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**Emancipation and Freedom During
Reconstruction: A Study of Cumberland County,
Virginia, 1865-1870**

This thesis studies the African-American experience of Emancipation during the early years of Reconstruction in Cumberland County, Virginia. Located in the Piedmont region of central Virginia, Cumberland County's African-American population experienced some highs and lows as they adjusted to their newly won independence in the years leading up to the re-entry of Virginia into the Union in 1870. Using primary sources ranging from census records and reports to Freedmen's Bureau archives, this study evaluates three areas of Emancipation to understand how African Americans participated in advancing their civil rights.

Event Information

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Location: Zoom

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