

Appomattox County Historical Society
Appomattox County, Virginia
Analysis of 1850 Census (free schedules)

A total population of 4,391 individuals were reported on the 1850 free schedules. The demographics are as follows:

They are listed in 786 families; 2,190 (49.9%) are male and 2,201 are female (50.1%). 4,207 are listed as white, with 98 free blacks and 86 free mulatto (mixed race).

665 (15.1%) individuals are listed as students or being in school within the year. 421 (9.6%) individuals are listed as not being able to read and/or write.

55 (1.3%) individuals are listed as having illnesses or handicaps:

blind	3
deaf	20
deaf and blind	1
deaf and dumb	3
idiot	9
insane	4
pauper	15

4,358 (99.2%) individuals were born in Virginia and 33 (0.8%) individuals were born outside of Virginia, 10 from foreign countries and 23 from other states:

England	7
Scotland	2
Germany	1
Delaware	1
Kentucky	1
Maine	3
Maryland	3
Massachusetts	2
New Jersey	1
New York	1
North Carolina	3
Pennsylvania	4
Rhode Island	2
Tennessee	1
Vermont	1

The table below illustrates the age demographics of the free population (the oldest recorded citizen in 1850 was Elizabeth Boaz at 95 years):

under 1 year	82
1 – 9 years	1,139
10 – 19 years	1,084
20 – 29 years	671
30 – 39 years	505
40 – 49 years	362
50 – 59 years	259
60 – 69 years	152
70 – 79 years	90
80 – 89 years	33
90 – 95 years	14

Slave holdings: 4,557 slaves were reported. 9 individuals owned 50 or more slaves totaling 675 (14.8%). Including the top 9, 35 individuals owned 25 or more slaves totaling 1,550 (34.0%).

Top 10 slave owners:

John H. Johnson	144
Joel W. Flood	121
Henry D. Flood	68
William A. Jones	66
Andrew White	59
William D. Christian	57
Benjamin P. Walker	55
Samuel J. Walker	54
Reuben D. Palmer	51
William Matthews	47

453 individuals reported a value on real estate owned. The total value of real estate owned as reported on the census was \$1,187,623. 55 individuals reported a value of \$5,000 or more totaling \$615,910 (51.9%) and 401 individuals reported a value of less than \$5,000 totaling \$571,713 (48.1%).

Top 10 land owners by reported real estate value and their stated occupation(s):

Henry D. Flood	\$ 70,000	Attorney & Farmer
Joel W. Flood	\$ 50,450	Physician & Farmer
Samuel D. McDearmon	\$ 38,000	Merchant & Miller
John H. Johnson	\$ 27,000	Farmer & Miller
Benjamin P. Walker	\$ 25,000	Farmer
William Moore	\$ 25,000	Farmer
Samuel J. Walker	\$ 17,000	Farmer
Fielding Jones	\$ 15,500	Farmer
George Abbitt Sr.	\$ 15,230	no occupation listed
David Robertson	\$ 13,500	Farmer

997 individuals reported various occupations. Numerous individuals reported two occupations, predominantly as a farmer in addition to a specialty field. The following table lists the various occupations reported and the number of each. Individuals reporting more than one occupation are counted in each category that applies to that individual.

Attorney	8
Bar Keeper	1
Blacksmith	21
Boatman	4
Brick Layer	6
Cabinet Maker	5
Captain, Packet Boat	1
Carpenter	46
Clergyman	9
Clerk in Store	6
Clerk of County Court	1
Collector	2
Collier	1
Constable	2
Contractor	3
Cooper	5
Dentist	1
Deputy Sheriff	3
Distiller	1
Ditcher	2
Farmer	482
Ferryman	2
Founderer	1
Hatter	2
Hotel Keeper	3
Iron Master	2
Keeper of Poor House	1
Laborer	269
Machinist	3
Merchant	21
Miller	23
Millwright	2
Miner	6
Musician	4
Pedler	1
Physician	15
Postmaster	1
Printer	1
Rock (or Stone) Mason	7
Saddler	5
Salesman in Store	1
Shape Joiner	2
Shoe Maker	19
Stage Driver	2

Surveyor	1
Tailor	6
Tanner	9
Tavern Keeper	1
Teacher	17
Teamster	2
Waggoner	1
Well Digger	1
Wheelwright	19

Individuals associated with specific occupations are detailed below by occupation. Of note, there is but one female listed with an occupation (Tailor). There are seven free black and three free mulatto individuals listed below. Farmers and Laborers, the bulk of the work force, have been omitted from the following list.

Attorney: Willis P. Bocoock, Thomas S. Bocoock, Henry D. Flood, Noble Snell, Lewis D. Isbell, George S. Fuqua, Crawford H. Jones, John W. Woodson

Bar Keeper: George W. Kyle

Blacksmith: Guy Lee, Samuel Mitchell, Samuel Martin, Christian Rule, Foster Dowell, Robert R. Paulett, Dabney E. Wooldridge, Samuel H. Mitchell, Charles H. Diuguid (black), Joseph S. Glover, Robert J. Wright, John J. Mitchell, Thomas J. Wooldridge, Samuel Worley, Richard Alley, Nehemiah Hundley, James R. Diuguid (black), John A. Wooldridge, James W. Lee, Winston B. Mitchell, Nelson A. Kelly

Boatman: Robert Fields, Reuben H. Staton, Thomas P. Childres, William A. Dunn

Brick Layer: Charles H. Mills, Addison T. Staples, Herard Malone (black), Henry Lee, Charles P. Cheatham, James T. Layne

Cabinet Maker: George Rush, John B. Eames, Henry Rush, Peter Rush, George Rush Jr.

Captain, Packet Boat: John P. Yeatman

Carpenter: Feland Wingo, Samuel Banton, James Brooks, Henry Davidson, Josiah Woodson, Daniel P. Wright, Isaac Robertson, Pleasant Cobbs, John H. Scruggs, Francis Meeks, James C. Fore, Anthony Walton, John R. Megginson, Jacob Woodson, William Webb Jr., George N. Berkley, John J. Smith, William J. Doss, Hegeshus Davenport, George S. Davidson, Pheneus Glover, Sterling Martin, Stephen Ferguson (mulatto), George W. Brooks, John H. Hooton, James N. Williams, John Bryant, Charles Barnett, Helofonus Davenport, Edward Conefix, Benjamin Chennaul, Alexander W. Foster, William P. Wright, Absalom L. Brooks, Samuel S. Davidson, John Moore, Joseph Davenport, Marlow Whitehead, James Fitch, Hardin Thomas, James L. Scruggs, Liberty Lee, Jesse T. Davidson, Albon M. Stratton, Zachariah Brooks, Richard D. Wooldridge

Clergyman: Gabriel Walker, George A. Petty, Samuel Davidson, John H. Cawthorn, John C. Hamner, John A. Doll, W. W. Stickley, Alexander L. Hogshead, William Purnell, James McDearmon

Clerk in Store: Robert W. Hamner, James R. Hill, David A. Plunkett, Robert A. Stevens, Henry R. Hooper, Robert Patteson

Clerk of County Court: Henry F. Boccock

Collector: Alexander Branch, Lilborn P. Branch

Collier: Joseph Grow

Constable: John H. Davidson, Thomas R. Peers

Contractor: George B. Manley, William Manley, Joseph D. Haynes

Cooper: Abraham Vandegriff, Pleasant A. Snead, Thomas Hambleton, Anderson Thomas, Robert A. Snead

Dentist: Robert H. Cox

Deputy Sheriff: John S. Bass, George T. Peers, William Paris

Distiller: Archibald Reath

Ditcher: William Cozins (black), Allen Evans

Ferryman: Littleberry Tyree, Valentine Tyree

Founderer: Henry Rodenhiser

Hatter: Peter Puryear, James Asher

Hotel Keeper: John Raine, Robert J. Boaz, George W. A. Raine

Iron Master: Washington F. Plunkett, Jesse T. Hutcheson

Keeper of Poor House: John West

Machinist: Frederick Meeks, John Howerton, Phillip M. Snapp

Merchant: Benjamin S. Morris, Alfred W. Flippin, Thomas S. Wright, William H. Still, Robert Beasley, Robert C. Garey, Charles W. Dawson, William E. Patteson, William T. Pankey, Benjamin H. Nowlin, Charles H. Gilliam, John D. L. F. Patteson, John J. Matthews, Samuel F. Mathews, William Matthews, John H. Plunkett, Bryant Nowlin, James R. Beck, William A. Thompson, Robert Isbell, Samuel D. McDearmon

Miller: David Walker, Andrew White, John H. Johnson, Elbert LeGrand, John M. Wright, Robert Isbell, Samuel D. McDearmon, Rains Mathews, Henry Coleman, Joel Mann Jr., Roland Elam, Mathew Via, James P. Stratton, William S. Wilkerson, William H. Mathews, James D. Hill, William H. Childres, William D. Stratton, Anderson P. Roberts, Robert J. Stinson, Thomas Rudd, James A. Hamner, Josiah N. LeGrand

Millwright: William Helm, Gresham L. Thornhill

Miner: Robert Wright, Elisha Smith, Thornton Phillips, Humphrey King, John Ore, Andrew J. Morris

Musician: Joel W. Sweeney, Alexander Sweeney, Sampson D. Sweeney, John Rush

Pedler: William Browning

Physician: Bezer Snell, John R. McDearmon, Frederick W. Isbell, James T. Ewers, James Pendleton, S. W. Durphy, Reuben D. Palmer, Joel W. Flood, E. M. W. Durphy, David C. Jones, William D. Christian, Isham E. Bass, Wyatt W. Hamner, David P. Robertson, James Nowlin

Postmaster: John R. Davidson

Printer: Charles T. Rush

Rock (or Stone) Mason: Otis Williamson, William J. Dawson, John S. Moore, James P. Christian, John Wood, Robert Gowan, James Gowan

Saddler: William Jenkins, Willis Layne, Richard Wallace, John T. Noffett

Salesman in Store: Samuel H. Overton

Shape Joiner: Calvin Stevens, James C. Stevens

Shoe Maker: Powhattan B. Bell, Samuel A. Bell, Richard D. Wooldridge, Alexander B. Hannah, John E. Turner, Thomas Robertson, Clemett Jackson (black), Samuel Walker, William McCaskie, Nehemiah Whorley, Eziel Umbles (black), Nathan T. Harvey, Jesse Mayberry, William Sparrow (mulatto), Azariah Martin, Archibald Bigbie, William J. Martin, Campbell S. Wright, William J. Collins

Stage Driver: Mace Pendleton, H. V. Thompson

Surveyor: Anderson Hill

Tailor: Archibald W. Carter, John L. Goodwin, Coleman Ledbetter, Jane W. Ledbetter (female), Archibald B. Miller, Drury Woodson

Tanner: George F. Collins, Eldridge Land, Archibald Moon, James S. Hamner, David W. Stratton, William Carter, John Paulett, Nickolas Pamplin, Edward O. Robertson

Tavern Keeper: Samuel Glover

Teacher: John Woodson, Presley D. Richardson, William A. Swan, Valentine Martin, William Overton, William S. Davidson, John Robertson, Otis G. Welch, David B. Pendleton, Samuel H. Farrar, Spottswood Stewart, John E. Pittingill, Charles H. Wood, Thomas D. Walthall, Benjamin F. Harris, Stephen Fore, William Coleman

Teamster: Washington Hudson, John Kasear

Waggoner: William Sims

Well Digger: Henry W. Young (mulatto)

Wheelwright: James W. Urquihart, John Akers, Powhatan Brooks, Oliver Pride (black), Daniel Whitaker, William W. C. Durham, William A. Glover, Thomas H. Foster, William H. Baldwin, Spottswood Webb, Lorinzo D. Kelly, Armistead P. Glover, Leonard M. Kelly, John W. Akers, Nelson A. Kelly, John Sweeney, Robert Baldwin, Neal C. Kelly, Robert F. Glover