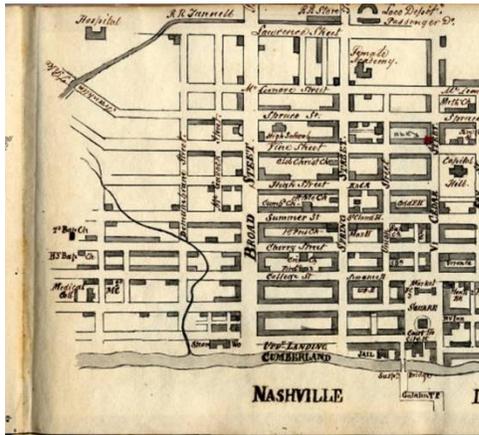


North Nashville Heritage Project

Nashville Slave Codes c. 1863



1. All free persons of color must have his or her name registered by the City Recorder. Should any be found in the public places or streets of this city without a Recorder's certificate of such registration, they are deemed to be slaves and must be dealt with as such.
2. Free persons of color found without visible means of support must be arrested as vagrants.
3. Free persons of color are not permitted to entertain slaves during the Sabbath day, or between sunset and sunrise, without permission of the owner or employer of said slave, under a penalty of \$10 for each offence.
4. Collections of slaves are forbidden, except for public worship, and the Marshal, City Watch, and Patrols, are required to disperse all such collections. Slaves who do not

reside, or who are not employed within the corporate limits, are not permitted to remain in the city after sunset or on Sunday, without permission from the owner.

5. It is unlawful for any slave to hold, occupy, reside, or sleep in any house, outhouse, building, or inclosure, other than the premises upon which their owner or employer resides, without written permission from said owner or employer. Any owner violating this order incurs a penalty of \$10.

6. Any person renting by the day or month, or otherwise, to any slave, any lot, house, out-house, tenement or room, incurs a penalty of from \$10 to \$50 for each offence. It is unlawful for a slave to hire his time, under penalty of \$20.

7. It Is Unlawful For Slaves To go off the premises of their masters without leave. To carry arms. "Sell liquors. "Sell articles not manufactured by himself.

8. It Is Unlawful for White Persons To give a forged pass to a slave. "Secrete or harbor a runaway. "Receive and carry from one place to another without authority from the owner. To trade with, or give or sell liquor. "Emancipate, without assent of State. "

9. Marry with. Free Persons of Color Are Forbidden To remove from any State or Territory into this State, under a penalty of not less than ten or more than fifty dollars, and hard labor in the Penitentiary not less than one nor more than two years.

10. To keep grocery, to sell drugs and medicines. To marry a slave without the owner's consent. To harbor slaves, or entertain them on the Sabbath day.