# African Americans in Western North Carolina

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# FREEDMEN'S BUREAU

PROVIDED FOOD, CLOTHING, EDUCATION, AND JOB TRAINING TO FREED SLAVES

GLIMINES AT THE FREEDMEN'S BUREAU -HEBUING RATIONS TO THE OLD AND SPUR -- BOOM A SKEICH BY OUS SPECIAL ARTIST, JAN. F. TATLOT

### Freedmen's Bureau

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In March of 1865, Congress enacted the freedmen's bureau to provide aid for millions of formerly enslaved blacks.

What does that mean? A formerly enslaved individual?

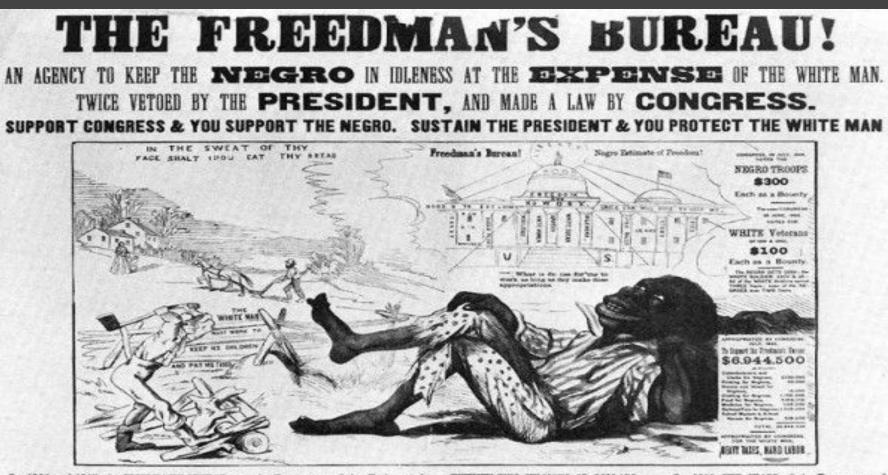
The Bureau provided resources such as food, housing, health care, schools, transportation to jobs etc.

Why were those kinds of things necessary to establish?

#### What happened to it?

Well, a lot of organizations established to help blacks like schools, affordable health insurance, and even the Freedmen's Bureau, has faced resistance and have not lasted. A perfect example might be gentrification. Can anyone tell me what that means?

Yeah, so many whites did not like that blacks were being helped because they feel that any help should go to the white people.



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# Emily Catherine Prudden (1832-1917)



## Schools established by Missionaries

**Emily Prudden:** Emily helped establish many schools for blacks in WNC. Back then, the law did not believe that blacks deserved to go to school and be educated. So missionaries from the North, traveled here because they believed otherwise.

Salem School and Orphanage:

St. Anthony of Padua:

#### The Salem School and Orphanage in Elk Park, North Carolina





Elk Park Academy for black Appalachian children. -Photo courtesy of Amistad Research Center at Tulane University

#### Saint Anthony of Padua - Asheville, North Carolina



Formerly St. Anthony's School from 1936 to 1968 run by Catholic nuns which served black students grades 1st-8th