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Stoneware jar made in Alexandria by David Jarbour, African American potter, with signature and 1830 date on the bottom. Collection of the Museum of Southern Decorative Arts. Illustration by Andrew Flora.

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Foreword

The Alexandria Archaeology Publications series is composed of papers on various aspects of research conducted under the auspices of Alexandria Archaeology, a division of the Office of Historic Alexandria, City of Alexandria, Virginia. The authors include professional staff members, university students and Alexandria Archaeology volunteers. Editing of the papers has been kept to a minimum. It should be understood that the papers vary in tone and level of technicality, since they were originally directed toward many different audiences.

We are pleased to offer the papers within this series and in so doing are opening our "manuscripts on file" - including professional conference papers, background documentary studies, student course papers, and volunteer research papers - to professionals and public alike.

Anna Lynch began her research to identify Alexandria's earliest free African Americans in 1991. Initially we thought that this task would be time consuming, but limited in scope. Since the 1790 City Census enumerated only 52 free blacks in Alexandria, we assumed that our list of names would not reach 100. Her work fit into Alexandria Archaeology's long-term goal of locating and studying the City's first African American neighborhoods.

As Anna continued her research and located new sources, more names were accrued. The project's scope expanded beyond the first free people and neighborhoods to a large list of Alexandria's black population. This index of early African Americans actually includes the names of more than 800 people. All these people were not free, and some may not have resided within Alexandria. The early church records do not record the legal status of black members nor their addresses. Anna has included all black church members in the Baptist and Methodist Episcopal congregations in their early years regardless of whether they were free or slave, Alexandrians or Fairfax County residents. And sometimes, individuals with dates later than 1810 also appear. Thus, our scope widened because we thought that the names would be useful to other researchers and should not be omitted.

Anna's research became so prolific that we also decided that the original one volume Compendium needed to be expanded to three volumes. Thus Volume I, is an index of early African American names and facts (1787-1810). Volume II provides transcriptions of deeds and wills on some individuals listed in the first volume. Lastly, Volume III includes deed transcriptions related to the first two African American congregations in Alexandria.

Volume II provides a different perspective on Alexandria's African American population than Volume I. This volume presents a very intimate portrait of a few individuals and their families from a variety of primary sources. In some cases, the information is merely suggestive of these people's lives; but for certain individuals, such as Dominick Barecroft and William Goddard, the information is compelling.

It should be noted that information in this volume does not serve as a genealogy for anyone, nor does it include everything about an individual. Undoubtedly, more can be discovered from different sources. The volume is a wonderful compilation about Alexandria's free African Americans and their quest for freedom, family, land, homes, businesses, and the transmission of property to future generations. The lives of all people can only be understood through detailed research like Anna's.

We hope that Anna's research will open the door for others tracing their African American families or conducting thematic studies. It has certainly added immeasurably to our archaeological view of the City and helped me better understand the sites we have excavated. I gratefully acknowledge Eugene Thompson, former Director of the Alexandria Black History Resource Center, for sharing Anna's time with us. Anna is truly a volunteer who bridges the gap between museums, between cultures and between times.

Pamela J. Cressey, Ph.D.
City Archaeologist
1995

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Barecroft, Dominick
(also Barecraft, Barcroft, Bearcroft; Dominy, Domini)

May 5, 1800
Alexandria Hustings Court Deeds p. 173
Manumission

Hustings Court Deed Book M
Fm David Henderson
To Negro Man Domini

Dominy was sold by Susanna Barcroft, Charlotte Clark, Willoughby Newton and Jane Presley Berryman to Cateby Jones of Northumberland Co., Feb. 4, 1796, and assigned by Jones to Thomas Davis of Fairfax County, Feb. 6, 1796. Davis then sold Dominy to Henderson for \$200 Feb. 17, 1800. Witnesses: none.

1810
1810-1812 Tax Records, Ward 2, Volume 28

Domini, (Negro) renting one of three houses and lots worth a total of \$1,650 from Francis Peyton. Lots are on the 300 block of North Fairfax Street, west side. He had a tavern license.

July 7, 1804
Alexandria County Deed Book I p. 69
Sale of wife Esther to Bearcroft, abridged transcription

In consideration of fifty nine dollars in hand paid by a free Black Man, named Dominick Barecroft I hereby make over all right and title whatsoever to a Negro woman named Esther at present his wife and her future issue

Susan Thornton

Witnesses
David Henderson
McKinsey X Talbot

September 10, 1804
Alexandria County Deed Book I p. 351
Manumission of Esther, abridged transcription

Dominick Barecroft in consideration of the faithful services of a certain Black Woman named Esther purchased by me of Susan Thornton have manumitted the said Black Woman.

Domeny X Bearcroft

Witnesses
John Hoof
Hugh W. Deneale

August 7, 1805

Alexandria County Deed Book L p. 239

Sale of three slaves to Barecroft

I Philip Fitzhugh of the County of Loudoun, State of Virginia, being fully authorized by Mrs. Susan Thornton of the county of Frederick and State aforesaid with full power of attorney to dispose of her estate do sell for value received unto Domini Bearcroft his heirs and assigns forever 3 negro slaves: Crawley, Ephraim and Emanuel. I hereby myself, my heirs and executors do defend the title of said slaves to him, his heirs and assigns forever under the penalty of eleven hundred dollars.

Philip Fitzhugh

Witnesses

Thomas Triplett

John Gadsby

Lewis Summers

1804-1805 Tax Records

Bearcroft, Dominick; Tavern License, 1 Levey, 1 Story, shop

1810 Census

Barecroft, Domini

Shop Keeper

Ward 2.

Household: 3 free blacks

Location: Fairfax Street

December 20, 1811

Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p.52

BEARCROFT, Dominick & Sarah Watson, Dec. 20, 1811

bds: Dominick Bearcroft, Thomas Watson.

September 18, 1820

Alexandria County Deed Book K2, p. 190

Purchase of household property

Indenture of September 18, 1820 between Samuel Parker of Alexandria and Dominy Bearcroft of said town. Whereas the rites of marriage [sic] are about to be solemnized between said Samuel Parker and Anna Watson of the said town and the said Samuel is desirous of providing for the comfort of his intended wife and any issue which may be begotten in lawful matrimony, now said Samuel Parker for the sum of \$150 to said Samuel in hand paid by said Domeny [sic] Bearcroft

has sold to said Dominy the following property to wit "Two horses, one cow, two beds and bedding and the household and kitchen furniture in trust for the use and benefit of said Samuel Parker and his intended wife and if either should die before the other, then to the use and benefit of the survivor during life and after their deaths then to the benefit of the heirs of Anna Watson and said Samuel Parker - and Samuel Parker agrees with Domeny Barcroft to defend the property aforesaid for the uses aforesaid to the said Domeny, his heirs and assigns against all claims and demands and the said Domeny agrees with Samuel Parker and Anna Watson that he will faithfully execute the trusts hereby created.

Samuel X Parker
Domeny X Barcroft

Witnesses
J.T. Ramsay
John D. Herbert
John C. Mandell

At the U.S. Circuit Court of the District of Columbia held for the County of Alexandria,
November 30, 1820.

Teste
Edm. J. Lee C.C.

1803-1820

Artisans and Merchants Vol I, pg. 27

BEARCROFT, DOMINICK - Tavernkeeper - Fairfax St., upper end. 1803, fresh lemons, oranges with a variety of groceries; 1805, 1808, 1809, 1814, 1816, 1819, licence granted to keep an ordinary--Bernard Bryan, Duncan Nevin, Thomas Cruse was his security; 1808, fresh fruit, pickled oysters; 1816, sale of clothes--Cameron St. opposite the market house; 1820 oyster shells for sale; 1822-24, licence granted to keep a tavern on Fairfax St.-- approved by J.M. Roberts, mayor; L. Mountford, Jno. C. Vowell, Thomas Semmes, D. Minor, N.S. Wise, R.S. Blacklock.

AA [Alexandria Advertiser]: 5/17/1803; 7/15/1803; 6/27/1808;

AG [Alexandria Gazette]: 4/14/1812; 4/20/1815; 10/11/1816; 5/8/1817; 2/22/1820; 4/27/1820.

1816-1817

Corporation Court Deed Book D2 p. 459

Purchase of house, abridged transcription

Note: no signature of Bearcroft on deed

Indenture of May 1st 1817 between Peter Sherron and Eleanor his wife of Alexandria and Domini Bearcroft of Alexandria for \$400 dollars to him in hand paid sold to Domini B. a house & lot situated in town of Alex. on North side of Cameron St. and bounded as follows:

Begin at distance of 82 feet 3 inches and a third from Royal Street and running North and parallel to Royal Street 117 feet 5 inches more or less, then east and parallel to Cameron Street 20 feet 7 inches more or less to the lot of James Campbell, then South and parallel to Royal Street 117 feet 5 inches to Cameron, then west with Cameron 20 feet 7 inches more or less to begin which was conveyed to said Peter Sherron by Joseph Nevitt & Ann his wife by Indenture of March 18, 1817, D. Bearcroft to hold said premises his heirs and assigns to his their only use forever he or they paying yearly on 1st day of May of each year annual rent of 150 dollars to Sherron and heirs. Said Peter Sherron to release aforesaid rent and covenants at any time within 10 years upon payment of \$1500 dollars and all arrears of rent and in that interval will reduce said rent ten dollars per annum for every \$100 paid on account of said \$1500.

Peter X Sherron
Eleanor X Sherron

Witness
William Herbert, Jr.

Received 1st May 1817 of Domini Bearcroft five hundred dollars on account of the consideration of the within deed.

Deed acknowledged between Peter Sherron and Domini Bearcroft and recorded May 17, 1817.

September 18, 1820

Alexandria County Deed Book K2, p. 190, 1819

Purchase of livestock and furniture, abridged transcription

Indenture of September 18, 1820 between Samuel Parker of Alexandria and Dominy Bearcroft of said town. Whereas the rites of marriage [sic] are about to be solemnized between said Samuel Parker and Anna Watson of the said town and the said Samuel is desirous of providing for the comfort of his intended wife and any issue which may be begotten in lawful matrimony, now said Samuel Parker for the sum of \$150 to said Samuel in hand paid by said Domeny [sic] Bearcroft has sold to said Dominy the following property to wit "Two horses, one cow, two beds and bedding and the household and kitchen furniture in trust for the use and benefit of said Samuel Parker and his intended wife and if either should die before the other, then to use and benefit of the survivor during life and after their deaths then to their children and if they should die without issues, then for use and benefit of the heirs of Anna Watson and said Samuel Parker - and Samuel Parker agrees with Domeny Barcroft to defend the property aforesaid for the uses aforesaid to the said Domeny his heirs and assigns against all claims and demands and the said Domeny agrees with Samuel Parker and Anna Watson that he will faithfully execute the trusts hereby created.

Samuel X Parker
Domeny X Barcroft

Witnesses
J.T. Ramsay
John D. Herbert
John C. Mandell

At the U.S. Circuit Court of the District of Columbia held for the County of Alexandria Nov. 30, 1820 - Teste, Edm. J. Lee C.C.

November 14, 1829
Will Book 3, p. 351
Barecroft's will, abridged transcription

In the name of God, I make this last will and testament. I leave to my beloved wife Sarah Barecroft [sic] and my two sons William and Ephriam all my real and personal estate. My wife to have the control of it during her widowhood and in the event of her marring again, she shall be put to her thirds the boys have their portions as they become of age. To each of my eldest sons I leave one shilling. I also leave Samuel Wheeler and Bernard Bryan to be my Executors and Administrators.

Daniel X Bearcroft

Witnesses
Samuel Wheeler
Isaac George
Jas. L. McKenna

July 24, 1830
Will Book 3, p. 362
Sarah Barecroft made administratrix of will

At a session of the Orphan's Court for the County of Alexandria in the d. of Columbia July 24, 1830 this last will and testament of Domini Bearcroft, deceased was proved by Samuel Wheeler, James L. McKenna, and Isaac George, witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And letters of Administration within the will annexed were granted to Sarah Bearcroft.

Teste
A. Moore, Regr of wills

Know all men by these presents that we Sarah Bearcroft, Francis Hoye and William Evans are held firmly bound unto Christopher Neale Esq. Judge of the orphans Court of Alexandria in the sum of twelve hundred dollars lawful money of the United States, to the payment thereof we bind ourselves and our heirs. July 24, 1830

The condition of the obligation is that Sarah Bearcroft shall well & truly perform the duty of Administratrix with the will annexed of Domini Bearcroft.

Sarah X Bearcroft
Francis X Hoye
William X Evans

Witness
A. Moore

July 28, 1830
Alexandria Gazette

Died on the 15th inst. Domini Barcroft, a very respectable black man, aged 68.

October 4, 1832
Will Book 4, p. 53
Guardians for Barecroft's son Ephriam

Know all men by these presents that we Edward Burchell and Richard E. Barton are held and firmly bound unto Chas Neale Judge of Orphans' Court.....in the sum of two hundred dollars lawful money of the United States...to perform the office of Guardian of Ephraim Bearcroft, orphan of Domini Bearcroft, late of Alexandria County, deceased.

Edward Burchell L.S.
Richd C. Burton L.S.

Witness
A. Moore, Reqr Wills

April 12, 1832
Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p.85

West Ford marries Sally Bearcroft.
Bondsmen: West Ford and George Murray.

19 October 1833
Free Negro Registers, p. 59

William Henry Barcroft
William Henry Barcroft is a free mulatto boy, about 18 years old 5 feet 6 1/4 inches tall with a black Indian ink mark resembling an anchor on his left arm. Edmund J. Lee, Clerk of City Council, states he is free.

February 14, 1839
Free Negro Registers, p. 85

Ann Payne Barcroft

Ann Barcroft, formerly Payne, is a bright mulatto woman 22 years old, 5 feet 3 1/2 inches with a mole on right side of mouth. Born free as per affidavit of Townshend D. Fendall

November 30, 1840
Obituary Notices in the Alexandria Gazette 1784-1915

Death of Sarah Bearcroft. Obituary appeared Nov. 30, 1840

June 9, 1845

Free Negro Registers p.116

Ephriam Barcroft

Ephriam Barcroft is about 22 years old and 5 months. 5 feet 9 inches tall of a dark complexion, with a scar on inner side of his right arm, above his wrist. Born free as per affidavit of John Lawson.

Manuscript of an old Bachelor, p. 53

Dominie Barcrofts was a large, magesterial looking negro man, partly disabled by the gout, a native of the lower counties of Virginia. Very dignified, he knew his place and his vocation and never went beyond either.

He said his proper name was Dominick Bearcroft. His specialty was crabs. He kept a licensed public house visited only by respectable persons. He came from crab country and knew how to "devil," "boil" and prepare crab soup. Epicures, titled and distinguished, from Washington would often come for crab suppers at "Dominie's."

He lived in one of those old time, half tumble down, London alley tenements.

December 28, 1835

Alexandria County Deed Book W2 p. 143

Ephriam Bearcroft and James E. Mankin released from rent of house

Indenture of December 28, 1835 between Eleanor Sherron widow and devisee of Peter Sherron late of town of Alexandria, D.C. now deceased of 1st part, James E. Mankin, Ephaim Bearcroft of Alexandria of other part. Whereas Peter Sherron and Eleanor his wife by deed dated may 1st 1817 conveyed to Domini Bearcroft late of Alexandria deceased a tenement and lot of ground. Begin N. side Cameron Street 82'3" and 1/2 to east of Royal then east in front of Cameron 20'7" to the beginning to hold to said Domini B. his heirs and assigns forever. Subject, however to payment of rent of 150 dollars on May 1st every year, rent to cease by the payment of 1500 dollars and all arrears and whereas Domini B. paid aforesaid during his lifetime to Peter Sherron, having D.B. devised the said tenement and lot of ground to his two sons William Henry and Ephriam Bearcroft party hereto; and said William Henry by deed dated 18th of December conveyed his undivided moiety thereof to the said James E. Mankin. Now this Indenture witnesses that the said Eleanor Sherron for sum of \$1 to her paid by James E. Mankin and Ephriam Bearcroft, does hereby forever release and discharge the said James E. Mankin and Ephriam Bearcroft and their heirs and assigns from the payment of the rent aforesaid and of all arrears thereof.

Eleanor Sherron

Witnesses

John Corse

James M. Simpson

John T.R. Wilbar

Bathurst, Ann and/or Batters, Nanny

Will Book No. 3 p. 3
Orphans Court 1821-1831
Bathurst's will, full transcription

I Ann Bathurst alias Nanny Batters a free woman of colour . . . do hereby declare my last will & testament

Item . . To be interred in the Catholic burying ground & all debts pd.

Item. To my beloved friend Revnd Joseph Fairclough all my estate both real & personal to him and his heirs forever.

Item. Revnd Joseph Fairclough Executor of will.

Nanny X Batters

Witnesses

J. C. Generes

(SEAL)

John M. Robinson

John Roach

Brannum, Stella and Angela

Copy delivered August 1, 1853

Free Negro Registers p. 233, Reg. #58

Note: a Virginia law of 1806 required that manumitted slaves depart the state, but this was seldom enforced. (See Sweig p. 3)

Stella Brannum is a dark mulatto, about 45 years-old, 5 feet 2 3/4 inches tall, with a scar on her forehead and another on her right hand. She was emancipated by George W. P. Custis since 1806.

August 1853

Free Negro Registers p. 233, Reg. #57

Angela Brannum is a dark mulatto, about 17 years old, 5 feet 5 1/2 inches tall, with a scar on her right hand. She was born free, as appears by evidence of George W. P. Custis.

Buckley, William

December 9, 1818

Alexandria County Deed Book G2, 1818 p. 158

Purchase of land, abridged transcription

Note: the name William Buckley does not appear in the Registry of Free Blacks.

Indenture between James Lawrason and his wife and William Buckley hath granted bargained sold etc. a parcel of ground on West Side of Alfred St. in Alex. Beginning 176 feet from the Northwest corner formed by the intersection of Wolf & Alfred St. & running North and binding on Alfred St. 25 feet then West and parallel to Wolf 110 feet to an alley 13 feet 5 inches in width then South and parallel to Alfred St. 25 feet from thence to the beginning. 25 dollars yearly rent on 28th day of August next.

J. Lawrason

Alice Lawrason

William X Buckley

Recorded Dec. 9, 1818

Burnett, Mary

Blomberg #612

Also listed as Bennet, Bonutt. A free black women listed in the city census as a washerwoman who owned a house in Love alley (also known as Shinbone and Sharpshin alley on Market square) (2-3-3). The property was bought from Thomas Patterson on Feb 24, 1786 and rented to Mrs. Chevalier at some time in the 1790's.

Free Negro Registers p. 23

....his (William Bennett's) wife, Mary Bennett, who is a free woman of color, as will appear by records from the court of Fairfax County, a copy of which was produced. She was free before the children were born, all of whom were born in Alexandria.

Campbell, Fanny

Across the Fence, But a World Apart

Campbell, Fanny lived at 418 South Royal from 1828 to 1835 with one other free black woman. She owned one cow.

Campbell, James

November 1, 1826

Corporation Court Deed Book P2 p. 408

Sale of property willed to him by William Goddard

Indenture between John Campbell, James Campbell and Matilda Deliha [sic] and Thomas Hewitt. Thomas Hewitt for \$100 paid to each of the above by Thomas Hewitt sell all right and title to the property of the late William Goddard both real and personal, except that portion of lot purchased by Wm. Goddard of Thomas Cook which was willed specifically to the said John, James and Matilda.

John X Campbell

James X Campbell

Matilda X Deliha

Teste Edmund J. Lee, C. of C.

Witnesses

John Roberts

William Washington

John Grubb

1870

Across the Fence, But a World Apart, pg. 83

A James Campbell is living at 414 S. Royal Street.

Campbell, John

1827

Pen Portraits of Alexandria, p.111

"The coolness and intrepidity of Mr. John Campbell contributed mainly to preserve the fine house owned and occupied by capt. Rhodes, and thereby checked the progress of the fire in the direction of the Custom's House and other property of value."

November 1, 1826

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John X Campbell
James X Campbell
Matilda X Deliha
Teste Edmund J. Lee, C. of C.

Witnesses
John Roberts
William Washington
John Grubb

August 3, 1847
Free Negro Registry p.180

John Campbell, 45 yrs. old, 5 feet 11 inches with a scar on his left nostril and another on his left arm. He was emancipated by the will of Wm. Goddard.

December 6, 1853
Free Negro Registry, p. 254

John Campbell is about 51 yrs. old 5 feet 11 inches with a scar on left nostril and another on his left arm. Emancipated by Wm. Goddard's will, as appears by evidence of Turner Dixon.

Colbert, John

Alexandria County Deed Book H 1804 p. 199
Purchase of property

Indenture between James Lawrason and his wife Alice and John Colbert of a parcel of ground on the west side of Alfred and North of Wolfe Street, Beginning on Alfred St. one hundred fifty-one feet to the South of Wolfe, running North with Alfred and binding therewith 25 feet, then West with a line parallel to Alfred and with the line of said alley 25 feet, then East with a line parallel to Wolfe one hundred and ten feet to the beginning.

Land granted by William Thornton Alexander to James Lawrason.

Rent to be paid to Lawrason by John Colbert 20 silver dollars 83 cents beginning on April 10, 1805 & thereafter yearly.

James Lawrason
Alice Lawrason
John X Colbert

Witnesses
Allen D. Smith
George Gilpin
Wm. McKnight

Hannah Colbert

June 17, 1840

Free Negro Registers p.92

John Colbert is a black boy, about 18 years old and 5 feet one-half inch tall. He was born free, as appears by affidavit of Hannah Colbert, his grandmother.

Betsy Colbert is a black girl, about 16 years old, 5 feet 2 inches tall, with a scar between her eyes. She was born free, as was proved by affidavit of her grandmother, Hannah Colbert.

Mary Ann Colbert is a black girl, about 8 years old, 4 feet 6 inches tall. She was born free, as was proved by affidavit of Hannah Colbert, her grandmother.

Martha Colbert is a black girl, about 8 years old, 3 feet 11 inches tall. She was born free, as was proved by affidavit of her grandmother, Hannah Colbert.

Dilcha, Matilda

Also Delika, Deliha, Dilhea

November 1, 1826

Corporation Court Deed Book P2 p. 408

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John X Campbell
James X Campbell
Matilda X Deliha
Teste Edmund J. Lee, C. of C.

Witnesses
John Roberts
William Washington
John Grubb

See Campbell, James and Goddard, William

Dover, Samuel and Betty

May 29, 1809

Alexandria Deed Book Extracts, Wardell, p.196

Samuel Dover (colored) was one of MANY creditors of Elisha Janney and wife Mary who sold and transferred land, house, ship, wagons, and household effects to Richard Marshall Scott to pay all their debts.

May 15-16, 1823

Free Negro Registers

Registration #111, Vol 1 p.104-106

James Harris swears that he has known Samuel Dover and Betty, his wife for 22 years and understood they were born free. 16 years ago he hired daughter Cloe Dover for 5 years then another daughter, Milly for 3 or 2 years and he understands they are a family of free people and that Rebecca Jarbo is the daughter of Samuel and Betty Dover and she is free (March 21, 1823)

Ezra Kinsey swears he has known Sam Dover and Betty, his wife and children for over 20 years and that they always have been considered free and Rebecca Dover is their daughter and wife of David Jarbo. (24 March 1813)

Rebecca Jarbo, late Rebecca Dover is a black women 5' 2 1/4 inches tall and about 28 years old.

June 3, 1824

Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p. 78

Note: This is probably Samuel Dover, Jr.

Dover, Samuel & Sarah Moore, June 3, 1824 -
bdsm: Samuel Dover, David Jarbour

Dyson, Harriet Ann

April 18, 1829

Alexandria County Deed Book R2 p.176 1828

abridged transcription

Note: See also *Across the Fence, But a World Apart*, pg. 29

Know all men by these presents that I, James P. Coleman of Town of Alex. for divers good causes and considerations me moving [sic]; and also in consideration of the sum of Five dollars to me in hand paid have emancipated and set free my negro woman by the name of Harriet Ann

Dyson aged about 17 on this 18th day of April in the year of our Lord 1829

Jas. P. Coleman
A.D. Harmon

Witnesses
A.D. Harmon
John L. Pascoe

May 6, 1829
Free Negro Registers p. 40

Harriet Ann Dyson is about 17 years old, 5 feet 2 1/4 inches tall, and of a dark complexion. In 1829 James Coleman emancipated his "Negro woman by the name of Harriet Dyson aged about 17 years."

Evans, James

July 3, 1807
Alexandria County Deed Book O p. 75 1807
Purchase of land.

Indenture between George Gilpin and James Evans both of Alex. in D.C. in consideration of rent & covenants herein contained have given, granted, aliened & confirmed & bargained a parcel of ground on North Side of Prince & West Side of West Street begining on Prince 20 feet from West St. running with Prince westwardly 20 feet, then Northwardly with a line parallel to West St. 124 feet to a 12 foot alley, then Eastwardly with the line of said alley and parallel to Prince St. 20 feet, then Southwardly with a line parallel to West St. 124 feet to beginning. Part of 1/2 acre of ground belonging to William Thornton Alexander & wife Lucy granted to George Gilpin for ground rent of 10 pounds lawful money of Virginia James Evans to pay 13 dollars 38 cents money of the U.S. on Oct. 1st of each year.

George Gilpin
Jane Gilpin
James Evans

Witnesses
Thomas White
Theodore Skinner
Cincinnati G. Gilpin

n.d.
Alexandria County Deed Book G2, 1818 p.212
Purchase of annuity or ground rent

Indenture between James Evans & James H. Hooe & Eliza F. Hooe his wife of Alexandria in D.C. 1/2 acre of lot on the North Side of Prince St. & West side of West St. Begins at intersection of these streets runs North with West St. 175 feet 7 inches West parallel to Prince 123 feet 5 inches South parallel to West 175 feet 5 inches to Prince East & to Beginning.

George Gilpin paid to Wm. T. Alexander & heirs 10 pounds Virginia money every November 1. Previously conveyed to Alexander by Stephen Winchester and Sarah his wife to John Taliaferro Oct. 1, 1806. Now James H. Hooe & Elizabeth Thacker his wife for 400 dollars U.S. money in hand paid by said James Evans, give to James Evans all that rent or annuity herein described of ten pounds in Virginia currency or 33 and one third of a Dollar which is to issuing out of said lot of ground.

J.H. Hooe
Eliza J Hooe

Witnesses
A. Faw
Abiel Holbrook
John Shakes

February 4, 1828
Alexandria County Deed Book R No 2, 1828 p. 85
Purchase of land

Indenture of Feb. 4 1828 between James, Elizabeth C. John C. Margaret S. Jane A. C. Anderson D & Catherine his wife and Thomas R. Keith, devisees of James Keith late of Alexandria and James Evans for 200 dollars U.S. money grant bargain sell etc... a lot of ground on South Side of Prince St. Beginning on Prince St. 60 feet to West of Fayette St. 100 feet to a 10 foot alley running from Fayette to Payne St. parallel to Prince then East parallel to Prince on the alley 40 feet, then North to the beginning Lot is part of an entire square conveyed to James Keith the elder by William F. Alexander and Lucy his wife by deed of Dec. 29, 1794 & then passes to his children above mentioned & devisees.

James Keith
E.C. Keith
M.S. Keith
J.A.C. Keith
A.D. Keith
C.C. Keith
Thos. R. Keith

Witnesses
Chs. Neale
Newton Reene
J.B.B. Nichols
John Roberts as to J.C. Keith
Samuel Peach

Recorded Nov. 18, 1828 between all the above Keiths & James Evans.

Dec. 18, 1829/Feb. 10, 1829
Alexandria County Deed Book K2, p. 73
Purchase of land.

Indenture between Maria Blue, Fanny Knewling and Candus Payne town of Alex. in D.C. & James Evans for 150 dollars lot on N. side of Prince and Westward of West St. paid by Evans. Begin at Prince 40 feet from West St. then West on Prince 19 feet then N. parallel to West St. 124 feet 7 inches to begin. Land conveyed by George Gilpin & wife to Loudon Payne Aug 6, 1807 for annual rent of 9 dollars 50 cents Jan. 1 yearly. Devised by Loudon Payne to Maria

Blue and Fanny Knewling after death of Candus Payne

Maria X Blue
Fanny X Knewling
Candus X Payne
James Evans

Witnesses
James D. Kerr
Richard L. Carne
Bernard Bryan

Recorded April 21, 1820 [sic]

July 25, 1835
Free Negro Registers p.68

James Evans is about 35 years old, 5 feet 6 inches tall, with a dark complexion, bushy hair and a scar on the right side of his face. He has filed in this office a certificate stating that he is free signed by the mayor and dated 18 December 1822.

January 7, 1845
Marriage Bonds 1801-1852 p. 82
Marriage to Harriotte McKenzie

EVANS, James & Harriotte McKenzie, January 7, 1845.
bdsm: James Eveleth, Lewis McKenzie

Evans, Milly

April 29, 1835
Alexandria County Deed Book V2 1843 p.418
Manumission

Delivered to Milly Evans

Whereas I some years ago purchased a certain negro girl called Milly Evans for a turn of years and which term has some time since expired, from which time I have discharged her from all service whatever. Now know all men that in consideration of these premises I Thomson F. Mason have manumitted and set free said negro girl Milly, now about 23 yrs. of age. April 29, 1835.

Thomason F. Mason

Witnesses
C.F. Lee
R.J. Taylor

December 21, 1846

Free Negro Registers p. 133

Milly Evans is about 34 years old, 4 feet 11 inches tall, of a dark complexion, with a slight scar on the lower part of the left side of her face. She was emancipated by Thompson F. Mason by deed recorded in Liber V No.2, p.418. Her three children, Monk aged about 6, James aged about 3, and Robert Evans, aged about 1, were born free as proved by certificate of William Harper.

Evans, William

August 14, 1811

Alexandria County Deed Book U p.354

Land transaction between William's brother Robert Evans and his mother Ludmilla Evans.

Indenture 8/14/1811 bet. Robert Evans (one of sons of Robert Evans deceased) and wife Ann and Lucilla Evans widow of Robert the Elder -land originally conveyed by Indenture 6/30/1790 by Robert Lyle to Robert Evans, who died intestate leaving widow Lucilla and sons Robert and William and a daughter (unnamed).

Witnesses: Soloman Parsons, John Johnston, Richard Weightman Jr., Mordecai Miller

Recorded November 6, 1811

1819-1822 Tax Records

Wm. Evans House and Lot - Columbus and Gibbon Streets
Ward 4, 1 Tythable, 2 stories. Value \$400

October 28, 1823

Alexandria County Deed Book N No. 2 1823-24 p. 73

Evans' slave held in trust by Charles Eckle

Agreement Oct. 28 - 1823 between William Evans of Alex. D.C. and Charles E. Eckle of Georgetown D.C. Sale by William Evans to Charles E. Eckle of a negro man named Hanson 27 yrs. old. Now in possession of Wm. Evans to hold said slave, who is to be freed at the age of 40 and not to be sold out of D.C. The said Eckle to be paid by Wm. Evans 100 dollars for the space til expiration of 2 yrs. from date hereof with legal interest shall have a right to demand redelivery of said negro man Hanson as of his property, in case William Evans shall not redeem said negro at or before the expiration of 2 years, then it shall be lawful for Eckle by paying a

sum not to exceed \$125 in addition to the 100 mentioned to said William Evans to demand from and receive from William Evans an unconditional absolute bill of sale of all his right title & interest in the said negro, it is understood that Wm. Evans, before expiration of 2 years shall not have power to sell said negro to any other person except Charles E. Eckle.

Wm. Evans
Chas. Eckle

Witnesses
N.S. Wise
Isaac George

Probated Oct. 28, 1823

Alexandria County Deed Book N no.2 p252 1823-24
Sale of slave Henson to Eckle.

William Evans of Alexandria sells to Charles E. Eckle a negro man named Henson [sic] 27 years old and a girl (no name given) aged 5 for \$572.

May 10, 1824
Free Negro Registers p. 22

William Evans is a mulatto man, free by birth, 41 years old, and 5 feet 9 1/4 inches tall.

August 9, 1827
Marriage Bonds 1801-1852 p. 53

Bondsman for Walter Bennett and Mary Fumpuson.

For more information on the Evans family, see *Across the Fence, But A World Apart*

Fletcher, Aaron

May 30, 1804
Corporation Court Deed Book H p. 181
Purchase of land

To: Fletcher, Aaron
From: Hunter, John C

Indenture May 30, 1804 between John C. Hunter & Aaron Fletcher a free black man in consideration of rents herein expressed grant & demise unto said Aaron Fletcher a piece of ground on an alley of a lott on Duke Street & bounded as follows:

Beginning on said alley at 20 feet from East side of the lot aforesaid then westwardly twenty feet with said alley & binding thereon, thence Southwardly with a line parallel to Water Street to the back line of the lot aforesaid on Duke Street, thence Eastwardly with the line of said lot and parallel to Duke Street 20 feet thence to beginning rent Sept. 1 of 6 pounds in gold & silver coins.

John C. Hunter
Aaron X Fletcher

Witnesses
Robt. Abercrombie
Thos Preston
Wm. Lovell

Goddard, William

Hustings Court 1798
Deed Book K No. 2, p.634
Purchase of land, full transcription

This indenture made the 13th day of March, Seven hundred and ninety eight Between James Lawrason and Alice his wife of the Town of Alexandria Co. of Fairfax & State of Virginia of the one part and William Goddard of the same town County & State of the other part Witnesseth that the said James Lawrason and Alice his wife for and in Consideration of the rents and covenants herein after contained and expressed on the part and behalf of him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns to be paid kept and performed Have given, granted, bargained Sold Aliened and Confirmed and by these presents do give, grant, bargain, sell, alien and confirm unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns forever a certain piece or parcel of ground situate lying and being upon the west side of Alfred Street and to the Northward of Wolfe Street in the said Town of Alexandria and bounded as followeth to wit Beginning upon Alfred Street Seventy Six to the Northward of Wolfe Street and runing thence northwardly with Alfred Street and binding therewith twenty five feet, thence westwardly with a line parallel to Wolfe Street one hundred and ten feet to an Alley thirteen feet wide, thence with the line of the said Alley and parallel to Alfred Street twenty five feet thence with a straight line thence with a straight line to the Begining it being a part of that piece of ground granted by William Thornton Alexander and Lucy his wife unto him the said James Lawrason by an Indenture bearing date the fourteenth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety five subject to the payment of a rent of twenty pounds current money of Virginia unto him the said William Thornton Alexander his heirs & assigns yearly and every year forever upon the thirteenth day of September in each year and all houses Buildings Streets Lanes Alleys Profits Commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said premises belongings or in anywise appertaining and the Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents Issues and Profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof to have and to hold the said piece or parcel of grounds Hereditaments and all and Singular the premises hereby granted with their

and every of their appurtenances unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and Behoof of him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns forever he the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns Yeilding and paying therefor unto him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns upon the thirteenth day of September next ensuing the date of these presents and yearly and every year forever afterwards upon the said thirteenth day of September in each year the rent of eighteen silver dollars and seventy five cents and the said William Goddard doth for himself his heirs executors and administrators covenant grant and agree to and with the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns that he the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns will well and truly satisfy and pay unto him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns upon the thirteenth next ensuing the date of these presents and yearly and every year afterwards upon the said - day of September in each year the said rent of eighteen silver dollars and seventy five cents and also that it shall and may be lawfull for him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns whenever and as often as the said rent shall become due and payable if the same be not paid upon demand in and upon all and singular the said premises with the appurtenances to enter and the goods and Chattells thereupon found to distrein take away and make sale of or so much thereof as will be of value sufficient to satisfy and pay the rent or rents or the part of a rent in arrear and unpaid at the time of such entry and distress Provided always and it is hereby conditioned covenanted and agreed upon by and between the said parties that if the said rent or any part thereof shall at any time hereafter be in arrear and unpaid for the space of sixty days after any day on which the same ought to be paid and there cannot be found upon the said premises effects sufficient to levy the rent so in arrear and unpaid upon by distress and sale these presents and everything herein contained shall cease determine and be absolutely void and it shall and may be lawful for him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns thereupon or at any time thereafter in and upon all and singular the said premises with the appurtenances to reenter and him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns from thence to remove eject and expell and the same again to have hold occupy and possess as in the former estate of him the said James Lawrason anything herein contained to the Contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding and the said James Lawrason doth for himself his heirs Executors and Administrators covenant grant and agree to and with the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns that it shall and may be lawful for him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns whenever and as often as the said rent of eighteen silver dollars and seventy five cents shall become due and payable to pay the same unto the said William Thornton Alexander his heirs and assigns and whose receipt shall be sufficient discharge for the same against him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns and also that he the said James Lawrason and his heirs all and singular the premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns against the claim and demand of him the said James Lawrason and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whasoever assigns paying the rent hereby reserved at the times and in the manner hereby directed shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first within mentioned.

Alice Lawrason
William X Goddard

Witnesses
Dennis Ramsay to J.L.
Alex.re Smith do
Ja. Keith to all

[Following this indenture is the court recording of the document]
Alexandria Corporation Sc.
March 14, 1798

The Commonwealth of Virginia, to John Dundas, Dennis Ramsay and Alexander Smith Gentlemen of the said Town of Alexandria Greeting: Whereas James Lawrason and Alice his wife by their certain indenture of Bargain and Sale bearing date the thirteenth day of March 1798. Have Sold and conveyed unto William Goddard the fee Simple Estate of a piece of ground with the appurtenances, situate lying and being upon the West side of Alfred Street and to the Northward of Wolfe in the Town of Alexandria aforesaid and whereas the said Alice cannot Conveniently travel to our said Court to make acknowledgment of the said conveyance thereof we do give unto you, or any two or more of you, the power to receive the acknowledgment which the said Alice shall be willing to make before you of the conveyance aforesaid contained in the said indenture which is hereunto annexed, and we do therefore desire you or any two or more of you, personally to go to the said Alice and receive her acknowledgment of the same, and examine her privily and apart from the said James her husband, whether she doth the same freely and voluntarily, without his persuasions or threats, and whether she be willing that the same, together with this writ, shall be recorded in our said Court, and when you have received her acknowledgment, and examined her as aforesaid, that you distinctly and openly certify us thereof, in our said Court, under your hands and seals, sending then there the said indenture and this writ. Witness Geo. Deneale Clerk of our said Court, this fourteenth day of March 1798.

G. Deneale

Alexandria Corporation, to Wit.

In obedience to the within commission to us directed we did personally go to the within named Alice and examine her privily and apart from the said James her husband who declared that she executed the said indenture freely and voluntarily without the persuasions or threats of the said James her husband and that she was willing the said indenture together with this Commission should be recorded in the said Court, Given under our hands and seals this first day of June 1798

Truly recorded
Teste G. Deneale
Examined

Dennis Ramsay
Alex Smith

January 1, 1799
Alexandria County Deed Book A 1801 p. 164
Receipt for purchase price of land

Alex. January 1, 1799. Received of Wm. Goddard at different payments the above sum of L120.

James Lawrason
Recorded July 15, 1801

August 25, 1804

Recorded November 20, 1804

Corporation Court Deed Book H p. 266

Purchase of land, full transcription

Indenture made the 25th day of August 1804 between William Thornton Alexander and Lucy his wife of the County of King George in the state of VA. of the one part and William Goddard of the town and county of Alexandria in the District of Columbia of the other part Witnesseth that the said William Thornton Alexander and Lucy his wife for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars to him the said Alexander in hand paid by him the said William Goddard at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipts whereof he the said William Thornton Alexander doth hereby acknowledge and thereof and of every part and parcel thereof doth acquit release and discharge him the said William Goddard his heirs, executors and administrators by these presents have given granted & bargained sold aliened and confirmed by these presents Do give grant bargain sell alien and confirm unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns for ever (sic) a lott or half acre of ground situate, lying and being upon the South side of Wilkes Street and West Side of Alfred Street in the said Town of Alexandria and bounded as followeth to wit.

Begining at the intersection of the said Streets and running thence Westwardly with Wilkes Street and binding thereupon one hundred and twenty three feet five inches, thence southwardly with a line parallel to Alfred Street one hundred and seventy six feet seven inches, thence eastwardly with a line parallel to Wilkes Street one hundred and twenty three feet five inches to Alfred Street, thence with Alfred Street and binding thereupon northwardly one hundred and seventy six feet seven inches to the begining and all Houses, Buildings, Streets Lanes, Allies profits commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever to the said Lott or half acre of grounds belonging or in any wise appertaining and the revision and revisions remainder and remainders, rents, issues and profits thereof and of every part and parcel thereof to have and to old the said lott or half acre of ground hereditaments and all and singular the premises hereby granted with their appurtenances unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns to the only proper use and behoof of him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns for ever and the said William Thornton Alexander doth for himself his heirs executors and administrators covenant grant and agree to and with the said William Thornton Alexander is now at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents seized in his own right of a good sure perfect absolute and indefeasible estate of inheritance in fee simple in the said Lott or half acre of ground hereditaments and all and singular the premises hereby granted with their appurtenances without any manner of condition mortgage limitation of use or uses or any other matter cause or thing to alter change charge or determine the same and also that the said William Thornton Alexander and his heirs will at any time hereafter upon the request and at the cost and charge of him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns executes and acknowlege (sic) any further lawfull act and deed for the more certain assuring and conveying the said Lotts or half acre of ground Hereditaments and all and singular the said premises with their appurtenances unto him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns as by him the said William Goddard his heirs and assigns his, their or any of their council learned in the law shall or may be advised or required and lastly that the said William Thornton Alexander and his heirs

the said Lott or half acre of Ground. Hereditaments and all and singular the said premises with their appurtenances unto him the said William Goddard his heirs assigns against the claim of him the said William Thornton Alexander and his heirs and all and every other person or persons whatsoever shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents in witness whereof the said William Thornton Alexander by Peter Cottom his attorney in fact and the said Lucy his wife have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and years first herein before mentioned

William Th. Alexander
by Peter Cottom
Attorney in fact

Sealed & delivered in presence of
John A. Stewart
Nehemh. Carsans
Richard Walsh

Received by William Goddard three hundred dollars the consideration herein mentioned seventy dollars of it paid through the hands of Jesse Sims as p. receipt

Peter Cottom
for Wm. Th. Alexander

Witnesses
Richd. Walsh
John A. Stewart

At a United States Circuit Court of the District of Columbia continued and held for the county of Alexandria the 20th of November 1804.

Recorded by G. Deneale Cl. of Court

July 14, 1814
Alexandria County Deed Book AA p. 307
Purchase of land, abridged transcription

Indenture bet. Leonard Cook & wife Rebecca of Alex. D.C. and Wm. Goddard for \$240 dollars pd. by Wm. Goddard a piece or parcel of land in the Co. of Fairfax & State of VA. upon the East side of Fayette Street, North Side of Franklin and West side of that parcel of land sold by Wm. Thornton Alexander & Lucy his wife to John Gilland bounded as follows:

Beginning at intersection of Fayette and Franklin and running thence eastwardly with Franklin Street and binding thereupon to the line of Gill thence Northwardly with that line and binding therewith 201 feet 7 inches then Westwardly with a line parallel to Franklin Street the length of the first line to Fayette Street thence Southwardly with that street and binding thereupon 201 feet seven inches to the beginning. Land being part of land conveyed to Leonard Cook by Henry Thompson and Robt. J. Taylor & all houses appurtenances therein.

Signed
Leonard Cook
Rebecca Cook

Witnessed by
J. Millan
Rich. Hewitt
James Clare

Blomberg #613

A William Godard is listed in 1810 in city census as owning property [1/2 acre on Alfred Street that was a garden (\$333) and a H + L on the corner of Alfred (\$550)]. Tax records in 1810 value properties at (\$750) but Godard not marked as "Col'd". Deed records (B+S/K/2/634) indicate property bought from Jas. Lawrason in 1798. This is Alfred St. Baptist Church Block.

May 5, 1809 or 1815

Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p. 90

Marriage to Eleanor

Note: two dates listed in this source.

Goddard, William and Eleanor Violette, May 5, 1815 bdsm:

Wm. and Eleanor Violette, May 5, 1809 bdsm. William Goddard, John Bogan

Orphans Court Alexandria County

Will Book 2 p.105

Goddard's Will, full transcription

In the name of God Amen. I William Goddard of the town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia do make my last will and Testament as follows to wit.

Inprimis. I direct all my just debts and funeral expenses to be paid out of my Estate.

Item. I give to my wife during her widowhood the house and lot on which I now reside, but in case of her marriage or death, whichever shall first happen I give and devise the said house and lot to my son William Goddard and John Campbell and James Campbell and Matilda Dilcha and their heirs forever.

Item. I direct that all my garden lot shall be rented out and the profits thereof to be applied towards the maintenance of my family.

Item. I give devise and bequeath to my brother John Goddard his heirs and assigns forever thirty feet front on the Northwest Corner of the lot I purchased of Thomas Cook and one hundred and twenty three feet five inches deep and the balance of the said lot I give and devise equally between my wife and my son William Goddard and Spenser (sic) Gray, John Campbell, James Campbell and Matilda Dilcha and their heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son William Goddard my black Colt and a small buffaloe cow.

Item. I direct that a negro girl named Betsy I purchased of Reuben Dye shall be emancipated when she pays my estate three hundred dollars and the said Girl is to live with her mother until the said sum of three hundred dollars is paid and if her mother dies then the said girl is to return to my family to live with them until the said money is paid - which money is

to be applied to the support of my family.

And all the rest and residue of my property real and personal I give and bequeath to my wife subject to the Conditions of the first bequest - except a negro woman named Annacha Ager, the wife of Sam Ager who is to be emancipated immediately upon my death, she paying my wife sixty dollars to be applied to the support of my family.

Lastly I nominate and appoint my friends Spencer Gray and Thomas Lawrason executors of this my last Will and Testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hands and seal this 7th day of December 1815.

William X Goddard

Signed sealed and acknowledged by the testator in our presence to be his last will and testament who have at his request and in his presence subscribed our names in attestation thereof.

A. Moore
Ezra Kinsey

Codicil to my will I emancipate and set free a negro man named Sam Ager witness my hand and seal this 7th day of December 1815. Sealed and acknowledged in presence of us

Alex. Moore
Ezra Kinsey

September 17, 1823

Free Negro Registers p.20

James Lawrason swears that George Cook, a mulatto man about 40 years old was sold by Benjamin Dulany to Henry O. Riley and by Riley to William Goddard for a term of ten years, which term has expired. Cook is 6 feet 1 inch tall, with a scar above and in his left eyebrow.

December 1, 1826

Free Negro Registers p.29

Wm. Campbell is a dark mulatto man, 26 years old 5 feet 11.5 inches. Emancipated by William Goddard's will.

December 1, 1826

Free Negro Registers p.30

Matilda Dilhea and children Mary Ann and Francis Montgomery- Matilda is about 27 yrs. old, dark complexion 5 feet 3. Emancipated by William Goddard's will along with her children.

August 2, 1847
Free Negro Registers, p.175

Matilda Shields about 40 years old, 5 feet 1.5 inches, of a black complexion, with a scar on her right arm. She was emancipated by Wm. Goddard as appears by previous registration.

August 3, 1847
Free Negro Registers, p.180

John Campbell, 45 yrs. old, 5 feet 11 inches with a scar on his left nostril and another on his left arm. He was emancipated by the will of Wm. Goddard. (See also listing under Campbell)

August 3, 1847
Free Negro Registers, p.182

Milly Butler, about 30 years old, 5 feet 6.5 inches, of brownish black color with a small scar below her left temple and a scar on back of her right hand between her thumb and forefinger. She was emancipated by William Goddard as appears by evidence of Zenas Kinsey.

see also:Corporation Court Deed Book P2 p. 408

Gordon, William

March 22, 1806
Alexandria County Deed Book L. p. 510
Manumission

I, James Lawrason for 120 pounds paid by William Gordon, a mulatto man who was my slave by purchase from Benjamin Dulany, as will appear by receipt given to said Wm. Gordon dated January 1, 1799 recorded July 15, 1802 have manumitted, emancipated & set free Wm. Gordon. March 22, 1806

J. Lawrason

Witnesses
James Smith
Thomson Douglass (sic)

Gordon, Sally

September 4, 1834

Free Negro Registers p.63

possible connection to William Gordon, above

Sally Gordon is a bright mulatto woman, about 50 yrs. old, 5 feet 4+ inches tall, with a narrow straight scar on the back of her right hand. She is free, as appears by affidavit of James Avery.

Gray, Spencer

November 22, 1822

Will Book No. 3 Orphans Court, 1821-1831 Alexandria County p. 77

Gray's will

In the name of God Amen.

I Spencer Gray of the Town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia being of sound and disposing mind and desirous to arrange all my temporal concerns do first commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to be decently buried and after my funeral expenses and my just debts are paid do give and bequeath as follows.

- Item 1st. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife Virgin Gray my house and lot where I now live, being and lying on the east side of Columbus Street as reference to James H. Hoes deed to me will more fully appear to have and to hold the said house and lot for and during her natural life and from and after her death my will and desire is that my said house and lot should devolve to my sister Matilda Boarman to her and her heirs forever.
- Item 2nd. I give and devise to my brother Julius Gray all my wearing apparel and fifty dollars in cash.
- Item 3rd. I give and bequeath to my sister Matilda Boarman fifty dollars in cash.
- Item 4th. I give and bequeath to my friend George Parker ten dollars in cash.
- Item 5th. I give and bequeath to my friend David Jarboe ten dollars in cash.
- Item 6th. It is further my will and desire that my executor herein after named shall as soon as a little can be obtained sell all my interest in a lot of ground on Franklin and Henry Streets devised to me by William Goddard in his last will and testament also my horse geer [sic], cart and cow and the cash legacies to be paid out of the

proceeds.

Item 7th. I give and bequeath to my beloved wife all my personal property not heretofore devised.

Lastly I constitute and appoint Benjamin Waters of the Town of Alexandria my whole and sole executor of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this twenty day of November one thousand eight hundred and twenty two - 1822.

Signed sealed & acknowledged by the Testator in our presence to be his last will and testament who have at his request and in the presence of each other subscribed our names as witnesses hereunto.

Spencer X Gray

Witnesses

Jms. Knowles

Richard Brandt

Benedict C. Milburn

At a session of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia the 10th day of December 1822 this last will and testament of Spencer Gray is probated.

For more information on the Gray family, see *Across The Fence, But A World Apart*.

Hamilton, Catherine

October 27, 1820

Alexandria County Deed Book L2 p.325

Manumission

Know all men by these presents that I William Roberts of Alexandria County, District of Columbia do hereby emancipate and set free from and after the date hereof a coloured woman named Catherine Hamilton, my slave and sister given under my hand and seal this twenty seventh of October 1820.

Wm. Roberts [no mark]
Probated January 7, 1882

Witnesses

Mordecai Miller

John L. Miller

November 2, 1820

Alexandria County Deed Book M2 1822-23 p.334

House rental, abridged transcription

Indenture Mordecai Miller to Catherine Hamilton for 5 shillings pd. by Catherine Hamilton

rental of lot on East Side of Royal South Side of Wolfe. Begin on Royal 92 feet 6 inches South of Wolfe, then South on Royal 20 feet, then East parallel to Wolfe 70 feet, then North parallel to Royal 20 feet, then West in a straight line to begin with right of way over an alley 8 feet wide extending eastwardly from the east line of said lot and along the South line of Hannah Jackson's lot 64 feet, until it intersects another line leading Southwardly from Wolfe and parallel to Royal Street, 18 feet 10 inches wide at said intersection, 12 feet wide to the North of it and with right of way over the said last mentioned alley. Both of which alleys the said Mordecai Miller hereby covenants for himself and his heirs assigns to keep forever open. Annual rent by Catherine Hamilton of \$20 yearly on May 1st.

Mordecai Miller
Catherine X Hamilton

In presence of
W.H. Miller to both
John H. Miller to both
Solomon Parsons to both

Probated Dec. 14, 1822

Across The Fence, But a World Apart, pg. 23-24

Many of the slaves along Royal were related to Philip and Catherine Hamilton, and most were owned by the Herbert family of Alexandria. Philip Hamilton, who lived at the home of Monica Bell in 1825 (424 S. Royal), was "a slave to Colin Auld," but by 1827 he was free. Never listed as anything other than a laborer, Hamilton was still able to leave considerable real estate to his family in 1863, which included his house at 410 South Royal. His wife, Catherine, was listed as a renter in this same house from 1819 to 1841, thus, they apparently lived apart. In 1820, William Roberts emancipated Catherine whom he described as "my slave and my sister." Roberts, a free black engaged in "manufacturing" lived next door at 412 Royal. Catherine's children, Ellen and Prince, were both slaves to Mrs. Herbert in 1824 and 1825.

Hannah Jackson was also Catherine Hamilton's neighbor on the lot immediately north.

Hamilton, Philip

Across the Fence, But A World Apart - see also listing for Catherine, above.

Note: In the 1825 Alexandria tax records, Hamilton appears as a slave of Edward Pleasants, living in Pleasants' house and lot on Royal Street.

In 1825 Philip Hamilton lived at the home of Monica Bell and was "a slave to Colin Auld" but by 1827 he was free. He was a laborer, owned a cow and signed the Loyalty Oath to Virginia. He died in 1863 and left his house at 410 South Royal to his family.

October 13, 1834
Recorded November 5, 1834
Alexandria County Deed Book U2, p.110
Purchase of land. Abridged transcription

Indenture of Oct. 13, 1834 between Josiah H Davis and Sally his wife to sell for \$175 to Philip Hamilton land beginning on East side of Washington Street 120 feet south of Gibbon and then south on Washington Street and binding therein 30 feet then east parallel to Gibbon 123 feet 5 inches to center of square, then north parallel to Washington Street 30 feet then west with a line parallel to Gibbon to the beginning, subject however to one half of the aforesaid lot, which lot is a part of the square or 2 acres of ground conveyed to J.H. Davis by Ann Swift (Aug. 8, 1826 Liber 2 folio 446 land records of Alexandria Court).

Josiah H. Davis (seal)
Sarah M. Davis (seal)

Witnesses
Newton Keene
G.J. Thomas
James Thomas

August 5, 1847
Free Negro Registers p.200

Philip Hamilton is about 50 years old, 5'7 3/4" tall of a black complexion, with a scar on his upper lip and another on his left eyebrow. He was emancipated by Colin Auld.

For more information on the Hamilton family, see *Across The Fence, But A World Apart*

Hammond, James

1803-1815
Artisans and Merchants Vol I, p. 181

1803, 1804, 1806 license granted to keep an ordinary--Wm. Myers, James Bacon was his security; 1815, sale of valuable property on King St.--south side opposite Andrew Scholfield [deed below]; ACCOB [Alexandria County Court Order Books]: November term 1803, 22nd day; November term 1806, 24th day; AG [Alexandria Gazette]: 5/1/1815

February 8, 1807
Alexandria County Deed Book N 1806 p.514
Land transaction (rent/purchase)

Indenture of February 8, 1807 between Isaac McLain and Mary his wife of Alexandria and James

Hammond and Milly his wife for a certain lot of ground in town of Alexandria, on the South side of King St. Beginning 98 feet 5 inches to East of Henry St. then south parallel to Henry 100 feet to a 10 foot alley then East with the line of the alley 25 feet, then North parallel to Henry 100 feet to King, then West with King to Beginning, to hold to, the said James Hammond and Milly his wife during thir joint lives. Annual rent of 50 dollars to be paid February 1st provided always and on this condition that if the said James Hammond or his assigns shall not within 12 months from date hereof raise the walls of and cover in (on the premises) a good two story house to be worth when so raised and covered at least 500 dollars, then the indenture shall be void. Provided also and on this further condition that if the said James and Milly Hammond, their heirs or assigns shall at any time hereafter pay to said Isaac McLane [sic] his heirs or assigns all rent then in arrear shall pay in advance the sum of 500 dollars or 10 years rent then the rent hereby reserved shall cease and the said James and Milly Hammond and their heirs and assigns shall hold the premises (demised) free and exonerated from any rent whatever.

This being part of a larger lot leased to Nicholas (Voss) by William T. Alexander by deed of Nov. 3 1797. Isaac McLain idemnifies James and Milly Hammond from the said rent of 75 dollars (which mortgage is dated March 24, 1800). Isaac McLain and his heirs and assigns will release and discharge the said James Hammond and Milly from the payment of any further rent.

Isaac McLain
Mary McLain
James X Hammond
Milly X Hammond

In the presence of
James Millan
Leonard Cook
John Greenwood

Probated 24th April 1807

June 5, 1815
Alexandria County Deed Book C2 1815-1817 p.413
Sale of land. Abridged transcription

Indenture of June 5th 1815 between James Hammond and Milly his wife of town of Alexandria of the one part and Daniel McPherson of the same town of the other part. James Hammond and wife Milly in consideration of the sum of a thousand and wife [sic] dollars paid by said McPherson sell unto said McPherson a lot of ground on South side of King St. Beginning 98 feet 5 inches to East of Henry Street the South parallel to Henry St. 110 feet to an alley then East on the Alley 25 feet then North parallel to Henry St 100 feet to King then West on King to beginning together with the free use of said alley - which was demised by Isaac McLaine to James Hammond and Milly his wife and the heirs of said Milly by Deed Dated 28 February 1807 subject to payment of rent of 50 dollars to said Isaac and heirs paid annually on Feb. 1st which said rent may however at any time be extinguished by the payment of the sum of 500 dollars. The said lot is part of a larger lot demised by William T Alexander to Nicholas Voss by deed dated Nov. 3 1797 at annual rent of 75 dollars to secure the said Isaac McLain and heirs from the rent last mentioned he received from Nicholas Voss a mortgage on a lot at the intersection of King and Columbus St. dated March 24 1800 to the full benefit of which the

said James Hammond and wife Milly and their heirs and assigns [sic] And by the said deed from Isaac McLain entitled to have and to hold the said lot of ground, bounded as aforesaid with all buildings, improvements and privileges and with the full and free use of said 10 feet alley to the said Daniel McPherson his heirs and assigns, subject to payment of reny and performance of covenants in said deed from Isaac McLain mentioned and reserved on the part of the said James Hammond and his wife Milly.

James X Hammond
Milly X Hammond

Witnesses
A. Faw
Oliver Wilson
John Shakes

Probated May 16, 1816

Harris, Pompey Pohra -- see Poorer, Pompey

Henderson, Jesse

November 12, 1816
Alexandria County Deed Book C2 1815-1817, p. 377
Purchase of land

Indenture between William Hepburn of Alex., D.C. and Jesse Henderson of Alex., D.C. have granted, bargained, etc. to Jesse Henderson a lot of ground beginning on W. Side of St. Asaph St. 176 feet 7 1/2 inches to the North of Princess St. then South with St. Asaph St. 18 feet, then East 63 feet to beginning. To pay Wm. Hepburn on every 12th of Nov. yearly beginning in Nov. 1818 and yearly thereafter 15 dollars U.S. money.

Wm. Hepburn
Jesse Henderson

Witnesses
William Follin
Benjamin Goods

Recorded Nov30,1816-Circuit Court, D.C.

Fourth Federal U.S. Census, 1820

Henderson, Jesse - engaged in agriculture; 1 free Col. male over 45; 1 free Col. female over 45.

June 29, 1821

Will Book 3 p.391a

Henderson's Will, full transcription

June the 29th 1821 Alexandria

I Jesse Henderson take my pen in hand to write my last will and testimony in site of God and man. To My wife Rachel Henderson I gave this house and lot to her as long as she lives and the said Rachel Henderson shall pay to Mr. Hepburn estate fifteen dollars every year and when it please God to call Rachel Henderson to himself and she die, then I gave this house and lot to Mimy Wheelar and her ears forever and she must pay to Mr. Hepburn estate fifteen dollars every yeare the reason I give these houses to Mimy Wheelar is because when my wife Rachel wast sick and I myself wast sick both of us together for three or four months Mimy Boles wateed on us both nite and day and I never wast able to give her a sickpence therefore I leave these houses and lot to her at Rachel death. I expect at my death Rachel will go up in Frederick County where she came from and if she go up there Mimy Wheelar shall pay Rachel fourteen dollars a yeare and shall sent the money safe to her as long as she live. Mimy or Mimy's ears or cosings, and when Rachel Henderson is dead all is yours and your ears Mimi Wheelar.

My hand and seal
June the 29th, 1821
Jesse Henderson

Witnesses
Joseph Gale (illegible)
Mrs. Cook X Hopwood

My will: The deed that is in the office shall be made over to Mimy Wheelar at Rachel death if Rachel Henderson chuse to live here in Alexandria she shall keep her house lot that she now live in and at here death Mimy Wheelar shall have it, she her ears or [cosings? word unclear] given under my hand

Jesse Henderson

Be it remembered that on the 24th Febr. 1824 before Mr. Alexr Moore, Register of Wills for Alexa County in the District of Columbia came Jos. Gale and C. Hopwood, witnesses to this will of Jesse Henderson and proved the same in due form of law. Also appeared Evan Williams and James Thomas and made oath that said will is wholly written and by the said Jesse Henderson and same was recorded by me the said Register.

A. Moore, Regr Wills

Pen Portraits of Alexandria, p. 148.

Source: Alexandria Gazette, April 3, 1852.

Under the heading of Buildings and Improvements is listed Henderson & Brothers, bricklayers, working for George & Tom Davis, Contractors (and others,) on the following:

two brick warehouses on Union Street facing the river; a block of brick stores, 3 stories high on north side of King between Pitt & Royal Streets; and a 3-story brick dwelling on the corner of St. Asaph and Duke, for E.B. Powell.

Hepburn, Moses

1830 D.C. Census (includes Alexandria)

Moses Hepburn: One male slave of 10 and under 24 years.
One female slave of 36 and under 55 years
One free colored male of 10 and under 24 years.
Two free colored females of 10 and under 24 years.
5 persons total.

June 1, 1850

Alexandria County Deed Book L3, p577

Payment for eariler deed of trust

Indent. June 1, 1850 bet. Robt. H Miller of 1st part and Moses Hepburn of 2nd Moses pays Miller 500 dollars in the pursuance and exercise of the provisions and powers expressed in and conferred upon him by a deed of trust from Wm. H. Miller and wife dated March 18, 1844 Liber F3 p.4. sells to Moses a lot of ground Beginning on W side of Pitt at middle of square bet. Cameron and Queen and at South line of an alley 25 feet wide running south with Pitt 31 1/2 feet to Marstellers line then w parallel to Cameron 123'5" to Irwin's line then N. parallel to Pitt to said alley then East with straight line to begin with all appurtenances being that lot numbered 10 in Schedule B annexed to deed before mentioned.

R. H. Miller {seal}

June 1, 1850

Alexandria County Deed Book M3, p207

Sale of land to Robert H. Miller. Abridged transcription

Indenture 1st day of June 1850 bet. Moses Hepburn and Amelia K Hepburn of 1st and Robert H. Miller of 2nd for \$700 (seven hundred) paid by Miller (Moses) sells for yearly rent of 35 dollars payable on 1st day of May 1851 lot of ground Beginning on W. side of Pitt St. in middle of the square between Cameron and Queen running S. with Pitt 65' to a 10' alley then W with alley and parallel to Cameron 123' 5" to towns line then N parallel to Pitt the length of the 1st line, then east with a straight line to begin with right of way to said alley, all appurtenances whatsoever.

Moses Hepburn
Amelia R. Hepburn

Witnesses
Geo. White
Samuel Reese

March 3, 1851
Alexandria County Deed Book M3, 1851, p.178
Purchase of house and land, abridged transcription

Deed between Richard James Tubman and Selenia Tubman wife of 1st pt. and Moses Hepburn 2nd pt. all of Alex. VA for \$100 to Moses a tenement and lot of ground fronting on east Patrick 20' east 75' more N and parallel to Patrick 20' W and parallel to Cameron 75' to Patrick then 20' to begin.

Corporation Court Deed Book M3, p. 478
Completion of preceding deed

Deed made March 3, 1851 between Richard James Tubman and Selenia Tubman (wife) of 1st part and Moses Hepburn of 2nd part for \$100 the Tubmans grant to Moses a tenement and lot of ground as follows:

Fronting on East side of Patrick 20 feet then East 75 feet then North and parallel to Patrick 20 feet then west and parallel to Cameron 75 feet to Patrick, then binding on Patrick 20 feet more to begin. conveyed to Tubman by William Mankin and wife (D3,p.128).

Richard J. Tubman
Selenia Tubman

Witness
R.A. Sinclair

June 25, 1853
Alexandria County Deed Book P3, p1
Grant of property to daughter Prudence

Deed made 25th of June 1853 between Moses Hepburn and wife 1st part and Prudence C. Hepburn of 2nd part for \$1 and for love of Prudence their daughter grant with general warranty a piece of ground in town of Alex. bounded as follows: Begin on East side of Patrick fronting thereon 20 feet or more or less, then back east 75 feet then N. and parallel to Patrick St. 20' then West and parallel to Cameron 75' to Patrick then binding on Patrick 20' more or less to begin. Also another piece of ground beginning on W side of Pitt 110 feet 7 inches N of Cameron St. at North line of a ten feet alley running north with Pitt 32'6" more or less to the line of Wm. H. Miller, then west parallel to Cameron 123 feet 5" more or less to Irwin's line. then south parallel to Pitt to said alley, then East with said alley and parallel to begin with right of way to said alley and also another piece of ground beginning on west side of Pitt at the middle of the square between Cameron and Queen and at the S. line of an alley 25 feet wide running S with Pitt st. 31 feet 6" more or less to Marsteller's line, then west parallel to Pitt st. to said alley then east with a straight line to begin being the same lots which were conveyed to S. J. Beach and C.W.

Wattles in trust for certain purposes be deed dated May 25, 1853.

Witness following signature and seal
Moses Hepburn

May 26, 1856

Alexandria County Deed Book R3, p387

Sale of land

Deed made 26th of May 1856 between Moses Hepburn 1st part and Charles W. Wattles 2nd part. Moses H. grants to Charles W. Wattles an undivided third part of that lot of grounds and buildings thereon in city of Alex. Va situate, lying as follows: N side of King St. between Pitt and Royal running back to Hoof's alley bounded on W by property belonging to heirs or devisees of Mrs Rebecca Taylor dec'sd. and on East by property belonging to James M. Stewart Dry Goods Merchant in trust to secure repayment of a note for 600 dollare dated May 26, 1856 payable 90 days after said date to Henry Chatham and executed by said Moses Hepburn and also in trust to secure payment of any interest which may accumulate on said note before a sale should take place under this deed.

Moses Hepburn
C.W. Wattles

April 25, 1856

Alexandria County Deed Book R3, p390

Daughter Prudence sells land back to Hepburn

Deed made the 25th day of April, 1856 between Prudence C. Hepburn of 1st part and Moses Hepburn of 2nd part said Prudence for \$1 grants to Moses Hepburn and his heirs with general warranty a piece of ground in Alex. Va. to wit. Begin on East side of Patrick, fronting there 20' then back East 25' more or less then N and parallel with Patrick 20' then west and parallel with Cameron 75' to Patrick then binding on Patrick 20' to begin. Also another piece begin on W side of Pitt 110 feet 7" north of Cameron at N line of a 10 feet alley then N with Pitt 32' 6" to line of Wm. H. Miller then west parallel to Cameron 123'5" more or less to Irwins line then S parallel to Pitt to said alley then East with said alley parallel to Cameron to begin with right of way over said alley and also another piece of ground begin on W side of Pitt at middle of square between Cameron and Queen and s. line of alley 25' wide running S with Pitt 31'6" more or less to Marstellers line then W parallel with Cameron 123'5" to Irwins line then N parallel to Pitt to said alley then E with a straight line to beginning being the same lots conveyed by Moses Hepburn to S.F. Beach, C.W. Wattles in trust for certain purposes by deed dated May 25, 1853 and afterward on June 25, 1853 conveyed by said Moses Hepburn to Prudence C. Hepburn the grantor of this deed.

Prudence Hepburn

May 30, 1859
Alexandria County Deed Book V3, p196
Sale of property pursuant to a suit against Hepburn

Deed of May 30, 1859 below Benjamin H Berry 1st part, Charles Wattles 2nd part, James M Stewart 3rd part, all of city of Alex. Whereas under 2 decrees of circuit court of County of Alex. and state of Va, rendered November term 1856 of said court, in the suit of Arthur Waring and wife against Moses Hepburn, the said party of 1st part as one of the commissioners, in the said decrees mentioned, after giving the notice required by said decrees, did proceed on 29th of Dec. 1856 in pursuance of said decrees to sell the real estate in the bill in said suit mentioned at public auction, when the same was struck off to the said party of the 3rd part for the sum of 6 thousand dollars, that being the highest bid made therefor it was approved and confirmed by a decree of said Court at its November term 1857 to make a good and sufficient deed for the said real estate as specified by decree in said suit of 18 Nov. 1856 and whereas the said purchases of said real estate has fully complied with terms of said sale and paid the whole of the purchase money and whereas the said Moses Hepburn did by a deed dated May 6, 1856 in Liber R No.3, folio 387 convey his interest in the said property to the said party of 2nd part in trust to secure payment of a note for 600 dollars and interest executed by Moses Hepburn and payable to Henry Chatham and whereas said note with interest has been fully paid by said Moses Hep. who desired that the said property may be released to said party of the third part now this Deed witnesseth that the said Benjamin H. Berry Commissioner to carry into effect said sale in consideration of 6 thousand dollars to him in hand paid by the said James m Stewart the said real estate described as a lot of ground in City of Alexandria on N side of King between Pitt and Royal Street with all the back buildings and warehouses theron to Hoff's [sic] alley.

B.H. Berry
C.W. Wattles
Henry Chatham

December 12, 1860
Will Book 8, p50
Hepburn's Will, full transcription

I Moses Hepburn of the Borough of West Chester in the County of Chester and State of Pennsylvania being of sound mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament as follows:

1. I direct any executrix herein after appointed to pay all my just debts and funeral expenses, as soon as conveniently can be done after my decease.
2. I give devise and bequeath to my wife Amelia R. Hepburn in lieu of a dower for her absolute property, one third of all my estate, real and personal wheresoever the same may be found. After the payment of my debts, as aforesaid, to hold the same to her and

her heirs and assigns forever.

3. All the residue of my estate of every kind wheresoever the same maybe, I give devise and bequeath to my five children, Juliann Eliza Hepburn and Arthur W. Hepburn, in equal shares, to them.
4. I hereby nominate, constitute and appoint my wife Amelia R. Hepburn sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In testimony whereof I do hereunto set upon my hand and seal the twelfth day of December A.D. One thousand eight hundred and sixty.

Moses Hepburn {seal}

Signed, Sealed and acknowledged by Moses Hepburn the Testator above named as and for his last will and testament in our presence, who in the presence of each other and of the testator, and at his request, do hereby sign our names as subscribing witness hereto.

Walter Hibbard
G. Miles
West Chester, Pennsylvania January 17, 1861

Walter Hibbard and Gideon Miles testify that they were present at the signing of Moses' will and that he was of "sound and well disposing mind."

C.L. Seal Register

January 17, 1861 the last will and testament was proved of Moses Hepburn, deceased.

C.L. Seal Register

I C.L. Seal Register do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of Moses Hepburn's will. He was a resident of West Chester in the County of Chester, Pennsylvania at the time of his death. His will is recorded in Will Book V. Volume 21, p315. January 31, 1861.

Townshod Haines
Chester County

I Emmy B. Lamborn Prothonotary Certify that the Honorable Townshend Haines Judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County and a such one of the Judges of the Registers for hearing of appeals and caveats against the probate of Wills etc. in duly commissioned and qualified and that full faith, credit ought to be given to all his official acts and attestations.

January 31, 1861
E.B. Lamborn Prothonotary

Alexandria County Court February 4, 1861

The above certified copy of the last will and testament of Moses Hepburn deceased, was proved in open court (see minutes) and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, B.H. Berry, Clerk

Hoy(e), Francis

July 16, 1805

Corporation Court Deed Book K 1805 p.249

Purchase of land

Indenture between George Deneale and Mary his wife of Alex. in D.C. and Francis Hoy of Alex. for and in consideration of certian rents and covenants herein contained have given granted bargained sold aliened and confirmed to Francis Hoy and heirs a parcel of ground in Town of Alex. on East side of Patrick Street and south side of Gibbon St. Beginning on Gibbons St. 70 feet from intersection of Gibbon and Patrick and running Eastwardly with Gibbon and binding therewith the distance of 30 feet then Southwardly and parallel to Patrick the distance of 116 feet 7 inches, then Westwardly and parallel with Gibbon 30 feet, then Northwardly and parallel with Patrick 116 feet 7 inches to the beginning, being part of that square of ground lying on Hunting Creek of which John Gill was lately seized and which was under a commission of assignees of the estate of John Gill to Samuel Walker by deed of April 16 1804 described on plan as number 3 and from S. Walker to George Deneale Sept. 15 1804. Yearly rent to George Deneale from Francis Hoy beginning July 16, 1806 of 15 silver dollars or value thereof in gold or silver coin U.S. tender

George Deneale
Francis X Hoy

No Witnesses

Hull, Esther and Mary

September 9, 1815

Will Book 2. Orphans Court p.72-72

Benjamin Baden made guardian of Esther and Mary

Benjamin Baden, Isaac Robbins and John Throop are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esq. Judge of Orphans Court for county of Alex. D.C. for 5 thousand dollars to jointly and severally sealed as of Sept. 9, 1815 -that if Benjamin Baden shall perform duty of guardian to Esther and Mary Hulls.

Benj. Baden
Isaac Robbins
John Throop

Sealed in presence of
A. Moore

Jackson, Hannah

See also: *Count de Lemonade* by Edith Moore Sprouse, in The Fireside Sentinel Alexandria Library, Lloyd House, February, 1991. Vol 5, No.2 p.13-28, (p.15)

And: *Hannah Jackson: An African American Woman and Freedom. Archival Data Pertaining to 406-408 South Royal Street*, by Sara Revis. Alexandria Archaeology Publications Number 33. 1991.

September 11, 1813

Will Book 1 Orphan's Court p.251
abridged transcription

Harriot Jackson and Daniel Wright are bound to George Gilpin Esq. Judge of Orp. Ct. Alex. for one thousand dollars... Sept 11, 1813.

Condition of the above obligation is such that the above bound Harriot Jackson, guardian of Robert A. Jackson, her executors and administrators shall pay and deliver unto said Orphans all such estate and estates as now is hereafter may come to the hands and possession of the said guardian.

November 1820

Alexandria County Deed Book K2 p.469
Purchase of house and land
abridged transcription

H. Jackson buys house and lot from Mordecai Miller for 5 shillings and ground rent to be paid regularly on East side of Royal between Wolfe and Wilkes.

February 1, 1822

Will Book No.3 Orphans Court 1821-1831 p.291
Her will

I Hannah Jackson of town of Alexandria, in the district of Columbia.... do make this my last will and testament.

1. I devise to my daughter Johanna Weaver my front house in the East side of Royal Street between Wolf and Wilkes Street and one undivided Moity of the lot of ground on which it stands (held under a deed from Mordecai Miller to her and her heirs forever.)
2. I devise to my son Solomon Jackson the back house commonly called the Cedar post

house and the other moiety of the said lot for and during his natural life and after his death to my daughter Johanna Weaver and his heirs and it is my will that during the life of Solomon the said lot shall be held in common between him and the said Johanna for the accomodation of the said houses to them devised.

3. I devise to Johanna Jackson and to Hanson Jackson twenty five dollars each to be paid out of my personal estate if the same be sufficient and if not there to be charged and paid out of the said Houses and lot.
4. It is my desire to my son Solomon that Nancy Fox shall not be permitted to come on the said lot or to enter his house and as this request is made solely from a regard to his welfare it is my hope that it will be duly obliged by him.
5. I do hereby appoint Johanna Weaver the sole executor

Witnessed by Robert J Taylor, Tho. Smith 1st Febr'y 1822

Across The Fence, But A World Apart, p. 24, 25, 79
Jackson lived at 406-408 S. Royal in 1825

Hannah Jackson was also Catherine Hamilton' neighbor on the lot immediately north. Jackson, a black washerwoman, owned her son, Solomon, as a slave in 1827, but he was free the following year...Hannah Jackson and Philip Hamilton each had a cow.

Jackson, Jane

February 29, 1820
Will Book 2 Orphans Court p.350

Jane Jackson, Peter Logan, and Moses Smith are firmly bound unto Robert Young Esq. Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County in the District of Columbia and his successors in the office in the sum of 200 dollars lawful U.S. money. 29th day of Feb. 1820

The condition of the above obligation is such that the above Jane Jackson shall well and truly perform the office of Administratrix of Thomas Jackson late of Alex. Co. deceased.

Jane Jackson
Moses Smith

Witness
Peter Logan

November 17, 1827
Free Negro Registers, p. 36

Janney Jackson is about 35 years old and 5 feet 3 inches tall. She was emancipated by Peter Loggins.

Jarb(e)our, David

See also *To Witness The Past: African American Archaeology in Alexandria, Virginia*. Catalogue of an Exhibition, Alexandria Archaeology Museum, 1993; and (as David "Tarbor") *The Potter's Art, Salt-Glazed Stoneware of 19th Century Alexandria* by Suzita Cecil Myers, Alexandria Archaeology Museum Series Number 1.

See also Rebecca Dover, above

David Jarbour worked at the Wilkes Street Pottery between 1816 and 1841. He signed the bottom of a 28-inch high stoneware jar "1830 Alex^a Maid by D. Jarbour." Jar is in the collection of the Museum of Early Southern Decorative Arts, Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

February 2, 1821
Free Negro Registers p. 13

David Jarbour is a black man about 33 years old who has a slight scar on the forefinger of the right hand.

June 3, 1824
Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p. 78

Dover, Samuel & Sarah Moore, June 3, 1824 -
bdsm: Samuel Dover, David Jarbour

March 14, 1826
Marriage Bonds 1801-1852, p. 149

Smith, William & Nancy Somby, March 14, 1826 -
bdsm: William Smith, David Jarboe

May 8, 1838
Free Negro Registers p.84

Chloe Jarbour is a dark mulatto girl, about 16 years old 5 feet 1 1/2 inches tall, with no particular marks. She was born free, as per affidavit of B.C. Milburne.

October 24, 1841

Free Negro Registers p.100

David Jarbour is a black man, about 22 years old 5 feet 5 3/4 inches tall, of a dark complexion, with a scar from a cut in the elbow of his right arm. He was born free and is the son of Rebecca Dover Jarbour a free woman registered in this office.

March 17, 1847

Free Negro Registers p. 143

Samuel Jarboe is about 18 years old and Mary Jarboe 16 years old, born free as appears by deposition of Zenas Kinsey.

Johnston, Henry

n.d.

Alexandria County Deed Book H 1804 p448

Purchase of land. Abridged transcription

Delivered to R.J. Taylor per order from H.J. Indenture between James Lawrason and wife Alice and Henry Johnston of a parcel of ground on West side of Alfred and north of Wolfe. Begin on Alfred 125 feet to North of Wolfe and then North with Alfred and binding therewith 25 feet, then west with a line parallel to Wolfe 110 feet to an alley 13 feet 5 inches wide, then south with the line of said alley parallel to Alfred Street 25 feet, then with a straight line to the beginning. Part of Wm. Thornton Alexander's land. Rent of 27 dollars 83 cents to be paid by Henry Johnston to Lawrason on the 13th of July yearly.

James Lawrason [seal]

Alice Lawrason [seal]

Henry X Johnston

Witnesses

C.P. Thompson

Elisha Janney

William Fowles

Johnston, Margaret (Linney or Louisa)

June 14, 1818

Corporation Court Deed Book H2 1818-1819 p.340

Purchase of land

Delivered to the son of Linney Johnston

Indenture made 14th of June, 1818 between James Lawrason and Alice his wife of the town of Alexandria D.C. and Linney Johnston of the same town in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by Linney Johnston of which he does hereby acknowledge the receipt and of the rent herein after reserved by the said Linney Johnston have bargained, sold a lot of ground on West side of Alfred bounded as follows. Beginning on Alfred 51 feet N. from Wolfe then on Alfred St. 25 feet then west parallel to Wolfe St. 110 feet to an alley 13 feet 5 inches wide, then with a straight line to the beginning annual rent 25 dollars on 1st of April and yearly hereafter.

James Lawrason
Alice Lawrason
Linney X Johnston

No Witnesses

Recorded November 9, 1818

June 15, 1857

No. 7 Will Book p. 412

Recorded: April 5, 1859

I Margaret Louisa Johnston (coloured woman) of Alex. Va. do make this my last will & testament. I hereby manumit & set free my three daughters Ellen, Margaret & Fanny. I direct, (however, that after Ellen's term of service is out with Mr. Kinzer that my executor shall hire her in Alexandria for one year, and pay her at the end of that year the whole of her hire. I appoint Nelly Wright (coloured woman) of Alexandria the guardian of my daughter Fanny. I appoint Selah Brown (coloured woman) of Alexandria guardian of my daughter Margaret. I appoint Mary Chase (coloured woman) of Alexandria guardian of my daughter Alice & I appoint Hannah Lyles (coloured woman) of Alexandria guardian of my son Lewis. Should anything prevent my children being placed under the guardianship and care of the persons I have named as their guardians, then I desire my executor to take control of my said children and to place them under the care and control of such persons as he may think proper. I appoint Louis Kinzer as executor of this my last will.

Margaret Louisa X Johnston

Witnesses
James Dempsey
John W. Green

Lee, Luke

April 5, 1823

Alexandria County Deed Book M2 1822-23 p. 463

Manumission

Manumission of Sam Brown, negro 50 yrs. of age, 1 mulatto male slave, Dennis Hackett 52 yrs. of age, 1 negro slave named Luke Lee, 38 years old, 1 female slave Lucy (wife of Lewis Campbell, the property of Bryan Hampson) 40 yrs. old. April 5 1823.

John Hunter

Witnesses
Jos. H. Hampson
Michael Mc. Clorkey

Across the Fence, But A World Apart p.21

"Luke Lee, a seventeen year renter and a skilled caulker" He was freed by John Hunter and signed the Loyalty Oath to Virginia...Both he and Henry were ship caulkers.

Logan (or Loggins), Peter

Blomberg #615 p.354

Logen, Peter (Loggins?)

A ship carpenter with a wife and two children. Bought property on North side of Wolf St. at northern extremity of Lot 12.

1800 Alexandria City Census, Ward 2

Peter Logan and wife (black) Ship carpenter (no boarders)

June 24, 1799
Alexandria County Deed Book M 1806 p.71
Manumission of Sarah

Know all men by these presents that I Bernard Bryan being now the owner of a negro woman named Sarah Logan who lives and cohabits (as I believe) with Peter Logan a negro ship carpenter, who hath lately purchased his freedom in Alexandria, where they both now reside, for and in consideration of the said Peter Logan having advanced and paid to me the sum of 40 pounds current money of Virginia have emancipated said Negro woman named Sarah, on this 24th day of June in the year of our Lord 1799.

Bernard Bryan

Probated May 29, 1806

Witnesses
Cleon Moore
John Longden

August 30, 1815

January 26, 1816

Artisans and Merchants Vol 1, p.283-4

LOGAN, PETER - Ship carpenter - Fourth ward

1815, returned to Alexandria where he carries on the boot and shoe black business next to Triplett's hotel -- he will clean by the week, month or pair; negro;

1800 4th ward census;

Alexandria Gazette 8/30/1815;

1812 tax records.

LOGAN & WILLIAMS - Boot and Shoe Cleaners

Opposite *Gazette* office

1816 prices provided for cleaning shoes and boots -- Peter Logan & Peter Williams;

Alexandria Gazette 1/26/1816

Manuscript of an Old Bachelor

"One notable event while we lived on Prince Street was Elisha getting lost" (The neighborhood was searched but since he couldn't be found) (My Father) went for Peter Logan the "town Crier" who started ringing his bell and at each corner would cry out "lost child" describing him; finally about 2 p.m. a man who found him at "Fishtown" when he and another small urchin had gone fishing brought him home. The town crier is an institution of the past superseded by printer's ink -he was employed for many purposes besides looking for lost children such as auction sales, town meetings, etc. Peter was a character; a very tall and very black old man, in addition to his duties as crier he was a piper, on call on great holidays and accompanied by a drummer the town was roused very early."

A Seaport Saga p.19

In the 1830's a very tall and very old black man named Peter Logan, not only was a Crier, but also a piper. On great holidays, accompanied by a drummer, he aroused the town from its slumber.

July 25, 1833

Free Negro Registers p. 57

Sally Loggins is a mulatto woman, about 27 years old, 5 feet 1 1/4 inches tall, with a large burn scar on her right arm near the elbow and a scar from a cut on her right hand between the thumb and forefinger. She was set free by Peter Loggins by deed dated 17 November 1827.

July 31, 1847

Free Negro Registers, p. 173

Sally Loggins is about 39 years old, 5 feet 1 1/4 inches tall, of a brown-black color, with a large scar on her right arm near the elbow caused by a burn, another between the thumb and forefinger of her right hand, and a reddish mark on her right cheekbone. She was emancipated by Peter Loggins.

October/December 1853

Free Negro Registers, p. 243

Copy delivered 7 Oct. - 6 Dec. 1853

Sally Logan is about 44 years old, 5 feet 1 1/4" tall, of a browish-black color, with a large scar on her right arm near the elbow caused by a burn, a scar between her thumb and forefinger of her right hand, and a reddish mark on her right cheekbone. She was emancipated by Peter Loggins.

See also: Jackson, Hannah and Jane

Parker, George

March 30, 1803

Alexandria County Deed Book D, p.31 1802

Manumission

James Patton for \$100 pounds lawful money of Va. manumits George Parker. March 30, 1803

Witnesses

Donald MacLeod

William Wilson

December 15, 1803

Corporation Court Deed Book H p. 195

Purchase of land from Lawrasons and Smoots

Whereas Wm. Thornton Alexander conveyed to James Lawrason and Hezekiah Smoot 1 acre or half square of ground situate on west side of Columbus St. extending from Wolfe to Duke St. Now this indenture Witnesseth that the said James Lawrason (sic) and Alice his wife and Hezekiah Smoot & Elizabeth his wife do grant, bargain, sell alien & confirm unto said George Parker & his heirs a certain parcell or dividend of the said acre of ground for & in consideration of the rents, covenants & agreements herein after expressed. To wit.

Beginning at the distance of 252 feet 8 inches from the intersection of Columbus & Duke Str.

and to the southward of Duke St. & running southwardly with Columbus St. 25 feet then Westwardly parallel with Duke and Wolfe Streets 110 feet to an alley thence northwardly with the line of the said alley parallel with Columbus St. 25 feet, thence eastwardly 110 feet with a straight line to the Beginning. Rent of 25 dollars on 1st of December.

James Lawrason
Hezekiah Smoot
Alcie Lawrason
Elizabeth Smoot
George Parker

Witnesses
Alexander Smith
George Gilpin
Wm. McKnight

On 21st of July 1804 James Lawrason & Hezekiah Smoot acknowledged this deed to George Parker to be their act & deed.

Recorded by Deneale

December 22, 1803
Corporation Court Deed Book H, 1804 p. 198
Previous deed conveyed seat of government

District of Columbia
County of Alexandria

The United States of America to George Gilpin, George Slacum [sic] and Alexander Smith Gentlemen of the said County of Alexandria, Greeting.

Whereas James Lawrason and Alice his wife and Hezekiah Smoot and Elizabeth his wife by their certain indenture of Bargain & Sale bearing date the 15th day of December 1803 (one thousand eight hundred and three) have sold and conveyed unto George Parker the fee simple estate of a certain piece, parcel or dividend of ground, situate lying and being on the west side of Columbus St. between Duke and Wolfe Street being part of that acre of ground which Wm. Thornton Alexander & Lucy his wife by indenture bearing date [blank space follows for date] conveyed to James Lawrason and Hezekiah Smoot & whereas Alice & Elizabeth cannot conveniently travel to D.C. we therefore give unto you power to receive their acknowledgment on this the 22nd day of December eighteen hundred and three.

Witness William Kilty Chief Judge of said Court

G. Deneale
Recorded July 1st 1804 (Acknowledgements received of Alice & Elizabeth.)
George Gilpin
Alexander Smith

Truly recorded & examd.
Test. G. Deneale

March 12, 1805

Alexandria County Deed Book M 1806 p.68

Same land purchase as in previous deeds

George Parker Indenture of March 12 1805 and James Lawrason and wife Alice and Hereziah Smoot and Elizabeth his wife grant unto George Parker Land bounded as follows.

Begin on Columbus 252 feet 8 inches South of Duke St. and running thense South with Columbus and binding therewith 25 feet, then west with line parallel to Duke Street 110 feet to an alley, the North with line of said alley and parallel to Columbus 25 feet then East with a straight line 110 feet to Beginning for yearly rent of \$25.

George X Parker

Witnesses

Thos Brocchus

Benj. Baden

James Grimes

Henry S Earl

March 12, 1805

Alexandria Corporation Court 1806

Deed Book M p. 68

Sale of land mentioned in previous deeds. Abridged transcription

Indenture bearing date of July 2, 1804 grant unto George Parker, his heirs & assigns a piece of ground lying on West Side of Columbus Street & to the Southward of Duke Street. Beginning on Columbus Street 252 feet 8 inches to the Southward of Duke Str. & running Southwardly with Columbus Street and binding therewith 25 feet thence Westwardly with a line parallel to Duke Street 110 feet to an alley thence Northwardly with the line of the said Alley and parallel to Columbus Street 25 feet, thence eastwardly with a straight line 110 feet to the beginning. Rent of \$25 dollars yearly 1st December.

Now this indenture witnesseth that the said George Parker for sum of 250 dollars to him the said George Parker in hand paid by James Anderson, doth give, grant, bargain, sell, alien & confirm unto him the said James Anderson the piece of ground granted unto him George Parker by James Lawrason and Alice his wife & Hezekiah Smoot and Elizabeth his wife.

James Anderson to pay to J. Lawrason & Hezekiah Smoot on 1st day of December yearly the said rent of 25 dollars. If rent not paid George Parker can reenter said premises.

George X Parker

James Anderson

Witnesses

Henry J. Earl

Benjm. Baolen

James Grimes

Thos. Brocchus

July 16, 1806

Circuit Court 1802 Deed Book N p. 181

Purchase of land. Full transcription

Bernard Bryan & wife Mary grant bargain & sell unto George Parker & his heirs a certain parcel of Ground being on North side of King Street & Westward of Henry Street to wit Beginning upon King St. 102 feet 6 inches to Westward of Henry, running then Westwardly with King St. & binding thereon 20 feet 11 inches thence Northwardly with a line parallel to Henry 100 feet to a 10 ft. alley thence East with the line of said Alley and parallel to King St. 20 feet 11 inches then Southwardly with a straight line to the beginning 100 feet. which piece of ground is part of that lot or 1/2 acre of ground granted by Wm. Thornton Alexander & Lucy his wife to Richard Lewis by an indenture of Nov. 4 1797 subject to payment of Rent of 25 pounds on 1st day of Nov. to Wm. Thornton Alexander which rent W. T. Alexander hath sold to Andrew Mahlon & Jonathan Scholfield who have contracted & engaged to release same to Richard Lewis & sold by Richard Lewis & Eliza his wife to Bernard Bryan on 27th day of July 1802, to have & to hold the said piece of Ground to said George Parker & heirs for payment on 1st Sept. yearly of the sum of 40 silver dollars to Bernard Bryan money of U.S. etc.

Bernard Bryan
Mary Ann Bryan
George X Parker

Witnesses
W. Rhodes
Amos Alexander
William Veitch
William Lanphier

July 16, 1806

Indenture of Bargain & Sale to Geo. Parker the fee simple estate of a parcel of ground in Co. of Alexandria. Peter Wise Junior, Robt. Young John D [illegible] as Gentlemen Justices of said County to receive acknowledgement since Mary cannot conveniently travel from County of Alexandria to U.S. Circuit Court of D.C. July 16, 1806.

G. Deneale
Wm. Cranch Chief Justice

November 20, 1806

Alexandria County Deed Book M 1806, p.265

Sale of land to cover a debt

Indenture made Nov. 20 1806 between George Parker & Mary his wife & Amos Alexander and William Fitzhugh. Whereas George Parker stands indebted to W. Fitzhugh for the sum of 350 dollars three hundred & 50 dollars, said G. Parker & wife in consideration of sum on one dollar paid to him G. Parker by Amos Alexander hath given, granted, bargained sold aliened released & confirmed unto Amos Alexander & his heirs a certain parcel of land on N. Side of King Street & Westward of Henry Street beginning upon King St. 102 feet six inches to the

Westward of Henry Street & running thence Westwardly with King & binding thereon 20 feet eleven inches northwardly with a line parallel with Henry Street 100 feet to a 10 feet alley thence Eastwardly with the line of Said Alley and parallel to King Street 20 feet 11 inches thence Southwardly with a straight line 100 feet to the beginning the said parcel of ground being conveyed to George Parker by Bernard Bryan & Mary his wife by deed being date of June 20, 1806. In case G. Parker & his executors fail to discharge the said debt on 22nd of Nov. 1807 by payment of the same to W. Fitzhugh, W. Fitzhugh & heirs will sell premises at Public auction.

Amos Alexander
George X Parker

Witnesses
Charles Scott
G. Cawood
Phillip Triplett

Nov. 28, 1806

1810 Census

Parker, George - Shopkeeper, Living on King, 4 free blacks in household

March 30, 1811
Circuit Court Deed Book T 1810
abridged transcription

Indenture made March 30, 1811 between James Piper of Alexandria and wife Catharine [sic] of the town and county of Alex. of the 1st part and Leonard Cook of the same town and county for \$200 in hand paid to James Piper by Leonard Cook, grant, bargain and sell a parcel of ground being on the North side of King Street and to the westward of Henry Street, bounded as follows Beginning upon King 102 feet 6 inches to the westward of Henry street and thence west with King and binding therupon 20 feet 11 inches, then north with a line parallel with Henry Street 100 feet to a 10 foot alley Then east with the line of said alley and parallel to King st. 20 feet 11 inches, then south with a straight line to the beginning 100 feet.

The same being a lot of ground conveyed by Bernard Bryan to George Parker and by the said George Parker unto Amos Alexander who sold it at public sale by virtue of the said trust to the aforesaid James Piper.

James Piper
Catharine X Piper
Leonard Cook

Witnesses
Daniel McLeod
Edwd Daily
Edward Laugley
Thos. Cood

December 19, 1814
Deed Book Z 1814-1815 p.24
Manumission of wife and children. Abridged transcription

Know all men by these presents that I George Parker of the town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia for and in consideration of the natural love and affection I bear my wife Polly Parker and my children, Landon Parker, Kitty Parker, and Philip Ely Parker, have emancipated and set free my wife and children, all of whom I have this day purchased from William H. Fitzhugh Esq. of Fairfax County in the State of Virginia. Witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this nineteenth day on December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Fourteen.

George X Parker

Witnesses
Samuel Snowden
Thomas Triplett

December 19, 1814
Deed Book Z 1814-1815 p. 25
Purchase of wife and children

Know all men by these presents that I William H Fitzhugh in consideration of the sum of 350 dollars in hand paid by George Parker of town of Alex. have sold to said four negroes, Polly Parker, Landon Parker, Kitty Parker and Philip Ely Parker, this nineteenth day of December in the year of our Lord 1814.

Wm. H. Fitzhugh

Witnesses
S. Snowden
Thomas Triplett

June 1, 1867
Society of Alexandria Deed Book Y3 p. 110.
George W. Parker, Trustee of 1st Free School
Deed with George Seaton & other trustees for land on East side of Alfred to North of Princess Street. [text of deed not included here]

Parker, Fanny

May 20, 1822
Registry of Free Blacks p. 18 #105

Fanny Parker is a black girl, 11 years 2 months old, and 4 feet 8 1/2 inches tall. She is the daughter of George and Jenny Parker.

August 3, 1847

Registry of Free Blacks, Vol.3 p.182 #213

Fanny Payne, late Parker, is about 48 (?) years old, 5 feet 4 1/2 inches tall, of a black complexion, with a scar on her forehead. She was born free, as appears by previous register.

October/December, 1853

Registry of Free Blacks p. 237 #89

Fanny Payne, late Parker, is about 44 years old, 5 feet 4 1/4 inches tall, of a black complexion, with a scar on her forehead. She was born free.

Poorer (Pora) (Harris), Pompey

December 27, 1798

Alexandria County Deed Book L p.166, Hustings Court 1798-1799

Manumission. Full transcription

NOTE: only first name "Pompey" in deed - probably same person as Poorer.

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph White Harrison of the County of Fairfax in the State of Virginia for diverse good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, more especially for and in consideration of the sum of forty pounds current money of Virginia to me the said Joseph White Harrison in hand paid by Pompey a male slave belonging unto me the said Joseph White Harrison, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have liberated, manumitted, and emancipated and by these presents do liberate manumitt and emancipate the said Pompey from all further services to be rendered by him the said Pompey unto me the said Joseph White Harrison my heirs, executors & administrators covenant grant & agree to & with the said Pompey, that I the said Joseph White Harrison my heirs, Executors or administrators will at no time forever hereafter ask demand or require of the said Pompey and further service to be rendered by him, unto me or them.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 27th day of December
MDCCXCVIII [1798]

At a Court of Hustings continued & held for the town of Alexandria the 8th day of January
1799.

Sealed & delivered in the presence of Cleon Moore, Danl. C. Puppo, Jesse Simms.

This Deed of Manumission from Joseph W. Harrison to Negro Pompey was proved to be the act & deed of the said Josh. W. Harrison by the Oaths of Cleon Moore & Danl. C. Puppo,

witnesses thereto & ordered to be recorded.

Teste

G. Deneale

January 5, 1799

Alexandria County Deed Book L 1798-1799 p. 36

Purchase of land

abridged transcription

This indenture made the 5th day of January 1799 between James Lawrason and Alice his wife of the town of Alex. County of Fairfax and State of Virginia and Pompey Poorer of the same town have given, granted, bargained, sold, aliened and confirmed to him the said Pompey Poorer, his heirs and assigns a certain piece of ground on the west side of Alfred St. and to the north of Wolfe St. Beginning [sic] upon Alfred Street 101 foot to the North of Wolfe and running then north with Alfred and binding therewith 25 feet then West with a line parallel to Wolfe 110 feet to an alley, 13 feet 5 inches wide, then South with the line of said alley and parallel to Alfred St. 25 feet, then East with a straight line to the beginning it being part of that ground granted by William Thornton Alexander and Lucy his wife to the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns bearing date of 14 September 1795, subject to payment of rent of 65 silver dollars and two thirds of a dollar unto Wm. Thornton Alexander yearly on the 13th day of September. Pompey Poorer his heirs and assigns to pay unto him the said James Lawrason his heirs and assigns on the first day of September next ensuing the date herof and yearly every year forever afterwards on the said first day of september the rent of 20 silver dollars and 84 cents.

In witness whereof the said parties have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first within mentioned.

James Lawrason

Alice Lawrason

Pompey  Poorer

Note: Pompey Poorer's occupation was listed in the 1810 tax record as "Doctr." The three curved lines in his signature mark may signify leeches, which were used medically.

1800 Alexandria City Census, Ward 4

Poorer, Pompey & Rose [no occupation listed, no children, no boarders.]

1801 Tax Records

Pompey Porer 1 tyth. Value \$100 Total \$250

1810 Tax Records

Doctr, Pompey, Pora (negro) HL [house and lot] Alfred [Street] self

December 11, 1810

Alexandria and Arlington County Va. Minister Returns and Marriage Bonds 1801-1852 p.186

Poorer, Pompey and Lucy Clarke (both col'd) Dec. 11, 1810.

Pompy Poorer Bondsman

May 28, 1821

Will Book 3, p. 111

Will of Pompey Pohra Harris. Abridged transcription

I, Pompey Pohra Harris of Alexandria in the District of Columbia being at this time weak of body but of sound and disposing mind and memory and considering the certainty of death.....make and publish this my last will and testament.

First. I desire that my body may be decently buried and after my funeral expenses are paid and my just debts be paid (if any there be against me) out of such money belonging to me as may be in the hands of Edward Stabler for safe keeping and after these objects shall have been accomplished it is my will and desire that 10 dollars of the residue of said money shall be given to my wife Lucy or her representatives and in consideration that it was through the industry and frugality principally of my former wife Rose that I was enabled to lay up money...it is my desire that after the payment of aforesaid the remainder of such money be it more or less shall be for the use of the daughter of said Rose, Betty Sandford who not being free it shall be used for her benefit at the discretion of Edward Stabler in whose hands it now is.

Item. I give to my wife Lucy a cupboard Desk bed and bedding.

Item. I leave my clothes and 2 chests to be divided at the discretion of my executors between the children of Betty Sandford, stepdaughter beforementioned, and my nephew Sam Reeler.

Item. I give unto Betty Sandford above mentioned a large Black Walnut table.

Item. All the rest of my personal property I give and bequeath to my wife Lucy.

Item. The house in which I live in on Alfred Street I leave to my wife Lucy for her use and for during the term of her natural life or Widowhood, provided she regularly pay up the annual rent of 20 dollars for which the lot is bound to Mr. James Lawrason, provided also that if my Stepdaughter Betty Sandford shall become free and want a place to dwell, she shall be entitled to the use of said house and in that case paying ½ of the ground rent.

Item. Upon the death of my wife Lucy or if she should marry again or fail to pay up the ground rent, the House shall revert to my nephew Sam Reeler for his use forever provided nevertheless that the said house and lot shall be bound for the payment of 10 dollars every year for the use of Betty Sandford my stepdaughter.

Lastly, I appoint Edward Stabler and William Stabler his son as sole executors of this my will and testament. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty-eighth day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-one.

Pompey Porah X Harris

Witnesses
Geo. Hough
Ric^d H. Little [sic]
B.W. Powell

Will of Pompey P. Harris, dec'd proved in County of Alexandria, D.C., November 11, 1823.

ca. August 3, 1847
Registry of Free Blacks, p. 182, #214

Lucy Harris is a dark mulatto, about 21 years old, 5 feet 3 3/4 inches tall, with several scars from cupping [author's note: "cupping" again refers to medicinal leeching] on the back of her neck, a scar on her right elbow and freckles. She was born free, as appears by affirmation of William Stabler and the certificate of G[eorge] W.P. Custis.

March 23, 1840
Registry of Free Blacks p. 91, #689

Samuel Reeler is about 40 years old, 5 feet 3/4 inches tall, of a dark complexion with a scar caused by a burn on the back of his left hand and some gray hairs on his head. He obtained his freedom by judgement of the Circuit Court at its November term in 1820.

See Negro Samuel Reeler v. Matthew Robinson, 2 Cranch CC 220.

Richardson, Achilles

October 30, 1802

Alexandria County Deed Book D 1802 p. 221

Purchase of land

Indenture between James Lawrason & Alice and Achilles Richardson for a piece of ground N. of Wolfe & west of Alfred beginning at intersection, then North with Alfred beginning at intersection, then North with Alfred 26 feet then west and parallel to Wolfe 110 feet to an alley 13 feet 5 inches wide, then South with the line of the alley and parallel to Alfred 26 inches to Wolfe, then East with Wolfe and binding therewith 110 feet to Beginning. Rent of 66 silver dollars 66 cents yearly. Oct. 30, 1802.

A. Lawrason
J. Lawrason
Achilles X Richardson

Witnesses
Hezekiah Smoot
Wilson Smoot
Thomas Lawrason

Probated Dec. 15, 1802.

Savoy, William and Mary

December 17, 1851

Alexandria County Deed Book M3 1850-1852 p. 669

This deed made the 17th day of December, 1851 between Robert H. Miller and Anne his wife of the one part and Reuben Johnston of the other part all of the town of Alexandria in the State of Virginia. Robert Miller and Anne in consideration of \$300 and the trusts herein set forth do grant unto the said Reuben Johnston a rent charge of 20 dollars per annum payable on the first day of May every year forever issuing out of and charged upon a piece of ground in the said town bounded as follows:

Beginning on the East side of Royal Street 112 feet 6 inches south of Wolfe Street and at the South line of Catharine Hamilton's lot and running Southerly with Royal Street 20 feet then east parallel to Wolfe Street 100 and 3/4 feet then northerly parallel to Royal Street 20 feet, then with a straight line to the beginning which rent was reserved on the conveyance of said lot by Mordecai Miller to William Roberts and was allotted to the said Robert H. Miller in the partition of the real estate of the said Mordecai Miller, his father, made by deed of August 12, 1833 to hold to the said Reuben Johnston forever. In trust, however, for the sole and exclusive use of Mary Savoy, the wife of William Savoy, free from the debts, influence, power, or control of her present or any future husband if she were a femme sole [sic] and unmarried, with power to her to receive and enforce payment thereof, by all lawful ways and means whatsoever, and also to dispose of the same as she may deem proper by ded, will or letter of appointment and in case she shall depart this life without making such disposition thereof, then the same to be held in trust for her children

and their descendants if any be then living, and in default of such children or descendants, then in trust for her right heirs.

R. H. Miller
Anna Miller
R. Johnston

Across the Fence, But A World Apart p. 27

William was the first free Black to live on the Coleman property. He was 22 years old in 1823-1824 and a free born dark mulatto who was probably unmarried at that time. In 1830 he was reported to live in Ward Two with Mary, his wife and one young child. By 1839 they had moved back to Royal Street and rented from R. H. Miller. In none of the censuses was William's occupation reported. Mary, a free born black is listed as a grocer in 1860. In 1851, Reuben Johnston bought Mary's lot from Miller for \$300 to be held in trust for Mary and her descendants. The lot was for Mary's "exclusive use...free from debts, influence, power, or control of her present or any future husband" and that she could dispose of it as she deemed proper. By 1858 she was assessed for furniture valued at \$50. In 1871 she purchased an adjoining back lot from R.H.Miller for \$125. She died in 1884. One of her children was a girl named Laura Virginia.

Sumby (or Sombey), Sampson

January 25, 1801
Deed Book D 1802 p. 63
Manumission

I, Mordecai Miller for 200 dollars paid to me by Sampson Sumby who was formerly a slave unto Sarah Ann Boggess for life & by me purchased of her for the purpose of enabling him to procure his liberation from bondage, Do manumit & liberate said slave January 25, 1801. Probated April 20, 1801.

Mordecai Miller

June 27, 1804
Alexandria County Deed Book H 1804 p. 204
Purchase of land

Indenture between James Lawrason and Alice his wife and Sampson Sumby for a piece of ground on the West Side of Alfred St. and Northward of Wolfe Street, beginning on Alfred Street 26 feet to north of Wolfe, running North with Alfred and binding there 25 feet, then West with a line parallel to Wolfe 110 feet to an alley 13 feet 5 inches then South with line of

said alley and parallel to Alfred 25 feet, then with Straight line to beginning, the land being part of 1 acre of ground granted by Wm. Thornton Alexander to James Lawrason. The rent to be paid by Sampson Sumbly to be 20 silver dollars and 83 cents U.S. money to be paid every 1st of May.

James Lawrason [seal]
Alice Lawrason [seal]
Sampson X Sumbly

Witnesses
Jonah Thompson
George Gilpin
James Keith

Taylor, Daniel and Nancy (Ann) Cole

August 12, 1814

Alexandria Court House Deed Book Z p.403

Indenture of Cole's two sons. Full transcription

An Agreement between Nancy Cole, a free woman of color of Alexandria in the District of Columbia and William Wemms of the County of Annarundell in the State of Maryland. The said Nancy Cole agrees that her two sons one named John Cole fifteen years old on the 11th of this month and the other named William Cole twelve years old on the twenty seventh of december shall serve said William Wemms until the age of twenty one years or until the said Ann Cole and her husband Daniel Taylor, the slave of the said William Wemms shall pay his heirs, executors and or administrators of said Wemms two hundred and thirty dollars with interest either by installments or otherwise the said two boys are to be discharged from the service of said William Wemms and said Daniel Taylor shall remain in town of Alexandria with his wife and children as he has done heretofore to assist his wife in raising the money and by this agreement the two boys are to be employed by the said William Wemms in the County of Alexandria, his executors and administrators and not to be carried out of the county and the hire of the boys to be applied to the discharge of the said two hundred and thirty dollars and interest and said Nancy Cole doth agree that her said two sons shall during the time aforesaid and for purpose aforesaid be at the disposal of said William Wemms, his executors and administrators.

In witness thereof the said Nancy Cole and William Wemms have hereunto set their hands and seals this twelfth day of August eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Nancy X Cole [seal]
William Wemms [seal]

Witnesses
Cleon Moore
William Meade
Benjn. Baden

Free Negro Registers p.14

David Taylor was manumitted by Nancy Cole who purchased him from William Wemms. Taylor was 43 years old on Nov. 22, 1820 is 5 feet 7 3/4 inches tall, and has lost the first joint of his thumb on the right hand.

July 20, 1825

Free Negro Registers p. 25

Charlotte Cole was 20 years old on 20 Feb. 1825 and is about 5 feet 2 inches tall. She is of a copper color, has an open countenance, with no visible marks. She was born free and is the daughter of Nancy Cole deceased a woman of color who was also born free and has resided in Alexandria for upward of 18 years.

These facts are certified by affidavit of John Cole and Daniel Taylor.

Rebecca Cole Clark formerly Rebecca Cole is the daughter of Nancy Cole, a free woman of color. Rebecca will be 24 on next 24 August, is of bright dark color, and about 5 feet 1 inch tall. She has resided in Alexandria more than 18 years. Facts are certified by John Cole and Daniel Taylor.

Triplett, Stephen

November 29, 1811

Will Book 1, p.153 1812

Last will and testament

I, Stephen Triplett, a free black man, do wish

1. All my lawful debts be paid also necessary expenses.
2. Remainder to purchase my daughter Susanna Wilson's freedom- at present a slave to Mr. Walter Brooke of Va. and if any remains I wish to be paid over to her with my cloaths and bedding as my executor may think proper to give her from time to time.

I hereby constitute Mr. B. Bryan, Robert Anderson, John A Stewart executors.

November 29, 1811

Stephen X Triplett

["Thomas" struck out and "Stephen" added before the first name of Triplett]

At session of Orphan's Court. Feb. 18, 1812. Thos. Mouret and Andrew Hipkins. Witnesses
25th of Feb. John Stewart was qualified to be executor.

John A. Stewart
Robert Anderson

For more information on the Triplett family, see *Across The Fence, But A World Apart*

Turley, Simon + Robert

June 2, 1826
Alexandria County Deed Book P2 Corp. Court, p.320
Indenture/manumission

I Mary Ann Wise Cate of the town of Alexandria now residing in Prince George's County, Maryland do hereby authorize Simon Turley to hire or bind out his son, Robert Turley, my slave, until the said Robert shall attain he age of twenty one years- the said Simon to receive the hire of the said Robert, to his own use and to indemnify me and save me harmless from all costs and charges for or on account of the said Robert. And I do further hereby emancipate and set free the said Robert Turley on his arrival at the age of twenty one years that is to say from and after the eighth day of December in the year 1836.

Witness my hand and seal this second day of June, 1826

Mary A Wise [seal]

Witnesses
Thos. Jacobs
Thos. E. Jacobs

Turley, Dorcas and Maria

October 10, 1833
Corporation Deed Book U2 p.402 1832-1834
Manumissions

Know all men by these presents that I Johnathan Janney of the town of Alexandria in the District of Columbia have manumitted and set free my slaves Dorcus Turley, aged about 44 years and Maria Turley aged about 24 years old.

J. Janney



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