mar.–Sept. 1866
Oct. 1866–Feb. 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Maj. George P. Sherwood
Maj. George P. Sherwood (at Eastville)
M. S. Reed (at Eastville)
D. B. White (at Eastville)
Feb.–Nov. 1867
Nov. 1867–May 1868
May–Aug. 1868
Aug.–Dec. 1868

FAIRFAX COURTHOUSE (Fairfax County)

Assistant Superintendent

Capt. George A. Armes
Lt. Sidney B. Smith (at Vienna)
Capt. J. O. Ross (at Vienna)
O. E. Hine
Aug.–Sept. 1865
Sept. 1865–Feb. 1866
Mar. 1866
Nov. 1866–Mar. 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. William Shields (at Falls Church)
Lt. W. S. Chase (at Falls Church)
Lt. W. S. Chase (at Manassas)
John Raeburn
Apr.–Aug. 1867
Aug. 1867–Apr. 1868
Apr.–Oct. 1868
Oct.–Dec. 1868

FARMVILLE

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. W. H. Lea
Capt. R. C. Horner
Capt. D. Jerome Connolly
Sept.–Nov. 1865
Nov. 1865–Jan. 1866
Feb.–Apr. 1866

Subassistant Commissioner

Maj. John W. Jordan
Thomas P. Jackson
May 1866–Apr. 1868
Apr.–Dec. 1868

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Thomas Leahey (at Farmville 1st Div., 11th Subdist.)
Thomas Leahey (at Marysville 1st Div., 11th Subdist.)
Apr.–Aug. 1868
Aug.–Dec. 1868

FREDERICKSBURG

Superintendent

Capt. D. W. Bohonon (10th District)	Aug.–Nov. 1865
Maj. James Johnson (10th District)	Dec. 1865–July 1866
Maj. James Johnson (6th District)	July 1866–Dec. 1868

Assistant Superintendent

Hector Sears (for Stafford and King George Counties)	July 1866–Apr. 1867
Hector Sears (for Stafford, King George, and Spotsylvania Counties)	Apr. 1867–Dec. 1868

GOOCHLAND

Assistant Superintendent

J. T. Wilson	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1868
E. C. Morse	Jan.–Dec. 1868

GORDONSVILLE

Superintendent

Capt. T. Frank Crandon (4th District)	Aug. 1865–June 1866
Maj. William R. Morse (4th District)	June 1866–Dec. 1868

HALIFAX COURTHOUSE

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

David P. Scott (4th Subdivision, 11th District)	Nov. 1867–Feb. 1868
William Nutt (4th Subdivision, 11th District)	Feb.–May 1868
W. H. H. Stowell (4th Subdivision, 11th District)	May–Dec. 1868

HEATHSVILLE

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

E. W. Busby (5th Division, 6th Subdistrict)	May 1866–Apr. 1868
Haskell (5th Division, 6th Subdistrict)	Apr.–Dec. 1868

JERUSALEM (Southampton County)

Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. A. G. Deacon (4th Division, 1st Subdistrict)	May 1866–Jan. 1868
Mortimer Moulden (4th Division, 1st Subdistrict)	Jan.–Sept. 1868
C. S. Schaeffer (4th Division, 1st Subdistrict)	Sept.–Oct. 1868
Mortimer Moulden (4th Division, 1st Subdistrict)	Oct.–Dec. 1868

KING WILLIAM COURTHOUSE

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. John C. Chance (3rd Division, 3rd Subdistrict)	Feb.–June 1866
Col. Frank Butts (3rd Division, 3rd Subdistrict)	June 1866–July 1867
C. P. Goodyear (3rd Division, 3rd Subdistrict)	July 1867–Dec. 1868

LEESBURG (Loudoun County)

Lt. Sydney B. Smith (3rd Division, 10th Subdistrict)	Mar. 1866–May 1868
Lt. Sydney B. Smith (at Warrenton)	May–July 1868
Lt. Sydney B. Smith (at Middleburg)	July–Oct. 1868

LEXINGTON

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

C. Jerome Tubbs	Sept. 1865–Feb. 1866
G. Carse	Feb.–Nov. 1866
J. W. Sharp	Dec. 1866–Jan. 1868
Douglas Frazer	Jan.–Sept. 1868
Jno. W. Jordan	Sept.–Dec. 1868

LIBERTY

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

B. T. Shaum	Oct. 1865–Apr. 1868
J. F. Wilcox	Apr.– Dec. 1868

LOUISA COURTHOUSE

Assistant Superintendent

Capt. R. McMurray	July 1865–Aug. 1866
Capt. James Ashworth	Nov. 1865–July 1866
Lt. Jacob Roth	July–Nov. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Maj. M. S. Hopkins (at Gordonsville)	Jan. 1867–Dec. 1868
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LUNENBURG COURTHOUSE

Assistant Superintendent

Lt. Alexander Blackman	Sept. 1865
Capt. Richard M. Homer	Oct. 1865
Lt. H. Treher	Nov. 1865–Jan. 1866
Lt. J. Arnold Yeckley	Jan.–July 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

W. H. Stowell	Apr.–July 1868
William Austin	July–Dec. 1868

LYNCHBURG

Superintendent

R. S. Lacey (7th District of VA)	Nov. 1865–Apr. 1867
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Agent

R. S. Lacey	Apr. 1867–Jan. 1868
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Subassistant Commissioner

R. S. Lacey (7th Subdistrict of VA)	Jan–Dec. 1868
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Assistant Superintendent of Schools

R. S. Lacey	Jan.–Mar. 1869
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Assistant Superintendent

Lt. J. P. Wodell (4th Subdistrict, 7th District)	Dec. 1865–Jan. 1867
Lt. Louis W. Stevenson (1st Division, 7th District)	Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868
J. F. Wilson (1st Division)	Jan.–Sept. 1868
Lt. W. F. DeKnight (Subdistrict of Amherst County)	May–Aug. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. L. A. Nesmith (1st and 6th Divisions, 7th District)	June–Sept. 1868
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MADISON COURTHOUSE**Assistant Subassistant Commissioner**

Capt. Samuel W. Carpenter
William Crea

Feb.–Nov. 1867
Feb.–Dec. 1868

MANCHESTER**Assistant Superintendent**

Lt. L. Hoysradt
Lt. T. W. Lord

Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866
Apr.–Oct. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Samuel F. Maddox

July–Dec. 1868

MARION**Assistant Superintendent**

Lt. B. E. Hess

Apr.–Aug. 1866

MATTHEWS COURTHOUSE**Assistant Superintendent**

E. A. Chandler
F. K. Smith

Apr. 1866–Mar. 1867
Apr.–July 1867

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

E. R. Williams
E. A. Chandler
Thomas Rice

July–Aug. 1867
Aug. 1867–Jan. 1868
Jan.–Dec. 1868

FORT MONROE**Superintendent**

C. B. Wilder (9th District)
C. B. Wilder (5th District)
S. L. Armstrong (5th District)

Sept. 1865–July 1866
July–Sept. 1866
Sept. 1866–Apr. 1867

Agent

S. L. Armstrong (5th District)

Apr. 1867–Jan. 1868

Subassistant Commissioner

S. L. Armstrong (5th District)
S. L. Armstrong (at Hampton)

Jan.–Sept. 1868
Sept.–Dec. 1868

Superintendent

S. L. Armstrong (1st Education Subdistrict, Hampton)

Jan.–Apr. 1869

NEW KENT COURTHOUSE**Superintendent**

A. M. Brooks (at Barhamsville)

Mar.–Apr. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

A. M. Brooks
William H. Sloan
E. G. Townsend

Apr. 1866–Dec. 1867
Dec. 1867–June 1868
May–Aug. 1868

NORFOLK**Assistant Superintendent for Negro Affairs, Fort Monroe**

C. H. Beirne	Mar.–June 1865
Superintendent	
A. S. Flagg (1st District, Fort Monroe)	June–Sept. 1865
A. S. Flagg (1st District, Norfolk)	Sept. 1865–June 1866
William P. Austin	June 1866–Mar. 1867
Subassistant Commissioner	
J. H. Remington	Mar. 1867–Jan. 1869
Assistant Subassistant Commissioner	
Lt. John H. Keatley	June–Aug. 1865
Charles E. Johnston	Aug. 1865–May 1866
Edward Murphy	Feb.–Nov. 1867

ORANGE COURTHOUSE

Assistant Superintendent	
M. C. Harris	July–Sept. 1865
H. C. Buckman	Sept.–Oct. 1865
John W. Barnes	Oct. 1865–Aug. 1866
W. A. MacNulty	Sept.–Oct. 1866

PALMYRA

Assistant Superintendent	
Lt. C. E. Minor (at Columbia)	Aug–Nov. 1865
Capt. N. R. Bunker (at Columbia)	Dec. 1865
E. G. Budd	Jan–Oct. 1866

PETERSBURG

Superintendent	
Stuart Barnes (District of the Nottoway)	July–Aug. 1865
Stuart Barnes (2nd District)	Aug. 1865–Sept. 1867
Subassistant Commissioner	
J. R. Stone	Sept. 1866–Sept. 1867
James A. Bates	Sept.–Oct. 1867
J. R. Stone	Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868
Assistant Superintendent	
Capt. E. H. Tobey	July 1865–Nov. 1865
Lt. J. A. Yeckley	Dec. 1866–Jan. 1867
Capt. J. L. Johnston	Nov.–Dec. 1867
Lt. H. K. W. Ayres	Dec. 1867–July 1868

PRINCESS ANNE

Assistant Superintendent	
Thomas P. Jackson (at Norfolk)	Sept. 1865–May 1866
Morton Havens	May 1866–July 1867
Morton Havens	July 1867–Jan. 1868
James Croft	Jan.–Dec. 1868

RICHMOND

Quartermaster

H. S. Merrell	Apr.–June 1865
Superintendent	
H. S. Merrell (District of Henrico)	June–Nov. 1865
H. S. Merrell (3rd District)	Nov. 1865–June 1866
John A. McDonnell (3rd District)	June–Nov. 1866
John A. Bates (3rd District)	Apr.–May 1867
Subassistant Commissioner	
John A. Bates	Apr.–May 1867
Paul R. Hambrick	May 1867–Dec. 1868
Assistant Superintendent of Schools	
Paul R. Hambrick	Jan.–Apr. 1869
Assistant Superintendent	
E. B. Townsend (Subdistrict of Richmond)	Dec. 1865–Feb. 1866
T. W. Lord	Mar.–Apr. 1866
Assistant Subassistant Commissioner	
Benjamin C. Cook	Apr. 1866–Dec. 1868

ROCKY MOUNT

Assistant Superintendent	
James Warden	Jan.–June 1866
William F. DeKnight (Subdistrict No. 3, 7th District)	Aug. 1866–Apr. 1867
Assistant Subassistant Commissioner	
William F. DeKnight	Apr.–July 1867
William F. DeKnight (Subdistrict No. 3, 7th District)	July–Oct. 1867
Newton Whitten (4th Division, 7th Subdistrict)	Oct.–Dec. 1867
Augustus R. Egbert	Dec. 1867–June 1868

SMITHFIELD

Assistant Superintendent	
Lt. L. W. L. McDaniels	May 1865–Mar. 1866
Lt. A. G. Deacon	Mar.–May 1866

STAUNTON

Assistant Superintendent	
Lt. George W. Cook (at Harrisburg)	Mar.–May 1866
Lt. George W. Cook (Subdistrict No. 10, 7th District, at Staunton)	May–Dec. 1866
Frederick S. Tukey (Subdist. of Augusta and Highland)	Dec. 1866–Apr. 1867
Thomas P. Jackson (4th Division, 9th Subdistrict)	Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868
Assistant Subassistant Commissioner	
John W. Jordan	Mar.–Sept. 1868
Roswell Waldo	Sept.–Dec. 1868

SUFFOLK

Agent	
John W. Barnes (3rd Division, 1st Subdistrict)	Dec. 1866–Nov. 1867
Assistant Subassistant Commissioner	
Lt. George W. Fleming	Nov. 1867–July 1868

George W. Black July–Dec. 1868

TAPPAHANNOCK

Provost Marshall

Edgar B. Le Gro (at Warsaw)

July–Oct. 1865

Edgar B. Le Gro

Nov.–Dec. 1865

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. Watson R. Wentworth

(3rd Division, 6th Subdistrict from April 1867)

Feb. 1866–Dec. 1868

WARRENTON

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Lt. W. S. Chase

July 1866–Aug. 1867

Capt. E. B. Gates (4th Division, 10th Subdistrict)

Aug. 1867–Jan. 1868

Morton Havens (4th Division, 10th Subdistrict)

Jan.–Apr. 1868

Lt. Sydney B. Smith (See Leesburg, VA)

May–July 1868

WARSAW

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Henry W. Ayres

(4th Division, 6th Subdistrict from April 1867)

Jan.–Dec. 1867

William B. Pease

Jan. 1868

C. G. McClelland

Feb.–Mar. 1868

E. W. Busby

Apr.–Dec. 1868

WAVERLY

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

W. F. Wilcox

(2nd Division, 2nd Subdistrict from April 1867)

Dec. 1866–Mar. 1868

P. M. McLaughlin

Apr.–July 1868

WILSON'S LANDING

Assistant Superintendent

J. H. Remington

Feb.–June 1866

Lt. Edward Murphy

July–Sept. 1866

WINCHESTER

Superintendent

Capt. H. Stover How (6th District, at Staunton)

Aug.–Sept. 1865

Capt. H. Stover How (6th District)

Oct. 1865–May 1866

J. H. Remington (6th District)

May–Sept. 1866

J. H. Remington (9th District)

Sept.–Nov. 1866

Subassistant Commissioner

John A. McDonnel (9th District)

Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868

Assistant Superintendent

John P. How

Dec. 1865–Apr. 1866

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

Capt. Gilbert R. Chandler (1st Division, 9th District) Apr. 1866–Oct. 1867

WOODSTOCK

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

J. H. Hall (3rd Division, 9th District)

Mar. 1866–July 1868

W. Lyreel

July–Aug. 1868

Watkins James

Aug.–Dec. 1868

WYTHEVILLE

Superintendent

B. C. Carter (8th District)

Oct. 1865–June 1866

George P. Sherwood (8th District)

June–Dec. 1866

J. H. Remington (8th District)

Dec. 1866–Feb. 1867

William P. Austin (8th District)

Mar.–Aug. 1867

H. G. Thomas (8th District)

Assistant Superintendent of Schools

H. G. Thomas (at Salem)

Jan.–Mar. 1869

YORKTOWN

Assistant Subassistant Commissioner

F. A. Massey (3rd Division, 5th District)

Jan. 1866–May 1868

Henry K. Ayers (3rd Division, 5th District)

Aug.–Dec. 1868