## Another List of Free Negroes in Cumberland County, 1851

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This list contains names of Free Negroes in Cumberland County who allegedly had not registered with the Clerk of the Court and had remained in the Commonwealth following emancipation contrary to law. The Commissioner of Revenue brought charges before the Grand Jury in August 1851, but all the charges were dropped during the following two years. In view of this action, it is likely that the Grand Jury presentments were merely harassment to remind the persons involved to pay their taxes. This list was found in Cumberland County Judgments for August 1851, located in the Library of Virginia. Readers may compare these names with those published in the Magazine of Virginia Genealogy, volume 40, number 3 (August 2002).

## A LIST OF FREE NEGROES IN THE COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND WHO HAS [sic] NOT BEEN REGISTERED ACCORDING TO LAW, AS FAR AS KNOWN TO THE COMMR. OF REVENUE

Residing in the upper district:			Chas. Elison	80		
Wm. Brown	33 yr	s of age	Richd. Patterson	60	"	
Jeffery Brown	60	"	John Richardson	55	"	
Louisa Brown	80	<u>"</u>	Richd. Skurry [?]	70	"	
Louisa Brown, Jr.	60	"				
Nancy Brown	34	"	Residing in the Low	ver dis	trict	:
Wm. Coy	12	"	Bob Cato		25	"
Nancy Cousins	50	<u>"</u>	James Cooper		45	"
Martha Cousins	30	"	Isham Cousins		60	"
Wm. Evins	38	"	David Cato		70	"

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David Cato, Jr.	30 "	Martha Jenkins 23 "	
Sam Cato	38 "	Mariah Jackson 25 "	
Albert Cousins	12 "	Sarah Jenkins 20 "	
Ann Cato	30 "	Eliza Lynch 23 "	
Gray Cooper	50 "	Sucky Logan 23 "	
Jane Cooper	40 "	David Mayo, Jr. 65 "	
Jane Cooper, Jr.	16 "	Wm. Cuff Mayo 23 "	
Mary A. Cooper	16 "	Robt. Mayo (the younger 12 "	
Nancy Cooper	14 "	David C. Mayo 30 "	
Ginny Cato	50 "	Polly Mayo 85 "	
Sally Cato	32 "	Gray Mayo 60 "	
Sarah Cousins	17 "	<del>Judy Mayo, Jr. 30 "</del>	
Martha Corkran	<del>27 "</del>	Caroline Mayo 19 "	
Frans. Clarke	34 "	Kitty Mayo 16 "	
Billy Goff	55 "	Albert Norris 50 "	
Horace Gray	16 "	Ann Norris 30 "	
David Jones	15 "	Geo. Smothers 16 "	
Lucinda Jackson	25 "	Ann Trotter -	
Tarlton Jenkins, Jr.	18 "	Martha Trotter -	
Tarlton Jenkins	51 "	Amanda Trotter -	
Isham Jenkins, Jr.	12 "	Simon Jones -	
Dandridge Jackson	22 "	Albert Mayo - for	
Robt. Jenkins, Jr.	12 "	standing a stallion without a license	
Sidney Jenkins	13 "		
Louisa Jones	14 "	Free Negroes	
Mary Jones	12 "	Presentable	

