Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands records

Descriptive Summary

Repository: Georgia Historical Society
Title: Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands records
Dates: 1865-1869
Extent: 0.5 cubic feet (1 box)
Identification: MS 5915

Biographical/Historical Note

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, often referred to as the Freedmen's Bureau, was a U.S. federal government agency established by the U.S. Department of War through the Freedmen's Bureau Bill on 3 March 1865. The Freedmen's Bureau became a key agency during Reconstruction assisting freedmen, ex-slaves, in the former Confederate states adjust to their conditions of freedom by providing food, housing, education, health care, and employment. This agency was operational from 1865 to 1872.

Scope and Content Note

This collection contains photocopies of letters and lists from the Bureau of Refugee, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands' branch in Savannah, Georgia from 1865 to 1869. These records detail the efforts of this agency to assist the newly freed slaves throughout coastal Georgia including Chatham County, McIntosh County, Glynn County, Liberty County, Ossabaw Island, and St. Catherine's Island. The originals of these documents may be accessed at the National Archives in Washington, D.C.

Index Terms

African Americans--Georgia.
Freedmen--Georgia--Chatham County.
Freedmen--Georgia--Glynn County.
Freedmen--Georgia--Liberty County.
Freedmen--Georgia--McIntosh County.
Freedmen--Georgia--Ossabaw Island.
Freedmen--Georgia--Saint Catherines Island.
Letters (correspondence)
Lists (document genres)
Photocopies.
Reconstruction (U.S. history, 1865-1877)

Administrative Information

Processing Information

This collection is processed at the Basic Level (or collection level). There is no detailed inventory for this collection as it is not fully processed. To request that this collection be added to our priority list of collections to be fully processed as staffing and funding allow, please contact the Library and Archives staff.
Restrictions

Access restrictions

The collection is open for research.

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