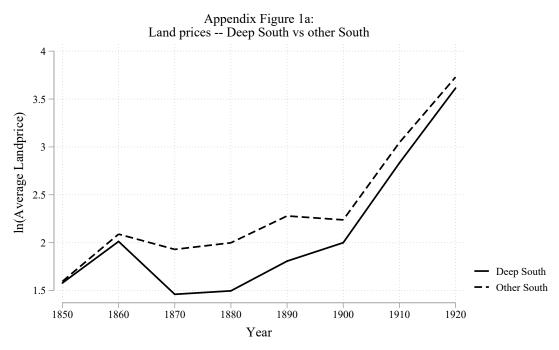
## The intergenerational effects of a large wealth shock: White Southerners after the Civil War

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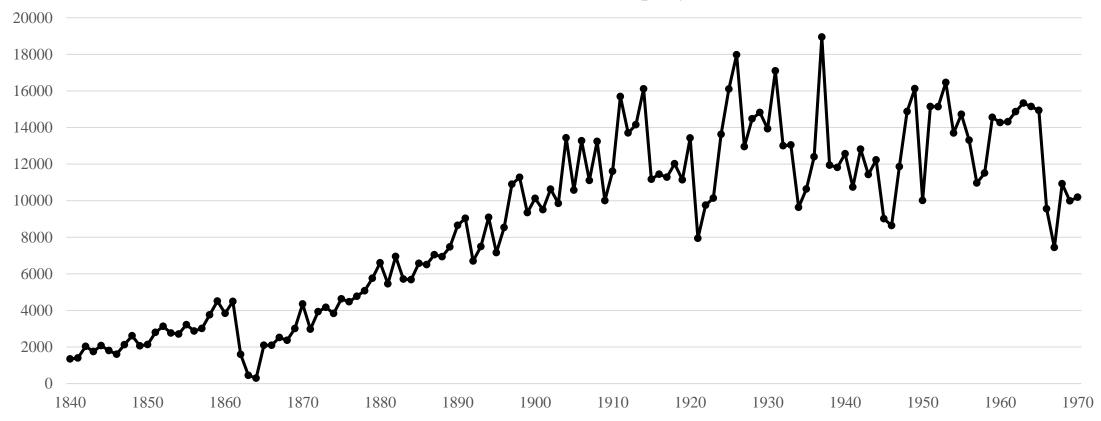
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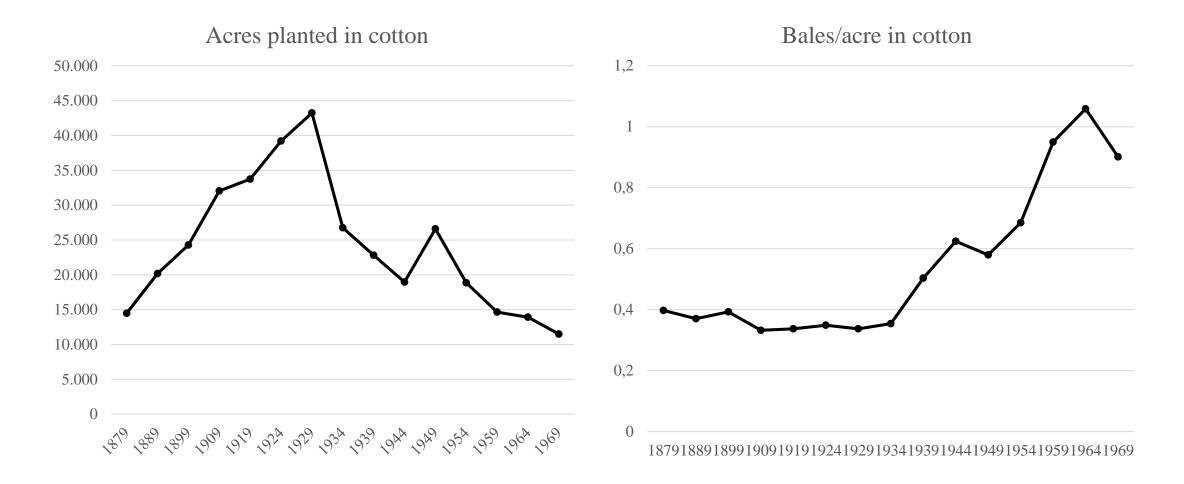
Notes: Appendix Figure 1a plots the evolution of land prices by geographic region (Deep South, Other South). Source: Haines, Fishback, and Rhode (2014). United States Agriculture Data, 1840 - 2012, https://doi.org/10.3886/ICPSR35206.v4.

# Appendix Figure 1b: Trends in cotton production

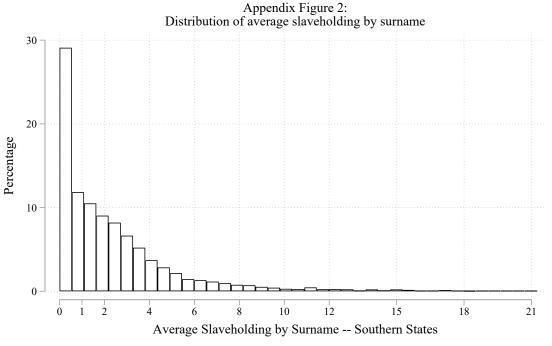
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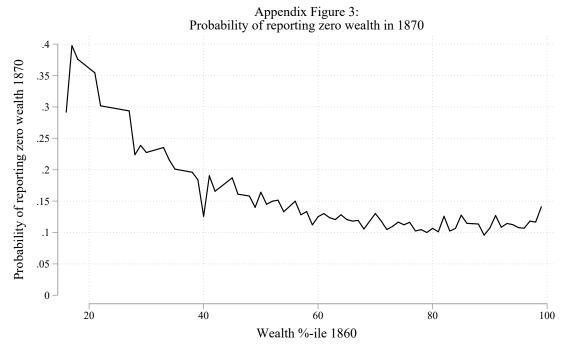
Appendix Figure 1c: Trends in cotton acreage and yields



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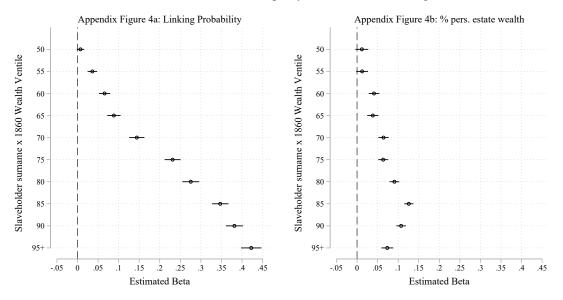


Notes: Appendix Figure 2 shows the distribution of average slaveholdings by surname in the US South.



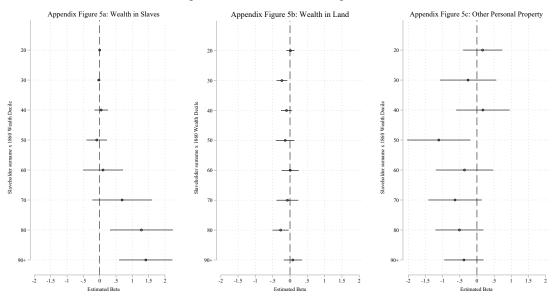
Notes: Appendix Figure 5 displays the probability of reporting zero wealth in 1870 by percentile in the 1860 wealth distribution.

#### Appendix Figure 4: Slaveholder surnames as a proxy for actual slaveholding



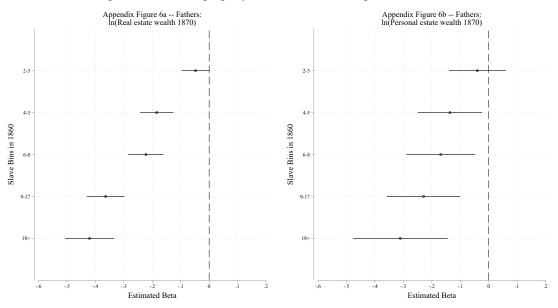
Notes: Appendix Figure 4a (N=81680) reports the probability that a white southern household head in our linked 1860-1870 sample matches to the 1860 slave schedule. Appendix Figure 4b (N=) shows the relationship between the share of personal estate wealth in 1860 and slaveholder surname. Slaveholder surnames are defined as names that are associated with above median slaveholding within the US South. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for the interaction between slaveholder surname and ventile of the 1860 wealth distribution. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

#### Appendix Figure 5: Texas wealth portfolio in 1859, controlling for wealth decile



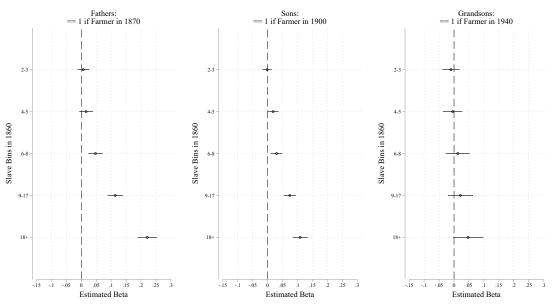
Notes: Appendix Figures 5a-c (N=2015) report coefficients from regressions run on wealth data from the state of Texas, controlling for the wealth decile. The dependent variable is In wealth held in slave value (Appendix Fig. 5a); In wealth held in land value per acre (Appendix Fig. 5b); and In wealth held in personal property other than slaves (Appendix Fig. 5c). The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for the interaction between slaveholder surname and decile of the 1859 wealth distribution.

#### Appendix Figure 6: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and real and personal estate wealth in 1870



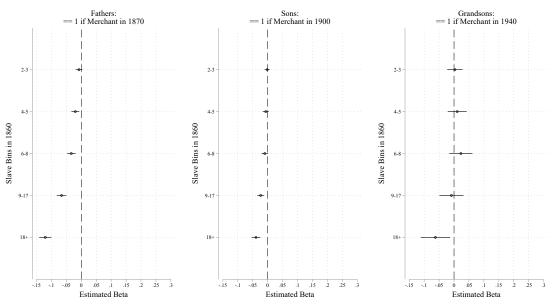
Notes: Appendix Figures 6a-b (N=19731/19733) report coefficients from equation (1). The dependent variable is ln real estate wealth in 1870 (Appendix Figure 6a) and In personal estate wealth in 1870 (Appendix Figure 6b). The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Appendix Figure 7a: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and the likelihood of working as a farmer



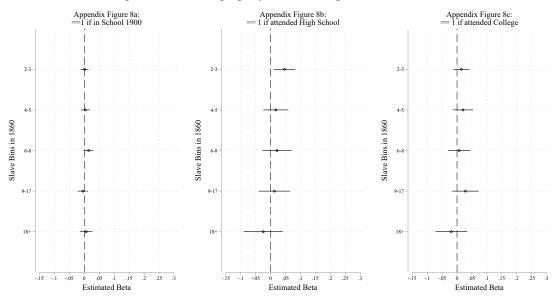
Notes: Appendix Figure 7a (N=21337/40148/15523) reports coefficients from equation (1). The dependent variable is a dummy variable if the father/son/grandson worked as a farmer (IPUMS code OCC1950 = 100). Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Appendix Figure 7b: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and the likelihood of working as a merchant



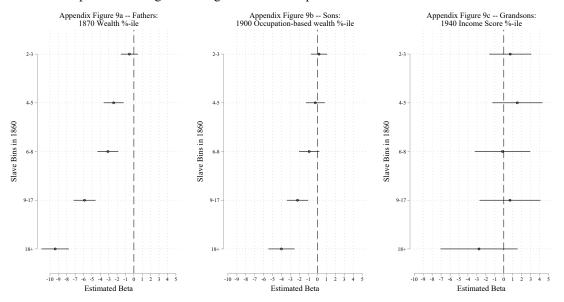
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Appendix Figure 8: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and grandsons' educational outcomes



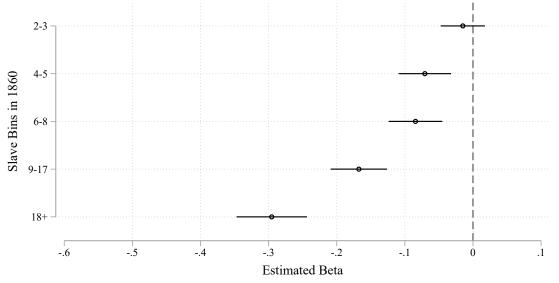
Notes: Appendix Figures 8a-c (N=31932/15523) report coefficients from equation (1). The dependent variable is a dummy if the grandson attended school in 1900 (Appendix Figure 8a); a dummy if the attended high school by 1940 (Appendix Figure 8b); and a dummy if the attended college by 1940 (Appendix Figure 8c). Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

#### Appendix Figure 9: Replication of Figure 2 using wealth/income percentile rank as outcome variable



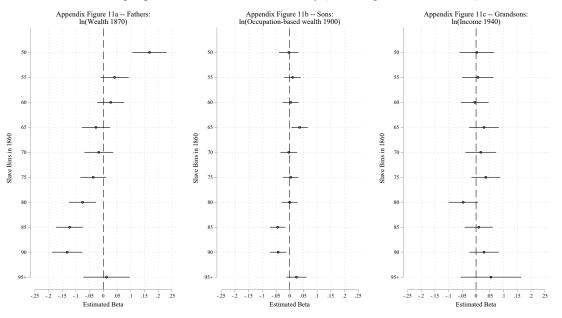
Notes: Appendix Figures 9a-c (N=21434/N=40915/N=15523) report coefficients from equation (1). The dependent variable is the percentile rank of the father's wealth in 1800; the percentile rank of the son's occupation-based wealth in 1900; and the percentile rank of the grandson's income score in 1940. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

#### Appendix Figure 10: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and occupation-based wealth in 1870 ln(occupation-based wealth 1870)



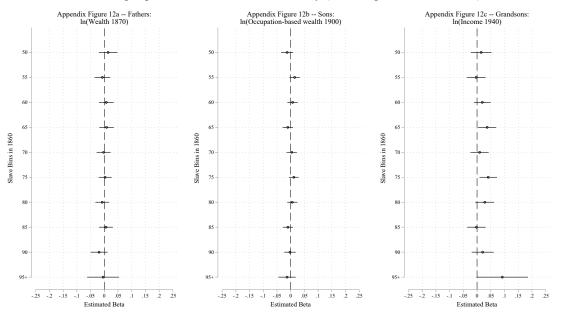
Notes: Appendix Figure 10 (N=21337) replicates Figure 2a using a occupation-based wealth score in 1870 as outcome variable instead. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

#### Appendix Figure 11: Estimating Equation 2 for Southern states only (including state fixed effects)



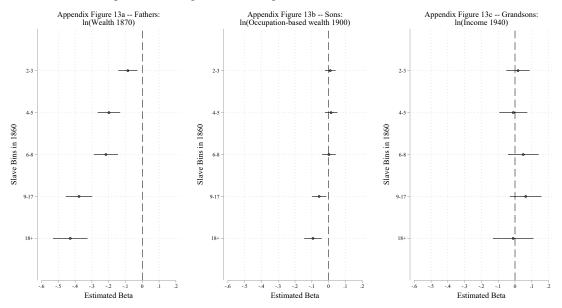
Notes: Appendix Figure 11 (N=81677/162722/53725) presents the estimates of estimating equation 2 only for southern states. All specifications additionally include fixed effects for state of residence in 1860. See Figure 3 in the main text for further details. Estimates are reported with their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals.

#### Appendix Figure 12: Estimating Equation 2 for Northern states only (including state fixed effects)



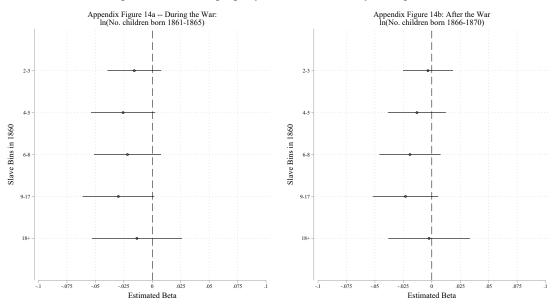
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#### Appendix Figure 13: Replication of Figure 2 including controls for surname fixed effects

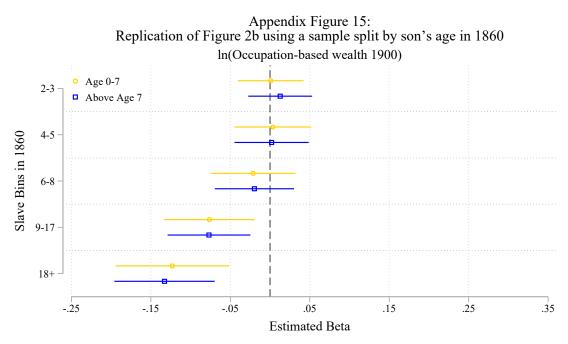


Notes: Appendix Figures 13a-c (N=20250/39086/13354) replicate Figure 2 but including surname fixed effects as controls. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

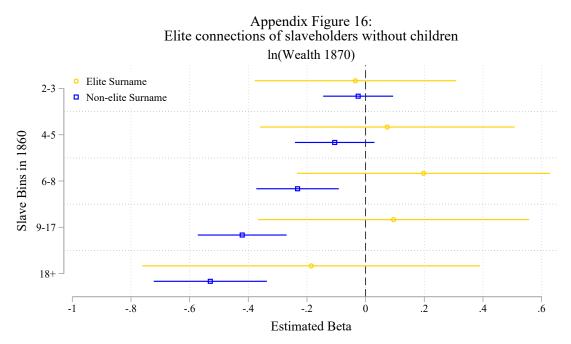
#### Appendix Figure 14: The relationship of known slave property in 1860 and fertility during/after the Civil War



Notes: Appendix Figures 14a-b (N=16413) report coefficients from equation (1) but using fertility as outcome. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

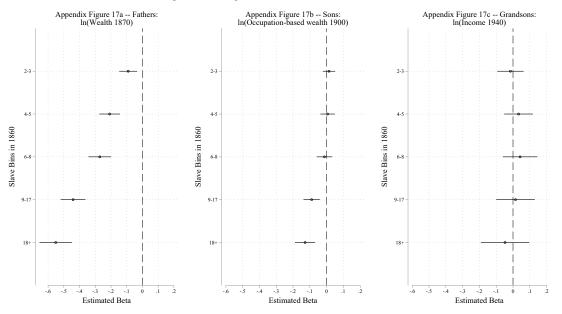


Notes: Appendix Figure 15 (N=18972/21609) reports a sample split of Figure 2b by sof's age (below/above age 7) in 1860. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.



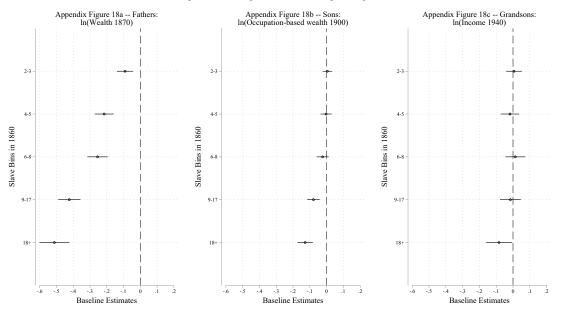
Notes: Appendix Figure 16 (N=907/5465) reports a sample split of Figure 7a by elite sumame for slaveholders without children. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 7 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Appendix Figure 17: Replication of Figure 2 based on conservative matches



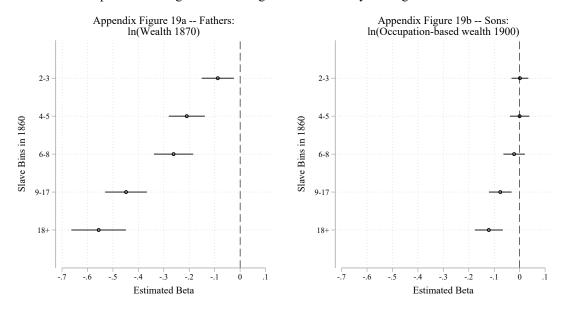
Notes: Appendix Figures 17a-c (N=15385/24495/9742) replicate Figure 2 based on a more conservative matching method. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Appendix Figure 18: Replication of Figure 2 without sample weights



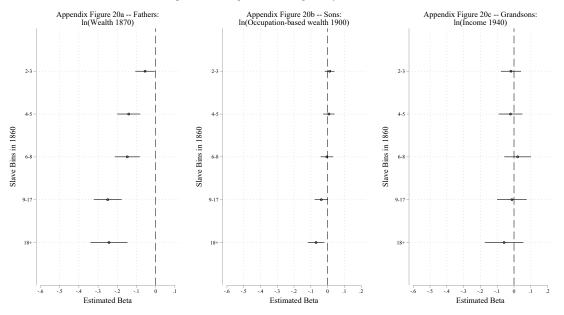
Notes: Appendix Figures 18a-c (N=22004/40581/14386) replicate Figure 2 without weights. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

#### Appendix Figure 19: Replication of Figure 2 excluding fathers/sons likely serving in Civil War

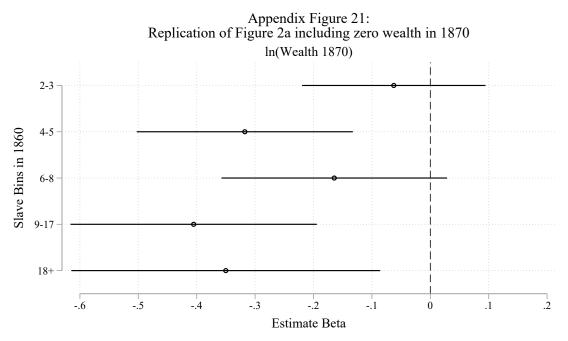


Notes: Appendix Figure 19 (N=14652/30503) replicates Figures 2a-b excluding fathers/sons likely serving in the Civil War. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Appendix Figure 20: Replication of Figure 2 including county fixed effects



Notes: Appendix Figures 20a-c (N=21910/40562/14341) replicate Figure 2 including county fixed effects as controls. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.



Notes: Appendix Figure 21 (N=24708) replicates Figure 2a including zero wealth in 1870. Slaveholders with one slave are the (omitted) reference group. The displayed coefficients and their corresponding 95-percent level confidence intervals are for indicators of number of slaves owned in 1860. See Figure 2 in the main text for details about the control variables.

Dependent Variable	Mean unmatched	Unweighted	Weighted
Farmer	0.506	0.086	-0.01
		(0.001)	(0.001)
Age	39.917	0.355	-0.24
		(0.029)	(0.043)
Mean number slaves by last name/state	2.731	0.09	0.201
		(0.01)	(0.013)
Number of sons	1.306	0.195	0.05
		(0.003)	(0.003)
Percentile wealth distribution	52.833	5.752	-1.582
		(0.062)	(0.069)
Zero wealth	0.138	-0.051	0.008
		(0.001)	(0.001)
Above 50th percentile wealth		0.093	-0.029
		(0.001)	(0.001)
Above 90th percentile wealth		0.036	-0.006
		(0.001)	(0.001)
N		1,319,729	1,319,376

**Appendix Table 1:** Comparing the matched sample to the unmatched population in the 1860 Census Coefficient on -1 if in matched sample

Note: Sample includes all white male household heads in the South in 1860, including 248,770 cases that match forward to 1870 and remainder that do not. Each row reports coefficients from a regression of an 1860 characteristic on an indicator for being in the matched sample. Unweighted column shows unweighted results and weighted column instead weights by the propensity of being matched  $P_i(M_i = 1|X_i)$ , which is calculated from a probit of match status on the covariates above (Xi). Observations are reweighted by  $(1 - P_i(M_i = 1|X_i))/P_i(M_i = 1|X_i) \times q/(1-q)$ , where q is the proportion of records linked.

	Ν	Mean	S.D.
Southern Slaveholders			
Wealth 1870	22,004	$153,\!576$	427,511
Real Estate Wealth 1870	22,002	109,397	$316,\!918$
Personal Estate Wealth 1870	22,004	44,189	178,773
Ln Occ-based Wealth Score 1870	$21,\!387$	10.776	0.763
2-3 Slaves in 1860	$22,\!004$	0.199	0.399
4-5 Slaves in 1860	$22,\!004$	0.138	0.345
6-8 Slaves in 1860	$22,\!004$	0.148	0.355
9-17 Slaves in 1860	$22,\!004$	0.185	0.388
18+ Slaves in $1860$	$22,\!004$	0.136	0.343
Wealth 1860	$22,\!004$	595,705	$1,\!158,\!127$
Real Estate Wealth 1860	$21,\!996$	$230,\!593$	$570,\!816$
Personal Estate Wealth 1860	$22,\!001$	$365,\!245$	$748,\!651$
Age Father in 1860	22,004	44.272	9.781
Sons of Southern Slaveholders			
Ln Occ-based Wealth Score 1900	$40,\!590$	10.794	0.929
2-3 Slaves in 1860	$45,\!611$	0.207	0.405
4-5 Slaves in 1860	$45,\!611$	0.144	0.351
6-8 Slaves in 1860	$45,\!611$	0.141	0.348
9-17 Slaves in 1860	$45,\!611$	0.182	0.386
18+ Slaves in $1860$	$45,\!611$	0.131	0.338
Wealth 1860 (Fathers)	$45,\!608$	$613,\!069$	$1,\!297,\!172$
Age Son in 1860	45,611	8.296	5.217
Grandsons of Southern Slaveholders			
Ln Income Score 1940	$14,\!386$	6.710	0.908
2-3 Slaves in 1860	$16,\!616$	0.211	0.408
4-5 Slaves in 1860	$16,\!616$	0.149	0.356
6-8 Slaves in 1860	$16,\!616$	0.137	0.344
9-17 Slaves in 1860	$16,\!616$	0.183	0.387
18+ Slaves in $1860$	$16,\!616$	0.118	0.322
Wealth 1860 (Grandfathers)	$16,\!616$	$555,\!545$	$1,\!205,\!724$
Age Grandson in 1900	16,616	9.780	5.001

Appendix Table 2: Summary statistics for southern fathers, sons and grandsons

Note: This table presents summary statistics of the main variables used in the empirical analysis.

	Likely S	laveholder	Unlikely	Slaveholder
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
	Mean	S.D.	Mean	S.D.
Real Property				
Acres	526.26	1889.39	373.62	2978.22
Value	1164.31	3174.66	572.24	1669.31
Personal Property				
Slaves	2.34	7.94	.86	3.9
Value	1420.22	5202.23	516.3	2443.29
Horses	3.99	10.74	3.37	12.92
Value	201.46	438.7	146.43	388.74
Cattle	34.86	101.66	38.15	133.04
Value	211.54	608.29	236.06	799.80
Money at interest	11.21	109.9	27.1	485.4
Misc Prop	72.49	186.28	63.52	209.47
Total Value	3495.42	20087.48	1733.63	7231.55
Ν	633		1917	

Appendix Table 3: Texas Wealth Portfolio, Likely vs Unlikely Slaveholders

Note: This table reports wealth portfolio of likely and unlikely slaveholders. Likely slaveholders are defined as those who are above the 75th percentile of slaveholding based on their surname within the state of Texas.

	Fathers	Sons	Grandsons
Outcome:	$\ln(\text{Wealth } 1870)$	$\ln(\text{Occupation-based wealth 1900})$	$\ln(\text{Income score } 1940)$
2-3 Slaves 1860	-0.0871	0.00730	0.0194
	(0.026)	(0.015)	(0.033)
4-5 Slaves 1860	-0.205	0.00177	0.0202
	(0.030)	(0.017)	(0.038)
6-8 Slaves 1860	-0.242	-0.0203	0.0195
	(0.033)	(0.019)	(0.043)
9-17 Slaves 1860	-0.401	-0.0771	0.0264
	(0.036)	(0.020)	(0.049)
18+ Slaves 1860	-0.488	-0.130	-0.0546
	(0.047)	(0.024)	(0.061)
Mean outcome	10.96	10.80	6.749
$R^2$	0.293	0.0900	0.0662
Ν	21953	40581	14386

Appendix Table 4: The effect of known slave property in 1860 on household wealth/income over three generations (Coefficients for figure 2)

Note: This table reports the coefficients for Figure 2. See figure 2 notes for details. Standard errors are shown in parentheses.

1860 Wealth Ventiles:	50	55	60	65	70	75	80	85	90	95 +
Fathers: ln(Wealth 1870)										
Slaveholder Surname (North)	.014	009	.007	.006	005	.004	005	.009	017	006
	(.017)	(.015)	(.014)	(.013)	(.013)	(.012)	(.013)	(.013)	(.016)	(.03)
Slaveholder Surname (South)	.092	023	021	094	073	125	163	221	26	123
	(.032)	(.026)	(.026)	(.027)	(.028)	(.025)	(.027)	(.027)	(.03)	(.046)
Non-Slaveholder Surname (South)	579	619	601	621	686	685	775	809	925	-1.14
	(.02)	(.018)	(.017)	(.018)	(.019)	(.018)	(.021)	(.023)	(.029)	(.048)
N = 315,135										
Sons: ln(Occupation-based wealth 1900)										
Slaveholder Surname (North)	024	.008	001	017	004	.006	.004	016	009	021
	(.011)	(.01)	(.01)	(.01)	(.01)	(.009)	(.009)	(.01)	(.011)	(.016)
Slaveholder Surname (South)	052	037	042	011	046	056	075	12	122	063
	(.019)	(.016)	(.015)	(.016)	(.016)	(.015)	(.015)	(.015)	(.015)	(.019)
Non-Slaveholder Surname (South)	386	4	397	429	409	414	435	424	463	531
	(.012)	(.01)	(.01)	(.011)	(.011)	(.011)	(.012)	(.013)	(.015)	(.021)
N = 522,053										
Grandsons: ln(Income Score 1940)										
Slaveholder Surname (North)	.016	003	.019	.037	.009	.041	.028	002	.02	.091
	(.019)	(.017)	(.016)	(.017)	(.017)	(.016)	(.018)	(.017)	(.02)	(.048)
Slaveholder Surname (South)	002	.002	004	.005	.007	.017	078	032	037	02
	(.033)	(.03)	(.026)	(.028)	(.029)	(.027)	(.028)	(.027)	(.027)	(.059)
Non-Slaveholder Surname (South)	304	338	341	33	35	339	273	248	262	284
	(.02)	(.018)	(.017)	(.019)	(.02)	(.02)	(.022)	(.023)	(.027)	(.063)
N = 148,221										

Appendix Table 5: North-South wealth/income gap over three generations (Coefficients for Figure 3)

Note: This table reports the coefficients for Figure 3. See figure 3 notes for details. Standard errors are shown in parentheses.

# **Data Appendix**

The historical record linking approaches used throughout the paper are based on methods described in Abramitzky, Boustan, Eriksson, Feigenbaum and Perez (Forthcoming).

## DA1. 1860 Slave Schedule matched to 1860 Census.

To match slaveowners listed in the 1860 slave schedule to the 1860 Census, we use the Abramitzky, Boustan and Eriksson (ABE) method with Jaro-Winkler string distances. In addition to linking on first name, last name and county of residence, we also use wealth to improve the quality of our matches. Wealth in the slave schedule is defined as the number of slaves multiplied by 400 USD (approximately half of the price of a slave in 1860). In the 1860 Census, wealth is defined using the variable recording value of personal property (persprop). If an individual in the 1860 Census has wealth that is less than the wealth of a potential match in the schedule, then the two are not be considered a match. Jaro-Winkler (JW) string distances are used to determine the likelihood of first and last names being a match. A JW threshold of 0.15 is used such that first or last names with JW distances exceeding this threshold do not count as matches.

Almost a third of the schedule dataset has first names recorded only as first initials which lowers the match rate. In order to match these additional individuals after completing the procedure described above, only the unmatched individuals from both the census and schedule are now considered. First names of the unmatched individuals from the census are replaced with just first initials and then the same matching procedure as outlined above is followed to obtain additional matches of those that had only first initials in the schedule but complete first names in the Census.

## DA2. 1850 Slave Schedule matched to 1850 Census.

Slaveowners listed in the 1850 slave schedule are matched to the 1850 Census following the same linking procedure as the 1860 schedule to 1860 Census except for two key differences:

- 1. There is no personal property variable available in the 1850 Census (see Data Appendix Table 1 for variable availability). In 1850, wealth kept in the form of slaves from the schedule cannot be compared to personal property wealth in the Census. Therefore, this linking procedure does not use wealth to determine matches.
- 2. Names with first initials only are not a common occurrence in the 1850 slaveholder schedule, thus this matching procedure does not require an additional match on first initials only.

### DA3. 1860-1870, 1860-1900, 1900-1940 Linked Datasets

Datasets that link fathers, sons and grandsons forward in time use matched data available through the Census Linking Project where matches are created based on NYSIIS-standardized names, age, birthplace (state or country) and race.

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Data Appendix Figure 1: 1859 tax register page from Angelina county, Texas

Notes: This figure presents an image of a page from Angelina county of the 1859 Texas tax register that was used in the digitization of the data.

	Personal Estate Wealth	Real Estate Wealth	Occupation Based Wealth	Income	Years of Education	Number Slaves
1850 Census		$\checkmark$				
1860 Census	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
1870 Census	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$			
1900 Census			$\checkmark$			
1940 Census			$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$	
1850 Schedule						$\checkmark$
1860 Schedule						$\checkmark$
Texas Wealth	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$				$\checkmark$

### Data Appendix Table 1: Main variables available by dataset

Notes: This table lists the main variables that are available in each dataset.

First part of matching: All individuals in slave schedule	
Total number of individuals slave schedule	421,699
Number of unmatched individuals	260,506
Reasons for non-matches:	
Missing information	61
Non-uniqueness	26,410
Transcription error	$229,\!134$
Wealth condition	4,901
Number of individuals that matched to Census	161,193
Number of unmatched individuals	70,984
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Reasons for non-matches:	
Missing information	0
	0
Non-uniqueness	
Non-uniqueness Transcription error	10,202
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Transcription error	10,202 58,383

Data Appendix Table 2: Reasons for non-matches: 1860 Slave Schedule to 1860 Census

Notes: This table breaks down the reasons for non-matches between the 1860 Slave Schedule and 1860 Population Census matching process.