

Black Kentucky Pioneers:

1866-1869 McLean County, KY Freedman Tax Lists and Slaves in McLean County, KY Estate Records

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In the 1870 federal census of McLean County, KY 800 blacks were enumerated. Only 8 free blacks had been listed in the 1860 McLean County census, they were:

309	Moodie, Thomas Sr. (Black)	67 m	farmer	VA
	Maria (Black)	67 f		VA
	Thomas (Black)	28 m		KY
	Nancy (Black)	18 f		KY
	Talbot, James (Black)	21 m	farm laborer	TN
301	Bibb, Silvia (Black)	40 f		KY
702	In the household of James M. Anderson:			
	Terry, Louisa (Black)	12 f		KY
811	In the household of David A. Linthicum:			
	Terry, Daniel (Black)	16 m		KY

An additional 892 blacks were counted in the 1860 Mclean County Slave Schedule. In this record only the sex and age (no names) of the slaves were listed under their respective owners. The first time the freed slaves were listed in the annual tax lists of McLean County was .in the year 1866 (previously only a handful of "free blacks" were included). In this and for many years to come blacks appeared in the tax books in a separate listing labeled: "Freedman". In these records only males over the age of 21 and/or any property owners were named.

Below is a listing of the blacks who were recorded in the 1866, 1867, 1868 and 1869 "Freedman Tax Lists" of Mclean County, KY. Following each name is the year or years in which this name appeared (ex., 66 for 1866) and after the year, in some cases, is the number of children aged 6 to 20 years in the household of this person (this category was often not filled in). Following the years in which this person appeared in the 1866-69 tax lists is a brief vital abstract for this individual, based on the information reported (if found) in the 1870 Mclean County, KY Census. This abstract [in brackets] gives the person's age (in 1870), his place of birth, and his wife's first name and the approximate year of their marriage, as estimated from the ages of the children in their household in the 1870 census. Unfortunately, the first book of Mclean County marriages for blacks has been lost; it possibly burned in 1908, when a fire destroyed several books which had been left out of a fire proof vault. Following the Freedman Tax Lists is a listing of slaves, who were named in the will and estate records of McLean County. Will book 1 (checked from 1854, when McLean's records begin, through 1871) and Settlement Book 1

(1854-1865) of McLean County were checked page by page for any reference to slaves. Additional information on the early blacks of Mclean County, KY could also be learned from the following records: 1854-1865 sales of slaves in the Mclean County deed books; 1852-1861 Mclean County vital statistics; estate & deed records of the Kentucky counties of Daviess, Muhlenberg & Ohio, from which Mclean County was formed in 1854.

1866-1869 Mclean County, KY Freedman Tax Lists:

	appears in lists ; and # of children 6-20	age in 1870; place of birth; wife's name; about when married:
Allen, Newton	66-1	
Arnold, Peter	66	
Ashby, Allison	66	
Ashby, Henry	66-9,67,68,69	60 KY; Darkis A.; c1848
Ashby, Lewis/Louis	68,69	
Ashby, Ned	66,67,68	
Ashby, William A.	67	
Ayer, Albert/Alfred	66	44 TN; Laura; c1853
Ayer, Alex	66-2	
Ayer, William	67	
Ayers, Joshua	67	
Baker, Allen/Alfred	68,69-1	27 KY; Catherine; c1859
Baker, Peter	66-1	33 KY; Margaret; c1859
Belt, George	66,67,68,69	
Belt, James	66,67,68,69	29 TN; Ivara
Belt, Lewis/Louis	66-2,68-4	56 VA; Jennette
Bender, Felix	67	22 KY; single in 1870
Bennett, Bailey	67,69	
Bennett, Harrison	68	23 KY; Silva; c1866 (? mother: Hannah, 62 SC)
Bennett, Harry	66-1	
Bennett, Louis	66-3	
Bennett, Samuel	66-1,67,68,69	
Bibb, William	67	
Blacklock, Bailey	66-3	
Bland, Abraham	66-2,67-4,68-3,69	51 KY; Mariah; c1862
Bland, Daniel	69	
Bland, John	66-1,67-3,68-2	49 KY; Eliza
Brown, Jarrett	67,68,69	28 KY; Jennie
Brown, John	66	
Buckner, John	68,69	62 KY; single in 1870
Buford, Alexander	66,68,69	25 KY; single in 1870
Bugg, Newton	67-1,69	53 KY; Caroline
Bushey, Thomas	66-1	
Butler, William	68	

Calhoun, William	66	
Calvert, Robert	66	
Church, Bason	69	36 KY; ?Mary; c1859
Clemons, William	69	30 KY; single in 1870
Coleman, Edmund	66-4,67-1	
Cosby, Duncan	66-2,68-1,69	
Cosby, William	66,69	
Cox, Elias	66	
Cox, Warren B.	68,69	
Crabtree, Alexander	66,67,68,69	27 KY; single in 1870
Crow, Andrew	68	
Crunbacker, Primus	66-1	
Crumbaker, Richard	67-2,68,69	35 KY; Susan; c1858
Crumbaker, Robert	69	25 KY; Kate; c1766
Dame, Sam	66	
Daniel, Henderson	66,67	60 NC; Eliza
Davis, Arch	66	
Davis, Beverly	67-3	
Davis, Henry	66-3	
Davis, Sylvester	66-2	
Donohoo, Lewis/? Luke	66,69	40 KY
Dumerthe?, Sampson	69	
Duvall, Dick	66	
Dyer, Dock/Dick	66,67-1	
Eaves, Julius	66,67-1,68,69	23 KY; Amanda; c1869
Eaves, Pat	66-1	
Edwards, Henry	68	
Elliott, Henry	66	
Ellis, Nathaniel/Nathan	66-4,67-4,68,69-5	
Ellis, Richard/Dick	66	35 KY; Lucy; c1867 (? mother: Judia, 70 NC)
Ellis, Taylor	69	
Ellison, Abe	66	
Evans, Gabriel	66,67-5,68-8,69-4	50 KY; Mary; c1847
Evans, Zachary Taylor	67,68,69	22 KY; single in 1870
Fernley?, Isaac	66-1	
Field(s), Andrew	69	24 KY; single in 1870
Field(s), Joseph	68,69	
Field(s), Larkin	68	30 KY; single in 1870
Field(s), Qniniah/Omuer?	69-1	67 NC; Sarah; c1843
Fleming, Ran	66-1,68-1	
Galaspie, Louis	67	
Gibbs, Cral	66	
Gibson, James	66-2	
Gibson, Thomas	66-2,67,68-5	
Gish, Tobe	69	? Gabriel; 76 NC

Glover, Edmond	68,69	
Glover, Hartwell	66,68	40 KY;Lucy; c1866
Glover, Henry	67,68,69	32 KY;Rena; c1865
Glover, Joshua	66,67,68,69	26 KY;Fannie A.; c1864
Glover, Silas	67,68,69	
Glover, Thomas	67	
Goodwin, Jack	69	22 KY;single in .1870
Grady, Steven/Stephen	67,68, 69	
Granville, Henry	69	
Green, Charles	69	48 KY;Lydia A.; c1847
Grimes, Jacob	69	
Gum?, Joel	66	
Guinn/Gwinn, Israel	68-2,69-3	44 NC;Ann; c1858 (?mother: Lettie, 80)
Hamilton, Tobe	66,67	
Hampton, Dan	66	
Hancock, David	67	
Hancock, Jesse	67-4	
Harralson, James	68	20 KY;single in 1870
Harralson, John	66,67,68,69	
Harris, Jacob	66,68	23 NC;Alice; c1868
Harrison, Jacob	69	
Hawkins, James	67-1	
Hayden, Samuel	67	
Hays?, Henry	66	
Head, Alec	67	
Head, Nelson	66,67-2,68-2,69-2	40 KY;Betsy; c1857
Heckles, Richard	69	
Herron/Herring,GeorgeW.	66,68	24 KY;Camilla; c1865
Herron/Herring,Henry	66,67-3,68-3,69-2	50 KY;7 Lucinda; c1863
Herston, Cravin	66	
Herston, Elijah	66	
Higgs, James	67,68	? 24 NC; single in 1870
Higgs, Luke, Sr.	66-3,67-1	
Higgs, Luke, Jr.	67,68,69	
Higgs, Patrick	67-4,69	45 NC;Margaret; c1854
Hill?, Edward	66-2	
Hill, Henry	66-4	
Hill, Jesse	69	
Hillsman, Charles	66-2	
Hogg, Jim	66	
Holloway, Gale	69	
Holloway, Robert	69	29 KY;Silva; August 1869
Hoover, Jim	66	
Houston, Abner	66-3,67-3	
Houston, Anthony	66,67,68	43 KY;single in 1870

Houston, Daniel	67-1,68	
Houston, Frank	66-2	
Houston, Joseph	69	
Houston, Lewis/Louis	66-2,67,68-1,69	
Houston, Tote	66-2	
Howard, Joshua	67,68,69	37 KY;Ann
Humphrey, Jack	66-1,67,68,69	39 KY;Helen; c1870
Humphrey, Joshua	67	
Humphrey, Larkin	68,69	25 KY;? mother: Anca, 60 VA
Hunt, William D.	66,67-1,68,69	
Hunter, Joshua	69-3	19 KY;single in 1870
Hunter, Richard	66-3,68-5,69	45 VA;? Rebecca
Jackson, John	66,67	
Jackson, John	66	
Jackson, Wiley	67,69	
Johnson, Anderson, Sr.	66,67-3,68-2,69	
Johnson, Anderson, Jr.	67,68,69	
Johnson, Beverly	66-2,68	
Johnson, Daniel	66-1,67,68,69	47 KY;Rose A.; ? father: Daniel, 85
Johnson, Hartwell	67	
Johnson, Henry A.	66,67,68	42 KY
Johnson, Jesse	66-3,68	
Johnson, Jim	66-1	
Johnson, John Clay	66,67-2,68-1,69	
Johnson, John R.	68	
Johnson, Joseph	66-1,68	80 NC
Johnson, Joshua	67,68	
Johnson, Levi	66,68,69	39 KY;Mary; c1860
Johnson, Lewis	67,68	
Johnson, Lewis	68	
Johnson, Monroe	68,69	27 NC;Elza; c1861
Johnson, Peter, Sr.	66,67,68	
Johnson, Peter, Jr.	66,67,68	
Johnson, Pigman	66-2,67-3,68-4,69	45 KY;Mima; c1851
Johnson, Samuel	67,69	23 KY
Johnson, Wilson	69	50 KY;Mary A.; former slave of Pascal Johnson, see McLean Co. deed book A, p.103
Johnson, Wirtham?	66	
Johnson, Woodson	66-1,67,68,69	53 KY;Milley
Kincheloe, Henry	67,68,69	
Kittinger, Henry	66-1,68,69	67 KY;single in 1870
Knox, Benjamin	69	? 28 KY; Mary; c1856
Landrum, Green	69	
Landrum, Jefferson	66-2,67,68	40 KY;single in 1870
Landrum, William	66-3	

Leachman, Ben L.	66-2,67-2,68,69	42 KY
Leathers, William	69	
Lewis, William	67	
Lipscomb, Abram	68,69	20 TN; single in 1870
Little, William	66,68	32 AL; Gracey; c1867
Lynn, Nelson	66	
Lynn, Samuel	66,68	
McClarty, David	67-4,66-1,68-2,69	60 MD; Irene; c1857
Mekliff, Charles	66	
Mills, Norman	67-4	
Mitchell, John	66	
Mitchell, Lewis	68	
Moody, Green	67	
Moody, Thomas, Sr.	66-3	
Moody, Thomas, Jr.	66,67,68,69	24 KY; Nancy; ? 28 in 1860 census
Moore, Nelson	66-2	
Moore, John	66-2	
Moorman, Davy or Dorcy	67-3,68-3	
Moorman, Gilbert	66,68-2,69-2	30 KY; Millie; c1863
Moorman, Joe	66	
Monroe, James	67-4	
Morehead, Frank	66	
Morehead, George	68	
Morehead, Henry	66,67-1,68	44 KY; Henrietta; c1851
Morrison, Monroe	68,69	
Morton, Willis	68	
Nall, George	66,69-2	57 KY; Mary; c1842
Nall, James H.	66,67,68-1,69	38 KY; Lucinda; c1870
Nall, Larkin	66-2,67-2,68-1,69	40 KY; Lutricia; c1858 (?mother: Celia A., 65 KY)
Nall, Peter	67-3,68	
Niles, Norman	66-6	
Obion, Henry	67	
Odaniel, Henderson	67	
Overstreet, Buck	66,67,68-1	24 KY; single in 1870
Owen, Jesse	66-1,68,69	
Patterson, Jefferson	66-1,68	
Payne, Joseph	67-2,68-1,69	43 KY; Ann; c1854
Peyton, Richard/Dick	66,67,68,69	56 KY; Mary
Peyton, Richard	67	
Phillips, Peter	67	
Porter, George	66	
Porter, Henry	68,69-1	36 KY; Sallie; c1862
Porter, Wilson	66-1,68-2	
Porter, Wilson	66-1	
Powell, William	66-2	

Powell, Willis	68-1,69	
Pumphrey, David	67,69	30 KY;Hannah; c1865
Ray, Isaac	67	
Render, Buckner	68	
Roper, Josua	66	
Rowan, Lewis	69	24 KY;single in 1870
Rudy, Thomas	66	
Rust, Daniel	66,68	
Rust, George	68	
Short, Woodson/Wood	68,69	? Hall; 44 VA
Shrader, Bill	66	
Shuck, Daniel	67	
Shutt, Henry	66-2	
Situations, Edmond	66,67,69	49 KY;Rachel
Smith, John	66-1,67-2,68,69-2	
Smith, Paul	66	
Smith, Robert	68-3,69-2	
Sniderm Peter	68	
Stiles, George	66	
Taby, Hamilton	69	
Talbott, Nelson	66,67,68,69	37 TN;single in 1870
Talbott, Wilson	66,67	
Talbert, Press	67-2,68-1	
Tanner, Israel	67-2	
Tanner, Jacob	68	
Tanner, Phill/File	66-2,68-1,69	
Taylor, Henry	66,67	
Taylor, Pompey	66	
Taylor, Washington	67,68	40 KY;single in 1870
Terry, Daniel	67,68,69	29 KY;Lucinda
Terry, Henderson	69	
Thomas, Mark	67-4,68-4,69	48 KY;Martha; c1852
Thomas, Toby	68	
Tibbs, Bason/Boason	66,67-1	
Tinsley, Isaac	66,67-1,68	50 VA;single in 1870
Todd, Daniel	67	
Todd, Henry	67	
Tucker, Henry C.	67	
Vance, William	68,69	33 AL; Kansas; c1862
Vaughn, William R.	67-4	
Vickers, Felix	68	
Vickers, John P.	69	21 KY;single in 1870
Waltrip, Sam W.	68	
Watkins, Leander/Lee	67,68	
Wayne, George W.	69	
Wayne, John	67-2,68,69	

Wickliffe, Charles	69	
Wickliffe, Thomas	66-2,67,69-3	56 KY; Martha; c1852
Williams, Benjamin	66,67,68-1	31 KY; Malinda; c1858
Williams, Elijah	67,68-3,69-2	40 KY; ? Elvira; c1851
Williams, Louis	68	
Williamson, Joe	66	
Wilson, Henry G.	67,68	30 KY; Jane; c1861
Wilson, Jobe	66	
Wolfork, John	66	
Worthington, Garrett	68	

Slaves named in McLean County, KY Will Book 1:

- p2 Will of John Huston, recorded August 1854. Slaves: Sally (age 17); George (about 55); Tom (about 25); a girl (about 17); Peter (about 27); Rebecca (about 11); Henry; Gin (a woman & her children, Hal & Mariah); Daniel; Aaron; Mingo (a boy); & Bill.
- p9 Will of Solomon Howard, written 15 June 1855, recorded 2 February 1857. Slaves: Nancy & Arabella.
- p15 Will of William A. Eaves, written 7 September 1857, recorded 24 September 1857, Slaves: Sampson; Amanda (& her children); Mahala (& her children); Bill; & Nancy.
- p17 Will of Groves Hunt, written 24 February 1852, recorded 8 December 1857. Slaves: William (about 21) & Caroline (about 13).
- p20 Will of Dillis Dyer, written 27 January 1849, recorded 5 July 1858. Slaves: Marsha; ? Deniston; & Paralee.
- p21 Will of John J. Bland, written 21 January 1858, recorded 5 July 1858. Slaves: Abe (35 or 36); John (25); Harriett (14); and the following, who belonged to his wife, Susan A. Higgs, at the time of their marriage (in 1845): Mariah; Franky (& her children); Henrietta; Leander; Gip; Adaline; & Lenora.
- p33 Will of John W. Ellis, written 17 March 1859, recorded 3 June 1861. Slaves: Dick; Judah (a woman); Nathan; Primus (a man); Mabel; & Nelson (a boy).
- p35 Will of John Johnson, written 17 February 1857, recorded 3 June 1861. Refers to slaves but no names recorded.
- p45 Will of Lucy Johnson, recorded 6 June 1864. Slaves: John & Judy.

- p52 Will of William M. Moore, Sr., written 23 March 1865, recorded 5 May 1865. Slaves: Nelson (a boy); John (a boy); Roda; Mariah; and he granted to his slave, Mary, her freedom.
- p56 Will of Benjamin Johnson, written 24 November 1865, recorded 16 February 1866. Slaves: Mary (from his mother's estate) & her 4 children.
- p65 Will of Frederick Tanner, written 16 October 1861, recorded 18 June 1867. Slaves: Molly & Phil
- p78 Will of Minerva K. Hardy, written 2 May 1859, recorded 9 October 1871. Slave: Hannah.

Slaves named in McLean County, KY Settlement Book 1 (1854-1865):

Documents include inventories, appraisements, sale bills, accounts and settlements of estates.

- p2 Estate of John Houston, recorded 10 August 1854. Slaves: Rose; Anthony; Sam; Sally; Frank; Lewis; Walter; & Mitty.
- p21 Estate of John Bender, recorded 28 February 1855. Slaves: David (age 30); Rose (35 & her child, 4 months); ? Bofeast (a boy, age 9); & Felix (7).
- p26 Estate of John W. Martin, recorded 2 November 1854. Slave: Bill (35).
- p32 Estate of B. T. Head, recorded 14 June 1855. Slave: Nelson (a man).
- p53 Guardians account for D. W. & Remus Glover, recorded 29 April 1856. Slaves: Silas (a boy); Edmond (a boy); & Lena.
- p80 Estate of Henry Belt, recorded 6 April 1857. Slave: Lewis.
- p143 Estate of W. A. Eaves, recorded 18 November 1857. Slaves: Sampson (a man); William (a boy); Rose (a girl); Julius (a boy); Henrietta (a girl); Turpin (a girl); Milla (a girl); Prentis (a boy); Wiley (a boy); & Nancy (a girl).
- p150 Estate of John J. Rust, recorded 5 April 1859. Slaves: Henry (37); Moses (21); Alfred (24); Baley (21, a man); Granville; Rebecca (25, & her children); Delsa (18, & her 3 children); Eliza (25, & her 2 children); Daniel (9); George (7); James (5); & Sophia (3). Annual reports of the hiring out of the preceding slaves for the years 1860-65 were recorded on pages 203, 228, 272, 334, 444 & 520.
- p212 Estate of J. Nicholls, recorded 18 June 1860. Slave: Peter (a boy).

- p223 Guardian's report by R. A. Harralson, recorded 7 January 1861. Slaves: Calvert (42); girl (about 5); Calvin; Lucinda (about 50); Jim (about 12); George (about 22); Elija (about 31).
- p235 Estate of John W. Ellis, recorded 1 April 1861. Slaves: Nathan; Dick; Mabel; Primus; Nelson; & Judah.
- p275 Estate of J. J. Whitaker, recorded 28 December 1861. Slaves: Cyrus (a man); Mingo (a man); Erasmus (a boy); & Betsey (a girl).
- p288 Estate of Eliza Owens, recorded 5 May 1862. Slave: Jesse (a boy).
- p298 Estate of James Henry, recorded 6 October 1862. Slaves: Lucinda (19); Sarah (16); Warren (13); & Sarah Jane (2).
- p321 & 414 Estate of Hines Higgs, recorded 5 January 1863. Slaves: Patrick (a man); Luke (a man); Jim (a man); John (a man); Louisa (a girl); Jeff (a boy); Arthur (a boy); Bettie (a woman); Sharlott (a woman); Margret (a woman, & her 2 children); Mariah (& her child); & Vandalier (& her 3 children).
- p361 Estate of David R. Lea, recorded 1 June 1863. Slave: Daniel (a man).
- p372 & 410 Estate of Samuel C. Harralson, recorded 1863. Slaves: Margaret (21); Peter (1); Jourdan (2); Thaddeus (5); Jourdan (10); Anthony (5); & Esan (19).
- p544 Estate of William M. Moore, recorded 3 July 1865. Slaves: Millard (8); Peter (6); Charlotte (2); & Rufus Lee (a boy).

Many of the slaves named in the preceding estate records subsequently adopted the surname of their former owners. The following twenty-five individuals, who were listed in the Freedman tax lists and/or the 1870 census of Mclean County, were among the slaves named in the Mclean County estate records, who used the last name of their former owners as their own:

Lewis Belt	James Harralson	William D. Hunt
Felix Bender	Nelson Head	John Johnson
Abraham Bland	Luke Higgs	John Moore
John Bland	Patrick Higgs	Nelson Moore
Julius Eaves	Anthony Houston	Jesse Owen
Dick Ellis	Daniel Houston	Daniel Rust
Nathan Ellis	Frank Houston	George Rust
Edmond Glover	Lewis Houston	Phil Tanner
Silas Glover		

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