

Collection #  
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**NEGRO "CLO" COVERDALE  
TRAVEL DOCUMENT, 1801–1904**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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COLLECTION  
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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

"Clo" (or "Chloe") Coverdale was born in Delaware around 1800. On 10 November 1807, a legal document was signed by her owner Matthew Coverdale that allowed "Clo" to travel from Cumberland County, New Jersey, to Sussex County, Delaware, with James Huffington, Coverdale's son-in-law. "Clo" remained with the descendants of James Huffington's family for her entire life, even after she received her freedom from slavery.

According to the 1860 U.S. Census, "Clo" lived with James and Eliza Huffington in Flinn Township, Lawrence County, Indiana. In 1870, she lived with L.M. and Phoebe Huffington in Guthrie Township, Lawrence County, Indiana. By 1880, "Clo" lived with Charles and Amanda Eshom (née Huffington) in Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana. She was the only known black resident of Carr Township until the 1950s.

"Clo" Coverdale died around 1884.

Sources:

Materials in collection

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a legal document from 10 November 1807 allowing "Clo" to travel from Cumberland County, New Jersey, to Sussex County, Delaware. There is also a \$45 receipt signed by James Huffington in 1824 and a genealogy list with dates from 1790–1840.

This collection also includes supplemental materials that provide biographical information on "Clo" Coverdale and the Huffington-Eshom families—a 1884 newspaper obituary on "Clo;" a 1904 biographical sketch on Robert J. Eshom (the son of Charles and Amanda Eshom); maps of Cumberland County, New Jersey, Sussex County, Delaware, and Carr Township, Jackson County, Indiana; U.S. Census records from 1860, 1870, and 1880; and handwritten research notes prepared by the collection's donor.

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Huffington-Eshom Families, 1860, 1870, 1880, 1884,  
1904, n.d.

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