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Tables 9.1 & 13.1

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Table 9.1

Subsistence Artisans and Elite Occupations among Appalachian Slaves

Occupation	<u>% Slaves Employed on Plantations</u>		
	Males	Females	All
ELITE OCCUPATIONS	50.5	22.1	35.9
SUBSISTENCE ARTISANS	24.5	82.7	55.6
Shoemaker	5.4	3.7	4.4
Tanner + Shoemaker	4.7		2.1
Tanner	3.5		1.2
Textiles Production	1.4	52.1	28.8
Midwife/Herb Doctor	2.0	11.0	7.1
Basketmaker	2.7	8.5	5.9
Potter		4.2	2.3
Soapmaker		2.1	1.0
Candlemaker		1.1	0.7
Maple Syrup or Sorghum Molasses Production	2.0		0.9
Casketmaker	1.4		0.6
Banjo/Fiddle Maker	1.4		0.6

Source: Analysis of all adult occupations (n = 337) identified in the Appalachian slave narratives. This table excludes those slaves who were hit out (n = 84). For greater detail about elite artisans, see Table 3.5. Some slaves worked in two or more occupations.

Table 13.1

Males Slaves (Aged 16 to 45) in the Union Army

Region	<u>% Males Slaves Enlisted</u>		<u>Black Appalachian Soldiers Estimated</u>	
	Entire State	Appalachian Counties	Number Enlisted	as % of U.S. Total
Alabama	6	65	5,228	2.9
Georgia & South Carolina	4	30	2,146	1.2
Kentucky	57	75	2,093	1.2
Maryland	28	40	492	0.3
North Carolina	8	25	809	0.5
Tennessee	39	65	5,316	3.0
Virginia	6	50	13,052	7.3
West Virginia	--	50	2,084	1.1
Entire U.S.	14	--	--	--
Appalachia	--	50	31,220	17.4

Source: Column 1 was derived from Freedom's Soldier's, pp. 16-17. Column 2 estimated using Appalachian slave narratives and army documents in Freedom vol. 2. Column 3 was calculated by applying Column 2 to 1860 county population totals for male slaves aged 16 to 45. Column 4 was calculated using county totals in the 1860 Census of Population.

