

Freedmen's Bureau Records
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The impact of the Civil War was keenly felt by many living from DE to TX. The Freedmen's Bureau Records are full of pertinent records; not just the records of freed slaves. While records of freedmen are found, a lot information about ALL impoverished southerners is also found.

If a family tree contains confederate soldiers who were wounded or killed in action, their surviving parents, spouses or children might be found listed in these documents as they requested or received rations, were declared destitute, etc.

If your ancestors were freed, they might also be found receiving rations, or being a party to a contract, etc. Or, maybe their children attended a school.

Here is a brief outline of the planned talk ...

- Short History of the Freedmen's Bureau
- Where the Freedmen's Bureau Operated
- What is not in the Freedmen's Bureau Records
- Short History of the Freedmen's Bureau in NC [as an example – though applicable for all states served]
- Samples from select record groups [ALL NC examples]
- Request/Applications for Relief/Rations
- Ration Lists/Destitute Lists
- Indentures and Contracts
- Hospital/Medical treatment
- Freedmen School Records
- USCT Records
- Correspondence
- Other relevant Freedmen's Bureau Records
- Resources