

## FPOC Licensed to Keep Guns – Craven County, 1851-1854

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Free Negroes  
license  
to keep guns

Sept 1851 to  
June 1852  
[in term??]

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Free Negroes licensed to keep fire arms

Names	Date of License
John A. Wiggins	Sept 8 AD 1851
Israel Pettiford	“ “
Wright Pettiford	“ “
William Gowdet	“ “
James Gowdet	“ “
John Gowdet	“ “
Willis Lewis	March AD 1852
Rich <sup>d</sup> Brown	“ “
Loftin Chance	June AD 1852
Ezekiel Chance	“ “
Richard Morris	“ “
Theophilus George	“ “
George Lewis	“ “
William Cully	“ “

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John Blackwell Esqr

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The licenses authorizing free negroes to  
Carry fire arms are for one year –

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<u>Person Names</u>	<u>Date of License</u>
Loftin Chance	June 1854
Ezekiel Chance	June 1854
John A. Wiggins	June 1854
Jacob Wiggins	June 1854
Richard Brown	June 1854
Willis Lewis	June 1854
Frank Pettiford	September 1854
Israel Pettiford	Sept 1854
Wright Pettiford	Sept 1854
Ben Banton	Sept 1854
Stanly Moore	Sept 1854
Jr. Archibald Wiggins	Sept 1854
James Gowdett	Sept 1854
John Gowdett	Sept 1854
Rufus Chance	December 1854
Kelso Davis	December 1854

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The Licenses to retail spirituous liquors  
by the small measure are [??ed] by  
the Sheriff who is required to furnish a  
list to the grand jury – persons mentioned  
obtain permission of the Court but said(?)  
to jury the Sheriff the State tax & obtain  
his license.

Free Negroes licensed to  
Carry guns 12 months

Date of License	<u>June 1852</u>
Loftin Chance	Ezekiel Chance
Richard Morris	Theophilus George
George <u>Lewis</u>	<u>William Cully</u>

<u>September 1852</u>	
Israel Pettiford	Wright Pettiford
John Gowdet	Will. Gowdet
John A. Wiggins	George Robeson
James <u>Gowdet</u>	<u>Ben Banton</u>

<u>Dec 1852</u>	
Kelso <u>Davis</u>	<u>Rufus Chance</u>

<u>March 1853</u>	
Sylvester Gaskins	Thomas Fenner
John <u>Fenner</u>	<u>Elijah George</u>

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Craven County. Miscellaneous. Slaves and Free Negroes.  
List of Free Negroes Licensed to Keep Guns, 1851-1854.