

## A List of Free Negroes and Mulattos Residing in Nelson County, 1818\*

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*Free blacks were required to pay taxes and are thus found listed each year in the personal property tax lists. They are typically found among the other tax payers identified with the descriptor FB. On occasion the tax commissioner would place them in a separate list at the end of the tax book. And sometimes, additional information was appended. For example, in this list occupations and ages are included. And, the groupings suggest that they are likely listed by family group. In contrast, an 1818 list for Dinwiddie County appended to the end of the tax book provides their occupation and identifies who they lived near. None of the entrants are female and all have occupations suggesting that only adult males were listed.<sup>1</sup> The second tax book for Dinwiddie, lists free blacks and mulattos by name including two females and includes a description of where they lived but does not provide their occupation.<sup>2</sup> Researchers need to be alert to the fact that there are inconsistencies in the type(s) information provided, which can, on occasion, work to the researcher's advantage.*

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\* Virginia Personal Property Tax Lists, Nelson County, 1818, p.38, microfilm reel 245, frame 190, Record Group 48: Auditor of Public Accounts, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

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<sup>1</sup> Virginia Personal Property Tax List, Dinwiddie Co., 1818, Peter Scott's List, p.21, Record Group 48: Auditor of Public Accounts, digital images, *Virginia County Tax Lists* (www.binnsgenealogy.com : accessed 2016).

<sup>2</sup> Virginia Personal Property Tax List, Dinwiddie Co., 1818, Henry Young's List, p. 21, Record Group 48: Auditor of Public Accounts, digital images, *Virginia County Tax Lists* (www.binnsgenealogy.com : accessed 2016).

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Names	Occupation	age	Names	Occupation	age
Jno Sparrow	Sadler	60	[second column]		
Meriah Sparrow	Spinster	53	Phoebe Scott	Spinster	47
Alexander Sparrow	Ditcher	24	Wm Dunnon,	Shoemaker	27
Judith Sparrow	Spinster	22	Jane Dunnon	Spinster	48
Sary Sparrow	Weaver	20			
Jno Sparrow	Ditcher	19			
Bartlet Sparrow	Sadler	17	Jno Dunnon	Bricklayer	23
Eward Sparrow	none	13	Joseph Dunon	none	12
Sympson Sparrow	none	11	Henry Dunnon	none	9
Wm Sparrow	none	9	Louisia Dunnon	none	6
Martha Sparrow	none	7	Elizabeth Dobbin	Spinster	31
Robert Sparrow	none	5	George Dobbin,	none	10
Peter West	Guardner	62	Wm Dobbin	none	8
Ardiletly Isaacks	Spinster	none 25	Jeffery Dobbin,	none	6
Nancy Isaacks	Spinster	23	Agnes Dobbin	none	4
Mertildy Isaacks	Spinster	25	Lott	Miller	55
Robert Arnold Sr[?]	Blacksmith	49	Lucy	Spinster	50
Dolley Arnold	Spinster	33	Milley Moss	Washer	50
Jonathan Arnold	none	14	Sidney Henderson	--	70
Drewry Arnold	none	9	Polley Isaacks	--	45
Sary Arnold	none	7	Nancy Thompson	--	45
Elvinia Arnold	none	4	Beverly Isaccks	none	10
Robert Arnold	none	2	Burwell Jackson	Blacksmith	57
James Mayhue	Planter	34	Alley Jackson	Spinster	57
Nancy Mayhue	Spinster	30	Hezekiah Jackson	Bricklayer	17
Wm Mayhue	none	14	Wm Jackson	Planter	13
Joseph Mayhue	none	12	Thomas Lockit	Blacksmith	63
Edmond Mayhue	none	10	Hannah Lockit	Spinster	41
Elizabeth Mayhue	none	8	Augustavous Lockit	none	7
Louisinda Mayhue	none	6	Hannah Lockit	none	4
Elisa Mayhue	none	4	Jacob Johnson	Planter	60
James Mayhue	none	2	Elizabeth Johnson	Spinster	56
Acyalbert Mayhue	none	0	Phoebe Barns	Spinster	58
Judith Martin	Spinster	48	Torssnan Tucker	Planter	55
Sary Jopling	Spinster	49	James Dunnon	Planter	21
Nancy Winters	Spinster	41	Jno Winter	none	5
Mary Winters	Spinster	31	Wm Winters	none	3
			Milly Winters	none	10
			George Winters	none	8
			Jane Winters	none	4