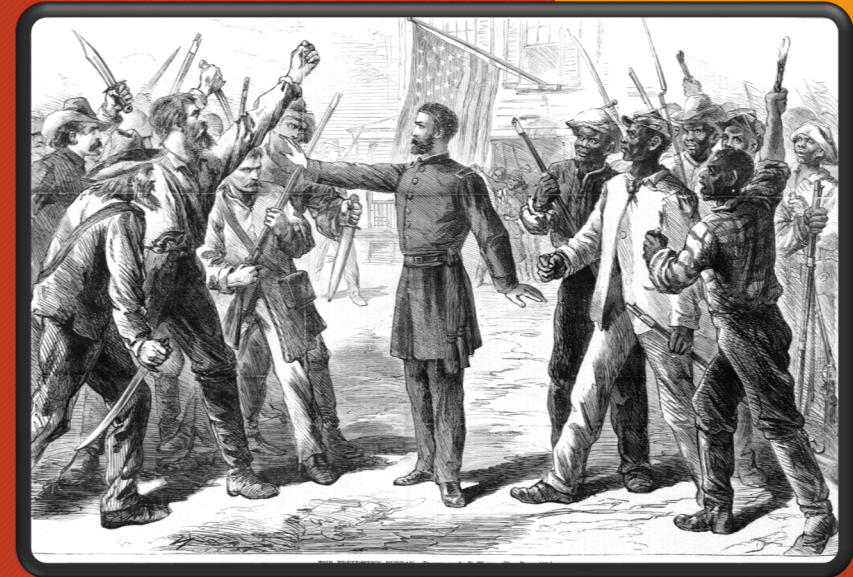


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Feb 12 – Freedmen's Bureau

The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands, also known as the [Freedmen's Bureau](#) was established in 1865. Its mission was to administer all forms of aid to the previously enslaved and poor whites throughout the South after the Civil War. In the effort to help freedmen become self sufficient, the Bureau issued food and clothing, operated hospitals, set up schools, supervised labor agreements, managed the re-settlement of confiscated and abandoned lands, and assisted in the monumental task of reuniting families that had been separated during slavery. Although the agency only operated from 1865-1872, the records created are an invaluable resource for genealogists, social scientists, and historians.



Records:

- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Records](#) at the National Archives
- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Transcription Project](#), National Museum of African American Life & Culture
- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Records](#) on FamilySearch

Viewing:

- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Records for Family & Historical Research](#)
- ✓ [Let No Man Put Asunder: Freedmen's Bureau Marriage Records](#)
- ✓ [Reconstruction: American after the Civil War](#), PBS

Reading:

- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Transportation Records: Letters of 'Sold' Former Slaves Seeking to Rejoin Loved Ones](#), Rediscovering Black History
- ✓ [Freedmen's Bureau Records: An Overview](#), Prologue
- ✓ [Reconstruction: America's Unfinished Revolution](#) (Harper Collins)