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Historical Information

Westmoreland County was formed from Northumberland County in 1653. Part of King George County was added in 1777.

An act passed by the Virginia legislature in 1803 required every free negro or mulatto to be registered and numbered in a book to be kept by the county clerk.

Scope and Content

Registers of Free Negroes, 1817-1826, 1828-1861, of Westmoreland County. They list the age, name, color, stature, marks or scars, in what court the person was emancipated or whether the person was born free. Some clerks recorded additional information not required by law.

Access Terms

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