

## A List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes In the Lower District of Cumberland County in 1810\*

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*Written on 8 sheets of paper, measuring approximately 5 inches by 6 inches, this unusually detailed list of free Negroes and mulattos for Cumberland County, Virginia, remained hidden between the pages of one of the county's personal property tax books until recently discovered by Barbara Vines Little. Located at the end of the 1810 tax list, this list of free Negroes and mulattos is especially valuable because the only partially extant register of free Negroes for Cumberland County begins in 1821, eleven years after this list was compiled.*

A List of Free Negroes and Mulattoes  
In the Lower District of Cumberland County in 1810  
Taken (Agreeable to an act of General Assembly in that case made & provided)  
by John Baughan Coms<sup>r</sup> Rev<sup>n</sup>,

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| March 1  |   |
| Jenny Cousins (free Mo) near the pint fork and by trade a weaver                         | 1 |
| David Cousins (free Mo) near pint fork waterman  | 1 |
| John Cousins (free Mo) with his wife Kiziah and 1<br>Child near the pint fork a waterman | 3 |
| Jinny Cooper (free Mo) with 1 Child Judy near the<br>pint fork by trade a spinner        | 2 |

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\* Personal Property Tax Book, Lower District, Cumberland County, 1810, Auditor of Public Accounts, Library of Virginia.

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| Judy Jenkins (free Mo) with 6 Children Sally Polly Tarlton Nancy<br>Jinny & Davy living on John Criddles land a spinner & planter   | 7         |
| Nancy Jenkins (free Mo) with 2 Children Milly & Sally<br>living on Joel Meggs land a spinner  | 3         |
| Wm Smothers (free Mo) with his wife Nancy & 1 Child<br>William living on Wm Austons land a planter  | 3         |
| Cato Mayo (free N) & wife Molly with 1 Child Laurenn &<br>1 Grand son Sippio living on John Criddles land & by trade a planter  | 4         |
| Amount Carryed over   | <u>24</u> |
| Amount Brought forward  | 24        |
| March 3   |           |
| Grace Cato (free Negroe) with 2 Children Betsey &<br>William on Jn <sup>o</sup> Criddles land Spinner & Jobber  | 3         |
| Charles Harris (free Mo) with Nancy his wife and 1Child Anderson<br>& 1 apprentice Joseph Ligon (Mo) on W. Baughans land a painter  | 4         |
| Dinah Mayo (Free N) with 3 Children Nancy Judy<br>& Lizzy on A. Hughes land a spinner   | 4         |
| Betsey Smith (fr Mo) living on A. Hughes land By trade a spinner  | 1         |
| Esther Flint (f Mo) living in Cartersville By trade Washer and spinner  | 1         |
| Tillis free Negroe living near Woodsons old tavern farmer & spinner   | 1         |
| Amy Weaver (free Mo) living in Cartersville By trade a Cake seller  | 1         |
| Lucy (f N) with 3 Children Sally Betsey & Ressie living<br>[with] Patrick Lambert in Cartersville a washer & spinner  | 4         |
| Amount Carryed up   | <u>43</u> |
| Amount brot up  | 43        |
| March 14  |           |
| John Brown (free Mo) & wife Betsey with 3 Children<br>Sally Nancy & Mary Ann & Betsey Brown his Sister<br>& Lewis Jenkins Mo apprentice living near Turkey<br>Cock Church & by Trade Boot & Shoemaker | 7         |

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| Free Negroes and Mulattoes, Lower District, Cumberland County, 1810  | 207            |
| Jesse Brown (f Mo) with a white wife & Child Betsey<br>living on John Austins land near Turkey Cock Church a planter                         | 2              |
| Patty (free Negroe) in Black Ancle on Rich <sup>d</sup><br>Richardsons Land a spinner & planter  | 1              |
| Judy Mayo (f N) & Sippio her son living with Cato<br>Mayo on Jn <sup>o</sup> Criddles land a spinner   | 2              |
| Polly Mayo (f N) with 4 Children Nancy Davy Jim<br>& Mary living on John J. Reynolds land by trade a spinner                                 | 5              |
| Amount Carryed Over  | <u>60</u>      |
| Amount Brought over  | 60             |
| March 24   |                |
| John Jenkins (free Mo) by trade a waterman &<br>Jobber & wife at Jn <sup>o</sup> Criddles  | 1 <sup>1</sup> |
| David Jenkins (free Mo) living with Ron D.<br>Montague by trade a Carpenter  | 1              |
| Judy Mayo (f N) with 1 son Sippio living on John<br>Criddles land by trade a planter and spinner   | 2              |
| David Mayo (f N) with Jinny his wife and Amy Mayo<br>Daughter of Judy Mayo living on John Criddles land<br>his trade Jobing & Amy's a weaver | 3              |
| Sam Mayo (free Negroe) with Patomic his wife & 2<br>Children Bob & Sooky Living on Samuel Ayres land<br>a waterman & his wife a spinner      | 4              |
| Amot Carryed up  | <u>71</u>      |
| Amount Brought up  | 71             |
| April 3  |                |
| Jack Mayo (free N) living on the land of Daniel Mayos a waterman   | 1              |
| Jesse Mayo (free N) living on Daniel Mayos land a waterman   | 1              |

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<sup>1</sup> It is likely that this total is wrong.

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| Jim Mayo (free N) living on Daniel Mayos land a Waterman   | 1              |
| Flora Mayo (free N) Moth[?] <sup>2</sup> free Cuffy near the pint fork a spinner   | 1              |
| Diley Mayo (f N) with one Child Buky<br>On Daniel Mayo's land a spinner  | 2              |
| Daniel Jenkins (free Mo) apprentice living with Henry Hatcher  | 1              |
| Julia Mayo (free Negroe) with 3 Children James<br>Betsey & Humphrey living on Tho: H. Waltons land<br>near Mrs. Spears & by trade a spinner  | 4              |
| Amount Carried Over  | <u>82</u>      |
| Amount Brought forward   | 82             |
| April 12   |                |
| Dolly Mayo (free Negroe) with 1 Child Judy by trade a spinner  | 2              |
| Billy Mayo (free N) a waterman   | 1              |
| Simon Mayo (free N) a waterman   | 1              |
| Cuffy Mayo (free N) with his wife Dillaber & 6<br>Children Randolph, Nancy, Chloe, Will, Jinny &<br>Nathan Flora his wife's Mother living near the pint<br>fork & by trade planter & spinner | 9 <sup>3</sup> |
| William Brown (free Mo) & a Miller for Tho: M. Walton  | 1              |
| Total Amount   | <u>97</u>      |
| Peter Clarke free Mo living with J. Baughan  | 1              |
| Right Amot   | <u>98</u>      |

Cumberland County 28<sup>th</sup> May 1810

I John Baughan have examined the foregoing list of Free Negroes and Mulattoes  
and find it to be Correctly stated Given under my hand Jno Baughan Com<sup>r</sup> Rev<sup>n</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> Perhaps, indicating that she was a "mother" to Cuffy Mayo.

<sup>3</sup> Flora is actually being counted for the second time.