

Types of Slave Records

- Deeds
- Criminal Court Records
- Wills
- Slave Papers Collection at Archives
- Census
- Newspapers

1860 Census

14,756 people in Wilkes County

65,806 people
in 2021

13,288	90%	free whites
260	2%	free blacks and mulattos
1,208	8%	slaves

1860 Census

1,208 total slaves in the county

Average age: 19 years old

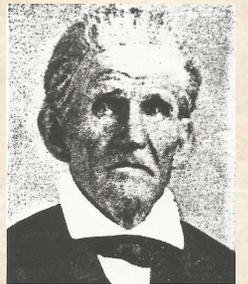
Half of all slaves were under age 14

age 0-9	437 slaves	36%
10-19	325	27%
20-29	166	14%
30-39	106	9%
40-49	75	6%
50-59	42	3%
60-69	34	3%
70-79	17	1%
80-89	5	0%
90+	1	0%

1860 Census

2,462 total households

- 228 households (9%) owned slaves
- Largest slave owner Lytle Hickerson (31 slaves)
- 57 households owned only 1 slave
- Among slaveowning households, the average household owned 5 slaves



Lytle Hickerson
1793-1884

Slave Papers (1779-1860)

- Collection of 445 pages on file at the NC Archives in Raleigh
- C.R.104.928.6
- Available online on familysearch.org
 - Search -> Images -> More Options -> DGS 105802594
 - images 340 through 782

