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AN ALPHABETICAL LISTING

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FOREWORD

This alphabetical listing of emigrants to Liberia during the years 1820 to 1843 is an outgrowth of an earlier study I made of this population. The original data was written into the Congressional Record¹ in tabular form. The table listed each ship that arrived in Liberia during the twenty-three year period with each passenger listed separately with factual data such as name, age, occupation, literacy and the like. At the time of my study I was particularly interested in their mortality experience, however, the data is clearly rich enough to support other studies from different perspectives. By listing the emigrants alphabetically it is my hope that the table will now be in a convenient format which will facilitate its utilization by other researchers.

The completion of this project was made possible because of the cooperation of the San Jose State College Computing Center. I would especially like to thank Mrs. Paula Bruni of the Computing Center for both her expert assistance and enthusiasm. Every effort has been made to eliminate errors in preparing this listing but anyone concerned about a particular emigrant or group of emigrants found in this listing should, in my opinion, double check the data with the original source. Unfortunately at various points it was

¹U.S., Congress, Senate, Roll of Emigrants That have been sent to the Colony of Liberia, West Africa, By the American Colonization Society and Its Auxiliaries, To September, 1843 & c., 28th Cong. 2nd Session, 1844, V, Vol. IX.

necessary to use abbreviations in the table. Some of the abbreviations are self-evident but in order to avoid any misunderstandings I have included an explanatory section.

I have a copy of the table that has been coded, key-punched and recorded on an IBM tape. I would be happy to make this material available to any researcher interested in this population of Liberian emigrants.

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AN EXPLANATION OF THE TABLE BY COLUMN

NAME: Each emigrant is listed by name in alphabetical order. In all cases where possible I have listed the emigrants with their last name first and first name last. There are, however, cases where only one name was recorded. Children with no recorded first name are listed with their last name followed by infant or unk. (unknown)

AGE: Ages are listed as given in the table. Wherever 99 is found it means that the age of the particular emigrant is unknown rather than 99 years of age.

ORIGIN: This column refers to the place that the emigrants were recorded as being from before their emigration to Liberia. In most cases this means the state in the United States. Some abbreviations were necessary in this column:

Louis.	Louisiana
N. C.	North Carolina
S. C.	South Carolina
Tenn.	Tennessee
N. Y.	New York
Miss.	Mississippi
Wash. DC	Washington, D.C.

(abbreviations, continued)

Penn.	Pennsylvania
R. I.	Rhode Island
Conn.	Connecticut

The at large designation refers to those slaves that were turned over to the American Colonization Society from the United States Naval Squadron to be returned to Africa.

STATUS:

This column refers to the personal status of the individual emigrants:

freeborn- emigrants that were not born into slavery.
emancipated- emigrants that were generally freed for the expressed purpose of deportation to Liberia.

ARR PT:

This column gives the name of the particular settlement in Liberia to which the emigrant first arrived:

Bassa Cv	Bassa Cove
Millsbrg	Millsberg
N. Georgia	North Georgia
Edina, G. B.	Edina, Grand Bassa
GD Bassa	Grand Bassa

LITERACY:

This column gives information regarding the extent of literacy for each emigrant where known:

Illitrat	Illiterate
Librl Ed	Liberal Education

OCCUP: This column refers to the occupational skills of each emigrant. No abbreviations are used here.

DEATH: This designation refers to the year in which each emigrant died where such information is known. All deaths would have occurred in the 1800's, therefore only the last two digits are shown: 37 would then mean 1837. All cases where 99 appears means that the date of death unknown.

CAUSE (D): This category gives the stated cause of death where known. No abbreviations are used here.

DT (R): This column gives the date of removal for any emigrants known to have left the Liberian settlements after arriving. The same procedure of showing only the last two digits of the date holds in this case as it did in the case of listing the date of death. Again, 99 is used to denote that no information is available.

PLACE: This column gives the place of removal for those emigrants that left the settlements:

U. S.	United States
Sierra L	Sierra Leone
C Palmas	Cape Palmas

(abbreviations, continued)

Br. Accra	British Accra
Frndo Po	Fernando Po

SHIP: In this column the name of the ship on which each emigrant was brought to the Liberian settlements is listed. No abbreviations are used here.

DATE (A): This last column gives the date of arrival in the Liberian settlements for each emigrant. For example: 8/22/26 would mean August 22, 1826. Whenever 99 is found in the date of arrival it means that that particular part of the date is unknown.
For example: 4/99/36 would mean April, 1836