

# A Guide to the Warren County (Va.) Petitions to Remain in the Commonwealth, 1847

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## Descriptive Summary

### Language

English

### Collector

Warren County (Va.) Circuit Court

### Physical Characteristics

3 leaves; Digital images.

### Location

Library of Virginia

### Repository

Library of Virginia

## Administrative Information

### Access Restrictions

Warren County (Va.) Petitions to Remain, 1847, are digitized and available through [Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative Digital Collection](#) on the Library of Virginia website. Please use digital images.

### Use Restrictions

There are no restrictions.

## Acquisition Information

These items came to the Library of Virginia in transfers of court papers from Warren County in an undated accession [possibly in 2000 under accession number 37580, 37581, or 37582]

## Processing Information

The Petition to Remin in the Commonwealth of George Foucks, 1847, was originally described as part of the **Warren County (Va.) Free and Enslaved Records, 1836-1861** but was removed to the present Warren County (Va.) Petitions to Remain in the Commonwealth, 1847

These records have been scanned and indexed by L. Neuroth and other LVA staff for the purposes of digitizing them for the digital project Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative.

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## Preferred Citation

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# Adjunct Descriptive Data

## Related Material

See also: [Warren County \(Va.\)Free and Enslaved Records, 1836-1861](#)

Records related to free and enslaved people of Warren County (Va.) and other localities are available through the [Virginia Untold: The African American Narrative Digital Collection](#) on the Library of Virginia website.

Additional Warren County (Va.) court records can be found on microfilm at the Library of Virginia.Consult "[A Guide to Virginia County and City Records on Microfilm.](#)"

## Historical Information

**Context for Record Type:** Sometimes referred to as "Applications to Remain," these records are applications that formerly enslaved individuals submitted to state and local courts for permission to remain in Virginia with their free status. The Virginia General Assembly passed a law stating that all formerly enslaved people freed after 1 May 1806 who remained in Virginia more than twelve months could be put on trial by the state. Individuals who wished to remain in the commonwealth were to petition the state legislature. In 1816, a new Act of Assembly gave the local courts power to grant permission to remain. The documents in these cases will include: the name(s) of the petitioner(s), the circumstances of free status, and a request to remain in the county. Individuals needed to prove that they had in fact been emancipated. Therefore, application packets might also include supporting documents such as the formerly enslaved person's register, a copy of a will or deed of emancipation, or witness statements known as affidavits.

**Locality Note:** Warren County was named for Joseph Warren, the revolutionary patriot who sent Paul Revere and William Dawes on their famous rides and who was killed at the Battle of Bunker Hill. The county was formed from Shenandoah and Frederick Counties in 1836.

## Scope and Content

Warren County (Va.) Petitions to Remain in the Commonwealth, 1847, consists of one petition of George Foucks who was emancipated by the will of William Hopewell and seeks to remain in the state of Virginia.

## Arrangement

This collection is arranged into

- Series I: Petitions to Remain in the Commonwealth, arranged chronologically

## Contents List

### Series I: Petitions to Remain in the Commonwealth 1847

#### Extent

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chronological

**Barcode number 1208718: Free and Enslaved Records 1836-1861**

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