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Abstract

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Creator

Atkins, Charles D., 1815-1882 (Orange County, Va.)

Creator

Robinson, James L. (Sheriff, Orange County, Va.)

Creator

Bell, James R. (Constable, Orange County, Va.)

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Biographical Note

Charles D. Atkins (1815-1882) was born in Orange County, Virginia; he married Mary Evans in 1845. He is listed in the 1870 United States Federal Census as living in the town of Madison in Orange County with the occupation of farmer. The 1880 census lists him as living in the town of Taylor in Orange County and working as a carpenter.

James L. Robinson was a commissioner in the court in Orange County as early as 1850, sheriff of Orange County from 1859-1863, and treasurer from 1879-1882. The United States Federal Census for 1850 shows Robinson enslaved five people, one 50 year old woman and four young boys. The 1860 census lists Robinson as having been born in Virginia around 1820 and holding the position of sheriff.

James R. Bell is listed in the 1860 United States Census as having been born around 1838, living in Orange County, married to Mary E. Bell, and working as a constable. The 1860 U.S. Federal Census Slave Schedules show that he enslaved one seven-year-old girl. The 1870 census lists him as living in Madison in Orange County and working as a traveling agent. He is listed again in the 1910 census as being 71 years old, still living in Madison, and working as an agent with the Steam Railway Depot.

Scope and Content

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