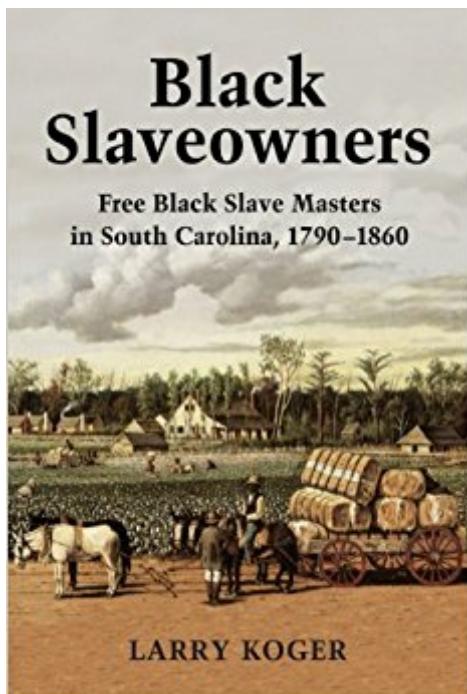


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# Black Slaveowners: Free Black Slave Masters In South Carolina, 1790-1860



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Historian Larry Koger lives in Largo, Maryland.

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