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## Descriptive Summary

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### Language

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### Collector

Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

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There are no restrictions.

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## Historical Information

Montgomery County was named for Richard Montgomery, who was killed in the American assault on Quebec late in 1775. It was formed from Fincastle County in 1776, and parts of Botetourt and Pulaski Counties were added later.

## Scope and Content

Montgomery County (Va.) Registers of Free Negroes and Mulattoes, 1823-1863, record the registration number, age, name, color, stature, marks or scars, and in what court the person was emancipated or whether the person was born free. Some clerks recorded additional information, not required by law. The collection contains two volumes, A Register of Free Negroes and Mulattoes, 1823-1847, and a Register of Free Negroes Commencing September 1848, containing a total 127 registrations.

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.

## Index Terms

**Corporate Names:**

Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court.

**Subjects:**

Appalachian Region--History--19th century.

Free African Americans--Virginia--Montgomery County.

Racially mixed people--Virginia--Montgomery County.

**Geographical Names:**

Montgomery County (Va.)--History--19th century.

**Genre and Form Terms:**

Free negro and slave records--Virginia--Montgomery County.

Local government records--Virginia--Montgomery County.

Registers (lists)--Virginia--Montgomery County.

