

Slave Research, how to conduct it

Wills, slaves are often passed down or freed in these documents

Estate settlements of the White family (could exist even if there was no will)

Deeds, sometimes freed or used as collateral

Tax Records, in very early tithables slaves are sometimes named. Example: Nelson Co., Ky., year 1785, James Allen 3 tithables (Negro Tom) (Negro Lucy).

Census Records, listed under white owner pre 1870, (only gives an age and sex, but is still helpful)

Marriage Records, especially be sure to check the declarations of marriages.

Newspapers (never know what you might find here, runaways, deaths, etc.)

Baptismal Records, especially if they had Catholic owners

Family Files, don't forget to include the family files of the white owner

Family Books, don't forget to include the family books of the white owner

Cemetery records

And of course talk to your family elders. They may have been silent because of the degradation and shame associated that automatically stems from being oppressed.

Lawsuits of the white owner's family (usually found in County Court Records)

Slave Database by Charles Lemons (in Genealogy Room at Nelson County Public Library)

Do Your DNA with a major genealogy company such as Ancestry.com (When the paper trails ends that is an essential tool).

1785-1791 Residents of Nelson County, Virginia (now Kentucky)

NAME	TITHABLES	NAME	TITHABLES
BROWN, Samuel	3	BELL, John	1
(son), Nathaniel		STOBALL, John	1
CAHOON, George		COFORD, William	1
PRINGLE, John	2	McGEE, John	3
SIMPSON, John		(Negro), Lenard	
CONNER, Richard	2	(Negro), Sarah	1
COOPER, Benjn.		BEAN, Thomas	1
ALLEN, James	3	GAUF, Willm.	1
(Negro), Tom		HUGHS, John	1
(Negro), Lucy		HUGHS, Willm., Senr.	3
FORGASON, Joshua	2	(son), James	
(Negro), Daniel		(Negro), Vilet	4
HAMMON, Job	2	BLAND, John	
(Negro), Tom		(son), Willm.	
McCOLLUM, Joseph	1	(son), John	
RUBLE, Isaac	1	(Negro), Nan	1
HUBBS, Elie	2	REDMOND, John	1
(Negro), Frank		REDMOND, Thomas	1
GREAER, Samuel	1	LENT, Willm.	1
CONWAY, Joseph	1	BLAND, Daniel	1
WILSON, Robert	4	CONWAY, John	1
(son), Robert		FLOOD, Andrew	1
(son), Samuel		RICE, Fredrick	1
(Negro), Sarah		PEARMAN, Samuel	1

"Philip Phillips gent is appointed to take the list of tithables on the waters of Green River, easterly of Nolin."

NAME	TITHABLES	NAME	TITHABLES
BROWNFIELD, Charles	1	SKEGGS, Aaron	1
BARTON, Theophilus	1	MOLSON, Nicholas	1
BARTON, James	1	JOHNSON, James	1
MILLER, Christopher	3	BROWNFIELD, Edward	1
(son), Wm.		CLARK, Jeremiah	1
(son), Philip		HALL, William	1
DIREMIAH, John	1	ASHCRAFT, Jediah	2
THOMAS, John	1	(son), Daniel	
GREENEWALT, Joseph	1	MILLER, Michael	1
GREENEWALT, Joseph, Jun.	1	THOMAS, Owen	2
GREENEWALT, John	1	(son), Hardin	
KESTER, Conrad	1	THOMAS, Isaac	1
CRAIL, Richard	1	WEATHERHOLT, Jacob	1
SKEGGS, Richard	1	KIRKPATRICK, Joseph	1
LOGSTON, Thomas	1	PHILIPS, Philip	1
HINCH, George	1	NEELY, Hugh	2
BROWNFIELD, William	1	(son), unknown	
WATT, Samuel	1	RAMER, Abraham	3
GUM, Jacob	2	(son), Abraham	
GUM, Jacob, Jun.		(son), Michael	

1785 NELSON COUNTY, VIRGINIA (KY.) TITHABLES



R A N A W A Y,

From the subscriber, living in Portland, Ky. on the night of the 11th instant, a MULATTO SLAVE, named *MATILDA*. She is about 5 feet 6 inches high—of pleasant countenance and good features—she took with her a quantity of clothing—her frocks mostly calico.

She had a black bonnet with green veil, and is supposed to be in company with her husband, *Simon*, who is said to be in Indiana—and the same one hired by Mr. S. Donagan from William Collins for the present year. Whoever may take her up shall be paid for their trouble, by applying to me, at Portland.

July 14

SAMUEL TOMLINSON.

Matilda, runaway slave



Clipped By:

billkellenmsmith
Tue, Feb 15, 2022

EMANCIPATION

Nelson Co KY Deed BK 17 p. 151 EVAN Williams Frees Slaves

Exat²

Know all men by these presents that EVAN Williams of the County of Nelson and State of Kentucky for and in consideration of the faithful services rendered me heretofore by my four negroes, James, about 40 years of age, and Clara his wife about the same age, and their two children Stacia about one year old, & Green about 6 months old, & other causes me hereto moving, have emancipated and set free, and by these presents do absolutely emancipate and set free the said James, Clara and their children, enjoying their full freedom, as if they had all and severally been born free. To have and to enjoy the said freedom to them the said James, wife & children, & offspring from me and my heirs and all person or persons claiming by from through or under me. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto interchangedly set my hand and affixed my seal this day of July, 1826.

Evan Williams *Evans*

Witness
 Joseph Reynolds
 James Praden

At a Court held for Nelson County at the Court house in said County on Monday the 11th day of August in the year of our Lord eight hundred and twenty six.

The above deed of emancipation from Evan Williams to James and others was produced in Court, read and delivered by said Evan Williams, and read and he heard and

Sees
 Ligit

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the said County the 11th day of September in the year of our Lord 1826.

Thos. Thompson Clk
 Nelson Co Ky

P. 316 Nelson Co., KY Slaves of Samuel Carpenter - being sold and purchased by others,

being sold and

WILL BK 9
A
List
of
Sales

S. S. Carpenter	Haney & child Wash	1200 00
A. T. Henshaw	Molly, Sally & infant	1700 00
James Anier	Margaret	1000 00
A. D. Elliott	Ann	1000 00
L. B. Haughton	Fridy - Annella	1000 00
James Mum	Sarah Jane	550 00

Nelson County Set

I do certify that the foregoing pages is a true and complete list of the sales of the Estate of Samuel Carpenter deceased made by me as Executor of the will of said decedent on the 1st and 5th days of September 1857 except the sales of the slaves and which have been made since that time.

Given under my hand this 8th day of March 1858

L. H. Humphrey, Executor

At a county court held for Nelson County at the courthouse in Bardonia on Monday the 8th day of March 1858

This list of sales of the Estate of Samuel Carpenter deceased is this day returned and ordered to be recorded

Must J. Barron, Clerk of the Court

SCHEDULE 2.—Slave Inhabitants in Montgomery in the County of Montgomery State of Tennessee, enumerated by me, on the 18th day of Novr, 1850. L. Keady Ass't Marshal.

1	2	3			6	7	8	1	2	3			6	7	8
		Age	Sex	Color						Age	Sex	Color			
Ellis & Clephav	1	19	M	B			1	1	W. L. Beck	1	3	F	B		
		26	M	B			2	2		1	2	F	B		
		26	M	B			3	3	S. Kelley	1	29	M	M		
		21	M	B			4	4		1	27	M	M		
		44	M	B			5	5		1	24	M	B		
		50	M	B			6	6		1	16	F	B		
		42	M	B			7	7	B. M. Weston	1	45	F	B		
		19	M	B			8	8		1	10	F	B		
		23	M	B			9	9	Mrs. McAdams	1	37	M	B		
		24	M	B			10	10		1	6	F	B		
		60	M	B			11	11	Thomas Cross	1	61	M	B		
		25	M	B			12	12		1	53	M	B		
		40	M	B			13	13		1	54	M	B		
		25	M	B			14	14		1	40	M	B		
		19	M	B			15	15		1	41	M	B		
		48	M	B			16	16		1	41	M	B		
		18	M	B			17	17		1	39	M	B		
		26	M	B			18	18		1	39	M	M		
		24	M	B			19	19		1	26	M	B		
		27	M	B			20	20		1	33	M	M		
		52	M	B			21	21		1	32	M	B		
		49	M	B			22	22		1	31	M	B		
		19	M	B			23	23		1	31	M	B		
		35	M	B			24	24		1	29	M	B		
		30	M	B			25	25		1	29	M	B		
		21	M	B			26	26		1	28	M	B		
		5	M	B			27	27		1	25	M	M		
		20	M	B			28	28		1	13	M	B		
		47	M	B			29	29		1	40	M	B		
							30	30		1	10	M	B		
							31	31		1	10	M	B		
							32	32		1	19	M	B		
							33	33		1	12	M	B		
							34	34		1	15	M	B		
							35	35		1	15	M	B		
							36	36		1	13	M	B		
							37	37		1	12	M	B		
W. L. Beck							38	38		1	11	M	B		
							39	39		1	11	M	B		
							40	40		1	11	M	B		
							41	41		1	9	M	B		
							42	42		1	7	M	B		

Likely Robert Cross

41 m

36 on

Exam 4

J^{no} Haden Edwards, deceased
Last Will & Testament

In the name of God
Amen, J^{no} Haden Edwards

of Nelson County Ky being weak in Body but of sound
Mind and disposing Memory and Calling to mind
the uncertainty of life and being desirous to dispose
of all such estate as I may own at my death do ordain
and publish this my last will and Testament hereby
revoking all former wills and testaments by me here-
before made,

1st, I give and bequeath to my wife Rebecca C. Edwards
my negro man named Isaac Stone and a negro woman
named Wenny. Also all that part of my home farm ly-
ing Easterwardly of the following lines, namely, Begin-
ning at a stone in the old Bloomfield road a corner
to J^{no} McBlaskey Jr. & W^m H. Berrins, running with Berrins
line S 25 1/2 E 81 1/2 poles to a stone corner to Berrins, thence
N 79 1/2 E 73 poles, thence S 25 E to the Bloomfield & Chaplin
Turnpike road supposed to contain about three hun-
dred acres more or less. I also give her all my household
& kitchen furniture, my family carriage and harness
ten head of Cattle first choice, one yoke of Oxen, one
wagon and gear first choice, four Horses first choice, ten
head of Sheep first choice four Plows and four fox gear
first choice, one hundred dollars worth of Stock hog
provisions and provender to last the family for one
year after my death, also all the slaves and cash
notes and all and every kind of property that she

Nelson Co
KY will
BK 11
P. 42

Will of
Haden
Edwards

freeing
slaves
by sending
them to
Liberia