

# *Slavery information*

## *Surry County NC*



Consider that you are property. You are taken from the only life you've known. Your life will be entirely different from now on. Your job will be to serve another.

You may take a spouse. It will be another soul who shares your destiny. You may have children who, born into slavery, are now subject to the same fate as you. And at some point, your family may be torn apart for the greater good of your owner.

No matter what part of the world slavery occurred in, this was the wretched existence of a slave. And alas, at a certain period in our country's history, our forefathers partook in this abominable conduct.

We, here in Surry County, North Carolina, would like to remember those who bore that hardship. The intricate details of their lives now lost to history. While with some, only a mention of a name in a bill of sale or a will is the only clue of their existence here. But with that small amount of evidence, we can shine a light on their life. My hope while compiling this index was to help direct all future generations to their proof of life. We must never forget them.

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