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## **Abstract**

James Brewer, a graduate of Virginia State was later a member of the faculty teaching in the Department of History. While a member of the faculty, Professor Brewer collected a number of papers regarding manumissions of blacks in several counties in North Carolina. Included is a petition for the self-hire of slaves in Wilmington, North Carolina. There is also some correspondence documenting some of Mr. Brewer's activities as a resident of Ettrick.

## **Collector**

James A. Brewer

## **Repository**

Special Collections and Archives, Johnston Memorial Library, Virginia State University

# **Administrative Information**

## **Access**

There are no restrictions.

## **Use Restrictions**

There are no restrictions.

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# **Biographical/Historical Information**

James A. Brewer, a Petersburg native and graduate of Virginia State College for Negroes in 1941. After World War II Mr. Brewer returned to school earning both the M.A. and Ph. D in History from Pennsylvania State in Pennsylvania. Mr. Brewer began his teaching career in North Carolina and later joined the faculty at Virginia State University.

# **Scope and Content Information**

Research documents mainly concerned with slavery and manumission in Wilmington North Carolina.

# **Series Description**

Series I. Correspondence Some correspondence generated by Professor Brewer while a resident of Ettrick Virginia.

Series II. A group of paper documenting several freed African-Americans in the state of North Carolina.

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