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Arkansas, Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen,
and Abandoned Lands, 1865–1872

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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

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HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the Freedmen's Bureau, was established in the War Department by an act of Congress on March 3, 1865 (13 Stat. 507). The life of the Bureau was extended twice by acts of July 16, 1866 (14 Stat. 173), and July 6, 1868 (15 Stat. 83). The Bureau was responsible for the supervision and management of all matters relating to refugees and freedmen, and of lands abandoned or seized during the Civil War. In May 1865, President Andrew Johnson appointed Maj. Gen. Oliver Otis Howard as Commissioner of the Bureau, and Howard served in that position until June 30, 1872, when activities of the Bureau were terminated in accordance with an act of June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366). While a major part of the Bureau's early activities involved the supervision of abandoned and confiscated property, its mission was to provide relief and help freedmen become self-sufficient. Bureau officials issued rations and clothing, operated hospitals and refugee camps, and supervised labor contracts. In addition, the Bureau managed apprenticeship disputes and complaints, assisted benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, helped freedmen in legalizing marriages entered into during slavery, and provided transportation to refugees and freedmen who were attempting to reunite with their family or relocate to other parts of the country. The Bureau also helped black soldiers, sailors, and their heirs collect bounty claims, pensions, and back pay.

The act of March 3, 1865, authorized the appointment of Assistant Commissioners to aid the Commissioner in supervising the work of the Bureau in the former Confederate states, the border states, and the District of Columbia. The Bureau's operations began in Arkansas in May 1865, when Brig. Gen. John W. Sprague took command as Assistant Commissioner. By order of Commissioner Howard in Circular No. 5, dated May 30, 1865, he established headquarters at St. Louis, MO, the next month. Bvt. Maj. Gen. Edward O. C. Ord relieved Sprague in October 1866 and was succeeded by Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith in March 1867.

When Sprague arrived in St. Louis, his jurisdiction encompassed areas outside Arkansas, including Missouri, Indian Territory, parts of Kansas (around Fort Leavenworth and Fort Scott), and Illinois (around Quincy and Cairo). By September 1865, Commissioner Howard felt that the laws of Missouri afforded enough protection to freedmen for the Bureau's activities to cease there. On October 16, 1865, Sprague received orders from Commissioner Howard to transfer headquarters from St. Louis to Little Rock, Arkansas, and operations of the Bureau were by-in-large withdrawn from Missouri. However, in April 1867 Frederick A. Seely was assigned as a disbursing officer for Missouri with headquarters at St. Louis, a position he held until February 1872. Although much of Seely's work related to the processing and payment of claims, he was also in charge of freedmen's affairs in Missouri. The headquarters remained in Little Rock until the Bureau's activities were terminated. While the work performed by Assistant Commissioners in each state was similar, the organizational structure of staff officers varied from state to state. At various times, the staff could consist of a superintendent of education, an assistant adjutant general, an assistant inspector general, a disbursing officer, a chief medical officer, a chief quartermaster, and a commissary of subsistence. Subordinate to these officers were the assistant superintendents, or subassistant commissioners as they later became known, who commanded the subdistricts. The major subordinate field offices for the Bureau at Arkansas, for example, included those with headquarters at Arkadelphia, Augusta, Batesville, Camden, Lewisburg, Devall's Bluff, Fort Smith, Hamburg, Hampton, Helena, Jacksonport, Lake Village and Luna Landing, Lewisville, Little Rock, Madison, Magnolia, Marion, Monticello, Napoleon, Osceola, Ozark, Paraclifta, Pine Bluff, Princeton, South Bend, Union, and Washington. Under the direct supervision of the subassistant commissioners were the civilian and military agents. Occasionally, the Bureau retained military officers in a civilian capacity after the termination of their military service. For a list of known Arkansas subordinate field office personnel and their dates of service, see the Appendix.

The Assistant Commissioner corresponded extensively with both his superior in the Washington Bureau headquarters and his subordinate officers in the subdistricts. Based upon reports submitted to him by the subassistant commissioners and other subordinate staff officers, he prepared reports that he sent to the Commissioner concerning Bureau activities in areas under his jurisdiction. The Assistant Commissioner also received letters from freedmen, local white citizens, state officials, and other non-Bureau personnel. These letters varied in nature from complaints to applications for jobs in the Bureau. Because the assistant adjutant general handled much of the mail for the Assistant Commissioner's office, it was often addressed to him instead of to the Assistant Commissioner.

In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard in July 1865, the Assistant Commissioners were instructed to designate one officer in each state to serve as "General Superintendents of Schools." These officials were to "take cognizance of all that is being done to educate refugees and freedmen, secure proper protection to schools and teachers, promote method and efficiency, correspond with the benevolent agencies which are supplying his field, and aid the Assistant Commissioner in making his required reports." In October 1865, a degree of centralized control was established over Bureau educational activities in the states when Rev. John W. Alvord was appointed Inspector of Finances and Schools. In January 1867, Alvord was divested of his financial responsibilities, and he was appointed General Superintendent of Education.

An act of Congress, approved July 25, 1868 (15 Stat. 193), ordered that the Commissioner of the Bureau "shall, on the first day of January next, cause the said bureau to be withdrawn from the several States within which said bureau has acted and its operation shall be discontinued." Consequently, in early 1869, with the exception of the superintendents of education and the claims agents, the Assistant Commissioners and their subordinate officers were withdrawn from the states.

For the next year and a half the Bureau continued to pursue its education work and to process claims. In the summer of 1870, the superintendents of education were withdrawn from the states, and the headquarters staff was greatly reduced. From that time until the Bureau was abolished by an act of Congress approved June 10, 1872 (17 Stat. 366), effective June 30, 1872, the Bureau's functions related almost exclusively to the disposition of claims. The Bureau's records and remaining functions were then transferred to the Freedmen's Branch in the office of the Adjutant General. The records of this branch are among the Bureau's files.

Constrained by limited resources, Southern opposition, and the politics of Reconstruction, the Bureau faced an enormous challenge in its efforts to assist the freedmen and refugees. Its relief efforts, without question, saved thousands of southerners from starvation. Its attempts to assist freedmen to become self-sufficient, to provide public education, administer justice, and, to a lesser degree, to provide land, all worked with varying degrees of success to lessen the difficulties during the transition from slavery to freedom. One of the Bureau's greatest legacies is the body of records it created and received during the course of its operations. These records are arguably some of the most important documents available for the study of the Federal Government's policies, efforts to reconstruct the South, and Southern social history and genealogy.

THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU IN ARKANSAS

The major activities of the Freedmen's Bureau in Arkansas and Missouri generally resembled those conducted in other states. The Bureau issued rations to both freedmen and white refugees, supervised labor contracts between planters and freedmen, administered justice, worked with benevolent societies in the establishment of schools, and assisted freedmen in locating land.

To prevent widespread starvation and destitution in Arkansas and Missouri, the Freedmen's Bureau issued some 1,705,055 rations to both blacks and whites from June 1865 to September 1866. In May 1865, prior to the Bureau's relief efforts in the Arkansas district, the Federal Government had issued 75,097 rations to refugees and 46,845 to destitute freedmen. After late October 1865, the Bureau's ration-relief efforts were discontinued in Missouri. Because civil authorities in the Arkansas district failed to

provide medical assistance to the "Destitute and Starving," the Bureau, with assistance from Northern societies, established asylums, hospitals, and various kinds of relief camps. By the fall of 1866, with two commissioned medical officers, contract physicians, and male and female attendants, the Bureau had treated more than 100 refugees and over 1,500 freedmen. In late October 1866, Assistant Commissioner John W. Sprague reported that Arkansas hospitals alone had given medical aid to 3,260 people, nearly 200 of them freedmen. By the end of June 1868, Bureau hospitals in Arkansas had treated four times as many patients as in previous years, and greatly curtailed the attacks of smallpox and cholera.¹

The regulation of written labor contracts between planters and freedmen was a major concern of the Bureau in Arkansas. In Circular Number 16, issued October 26, 1865, Commissioner Sprague outlined the rules governing the free labor system in Arkansas. Sprague ordered that all contracts in the Arkansas district were to be in writing with the approval of a Bureau official. Labor agreements were not to exceed 1 year, and no fixed rates were to be established. A 10-cent fee paid by the planter was required for each laborer. Generally, men could earn \$16 per month, women \$10, and children \$6. First-class laborers could earn \$20 per month, and received room and board, medical attention, and other essentials. In some cases, freedmen worked for a share of the crop. Whatever the agreement, subordinate Bureau officers were required to keep a record of labor contacts that they approved and witnessed, and freedmen were free to seek employment where they wished. Bureau officials often encouraged freedmen to give special consideration to employers who offered schools for their children.²

In response to Commissioner Howard's orders of July 12, 1865, concerning the education of refugees and freedmen, Assistant Commissioner Sprague appointed William M. Colby as general superintendent of refugee and freedmen schools. Colby was instructed "to cooperate with the state authorities and if possible work out a general system of education for those classes." Colby faced a great deal of opposition from southern whites who felt that freedmen taught by "evil emissaries from the North" encouraged social equality, an idea that they vehemently opposed. In spite of this bitter opposition, however, Bureau officials in Arkansas furnished buildings for schools, and sent agents throughout the district to advise freedmen about education. From November 1865 to September 1866, working with such groups as the Indiana Friends and the Western Department of the American Freedmen's Aid Commission, the Bureau paid more than 30 percent of the cost for instructing freedmen in the alphabet, arithmetic, geography, and writing. By the summer of 1868, there were more than 30 teachers and over 1,000 pupils attending some 27 day and night schools. Some 118 teachers were instructing over 1,800 students in 24 Sabbath schools.³

In January 1869, Bvt. Maj. Gen. Charles H. Smith, then Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, reorganized the education branch into three districts, with an assistant superintendent for each, for the purpose of cooperating with State officials in the transfer of the Bureau schools to the State's system. William M. Colby, David C. Casey, and James T. Watson were appointed to these new positions. General Smith held the position of chief superintendent of education. The Assistant Commissioner's office was abolished in April 1869, and Commissioner Howard reappointed Colby as the superintendent of education on May 1, 1869. Colby held that position until July 1870. By that time the Bureau had turned over most of the schools to the State Board of Education.

When Commissioner Sprague established his headquarters in St. Louis, several benevolent societies had already begun work on the establishment of schools for freedmen in Missouri. In 1864, the American Missionary Society established a freedmen school at Warrensburg, and the Western Freedmen Aid Society (WFAC) assisted military officials in the education of freedmen at Benton Barracks. By the time disbursing officer Frederick A. Seely opened his office in Missouri in 1867, there were more than 1,000 students attending some 30 schools in St. Louis alone. Seely, however, did provide support and assistance to local groups in the construction of additional schools in St. Louis, Warrensburg, Kansas City, Westport, and Carondolet.⁴

Safeguarding rights and securing justice for freedmen was of paramount concern to the Freedmen's Bureau. Following the Civil War, several Southern states enacted a series of laws commonly known as "Black Codes," which restricted the rights and legal status of freedmen. Freedmen were often given harsh

sentences for petty crimes and in some instances were unable to get their cases heard in state courts. In a circular issued by Commissioner Howard on May 30, 1865, Assistant Commissioners were directed to "adjudicate, either themselves or through officers of their appointment, all difficulties arising between Negroes themselves, or between Negroes and whites or Indians." In the Arkansas district, freedmen were tried in both provost courts and freedmen courts. Freedmen courts were used when Bureau officials determined that freedmen were being treated unjustly. A freedmen court consisted of a Bureau official and two citizens of a given county. The three-member court had jurisdiction over all matters involving labor disputes and other cases relating to freedmen and refugees that did not exceed \$300, 30 days in prison, or a fine of \$100. In October 1865, Sprague appointed civilian superintendents to administer justice, especially in instances where freedmen were denied the right to testify in courts. Superintendents were told to follow state court procedures and laws as long as the laws made "no distinctions on account of color." By summer 1866, despite continued allegations of mistreatment of freedmen, all cases except those relating to labor contracts were being handled by state courts or military authorities. In 1867, when reconstruction acts placed Arkansas under the fourth military district, both state and Bureau courts were put under military supervision.⁵

The Freedmen's Bureau in the Arkansas district sought, with limited success, to secure land for refugees and freedmen. It intended to establish freedmen on lands under its control that had been abandoned or confiscated. However, its efforts were nullified by President Andrew Johnson's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29, 1865, which provided pardons and the restoration of lands to Confederates who took an oath of allegiance to the Federal Government. To minimize the impact of Johnson's Proclamation, the Bureau required that refugees and freedmen occupying land under cultivation be allowed to remain on the land until crops were harvested or just compensation was rendered. It also required that existing lease agreements be honored until they expired and that refugees and freedmen would not be moved from the land until arrangements could be made for them elsewhere. There was no complete effort to restore lands to their original owners in Arkansas until the Freedmen's Bureau was withdrawn from the State.⁶

The Southern Homestead Act (14 Stat. 66), approved by Congress on June 21, 1866, made available for public settlement 46 million acres of public lands in Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Nine million acres of this Federal land was located in Arkansas. Because the Act specifically prohibited discrimination against applicants due to race, it offered an opportunity for Arkansas freedmen and others to become landowners. Generally, the Freedmen's Bureau, through "Locating Agents," assisted interested freedmen in finding plots, and provided them with 1-month subsistence, free transportation to their prospective tracts of land, and seeds for the initial planting. Despite his concerns that a large percentage of the Arkansas land was worthless and that many freedmen who were under labor agreements for the year would not be able to take full advantage of the Southern Homestead Act, Assistant Commissioner Sprague hired Dr. W. W. Granger as locating agent for Arkansas freedmen. By early summer 1867, Granger had located 1.5 million acres of land available for entry (application) and recommended more than 400,000 acres for settlement. By fall 1867, Granger reported that of the 243 tracts he had surveyed, freedmen had entered 116 of the 143 that were suitable for settlement. A total of 26,395 entries were made in Arkansas under the Southern Homestead Act during the 10 years of the Act's existence. Less than 11,000, however, were carried to completion. Of the approximately 250 freedmen who eventually made land entries, only 25 percent completed them. Whites made most of the entries in Arkansas, and many of the freedmen who sought land there came from Georgia.⁷

ENDNOTES

1 Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas, 1862–1874* (New York: 1923), pp. 205 – 207.

2 House Ex. Doc. 70, 39th Cong., 1st Sess., Serial Vol. 1256, pp. 77 and 255.

3 Thomas S. Staples, *Reconstruction in Arkansas*, pp. 207 – 210.

4 Richard O. Curry, ed. *Radicalism, Racism, and Party Realignment: The Border States during Reconstruction* (Baltimore: John Hopkins Press, 1969), pp. 258 – 259.

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Records Description

These records consist of volumes and unbound records. The volumes reproduced in this microfilm publication were originally arranged by type of record and thereunder by volume number. No numbers were assigned to series consisting of single volumes. Years later, all volumes were arbitrarily assigned numbers by the Adjutant General's Office (AGO) of the War Department after the records came into its custody. In this microfilm publication, AGO numbers are shown in parentheses to aid in identifying the volumes. The National Archives assigned the volume numbers that are not in parentheses. In some volumes, particularly in indexes and alphabetical headings of registers, there are blank numbered pages that have not been filmed.

The volumes consist of letters and endorsements sent and received, press copies of letters sent, registers of letters received, letters and orders received, registers of freedmen issued rations, special orders and circulars issued, registers of bounty claimants, and monthly reports forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner. The unbound documents consist of letters and orders received, unregistered letters and narrative reports received, special orders and circulars issued, and general orders and circulars received. The unbound records also contain monthly reports; amnesty oaths; applications of freedmen for rations; and records relating to claims, court trials, property restoration, and homesteads.

Freedmen's Bureau Personnel in Arkansas

This list provides the names and dates of service of known Freedmen's Bureau personnel at selected subordinate field offices in Arkansas. Additional information regarding persons assigned to various field offices might be found among the Bureau's Washington headquarters station books and rosters of military officers and civilians on duty in the states and other appointment–related records.

ARKADELPHIA (Clark County)

July–Dec. 1865 Superintendent and Agent William A. Stuart

Dec. 1865–Oct. 1866 Superintendent and Agent William A. Britton

Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent Anthony E. Babricht

AUGUSTA (Woodruff County)

Nov. 1865–Nov. 1866 Superintendent and Agent John Thorp

Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867 Superintendent and Agent Lt. Sebastian Geisreiter

BATESVILLE (Independence County)

Dec. 1865–ca. June 1866 Superintendent and Agent Reuben Harplam

<i>July 1866–Feb. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Capt. William Brian
<i>Apr. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Capt. Walter O. Lattimore
<i>Apr.–Nov. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Capt. Albert H. Andrews
<i>Nov.–Dec. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Lt. John Harold
<i>Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent Capt. William J. Lyster
CAMDEN (Ouchita County)	
<i>July 1865–June 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Lewis H. Carhart
<i>June–Oct. 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Nathan Cole
<i>Oct. 1866–July 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent Joseph L. Thorp
DEVALL'S BLUFF (Prairie County)	
<i>June 1865</i>	Superintendent and Agent Willis Davis
<i>July 1865–July 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent William McCullough
<i>July–Dec. 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Hiram Willis
<i>Dec. 1866–Dec. 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent William McCullough
FORT SMITH (Sebastian County)	
<i>Oct. 1865–Mar. 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Francis Springer
<i>Mar.–May 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Thomas Abel
<i>May–Aug. 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Sebastian Geisreiter
<i>Aug. 1866–May 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Charles Banzhaf
<i>May–Aug. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Elihu G. Barker
<i>Aug.–Oct. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Charles Banzhaf
<i>Nov. 1867–Aug. 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent Pinkney Lugenbeel
HAMBURG (Ashley County)	
<i>Mar.–July 1866</i>	Superintendent and Agent Lt. Fred A. Tencate
<i>July 1866–Oct. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent Lt. Isaiah S. Taylor
<i>Nov. 1867–July 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent George Towle
<i>July–Dec. 1868</i>	Superintendent and Agent Sebastian Geisreiter
HAMPTON (Calhoun County)	
<i>Oct. 1865–Aug. 1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent John Scroggins
HELENA (Phillips County)	
<i>1864–65</i>	Superintendent and Agent H. Sweeney (Superintendent of Freedmen)
<i>1867</i>	Superintendent and Agent H. Sweeney (Superintendent)
<i>1869–71</i>	Superintendent and Agent James T. Watson (Claims Agent)
JACKSONPORT (Upper White River District)	
<i>Jan.–Mar. 1866</i>	General Superintendent J. M. Bowler
<i>Mar. 1866–Mar. 1867</i>	General Superintendent J. T. Watson
JACKSONPORT (Jackson County)	
<i>May–Aug. 1865</i>	Superintendent and Agent Jonas Lindale (also Provost Marshal for the Department of Arkansas)

Aug.–Oct. 1865 Superintendent and Agent William Tisdale (also Provost Marshal for the Department of Arkansas)
Oct.–Dec. 1865 Superintendent and Agent J. M. Bowler
Dec. 1865–Mar. 1866 Superintendent and Agent Robert Anderson
Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867 Superintendent and Agent A. S. Dyer
Feb. 1867–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent William Brian

LAKE VILLAGE AND LUNA LANDING (Chicot County)

July–Oct. 1866 Superintendent and Agent Thomas Abel
Nov. 1866 Superintendent and Agent S. Geisreiter
Dec. 1866–June 1867 Superintendent and Agent S. Hersey
July–Dec. 1867 Superintendent and Agent G. Benson
Dec. 1867–Nov. 1868 Superintendent and Agent A. G. Cunningham

LEWISBURG (Conway County)

Feb.–Mar. 1866 Superintendent and Agent John Vetter
June 1866–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent William Morgan

LEWISVILLE (Lafayette County)

Oct. 1866–June 1867 Superintendent and Agent Nathan Cole
July 1867–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent V. V. Smith

LITTLE ROCK (Pulaski County)

Feb.–Sept. 1865 Superintendent and Agent J. Raines (Superintendent of Freedmen until July 1865)
Nov. 1865–July 1866 Superintendent and Agent W. Tisdale
July 1866–Sept. 1867 Superintendent and Agent F. Gross
Aug. 1867 Superintendent and Agent James T. Watson
Sept. 1867–Aug. 1868 Superintendent and Agent A. S. Dyer

LITTLE ROCK

Jan.–Mar. 1864 Superintendent of Freedmen W. G. Sargent (Superintendent at Helena)
Apr. 1864–Nov. 1865 Superintendent of Freedmen W. G. Sargent

MADISON (St. Francis County)

Apr.–Sept. 1867 Superintendent and Agent A. S. Dyer
Oct. 1867–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent Williams

MARION (Crittenden County)

Sept. 1866–Oct. 1867 Agent James R. Walker
Oct. 1867–Aug. 1868 Agent E. G. Barker
Sept.–Dec. 1868 Agent Main

MONTICELLO

July 1865–ca. Jan. 1866 General Superintendent for the South Eastern District of Arkansas E. G. Barker (Agent)
Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867 General Superintendent for the South Eastern District of Arkansas E. G. Barker (General Superintendent)

MONTICELLO (Drew County)

Jan.–Oct. 1866 Agent G. Duvall

OSCEOLA (Mississippi County)
Apr. 1866–Oct. 1868 Superintendent and Agent Eli Mix

PARACLIFTA (Sevier County)
Dec. 1865–Dec. 1866 Superintendent and Agent A. W. Ballard
Dec. 1866–Oct. 1868 Superintendent and Agent Hiram Willis

PINE BLUFF (Arkansas River District)
July 1866–Jan. 1867 General Superintendent William J. Dawes
Jan.–Feb. 1867 General Superintendent William D. Hale
Feb. 1867 General Superintendent William J. Dawes

PINE BLUFF (Jefferson County)
Dec. 1864–Nov. 1865 Superintendent and Agent S. W. Mallory (Superintendent of Freedmen until July 1865)
Dec. 1865–Jan. 1866 Superintendent and Agent D. H. Williams
Jan.–Mar. 1866 Superintendent and Agent A. Coats
Mar.–Sept. 1866 Superintendent and Agent E. Wallace
Sept. 1866–Mar. 1867 Superintendent and Agent S. Geisreiter
Mar.–May 1867 Superintendent and Agent W. J. Dawes (Agent)
May 1867–July 1868 Superintendent and Agent S. Geisreiter (Agent)
Aug.–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent R. W. Barnard

PRINCETON (Dallas County)
1866 Superintendent and Agent Stubblefield
1866–68 Superintendent and Agent George W. Mallett

SOUTH BEND (Arkansas County)
May 1866–June 1867 Superintendent and Agent William D. Hale
June–Sept. 1867 Superintendent and Agent S. Hersey
Sept. 1867–Mar. 1868 Superintendent and Agent A. Coats
Mar.–July 1868 Superintendent and Agent DeWolf

UNION (Fulton County)
Oct. 1866–Sept. 1868 Superintendent and Agent Simpson Mason
Sept.–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent John Martin

WASHINGTON (South West District of Arkansas)
Nov. 1865–Oct. 1866 General Superintendent E. W. Gantt
Oct. 1866–Mar. 1867 General Superintendent F. Thibant

WASHINGTON (Hemstead)
July–Dec. 1865 Superintendent and Agent John R. Montgomery
Dec. 1865–July 1866 Superintendent and Agent James Williams
July 1866–Dec. 1867 Superintendent and Agent F. Thibant
Dec. 1867–Dec. 1868 Superintendent and Agent C. C. Gilbert

Names and Subject Terms

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Container Listing

Series 1: List of Book Records

1.1: State of Arkansas

The single-volume list of book records of officers in the State of Arkansas (No Date) is arranged by office, with records of the Assistant Commissioner first, followed alphabetically by locations of the subdistrict office. Included in the list of book records are the type of record in each book or volume, the dates of the volume, and the volume number. Throughout this introductory material and in the Table of Contents, the AGO volume number appears in parentheses in the series descriptions of the records.

1.1.1: 1 Volume, No Date

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Series 2: Offices of Staff Officers

2.1: Claims Division

2.1.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, April–November 1866 (25), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The letters are to Bureau headquarters in Washington or to Bureau officers in Arkansas and relate to the processing of individual claims. The volume also contains orders sent to local citizens by the superintendent and agent at Little Rock, Arkansas, dated from April 1867 to April 1868.

2.1.1.1: Volume (25), Apr.–Nov. 1866

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2.1.2: Letters and Miscellaneous Case Papers, May–Oct. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and miscellaneous case papers, May–October 1866, are arranged chronologically.

2.2: Chief Disbursing Officer and Claims Agent

2.2.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

The five volumes of press copies of letters sent, January 1869–January 1872, 1 (38), 2 (39), 3 (40), 4 (41), and 5 (42), are arranged chronologically and there is a name index for each volume except 5 (42).

2.2.1.1: Volume 1 (38), Jan.–Sept. 1869

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2.2.1.2: Volume 2 (39), Sept 1869–Feb. 1870

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2.2.1.4: Volume 4 (41), Oct. 1870–May 1871

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2.2.1.5: Volume 5 (42), May 1871–Jan. 1872

[Image\(s\)](#)

2.2.2: Letters Received

Unbound letters received, December 1868–December 1871, are arranged in three subseries. The letters dated December 1868–December 1869 are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically; those for 1870 are together in two chronological series, letters from Washington, DC, and letters from claimants or attorneys in Arkansas; those for 1871 are arranged in one chronological series.

2.2.2.1: A – W, Dec. 1868–Dec. 1869

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2.2.2.2: Letters Received, Jan.–Dec. 1870

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2.2.2.3: Letters Received, Jan. 1870–Dec. 1871

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2.2.3: Register of Claimants

2.2.3.1: Volume (43), July 1866–Oct. 1871

[Image\(s\)](#)

The single–volume register of claimants, July 1866–October 1871 (43), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of soldier and thereunder chronologically by the date the claim was forwarded to Washington, DC. The entries at the end of the register are arranged chronologically rather than alphabetically.

2.2.3.2: Volume (44), 1868–71

[Image\(s\)](#)

The single–volume register of claimants, 1868–71 (44), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the claimant.

2.2.3.3: Volume (113 ½), Feb. 1868–Oct. 1871

[Image\(s\)](#)

The single–volume register of claimants, February 1868–October 1871 (113 ½), is arranged by the date the money relating to the claim was received in Washington, DC. This register gives only the date the payment was received by the disbursing officer, the name of the claimant, the amount of payment, and the date payment was received by the claimant.

2.2.4: Miscellaneous Records Relating to Accounting and Disbursements, 1865–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records relating to accounting and disbursements, 1865–68, includes copies of letters sent (April 1868); monthly return of Bureau stores from the assistant quartermaster at St. Louis (September 1865); a quarterly statement of articles received and expended in Dallas County (December 1866); specifications for a schoolhouse at Van Buren, Arkansas (no date); a contract for a schoolhouse at Batesville (December 1867); and an inventory and inspection report of the freedmen's hospital at Little Rock (January 1867).

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Series 3: Subordinate Field Offices

3.1: Arkadelphia (Clark County)

3.1.1: Letters Sent, Letters and Orders Received, and Endorsements Sent and Received

The single volume of letters sent, letters and orders received, and endorsements sent and received, July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–November 1868 (46), is arranged in three subseries: letters sent (July 1865–January 1866 and October 1866–July 1868); letters, orders, and endorsements received (December 1866–October 1868; and endorsements sent and received (December 1866–November 1868).

3.1.1.1: Volume (46), (bulk July 1865–Jan. 1866 and Oct.–1866–Nov. 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.1.2: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1865–May 1868 (47), is arranged chronologically and contains primarily complaints of freedmen regarding assaults, thefts, or violations of contracts. The register also includes the decision rendered in each case.

3.1.2.1: Volume (47), Aug. 1865–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.1.3: Registers of Labor Contracts

The two volumes of labor contracts, July 1865–January 1868, 1 (49) and 2 (50), are arranged chronologically. There is a name index in each volume.

3.1.3.1: Volume 1 (49), July 1865–Dec. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.1.3.2: Volume 2 (50), 1867–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.1.4: Register of Marriages, Undated

[Image\(s\)](#)

The single-volume register of marriages, 1865–67 (48), is arranged generally chronologically. Later entries are not chronological.

3.1.5: Miscellaneous Records, 1865–66

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–66, include affidavits, monthly reports of receipts and expenditures (1865), monthly report of condition of freedmen (August 1865), indentures of apprenticeship (1866), and circulars issued and received (1865).

3.2: Augusta (Woodruff County)

3.2.1: Letters and Endorsements Sent

The single volume of letters sent and endorsements sent, January–February 1867 (51), is arranged chronologically.

3.2.1.1: Volume (51), Jan.–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.2.2: Letters and Orders Received, Nov. 1865–Aug. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, November 1865–August 1866, are arranged chronologically.

3.2.3: Registers of Labor Contracts

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, December 1865–September 1866 and January 1867–January 1868, 1 (52), and January–September 1866, 2 (53), are arranged by month. The entries in Volume 1 (52) include the name of the employer and employees and the rate or kind of compensation. The entries in Volume 2 (53) contain the name of the employer and the number of freedmen he contracted to employ. Volume 1 (52) also contains fair copies of orders issued to local citizens by agent William Brian at Jacksonport (December 1867–January 1868). The orders direct the recipient to appear at the agent's office to answer freedmen complaints or enjoin planters and farmers from disposing of their crops until claims against them had been investigated and settled. Volume 2 (53) includes a few miscellaneous entries relating to acts of violence committed against freedmen (September–October 1866).

3.2.3.1: Volume 1 (52), (bulk Dec.–1865–Sept. 1866 and Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.2.3.2: Volume 2 (53), Jan.–Sept. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.2.4: Fiscal and Legal Papers, 1865–66

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound fiscal and legal papers, 1865–66, are arranged by the type of record and include bonds, labor contracts, affidavits, and receipts for services rendered or goods produced.

3.3: Batesville (Independence County)

3.3.1: Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, August 1866–December 1868, 1 (54) and 2 (55), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (54) was Capt. William Brian's letter book into which he copied his outgoing correspondence. (Brian was

superintendent and agent at Batesville from July 1866 to February 1867). Capt. Walter O. Lattimore, who succeeded Brian, copied his orders to local citizens in Volume 1 (54) and his letters sent in Volume 2 (55).

3.3.1.1: Volume 1 (54), (bulk Aug. 1866–Jan. 1867 and Feb. 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.3.1.2: Volume 2 (55), Apr.–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.3.2: Letters Received, Dec. 1865–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, December 1865–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.3.3: Special Orders and Circulars, 1865–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound special orders and circulars, 1865–68, are arranged by type of issuance and thereunder chronologically. The orders and circulars were issued by the Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas and by the Upper White River District relating to the Batesville office.

3.3.4: Monthly Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, May–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound monthly reports of persons and articles hired, May–December 1867, are arranged chronologically.

3.3.5: Court Writs, Summons, and Other Legal Papers, 1866–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound court writs, summons, and other legal papers, 1866–68, are arranged chronologically. The records include a list of justices of the peace and probate judges of Independence County (1867) and a list of persons in Searcy County disqualified to register to vote (No Date).

3.3.6: Contracts, Specifications, and Plans of a Freedmen School, 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound contracts, specifications, and plans of a freedmen school, 1867, are arranged by type of record.

3.4: Camden (Ouchita County)

Union County was added to the jurisdiction of the Camden office in October 1866, and Calhoun County was added in October 1867.

3.4.1: Letters Sent and Received

Within each volume of the two volumes of letters sent and received, October 1865–August 1868, 1 (56) and 2 (58), the letters sent precede the letters received. Each subseries is arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (56) contains

only brief abstracts of the first few letters sent and received rather than the entire texts.

3.4.1.1: Volume 1 (56), Oct. 1865–June 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.1.2: Volume 2 (58), June 1867–Aug. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.2: Letters Received, July 1865–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, July 1865–July 1868, are arranged chronologically, and there appears to be little duplication with the two volumes of letters received mentioned above.

3.4.3: Endorsements Sent and Received and Special Orders and Circulars Issued and Received, Undated

Within the single volume of endorsements sent and received and special orders and circulars issued and received, July 1865–October 1868 (59), the endorsements (arranged chronologically) precede the special orders and circulars (arranged chronologically as one subseries). The endorsements are dated September 1865–July 1868, and the orders and circulars are dated July 1865–October 1866. The full texts of several of the letters to which the endorsements are commentaries are copied into the volume.

3.4.3.1: Volume (59), July 1865–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.4: General and Special Orders, Mar. 1866–June 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound general and special orders, March 1866–June 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.4.5: Register of Labor Contracts

The single-volume register of labor contracts, 1867–68 (61), is arranged by year, thereunder by county, and thereunder numerically. The volume includes the name of employer and the number of black men, women, and children, male and female, employed.

3.4.5.1: Volume (61), 1867–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.6: Register of School Children and Register of Attendance of School Children

The single-volume register of school children and register of attendance of school children, February–June 1867 (63), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The first register gives the names of the parents

and the name, sex, and ages of the pupils. The second register is a daily attendance record of pupils.

3.4.6.1: Volume (63), Feb.–June 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.7: Affidavits and Depositions, Jan. 1866–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound affidavits and depositions, January 1866–May 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.4.8: Monthly Statements of Accounts Current and Register of Complaints

The single-volume monthly statements of accounts current and register of complaints, July 1865–June 1868 (62), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The accounts current are dated July 1865–March 1867, and the register of complaints is dated October 1867–June 1868. The register of complaints includes the name of the complainant, the person accused, the charge, and the decision made or action taken in the case. For September 1867 complaints, see pages 234 and 235 of Volume 63 mentioned above.

3.4.8.1: Volume (62), July 1865–June 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.4.9: Fiscal Papers of Superintendents Carhart and Cole, July 1865–June 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound fiscal papers of superintendents Lewis H. Carhart and Nathan Cole, July 1865–June 1866, are arranged chronologically and include monthly statements of accounts current and supporting vouchers.

3.5: Lewisburg (Conway County)

3.5.1: Letters Sent

The three volumes of letters sent, August 1866–March 1868, 1 (67), 2 (68), and 3 (69), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (68) contains two letters (dated February 19, 1867, and March 11, 1867), and neither is copied in Volume 1 (67). Volume 2 (68) also contains miscellaneous quartermaster records of the Middle Military Division for 1864. Volume 3 (69) contains some loose documents that are copies of letters sent and drafts of memorandums and reports (March and July 1868).

3.5.1.1: Volume 1 (67), Aug. 1866–July 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.5.1.2: Volume 2 (68), (bulk Feb. 19 and Mar. 11, 1867)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.5.1.3: Volume 3 (69), Aug. 1867–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.5.2: Letters Sent, Feb.–Mar. 1866 and Aug. 1867–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters sent, February–March 1866 and August 1867–December 1867, are arranged chronologically and are not duplicated in the three volumes of letters sent mentioned above.

3.5.3: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent and Received

The single–volume register of letters received and endorsements sent and received, December 1866–March 1868 (66), is primarily a register of letters received. The entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically by the date of receipt. The entries are numbered consecutively by date of receipt regardless of alphabetic considerations. Some of the letters entered are copied in the single volume of letters Received (65) mentioned below. Endorsements sent and received have been copied on 11 even–numbered pages (pages 4 – 22) in chronological order. This volume does not have an index.

3.5.3.1: Volume (66), Dec. 1866–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.5.4: Letters Received

The single volume of letters received, May 1866–March 1867 (65), is arranged chronologically and does not have a name index. Some of the letters for the period from December 1866 to March 1868 are registered in Volume 66 mentioned above.

3.5.4.1: Volume (65), May 1866–Mar. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.5.5: Letters Received, June 1866–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, June 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Many of the letters are copied in Volume 65 of letters received, and many of the endorsements are copied in Volume 66 of letters received.

3.5.6: Special Orders of the Assistant Commissioner of Arkansas

The single–volume special orders of the Assistant Commissioner for Arkansas, May 1866–April 1867 (70), is arranged chronologically. On the last page of this volume, Captain Morgan (superintendent and agent for Lewisburg, Arkansas) listed the six duties of the office.

3.5.6.1: Volume (70), May 1866–Apr. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)**3.5.7: Labor Contracts, Amnesty Oaths, and Marriage Certificates**

The single-volume labor contracts, amnesty oaths, and marriage certificates, January 1866–January 1867 (72), is arranged chronologically regardless of type of record.

3.5.7.1: Volume (72), Jan. 1866–Jan. 1867[Image\(s\)](#)**3.5.8: Oaths of Amnesty, Feb. 1866**[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound oaths of amnesty dated February 1866 (6 items) are arranged and numbered in chronological order. The oaths of amnesty are the originals, and the texts were copied into Volume 72 mentioned above.

3.5.9: Affidavits, Petitions, and Labor Contracts, 1866–67[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound affidavits, petitions, and labor contracts, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

3.6: Devall's Bluff (Prairie County)

That part of Monroe County west of White River was under the jurisdiction of the Devall's Bluff agent. Woodruff County was added in October 1867.

3.6.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, October 1865–October 1868 (73), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

3.6.1.1: Volume (73), Oct. 1865–Oct. 1868[Image\(s\)](#)**3.6.2: Labor Contracts**

The two volumes of registers of labor contracts, January 1865–July 1868, 1 (75) and 2 (74), are arranged in chronological order. Volume 1 (75) also includes a register of passes issued for railroad and river travel, March–May 1865. Volume 2 (74) includes six endorsements sent (May–July 1868), and a list of indentures (January–February 1867).

3.6.2.1: Volume 1 (75), Jan. 1865–July 1865[Image\(s\)](#)**3.6.2.2: Volume 2 (74), Dec. 1865–July 1868**[Image\(s\)](#)

3.6.3: Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, Orders and Circulars Received, and Accounts Current, Nov. 1865–Oct. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, orders and circulars received, and accounts current, November 1865–October 1867, are arranged by type of record and chronologically.

3.7: Fort Smith (Sebastian County)

3.7.1: Letters Sent and Received

The two volumes of letters sent and received, March 1866–May 1868, 1 (76) and 2 (77), are arranged chronologically, and Volume 1 (76) has a list of contents. For a list of contents of the time span October 1866–April 1867 of Volume 1 (77), see the single–volume register of labor Contracts 1 (78) listed below. The letters received are dated March 1866–April 1867 and August–October 1867.

3.7.1.1: Volume 1 (76), March–Oct. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.7.1.2: Volume 2 (77), Oct. 1866–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.7.2: Letters Received, Mar. 1866–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

The unbound letters received, March 1866–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. Agents Thomas Abel (March–May 1866), Sebastian Geisreiter (May–August 1866), and Charles Banzaf (August 1866–May 1867 and August–October 1867) copied their letters received into Volumes 1 (76) and 2 (77). The other agents did not.

3.7.3: Register of Labor Contracts

The single–volume register of labor contracts, March 1866–February 1867 1 (78), is arranged chronologically. This volume also includes a list of part of the contents (communications) in Volume 2 (77) for October 1866–April 1867 and a register of fees collected (August–November 1866).

3.7.3.1: Volume (78), Mar. 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.7.4: Register of Application for Restoration of Property, Register of Marriages, and Register of Persons Drawing Rations

The single–volume register of applications for restoration of property, register of marriages, and register of persons drawing rations, 1865–67 (80), is arranged by type of register and thereunder chronologically. The register of applications for restoration of property is dated November 1865–August 1866; the register of marriages is dated November 1865–February 1867; and the register of persons drawing rations is dated May–July 1867.

3.7.4.1: Volume (80), 1865–67

[Image\(s\)](#)**3.7.5: Register of Refugees Issued Rations**

The two volumes of registers of refugees issued rations, January 1865–June 1866, 1 (81) and 2 (82), are arranged chronologically. The registers give the name of the person, the number of rations issued, the cause of destitution, and other pertinent remarks. Pasted on many of the pages of Volume 1 (81) are applications for rations from white refugees dated May–June 1866.

3.7.5.1: Volume 1 (81), Jan. 1865–June 1866[Image\(s\)](#)**3.7.5.2: Volume 2 (82), Mar. 1865–July 1865**[Image\(s\)](#)**3.7.6: Register of Freedmen and Refugees Issued Rations**

The single-volume register of freedmen and refugees issued rations, March–May 1866 (83), is arranged chronologically. The register gives the name of the person drawing rations; date issued; the number of rations issued; county of residence; and such descriptive information as "Widow," "Blind Man," "Freedman," or "Orphan Boy."

3.7.6.1: Volume (83), Mar.–May 1866[Image\(s\)](#)**3.7.7: Register of Rebel Property in Counties Subject to Confiscation**

The single-volume register of rebel property in Scott, Sebastian, and Crawford Counties subject to Confiscation (79) [No Dates], is arranged by county and has a name index of owners of the property. Included are names of witnesses and owner, location, and description and value of the property. Frequent notations indicate degree of sympathy and nature of participation of the owner in the service of the Confederate States of America and, if known, his present whereabouts.

3.7.7.1: Volume (79), No Dates[Image\(s\)](#)**3.7.8: Miscellaneous Records, 1865–67**[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1865–67, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. Included are retained copies of receipts for clothing (January–October 1867), monthly returns of quartermaster stores (October 1866–October 1867), abstracts of articles purchased (November 1866–March 1867), rations reports (April–June 1867), reports of destitute soldiers treated at Fort Smith Hospital (August–October 1867), orders received restoring property (October 1865–June 1866), applications for rations (July–August

1866), miscellaneous court papers and school reports (May–July 1867), and reports of persons and articles hired (August–December 1866).

3.8: Hamburg (Ashley County)

In September 1868, the subdistrict field office at Hamburg was moved to Fountain Hill, Arkansas.

3.8.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–July 1868 (87), is arranged chronologically.

3.8.1.1: Volume (87), July 1866–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.8.2: Register of Letters Received, Orders Issued to Local Citizens, and Monthly Reports of Operations

The single-volume register of letters received, orders issued to local citizens, and monthly reports of operations, 1867–1868 (86), is arranged by type of record. The entries in the register (February 1867–December 1868) are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of surname of correspondent and thereunder generally by date of receipt. The orders issued to local citizens are dated March 1867–January 1868, and the monthly reports of operations are dated January 1867–July 1868.

3.8.2.1: Volume (86), 1867–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.8.3: Letters Received, Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, March 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. The letters received by agents Isaiah S. Taylor and George Towle (March 1866–July 1868) have been entered in Volume 86 mentioned above and are numbered in chronological order.

3.8.4: Register of Complaints

The two volumes of registers of complaints, April 1866–July 1868, 1 (88) and 2 (89), are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (88) also includes a register of contracts sent from Hamburg (1866) and a register of marriages (1866). Volume 2 (89) contains four letters sent from Hamburg (April 1867 and February 1868), and a register of rations issued at Monticello, Arkansas (1865–66).

3.8.4.1: Volume 1 (88), Apr. 1866–Nov. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.8.4.2: Volume 2 (89), Sept. 1865–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.8.5: Register of Contracts

The single-volume register of contracts, 1867 (169), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer.

3.8.5.1: Volume (169), 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.8.6: Miscellaneous Records, Sept. 1866–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records, September 1866–July 1868, include rosters, indentures, retained copies of monthly accounts and land reports, monthly returns of quartermaster stores, and court papers.

3.9: Hampton (Calhoun County)

In October 1867, Calhoun County was added to the jurisdiction of the agent at Camden.

3.9.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, February–August 1867 (85), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

3.9.1.1: Volume (85), Feb.–Aug. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.9.2: Miscellaneous Records, Dec. 1865–Jan. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records, December 1865–January 1867, include contracts, affidavits, court papers, and one letter received (January 1866).

3.10: Helena (Phillips County)

3.10.1: Copies of Reports, 1864–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound copies of reports, 1864–67, are arranged by type of report. Included are monthly reports of freedmen, reports of refugees and freedmen receiving rations, and reports of deeds.

3.10.2: Register of Claimants

The single-volume register of claimants, October 1869–June 1871 (90), is arranged chronologically by date vouchers were received. The register gives the name of claimant, the date vouchers were received, the company and regiment of the soldier, the amount due the claimant, the date the vouchers were signed and returned, the date money was received from Washington,

the date the money was paid to the claimant, and by whom the claimant was identified.

3.10.2.1: Volume (90), Oct. 1869–June 1871

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11: Jacksonport (Upper White River District)

3.11.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, January 1866–March 1867 (95), is arranged chronologically.

3.11.1.1: Volume (95), Jan. 1866–Mar. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11.2: Letters Received

The two volumes of letters received, March 1866–February 1867, 1 (91) and 2 (92), are arranged chronologically.

3.11.2.1: Volume 1 (91), Mar. 1866–Dec. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11.2.2: Volume 2 (92), Dec. 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11.3: Letters Received, May 1866–Mar. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, May 1866–March 1867, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are copied in volumes 1 (91) and 2 (92).

3.11.4: Circular Letters Issued

The single volume of circular letters issued, April 1866–January 1867 (99), is arranged chronologically.

3.11.4.1: Volume (99), Apr. 1866–Jan. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11.5: Court Papers and Vouchers, 1866–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound court papers and vouchers, 1866–67, are arranged by type of record.

3.11.6: Register of Contracts and Accounting Records of Capt. W. W. Willis, Superintendent of Freedmen

The two-volume register of contracts and accounting records of Capt. W. W. Willis, superintendent of freedmen, mouth of the White River and St. Charles,

is dated May–June 1865, 1 (132) and 2 (133). Volume 1 (132) contains the register of contracts and a list of freedpeople in the camp. Volume 2 (133) shows not only the money received and expended by Willis, but also that it was credited to the freedmen.

3.11.6.1: Volume 1 (132), May 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.11.6.2: Volume 2 (133), June 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12: Jacksonport (Jackson County)

3.12.1: Letters Sent

The three volumes of letters sent, July 1865–May 1868, 1 (94), 2 (96), and 3 (97), are arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (96) also contains a register of funds received from contracts and other sources dated August 1865–April 1866 and memorandums relating to settlements dated August 1866.

3.12.1.1: Volume 1 (94), July 1865–Nov. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.1.2: Volume 2 (96), Nov. 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.1.3: Volume 3 (97), Mar. 1867–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.2: Press Copies of Letters Sent, Aug.–Sept. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound press copies of letters sent, August–September 1866, are arranged chronologically and were not copied in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent mentioned above.

3.12.3: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, March 1867–July 1868 (93), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The volume has a name index.

3.12.3.1: Volume (93), Mar. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.4: Letters Received, Jan. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, January 1867–July 1868, are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and

thereunder arranged in chronological order and numbered sequentially. The letters are registered in Volume 93 mentioned above.

3.12.5: Unregistered Letters and Orders Received, Aug. 1865–Aug. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, August 1865–August 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.12.6: Special Orders, Circular Letters, and Letters of Instruction Received

The single volume of special orders, circular letters, and letters of instruction received, April 1866–January 1867 (98), is arranged chronologically.

3.12.6.1: Volume (98), Apr. 1866–Jan. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.7: Letters Sent, Reports, Affidavits, and Court Papers, Aug. 1865–Jan. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters sent, reports, affidavits, and court papers, August 1865–January 1867, are arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated August–September 1865 and May 1866 and are partially duplicated in Volume 1 (94) of the letters sent.

3.12.8: Register of Contracts and a Register of Marriages

The single-volume register of contracts and register of marriages, 1865–68 (101), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated August 1865–February 1867 and is arranged chronologically. Interfiled with the contracts issued at Jacksonport are registers of contracts made at Batesville, Augusta, Franklin, and Powhattan in September 1865. The register of marriages is dated November 1865–August 1868 and is arranged chronologically with the exception of November 1865–July 1866, which follows July 1866–August 1868.

3.12.8.1: Volume (101), 1865–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.12.9: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, January 1866–August 1868 (100), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains reports of receipts and expenditures by the provost marshal at Jacksonport (under Department of Arkansas, May–October 1865).

3.12.9.1: Volume (100), Jan. 1866–Aug. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13: Lake Village and Luna Landing (Chicot County)

This office was located at Columbia in 1868.

3.13.1: Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (103) and 2 (106), cover the period July 1866–June 1868. The letters within each volume are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (103) is dated January–December 1866 and July 1867–June 1868. Volume 2 (106) is dated January–July 1867. There is a name index for the 1866 letters in Volume 1 (103). The letters for 1866 include both letters sent and received.

3.13.1.1: Volume 1 (103), July 1866–June 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13.1.2: Volume 2 (106), Jan.–July 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13.2: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–February 1868 (102), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes a few endorsements and correspondence dated November 1867 relating to a black pauper named Daniel Cooper.

3.13.2.1: Volume (102), Jan. 1867–Feb. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13.3: Unregistered Letters and Orders Received, Jan. 1867–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound unregistered letters and orders received, January 1867–January 1868, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

3.13.4: Register of Contracts and Register of Major Landholders

The single-volume register of contracts and register of major landholders, April 1867–August 1868 (104), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is arranged chronologically. The register of landholders is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the landholder and consists of the name of the person and the agent's remarks or opinions concerning him.

3.13.4.1: Volume (104), Apr. 1867–Aug. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13.5: Accounting Books of Fawnwood Plantation

The two volumes of accounting books of Fawnwood Plantation, 1 (105) and 2 (171), cover the period 1865–67. Volume 1 (105) is dated 1867, and Volume 2 (171) is dated 1865–67. The volumes consist largely of lists of goods given to employees and presumably deducted from their wages.

3.13.5.1: Volume 1 (105), 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.13.5.2: Volume 2 (171), 1865–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.14: Lewisville (Lafayette County)

3.14.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

The single volume of press copies of letters sent, November 1866–July 1868 (109), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

3.14.1.1: Volume (109), Nov. 1866–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

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3.14.2: Letters Sent, July–Sept. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters sent, July–September 1867, are arranged chronologically. They are not duplicated in Volume 109.

3.14.3: Endorsements Sent and Received

The single volume of endorsements sent and received, June 1867–March 1868 (107), is arranged chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

3.14.3.1: Volume (107), June 1867–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.14.4: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, July 1867–January 1868 (108), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically and has an incomplete name index.

3.14.4.1: Volume (108), July 1867–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.14.5: Letters Received, July–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, July–December 1867, are arranged according to their entry in Volume 108.

3.14.6: Unregistered Letters Received, Oct. 1866–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound unregistered letters received, October 1866–December 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.14.7: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, July–November 1867 (110), is arranged chronologically.

3.14.7.1: Volume (110), July–Nov. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.14.8: Miscellaneous Records, Sept. 1866–Feb. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records dated September 1866–February 1868 include retained copies of narrative reports, orders received, affidavits, and court papers.

3.15: Little Rock (Pulaski County)

3.15.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

The single–volume register of press copies of letters sent, January 1867–April 1868 (112), is arranged chronologically.

3.15.1.1: Volume (112), Jan. 1867–Apr. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.2: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Received and Sent

The single–volume register of letters received and endorsements received and sent, April 1867–October 1868 (111), is arranged chronologically. The last entry in the volume is dated October 29, 1868.

3.15.2.1: Volume (111), Apr. 1867–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.3: Letters and Orders Received, Dec. 1865–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, December 1865–October 1868, are arranged chronologically.

3.15.4: Register of Complaints

The single–volume register of claimants, April 1866–May 1868 (113), is arranged chronologically by the date the claim was received. The register includes name, address, and company of claimant; nature of claim; and date claim was forwarded. The claims relate to pension, bounty, and pay arrearages.

3.15.4.1: Volume (113), Apr. 1866–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.5: Register of Marriages

The single–volume register of marriages, 1864–66 (121), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the husband.

3.15.5.1: Volume (121), 1864–66

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.6: Register of Freedmen Employed on Plantations

The single-volume register of freedmen employed on plantations, 1865–66 (120), is arranged by name of employer and has a name index of employers.

3.15.6.1: Volume (120), 1865–66

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.7: Employment Registers

The three volumes of employment registers, 1 (116), 2 (117), and 3 (118), cover the period 1864–65. Most of these records were created before the establishment of the Bureau. Volume 1 (116) is primarily a register of employed blacks. It also contains many miscellaneous series such as a list of freedpeople at the mouth of the White River (February 1, 1864), accounting records, a register of deaths at Freedmen's Home Farm (June–July 1864), and a register of passes issued to freedpeople. Volume 2 (117) is a register of employees of freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employer (January–February 1865). Volume 3 (118) is a register of employed freedmen and is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the freedman. This volume is dated August–November, but there is no indication of the exact year, although it is probably 1865.

3.15.7.1: Volume 1 (116), 1864

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.7.2: Volume 2 (117), 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.7.3: Volume 3 (118), 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.8: Miscellaneous Registers and Memorandums

The single-volume of miscellaneous registers and memorandums (114) covers the period 1864–65. Included in the volume are registers of rations issued, a register of transportation furnished to refugees and freedmen, and memorandums relating to complaints.

3.15.8.1: Volume (114), 1864–65

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.9: Leases, Miscellaneous Court Papers, Reports, 1865–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound leases, miscellaneous court papers, and reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. Included are land reports (August and September 1866, and January 1868); reports of destitute soldiers treated at a Little Rock hospital (January–February 1867); a roster (July 1865); and accounts current (February–September 1865).

3.15.10: Miscellaneous Registers Relating to Home Farm at Little Rock

The single volume of miscellaneous registers relating to Home Farm at Little Rock (115) covers the period January 1865–February 1866. Included in the volume are accounting records, lists of people in camp, and registers of rations issued.

3.15.10.1: Volume (115), Jan. 1865–Feb. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.15.11: Miscellaneous Accounting Records of Home Farm

The single volume of miscellaneous accounting records of Home Farm, November 1864–February 1865 (119), is arranged by name of freedman and has a name index.

3.15.11.1: Volume (119), Nov. 1864–Feb. 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.16: Little Rock (Superintendent of Freedmen)

3.16.1: Letters Sent and Circulars Issued

The single volume of letters sent and circulars issued, January–April 1864, October–November 1864, May 1865, and July 1865 (36), is arranged chronologically. The volume also includes an unidentified accounting record.

3.16.1.1: Volume (36), (bulk Jan.–Apr. 1864, Oct.–Nov 1864, May 1865, and July 1865)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.16.2: Letters and Orders Received, Jan. 1864–Sept. 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, January 1864–September 1865, are arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically.

3.16.3: Special Orders Issued

The single-volume special orders issued, January 1864–October 1865 (37), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

3.16.3.1: Volume (37), Jan. 1864–Oct. 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.16.4: Narrative School Reports from Teachers and Superintendents of Freedmen's Schools, Dec. 1864–June 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound narrative school reports from teachers and superintendents of freedmen's schools, December 1864–June 1865, are arranged chronologically. The reports are from teachers and from Joel Grant, superintendent of

freedmen's schools at Little Rock, and Lovejoy Johnson, superintendent of freedmen's schools at Helena.

3.16.5: Retained Copies of Reports, Reports Received, and Miscellaneous Papers, 1864–65

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound retained copies of reports, reports received, and miscellaneous papers, 1864–65, are arranged by type of record. The retained copies of reports include narrative reports (March–August 1865) and ration reports (July and September 1865). The reports received from subordinates are dated July 1864–September 1865. Many of the miscellaneous papers relate to the Home Farm.

3.17: Madison (St. Francis County)

3.17.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, April 1867–March 1868 (123), is arranged chronologically.

3.17.1.1: Volume (123), Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.17.2: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, April–August 1867 (122), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of marriages (May and August 1867) and names and addresses of claimants (1867).

3.17.2.1: Volume (122), Apr.–Aug. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.17.3: Letters and Orders Received, Mar. 1867–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1867–October 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 122.

3.17.4: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, June 1867–April 1868 (124), is arranged chronologically and includes a register of contracts (May–November 1866) and copies of certificates of marriages (June–November 1866).

3.17.4.1: Volume (124), June 1867–Apr. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.17.5: Register of Contracts

The single-volume register of contracts, April 1867–July 1868 (125), is arranged chronologically.

3.17.5.1: Volume (125), Apr. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.17.6: Narrative Reports, Affidavits and Court Papers, 1867–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound narrative reports, affidavits, and court papers, 1867–68, are arranged by type of record.

3.18: Magnolia (Columbia County)

3.18.1: Letters Received and Affidavits of Freedmen, May 1866–Apr. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received and affidavits of freedmen, May 1866–April 1867, are arranged by type of record.

3.19: Marion (Crittenden County)

3.19.1: Letters and Endorsements Sent

The three volumes of letters and endorsements sent, June 1867–December 1868, 1 (127), 2 (128), and 3 (129), are arranged chronologically and there is a list of contents in each volume.

3.19.1.1: Volume 1 (127), June 1867–Nov. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.19.1.2: Volume 2 (128), Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.19.1.3: Volume 3 (129), Jan. 1868–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.19.2: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, January 1867–October 1868 (126), is arranged chronologically and has a list of contents.

3.19.2.1: Volume (126), Jan. 1867–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.19.3: Single Unbound Letter Received, Oct. 21, 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

The single unbound letter received is dated October 21, 1867.

3.20: Monticello (South Eastern District of Arkansas)

3.20.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, July 1865–December 1866 (131), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains special orders issued

(August 1865–December 1866, circular letters (July 1865 and May and July 1866), and summaries of cases tried (May 1866).

3.20.1.1: Volume (131), July 1865–Dec. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.20.2: Letters Received

The single volume of letters received, August 1865–December 1866 (130), is arranged chronologically.

3.20.2.1: Volume (130), Aug. 1865–Dec. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.20.3: Letters Received, Oct. 1865–Jan. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, October 1865–January 1867, are arranged chronologically.

3.20.4: Register of Contracts for Bradley County

The single-volume register of contracts for Bradley County, January–March 1866 (168), consists of two registers, both of which seem to have the same title. One register is arranged chronologically by date the contract was filed. The second register is arranged numerically by the number of the contract. This volume also contains a list of indigent families, most of who seem to be soldiers' families.

3.20.4.1: Volume (168), Jan.–Mar. 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.20.5: Court Papers and Reports, 1865–66

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound court papers and reports are arranged by type of record. The records include land reports (October 1865 and January 1866) and financial reports (August–September 1865).

3.21: Monticello (Drew County)

3.21.1: Reports, 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound reports, 1866, include accounts current, land reports, and ration reports.

3.22: Napoleon (Desha County)

3.22.1: Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, April 1867–December 1868, 1 (135) and 2 (136), are arranged chronologically.

3.22.1.1: Volume 1 (135), Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.22.1.2: Volume 2 (136), Feb. 1868–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.22.2: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, April 1867–February 1868 (134), is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically.

3.22.2.1: Volume (134), Apr. 1867–Feb. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.22.3: Letters and Orders Received, June 1866–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, June 1866–March 1868, are arranged chronologically, and some of the letters are entered in Volume (134).

3.22.4: Register of Contracts and Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of contracts and register of complaints, 1866–67 (137), is arranged by type of register. The register of contracts is dated December 1866–April 1867, and the register of complaints is dated February–November 1867.

3.22.4.1: Volume (137), 1866–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.22.5: Miscellaneous Records, Jan. 1866–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records cover the period January 1866–January 1868. The records include marriage certificates, census reports, narrative reports, accounts, court papers, and a census report of freedpeople at the mouth of the Red River (1864).

3.23: Osceola (Mississippi County)

3.23.1: Letters Sent and Registers of Claims, Marriages, Contracts, and Indentures

The single volume of letters sent and register of claims, marriages, contracts, and indentures, 1866–68 (138), is arranged by type of record. The letters sent are dated July 1868; the register of claims, October 1866; the register of marriages, April 1866–February 1867; the register of contracts, January–October 1867; and the register of indentures, May–June 1866.

3.23.1.1: Volume (138), 1866–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.23.2: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, March 1867–June 1868 (139), is arranged chronologically.

3.23.2.1: Volume (139), Mar. 1867–June 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.24: Ozark

3.24.1: Register of Destitute Citizens of Franklin and Johnson Counties Issued Rations

The single-volume register of destitute citizens of Franklin and Johnson counties issued rations, June 1866 (140), is arranged by county and thereunder numerically. The register gives name, color, and cause of destitution. Rations were issued in compliance with Special Order 54 of the Assistant Commissioner.

3.24.1.1: Volume (140), June 1866

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25: Paraclifta (Sevier County)

In April 1867, the office was moved from Paraclifta to Rocky Comfort. The officer was also responsible for Bureau affairs in Little River County.

3.25.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, December 1866–December 1867 (177), is arranged by type of record and thereunder chronologically. The letters sent are dated December 1866–December 1867, and the register of letters received is dated June–October 1867. Also included is a list of contents of letters sent.

3.25.1.1: Volume (177), Dec. 1866–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.2: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, December 1867–October 1868 (179), is arranged chronologically.

3.25.2.1: Volume (179), Dec. 1867–Oct. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.3: Register of Letters Received and Endorsements Sent

The single-volume register of letters received and endorsements sent, November 1867– May 1868 (178), is arranged chronologically.

3.25.3.1: Volume (178), Nov. 1867–May 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.4: Orders Issued to Local Citizens

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, April 1867–March 1868 (180), is arranged chronologically and includes special and general orders.

3.25.4.1: Volume (180), Apr. 1867–Mar. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.5: Register of Marriages, Copies of Indentures, and Register of Purchase Vouchers Issued

The single-volume register of marriages, copies of indentures, and register of purchase vouchers issued, 1865–67 (181), is arranged by type of record. The register of marriages is dated December 1865; the indentures, December 1865–January 1866 and January–February 1867; and the register of vouchers, June–August 1867.

3.25.5.1: Volume (181), 1865–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.6: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints dated January 1867–July 1868 (176) is arranged chronologically and includes a list of employed freedmen (July–December 1865).

3.25.6.1: Volume (176), Jan. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.25.7: Register of Employers and Employees

The single-volume register of employers and employees (182) [No Dates] is arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the employee or employer. The register gives the name of the employer or employee and number of contract.

3.25.7.1: Volume (182), No Dates

[Image\(s\)](#)**3.26: Pine Bluff (Superintendent of Arkansas River District)**

The Arkansas River District comprised the counties of Pulaski, Prairie, Jefferson, and Arkansas, and parts of the counties of Monroe and Desha.

3.26.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, July 1866–May 1867 (144), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains letters sent by the agent at Pine Bluff (March–May 1867).

3.26.1.1: Volume (144), July 1866–May 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.26.2: Letters and Orders Received, July 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

3.26.3: Reports of Persons and Articles Hired, July 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound reports of persons and articles hired, July 1866–February 1867, is arranged chronologically.

3.27: Pine Bluff (Jefferson County)

3.27.1: Press Copies of Letters Sent

The two volumes of press copies of letters sent span the period January 1866–July 1868. Both are arranged chronologically, and each volume has a name index. Volume 1 (143) includes letters from January to May 1866 and from January to July 1868. Volume 2 (145) includes letters from May 1867 to December 1867.

3.27.1.1: Volume 1 (143), (bulk Jan.–May 1866 and Jan.–July 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.1.2: Volume 2 (145), May 1867–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.2: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, August–December 1868 (146), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of contracts, February–April 1864 and January–June 1865, and records of the contraband camp at Pine Bluff, February–September 1866, which include lists of persons and employees at the camp and the amount of rations issued.

3.27.2.1: Volume (146), (bulk Feb.–Apr. 1864, Jan.–June 1865, Feb.–Sept. 1866 and Aug.–Dec. 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.3: Endorsements Sent

The two volumes of endorsements sent cover the period January 1866–December 1868, with gaps. Volume 1 (142) is dated January–September 1866 and July–December 1868 and is arranged chronologically. Volume 2 (141) is dated September 1866–July 1868. From March to May 1867, the endorsements are arranged chronologically and include some endorsements

received. From May 1867 to July 1868, the entries are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent and thereunder chronologically, and include abstracts of letters that were filed among the letters received and not sent from the office. Volume 2 (141) also includes endorsements sent by the general superintendent of the Arkansas River District at Pine Bluff for September 1866–March 1867.

3.27.3.1: Volume 1 (142), Jan. 1866–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.3.2: Volume 2 (141), Sept. 1866–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.4: Letters Received, Mar. 1866–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, March–October 1866 and March 1867–December 1868, are arranged chronologically. A few of the letters are entered in Volume 2 (141).

3.27.5: Special Orders Received

The single volume of special orders received, October 1865–July 1868 (147), is arranged chronologically and is incomplete with many gaps.

3.27.5.1: Volume (147), Oct. 1865–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.6: Register of Marriages

The single-volume register of marriages, March 1864–July 1865 (151), is arranged chronologically and some of the names in the register are also in Volume (150) mentioned below.

3.27.6.1: Volume (151), Mar. 1864–July 1865

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.7: Copies of Marriage Certificates

The single volume of copies of marriage certificates, December 1864–June 1867 (150), is arranged chronologically and has a name index. The last part of the volume, September 1866–June 1867, is a register of marriages rather than copies of the certificates.

3.27.7.1: Volume (150), Dec. 1864–June 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.8: Register of Abandoned Property

The single-volume register of abandoned property, 1864–67 (149), is arranged by name of former owner and has a name index. The register gives

a description and location of the property and notations as to when it was restored and by what authority. Many entries include accounts of rent received.

3.27.8.1: Volume (149), 1864–67

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.9: "Record of Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation

The single-volume "Record and Account Book" of Mrs. Bayner's Plantation covers the period February–December 1867 (148). The records include a daily time and attendance report for all persons working on the plantation, daily reports of weather and work completed, and reports of amount of cotton picked and shipped.

3.27.9.1: Volume (148), Feb.–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.27.10: Miscellaneous Records, 1864–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound miscellaneous records, 1864–68, are arranged by type of record. The records include special orders and circulars received (October 1865–November 1868), retained copies of ration reports (March 1866–December 1867), ration reports of patients in the freedmen's hospital (June–November 1867), land reports (March 1866–March 1868), and rosters (March–October 1866). There are also school reports (December 1866–July 1867), reports of persons and articles hired (July 1866–November 1867), estimates of funds (May–September 1866), and court papers and bills of lading (1864, 1866–68). In addition, there are accounting records dating from December 1864 that were created by S. W. Mallory as superintendent of freedmen for the Freedmen's Department.

3.28: Princeton (Dallas County)

3.28.1: Contracts and Monthly Statements of Property

The single volume of contracts and monthly statements of property, 1866–68 (170), is arranged by type of record. The contracts are arranged by year (1866 and 1867) and thereunder numerically. There is a name index to the contracts. The monthly statements are arranged chronologically (July 1867–December 1868).

3.28.1.1: Volume (170), 1866–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.29: South Bend (Arkansas County)

From 1866 until February 1867, the office was at Auburn; from February to July 1867, at Fair Dale; and from July 1867 to July 1868, at South Bend.

3.29.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, February 1867–July 1868 (153), is arranged chronologically.

3.29.1.1: Volume (153), Feb. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.29.2: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received covers the period January–August 1867 and November 1867–March 1868 (152). From January to August 1867, the entries are arranged and numbered in chronological order. From November 1867 to March 1868, they are arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the correspondent, and thereunder arranged and numbered in chronological order. The entries frequently include copies of endorsements sent and received.

3.29.2.1: Volume (152), (bulk Jan.–Aug. 1867 and Nov. 1867–Mar. 1868)

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.29.3: Letters Received, Feb.–Aug. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, February–August 1867, are arranged and numbered according to their entry in Volume 152. There are also some unregistered letters (November 1867–May 1868).

3.29.4: Orders Issued to Local Citizens

The single volume of orders issued to local citizens, October 1867–July 1868 (154), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of claimants (1866–67) arranged alphabetically by initial letter of the surname of the soldier, but there are entries only for A – D.

3.29.4.1: Volume (154), Oct. 1867–July 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.29.5: Proceedings of Cases

The single volume of proceedings of cases dated November 1867–April 1868 (155) is arranged chronologically.

3.29.5.1: Volume (155), Nov. 1867–Apr. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.30: Union (Fulton County)

3.30.1: Letters Sent and Register of Letters Received

The single volume of letters sent and register of letters received, January 1867–September 1868 (156), is arranged by letters sent and register of letters

received and thereunder chronologically. There are indexes for both the letters sent and for the registers.

3.30.1.1: Volume (156), Jan. 1867–Sept. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.30.2: Letters Sent and Retained Copies of Reports, June 1866–June 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters sent and retained copies of reports, June 1866–June 1867, are arranged by type of record. Most of the letters and reports are copied in Volume 156.

3.30.3: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, October–December 1868 (158), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

3.30.3.1: Volume (158), Oct.–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.30.4: Register of Letters Received

The single-volume register of letters received, October–December 1868 (157), is arranged chronologically and has a name index.

3.30.4.1: Volume (157), Oct.–Dec. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.30.5: Letters and Orders Received, Mar. 1866–Nov. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, March 1866–November 1868, are arranged chronologically. Most are entered in Volume 157.

3.31: Washington (South West District of Arkansas)

3.31.1: Letters Sent

The single volume of letters sent, January 1865–March 1867 (161), is arranged chronologically.

3.31.1.1: Volume (161), Jan. 1865–Mar. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.31.2: Letters Received

The single volume of letters received at the South West District, September 1866–March 1867 (159), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of letters received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March 1867–September 1868, arranged chronologically.

3.31.2.1: Volume (159), Sept. 1866–Sept. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.31.3: Letters Received, Sept. 1866–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters received, September 1866–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the letters are copied in Volume 159.

3.31.4: Special Orders Received

The single volume of special orders received at the South West District, November 1865–December 1867 (164), is arranged chronologically. This volume also contains orders received by the agent at Washington (Hemstead County), for the period March–December 1867.

3.31.4.1: Volume (164), Nov. 1865–Dec. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.31.5: Special Orders and Circulars Received, Nov. 1865–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound special orders and circulars received, November 1865–February 1867, are arranged chronologically. Some of the orders are copied in Volume 164.

3.32: Washington (Hemstead County)

3.32.1: Letters Sent and Orders Issued to Local Citizens

The single volume of letters sent and orders issued to local citizens, February 1866–March 1867 (160), is arranged chronologically. The section of letters sent covers the period February–October 1866, and that of orders issued to local citizens covers the period October 1866–March 1867.

3.32.1.1: Volume (160), Feb. 1866–Mar. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.2: Letters Sent

The two volumes of letters sent, 1 (162) and 2 (163), cover the period March 1867–August 1868. The letters in both volumes are arranged chronologically. Volume 1 (162) is dated March 1867–August 1868, and Volume 2 (163) is dated November 1867–January 1868. There are only a few letters in Volume 2 (163); all are addressed to officials in Hemstead County and do not appear to be duplicated in Volume 1 (162).

3.32.2.1: Volume 1 (162), Mar. 1867–Aug. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.2.2: Volume 2 (163), Nov. 1867–Jan. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.3: Letters and Orders Received, Apr. 1867–Sept. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound letters and orders received, April 1867–September 1868, are arranged chronologically. Some letters are entered in Volume (159), and some orders are entered in Volume 164.

3.32.4: Register of Contracts

The single-volume register of contracts, November 1866–September 1867 (165), is arranged numerically.

3.32.4.1: Volume (165), Nov. 1866–Sept. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.5: Register of Complaints

The single-volume register of complaints, August 1866–February 1868 (166), is arranged chronologically.

3.32.5.1: Volume (166), Aug. 1866–Feb. 1868

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.6: Marriage Certificates

The single volume of marriage certificates, October 1865–February 1867 (167), is arranged chronologically. The volume also contains a register of indentures (December 1865) and an undated list of people delinquent in payments to workers.

3.32.6.1: Volume (167), Oct. 1865–Feb. 1867

[Image\(s\)](#)

3.32.7: Accounts Current, Marriage Certificates, Court Papers, and Teachers' School Reports, 1865–68

[Image\(s\)](#)

Unbound accounts current, marriage certificates, court papers, and teachers' school reports, 1865–68, are arranged by type of record. The accounts current are dated July–September 1865. Some of the marriage certificates are copied in Volume 167.

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