

Remembering Slavery's Living Legacy

Rev. Daniel Smith
September 23, 2018 at 10 am
First Church in Cambridge

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Background

- Discovery of First Church's Slaveholding History
- Ongoing Beloved Community Racial Justice work
- Civil Rights Tour of the South with Youth Group
- Idea for Public Remembrance Project and Sabbatical
- Sabbatical Grant from Louisville Institute
- Annual Meeting Vote in January 2018 to explore remembrance project
- Sabbatical learning and grounding (Isaiah 58)
- Summer Internship

Narrative and Storytelling

Public Narrative Workshop with Marshall Ganz

- Story of Self
- Story of Us
- Story of Now and
- God's Story for Us



Sabbatical

- Personal and Family Time
- Reflection on themes of grief and remembrance in my story
- Ancestry Research
- Travel to Sites of Public Remembrance
 - Montgomery, AL and New Orleans, LA
 - Berlin, Germany and Krakow, Poland (Auschwitz)
- First Church Research, mostly 18th century

General Comments

- “Stories Impossible to Tell”
 - Scant historical evidence
 - Risk of re-inscribing patterns of violence
 - We each have our own stories and perspectives
- “Follow the Markers”
- Opportunity to learn and take responsibility
- Time to process vs Urgency to Share

First Church Research

- Cambridge Historical Commission
- Cambridge Historical Society
- First Church Archives
- Massachusetts Historical Society
- Harvard Library/HOLLIS/Articles and Academic Theses
- Walking around the Neighborhood!

Key Sources

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Dec. 7. 1718 Margaret Williams

Mar: 8, 1719. Elizabeth Sangor

May 30. Hannah Colson

June 7 Mindwell Palks

Aug. 9 Confider Lycore

Aug. 14, 1720 Ebenezer Burgers

May 28, 1721 Hannah Daniels Jun^r.

Dec. 21 Peter Hurd.

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1725

June 6. Mary y^e wife of John Baverick
Hannah Hafsell

1726 Mar. 27 Defire Chaddick

1726 Nov. 13. Philip Bemus & Mercy Bemus

~~1727. March 26. Josiah Robbins~~

April 30. Joseph Engligh, an Indian man servant living with
W^m Rufsell

May 21. Sarah Fowl

July 16. Eunice Parks

30 Richard Falley

Dec. 3. Henry Johnson & Deborah Batherick

1727/8

Jan. 7. Richard Muzaphen

Feb. 25. Mathew Abdy & Ruth Abdy, his wife, who were
also received to Communion.

Oct. 13. Pompey, my Negro man servant.

1729

Sept. 21. Titus, Prefid^t, Wadsworth's Man Servant who was
also admitted to full Communion,

~~1729/30. Feb. 1. Rose, Negro maid Servant of M^r A. Bordman.~~

~~Nov^r 18 1737 Anna Joiner, y^e Daughter of Jonathan Butterick.~~

Mar. 26 Roger, a negro Man Servant of Henry Prentice.
Zillah, negro maid Servant of major Brattle.

April 2. Ruth Cheney

August 13 Mary Steel

1740 Augst 17, Lucy, Indian Servant of M^r Bordman

Venus. Negro Serv^t of Mad^m Wadsworth

Jan^y 25 Anna Ellifet

Cuffy, Negro Serv^t, of Lieut. Gouvenor Phipps.

Toby, Serv^t of Sam^l Whitemore

Sept 13, 1741 Jack, negro Servant of y^e Widow Tufts.

Cuffy, Serv^t of M^r Judah Monis.

Feb. 14, 1741/2 Flora, negro Servant of M^r Foxcroft.

Mar. 21, 1741/2 Anna Greenleaf

York, a negro Servant of M^r Trowbridge

April 11, 1742 Judith Cox.

Sept. 2. 1744 Harry, a negro Servant of M^r Brandon who lives
att my house.

Sept. 16. 1744 Elizabeth Welch, Hannah Welch.

June 23, 1745 Rose, Negro Servant of Lieutenant Gouvernor Phipps

Dec. 15, 1745 Benjamin Cheney.

Feb. 9, 1745/6 Cato, Negro Servant of Mad^m Brown.

Dec. 17, 1749 Leos, negro man Servant of M^r Foxcroft.

Jane, Negro Woman of M^r Kent who is Hannibal's
Wife.

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B 1804	Martha	D 1789	Cesar	C 1741	Rose
O 1804	Martha	OB 1705	Charlestown	OB 1745	Rose
B 1807	Martha	M 1778	Charles	B 1771	Rose
B 1822	Martha	M 1740	Cooper	D 1798	Russell
C 1815	Mary	D 1811	Croft	D 1799	Russell
B 1822	Mary	M 1739	Cuffy	D 1800	Russell
B 1806	Nathan W.	OB 1741	Cuffy	D 1805	Russell
O 1804	Nathaniel	B 1748	Deliverance	OB 1703	Scipio
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C 1819	Nathaniel	D 1823	Polstead	OB 1729	Titus
D 1822	Nathaniel	D 1823	Polstead	OB 1741	Toby
M 1823	Nathaniel	M 1817	Felsted	D 1811	Vassall
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B 1763	Achasy B.	D 1818	Nichols Infant		
B 1763	Ezekiel B.	M 1817	Nichols Affe		
D 1799	Belinda	OB 1760	Peter		
B 1755	Bial	D 1798	Peter		
D 1797	Cato B.	C 1731	Phelicia		
OB 1746	Cato	OB 1698	Philip		
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D	1790 Lydia 277	D	1815 Cato 514	M	1811 Rogers 494
C	1806 Margaret 459	D	1815 Cassimere 516	OB	1730 Rose 108
B	1804 Martha 476	D	1789 Cesar 276	C	1741 Rose 145
O	1804 Martha 466	OB	1705 Charles 59	C	1741 Rose 145
B	1807 Martha 479	M	1778 Charlestown 248	OB	1745 Rose 109
B	1822 Martha 518	M	1740 Cooper 111	D	1771 Rose 233
C	1815 Mary 461	D	1811 Cuffy 512	M	1778 Rose 233
B	1822 Mary 486	M	1739 Cuffy 113	D	1798 Russell 505
B	1806 Nathan W. 478	OB	1741 Cuffy 109	D	1800 Russell 506
O	1804 Nathaniel 466	B	1748 Deliverance 159	D	1805 Russell 509
B	1784 Nathaniel 492	OB	1776 Dilla 172	OB	1703 Scipio 59
M	1802 Nathaniel 492	D	1802 Diana 507	D	1802 Scipio 507
B	1804 Nathaniel 476	D	1819 Felsted 517	D	1822 Stead 482
B	1810 Nathaniel 482	D	1821 Felstead 517	D	1823 Stead 482
C	1819 Nathaniel 461	D	1823 Felstead 518	D	1798 Sylvia 505
D	1822 Nathaniel 518	D	1823 Felstead 518	OB	1729 Titus 108
M	1823 Nathaniel 499	M	1817 Felsed 497	OB	1741 Toby 109
B	1738 Polly 278	M	1737 Flora 110	D	1811 Vassall 513
B	1767 Rebekah 204	OB	1742 Flora 108	B	1812 Vassall 488
C	1823 Rebecca 482	M	1807 Freeman 494	D	1802 Vassall 507
B	1826 Rebecca R. 487	D	1798 Freeman 505	OB	1740 Venus 109
B	1785 Sarah T. 244	D	1798 Frost 508	BD	1767 Violet 203
M	1813 Sarah T. 496	D	1808 Frost 511	C	1769 Violet 151
C	1783 Sarah 455	D	1796 Gardner 503	D	1812 Waters 513
D	1815 Sarah 514	D	1788 Gardner 504	D	1825 Whittemore 519
B	1815 Sarah 494	D	1802 Gardner 507	OB	1742 York 109
B	1786 Susanna 245	D	1796 Gardner 649	OB	1731 Zilla 108
B	1810 William W. 481	B	1753 Gerald 162	M	1739 Zillah 111
MUMLER.					
M	1820 George F. 498	OB	1736 Hannibal 109	NELSON.	
MURCH.					
B	1707 Elisabeth 56	C	1741 Hannibal 145	B	1789 Alexander 278
B	1707 James 56	OB	1744 Harry 109	B	1789 Richard 278
B	1707 Mary 56	M	1771 Jack 224	B	1820 Ruth J. 486
B	1742 Susanna 142	M	1807 Jackson 494	C	1820 Ruth J. 481
M	1767 Susanna 224	OB	1753 James 171	NEWELL.	
B	1707 William 56	OB	1755 James 171	M	1785 Andrew 248
MURDOCK.					
D	1801 Child 596	OB	1753 Jane 109	O	1789 Betsey 228
M	1770 Abel 224	C	1754 Jane 148	NEWLAND.	
B	1800 Isaac P. 473	OB	1760 Jane 167	M	1795 Elisabeth 489
M	1798 Jacob W. 490	OB	1766 Jane 172	NEWMAN.	
O	1799 Jacob 466	M	1778 Jenny 246	M	1827 Andrews 500
D	1805 Jacob W. 509	M	1771 Jerusha 172	B	1749 Anne 180
B	1799 John G. 472	M	1740 Judith 111	C	1829 Elisa S. 493
B	1800 William W. 473	D	1801 Lee 506	NICHOLS.	
MUZAPHEN.					
OB	1728 Richard 108	D	1801 Lee 506	M	1794 James 489
NEEDHAM.					
M	1713 Elisabeth 73	D	1801 Lee 506	B	1729 Mary 113
C	1704 Hannah 41	M	1822 Lewis 511	NICKLES.	
M	1714 Mehetable 73	D	1808 Lewis 511	D	1819 Mary 571
NEGROES.					
M	1771 Ann 224	OB	1736 Margaret 109	NILES.	
OB	1771 Anne 172	D	1789 Mark 276	M	1798 Jabes 490
O	1771 Anne 226	D	1798 Mark 505	NORCROSS.	
D	1798 Anningdine 505	B	1777 Mary 236	B	1773 Elijah 234
B	1763 Achsah B. 196	D	1798 Mason 505	B	1769 Elizabeth 206
B	1763 Ezekiel B. 196	D	1798 Mingo 59	B	1768 Hannah 204
D	1799 Belinda 505	D	1814 Morris 518	M	1755 Mary 177
B	1755 Bial 164	D	1823 Morris 518	B	1763 Mary 195
D	1797 Cato B. 504	D	1818 Nickles Infant 517	M	1750 Mercy 121
OB	1746 Cato 109	M	1817 Nichols Affe 497	B	1766 Sarah 203
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B	1774 Cato 234	D	1798 Peter 504	NORD.	
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B	1774 Cato 234	O	1728 Pompey 108	B	1771 Susanna 322
B	1809 Cato 481	M	1737 Prudence 504		
		OB	1737 Roger 109		
		C	1741 Roger 145		

B Baptized
M Married
OB Owned the Covenant and Baptized
C Full Communion
D Died

HOVEY.

B 1740 Joseph 140
 B 1744 Margaret 155
 B 1708 Mary 57
 B 1714 Mary 68
 CB 1737 Mary 109
 C 1737 Mary 100
 M 1737 Mary 110
 B 1742 Mary 142
 C 1741 Mary 145
 B 1747 Mary 158
 B 1803 Phineas B. 475
 B 1722 Sarah 91
 B 1737 Susanna 137
 B 1710 Thomas 58
 M 1763 Thomas 193
 O 1764 Thomas 170

HOWARD.

B 1766 Abigail 19
 B 1769 Caleb D. 206
 — 1666 Elizabeth 19
 B 1764 John H. 196
 C 1801 Fervis 457
 O 1764 Simon 170

HOWE, HOW.

B 1753 Elizabeth 162
 B 1758 Anna 166
 C 1784 Elizabeth 243
 D 1817 Hannah 516
 M 1805 Jason 493
 O 1806 Jason 467
 B 1806 John W. 479
 C 1728 Perley 95
 C 1756 Tabitha 148
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 C 1784 Tabitha 243
 D 1829 Tabitha 521
 O 1783 William 168
 D 1791 William 279

HUBBARD.

B 1752 George 162
 — 1658 James 17
 C 1663 James 26
 C 1729 Jane 96
 B 1665 Sarah 26
 M 1725 Martha 106
 O 1762 Martha 168
 M 1757 Martha 177
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HUMPHREYS.

O 1710 Elizabeth 64
 B 1710 Hannah 61
 M 1720 Hannah 74

HUNNEWELL.

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D 1809 Infant 512
 B 1739 Abiel 104
 B 1766 Amee 203
 O 1810 Anne 467
 B 1813 Caroline E. 483
 D 1825 Caroline 519
 O 1723 Charles 65
 B 1725 Charles 104

HUNNEWELL.

B 1778 Charles 237
 B 1789 Charles 278
 B 1780 Ebenezer 239
 B 1723 Elizabeth 101
 B 1769 Elizabeth 205
 B 1771 Elizabeth 233
 C 1758 Esther 149
 B 1764 Esther 196
 B 1765 Eunice 202
 C 1770 Eunice 152
 M 1788 Eunice 273
 D 1806 Eunice 510
 B 1792 Hannah F. 468
 B 1816 Harriet C. 485
 B 1758 James 166
 B 1760 James 167
 B 1794 James 469
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 B 1787 Jonathan 203
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 M 1801 Leonard 491
 B 1737 Margaret 137
 B 1776 Martha 235
 M 1803 Martha 492
 B 1743 Mary 154
 D 1808 Mary 511
 B 1768 Phanna 205
 B 1736 Richard 136
 O 1765 Richard 170
 C 1770 Richard 152
 B 1798 Richard 505
 B 1782 Sarah 227
 B 1810 Sarah A. 451
 B 1820 Susan M. 486
 B 1785 Thomas 244
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 O 1810 William 467

HUNT.

C 1819 Ann 461
 D 1821 David H. 517
 M 1772 Ebenezer 226
 M 1820 Elias 498
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 C 1819 Samuel 461
 D 1821 Samuel 417
 B 1819 Sarah J. 486
 O 1772 William 226

HUNTING.

C 1723 Edward 92
 M 1701 Nathaniel 71
 C 1722 Nathaniel 67

HUNTRESS.

M 1825 John S. 500

HURD.

CB 1721 Peter 60
 C 1723 Peter 92
 B 1735 Peter 134

HUTCHINSON.

HUCHINSON.

B 1721 William 91
 M 1725 Thomas 106
 M 1804 James 492
 C 1783 Bethia 243

HYDE, HIDE, HIDES.

M 1809 Abel 495
 B 1661 Elizabeth 26
 B 1664 Elizar 26
 B 1828 Experience 468
 B 1706 Hannah 55
 B 1661 John 26
 B 1708 Josiah 57
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 M 1825 Jonathan 500
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 C 1661 Mary 26
 B 1661 Samuel 26
 B 1662 William 26

INDIANS.

M 1727 Hannah Daniel 107
 OB 1740 Lucy 109
 OB 1727 Joseph English 108
 C 1729 Titus 96
 M 1727 James Smith... 107

INGERSOLL.

D 1812 Caroline H. 513
 D 1803 Mary 508

INGRAHAM, INGRAM.

C 1818 Rebecca 85
 M 1798 Susanna 490

INMAN.

D 1788 Ralph 276

IRELAND.

D 1806 Infant 510
 D 1788 Mr. 276
 B 1702 Abigail 52
 B 1754 Abigail 183
 B 1755 Abigail 164
 M 1697 Abraham 70
 O 1700 Mrs. Abraham 64
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 B 1713 Abraham 63
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 B 1738 Ann 138
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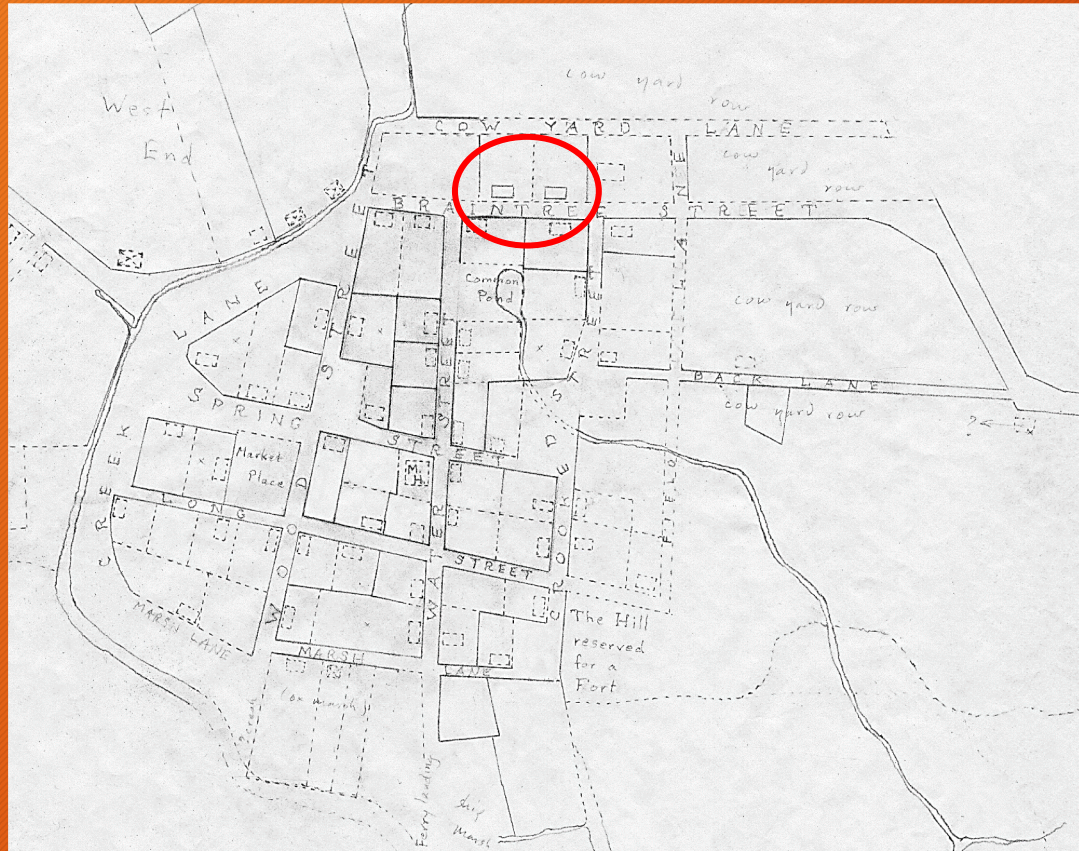
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Cambridge in 1635, Eaton and Goffe houses



Phillip(1698)

Phillip, *"a negro servant of ye Mr. Danforth"* 1698

Thomas Danforth (1622-1699)

Danforth Street, Danforth Museum

- Danforth was married to Mary Withington.
- Full communion in 1658. 12 kids, half died young.
- Politician, magistrate, and landowner, established Framingham
- Played central role in and was critical of Salem Witch Trials.
- Treasurer of Harvard (1659-1699), Dep. Governor of Commonwealth (1679-1692).
- Lived at corner of Kirkland and Oxford on 120 acres, became the Foxcroft Estate.
- Last will and testament, deeded his "negro man Phillip Field" his "freedom and 40 acres at Cambridge farms" which is now Lexington, MA

Cicely (1699-1714)

HERE LYES Ye
BODY OF CICELY
NEGRO LATE
SERVANT TO Ye
Rev.d Mr. WILLIAM
BRATTLE. SHE
DIED APRIL 8, 1714
BEING 15 YEARS
OLD

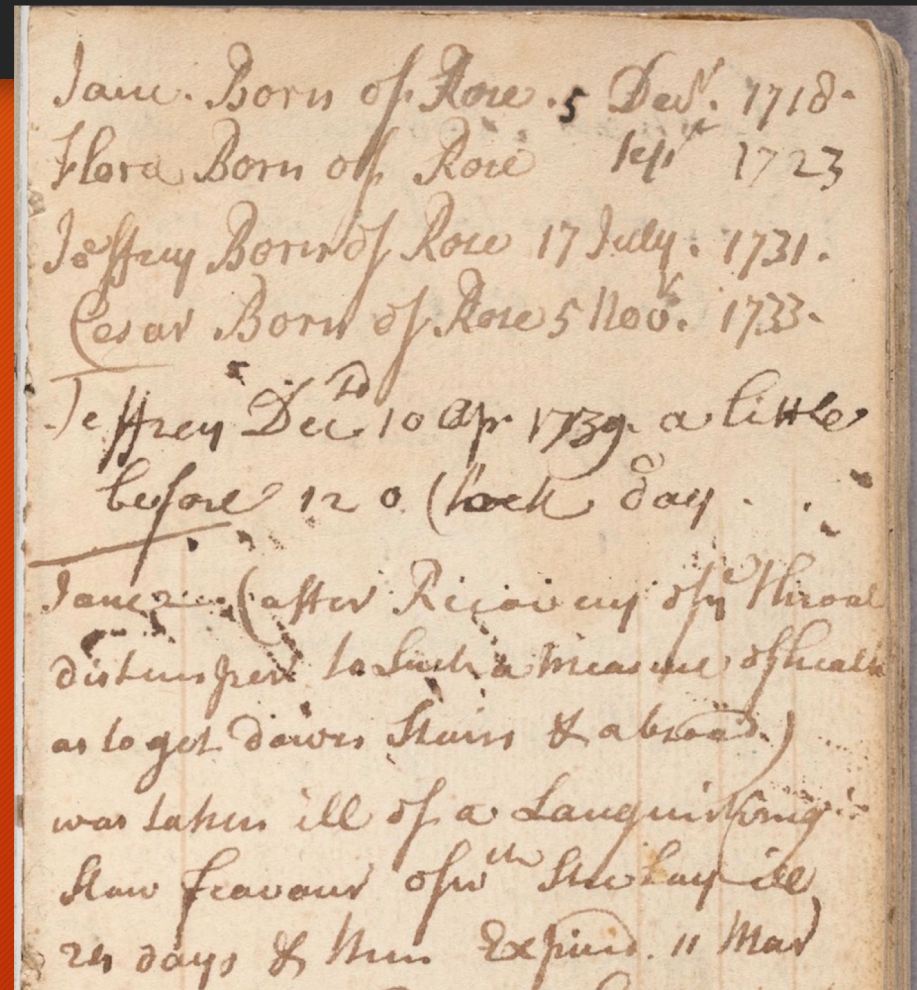


Rose (1729)

Rose, “negro maid servant of A. Bordman” OB 1729

From Andrew Bordman’s Diary

- Jane, Born of Rose, 5 Dec 1718
- Flora, Born of Rose Sept 1723
- Joeffrey, Born of Rose 17 July 1731
- Cesar, Born of Rose 5 Nov 1733
- Jeffery ...10 April 1739 a little before 12 O clock day.
- Jane...was taken ill of a languishing slow fever...



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Flora Born of Rose Sept 1723
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Cesar Born of Rose 5 Nov. 1733.
Jeffery Dec 10 Apr 1739 a little
before 12 o. (lock day)
Jane... (after Ricardus of Throat
distemper to such a measure of health
as to get down stairs & abroad.)
was taken ill of a languishing
slow fever of the slow kind
24 days & then expired. 11 Mar

Jane (1718-1740)

Jane, a Negro Servant of
ANDREW BORDMAN
She Died March
11, 1740 Aged 22
Years & 6 Months



Cuffe(1717)

Deed of Sale of Cuffe to Andrew Bordman

- I, Martha Daille of Boston...
- In consideration for a sum of forty pounds...
- Do bargain, sell, set over and deliver unto said Andrew Bordman
- A negro slave named Cuffe to have and to hold
- for his and their proper use and behoof forever.

Know all men by these presents that I Martha Daille of Boston
in the County of Suffolk in the Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New-
England Widow, for & in consideration of a Sum of forty pound
money to me in hand paid by Andrew Bordman of Cambridge
in the County of Middlesex in the Province aforesaid Sadler, the Receipt
whereof I hereby acknowledge & my self therewith fully content
& satisfied, Have bargained, Sold, Set over & delivered, And by
these presents in plain & open Market Do bargain, Sell,
Set over & deliver unto the said Andrew Bordman a Negro
man Slave named Cuffe To Have & to hold the said Negro Slave
to him the said Andrew Bordman his Ex^{rs} Adm^{rs} & Assigns to
his & their only proper use & behoofe forever, And I the said Martha
Daille for my self my Ex^{rs} & Adm^{rs} the said Negro Slave unto
the said Andrew Bordman his heirs, Ex^{rs}, Adm^{rs} & Assigns
against all & all manner of persons shall & will warrant
and forever defend by these presents: In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand & Seal the first day of January in
the third year of his Majesties Reign Anno Domini 1717
Signed Sealed & Deliv^d
In Presence of
Benjamin Wadsworth
Thele manley
Margaret Epes
Martha Daille

Public Records of Slave Owners in Cambridge in 1749

	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Slaves Aged 12–50</u>
• William Angier	tanner	1
• Moses Bordman Jr.	tanner	1
• Francis Foxcroft	judge	1
• Elizabeth Nutting	unmarried	1
• Stephen Prentice	cordwainer	1
• Jonathan Sprague	?	1
• Lieut. Ebenezer Stedman	innkeeper	1
• Edmund Trowbridge	judge	1
• Henry Vassall	merchant	4
• Mrs. John Vassall	widow	1
• Abraham Watson	tanner	1
• Samuel Whittemore	storekeeper	<u>1</u>
Total		15

Sources: Charles Sullivan's Building Old Cambridge, from the Town of Cambridge Tax Valuation Sheet, 1749; Paige, *History of Cambridge*, 1877; Massachusetts Vital Records

Mark and Phyllis

- Enslaved by Captain John Codman of Charlestown
- Poisoned Codman in 1755
- Trial held at courthouse in Cambridge
- Prosecuting Atty Edmungd Trowbridge, Judge Stephen Sewall, Jury Foreman Caleb Dana, all members of FCC. Trowbridge and Dana were slaveholders.
- Tried not for murder but for treason. Full transcript available.
- Found guilty and executed at Gallow's Lot, September 18, 1755.

A few Lines
On Occasion of the untimely End of
Mark and Pbillis,
Who were Executed at Cambridge,
September 18th for Poyfoning their
Maffer, Capt. John Codman of
Charlestown.



I.
WHAT sad and awful Scenes are these
presented to your View:
Let every one Example take,
and Virtue's Ways pursue.

II.
For here you see what Vice has done,
in all it's fatal Ways;
By **Mark** and **Pbillis** who are left
to furnish now their Day.

III.
The Sight is shocking to behold,
and dismal to our Eyes;
And if our Hearts are not o'er hard,
will fill us with Surprize.

IV.
God's Vengeance cries aloud against
And now his Voice they hear,
All within Hour or two they must
before his Face appear.

V.
To answer for their Maffer's Blood,
which they've unjustly spill'd;
And if not Pardon'd, sure they must
Remain with all their Guilt.

VI.
Their Crimes appear as black as Hell,
and justly is indeed;
And for a greater, I am sure,
there's none can this exceed.

VII.
Three were concern'd in this Crime,
but one by Law is clear'd;
The other two must suffer Death,
and 'tis but just indeed.

VIII.
Their Maffer's Life they took away,
and that they thought with Ease;
By poyfoning him from Time to Time,
which kill'd him by Degrees.

IX.
Their Curfod and their Hellish Plot,
which was their vile intent,
To kill the Root, and stay the Branch;
But God did that prevent.

X.
God grant that Servants black and white,
may in their Saviour trust;
And may their poor unhappy Souls,
this Day be with the Just.

XI.
Let Servants all in their own Power,
the Maffer's Fate with Care,
Left God should leave them to themselves
As their poor Creatures were.

XII.
May every Soul who views the Sight,
be careful how they View;
Left while they do remain in Sin
Eternal Death-purfit.

XIII.
God grant, that all, this Day may thrive
for to make free their Peaces;
That so his Blessings they may have
by Riches of his Grace.

XIV.
And with swift Wings of Love and Grace,
be ready all to fly,
To live with Jesus when he calls,
to all Eternity.

F I N I S

THE
Last & Dying Words of
M A R K, Aged about 30 Years,
A Negro Man who belonged to the late Captain John Codman, of Charlestown;
Who was executed at Cambridge, the 18th of September, 1755, for Poyfoning his abovefaid
Maffer; is as follows, viz.

I am content'd to die by the just Law of
A GOD and Man, for the heinous Sin of Mur-
der, for I would give Glory to GOD in con-
fessing many of my innumerable Crimes, wherein I
have justly receiv'd the highest Displeasure of the
omnipotent Being, who is Judge his Justice in the
perpetrating such Crimes, as to bring me in this
horrid, and fatal Punishment, which may be a dread-
ful Warning to the Puritors of my criminal Crimes,
and by the blessing of GOD may prove beneficial
to all my Fellow Mortals.

I WAS Born in Barbadoes in the Year
1715, in a reputable Family, and leaving
my native Place very Young, came to
Boston, where Mr. Henry Coffin bought me,
with whom I triev'd four Years, and then was sold
to Mr. Salter, the Brewer, who leas'd me to work,
and releas'd me as workless as one of his own
Children. Then I was sold to Mr. Joseph Thomas
of Painesville, who treated me with the same Kind-
ness that Mr. Salter did. Then Mr. John Codman
of Charlestown bought me, with whom I remain'd
till my last Delinquency, by two Negro Women,
Pbillis and **Phoebe**, my Fellow Servants, who work-
ingly enticed me to poyson their Maffer, to defame
my Maffer; for which Cause I am heavily fery,
and would fly to the Blood of Jesus Christ, who
is able to wash me from the Iniquity and Pollution
of my innumerable Crimes, and cleanse me from
the Blood of my Maffer, which I unjustly and
wilyly spill'd; and an heavenly fery not only for
thus defaming my Maffer, but for looking up his
Family, and leaving so many innocent Children
Orphan.

My Maffer let me live in Boston with my Wife,
and go out to work. I have most privately pro-
vok'd the great GOD to Anger, by repeatedly
breaking his holy Day, in going out of his House
and returning to private Places with my wicked
Companions drinking and Carousing on that holy
Day; a Time that I should have improv'd in Me-
ditation and Prayer. I have troth justly abus'd
and abus'd my Maffer's Honour, and my Maffer's
Reputation, and have wilyly resolv'd to work
out my Salvation; all which the great GOD has call'd
into Remembrance, and has justly left me to the
perpetrating this horrid Crime.

I was entic'd by these two Negro Women to
procure them Poyson, and being left of his Maffer
Time, for my former Requeit, I went to Dr.
Glover Negro Fellow, **Rebecca**, and com'd him to
get me some Poyson, to whom I told how I did
before I could get it of him, which could be no other
than the Work of the Devil. I told him I wanted
it to kill three Pigs, and he being wilyly ignorant
of my bloody Design, gave it me accordingly.
As to the being accessory to the Death of any
other besides my poor Maffer, I absolutely deny,
nor did I ever hear of it till I was confin'd in Prison.
As to the Cause for which I am to die, i. e. of
defaming my Maffer in preparing Poyson for the
Negro Women, is as follows:

The two Negro Women, my Fellow Servants
(one of which suffers Death with me) enticed me to
get the Poyson for them, for which horrible Fact

we both deserve Death; I have been considering this
two Years by these two Negro Women **Phillis** and
Phoebe, **Phoebe** confes'd to me she had been given it
to my Maffer these two Years past at different Times.

After I was detin'd and put in Goal, **Phoebe**
(who was an Evidence in Behalf of the King) in-
tended to poyson me, that I might not bring both
out; but I had taken it from her and hid it amongst
the Coals behind the Beddow in my Maffer's Black-
smith's Shop; and when I had been in Goal about
four Days I confes'd where I had put said Poyson,
and Mr. Kettle went and found it in the Place
where I hid it was. **Phoebe** came to the Tiffin
Grates to desire me not to confes any Thing for
they could not see me. The Day I was com-
mited, I call'd my Fellow-Servant **Peasey** to show
him the Vial of Poyson which I had taken from
Phillis, which **Phoebe** let her have to hide, but the
Officers took me before I had an Opportunity of
letting **Peasey** see it. **Phoebe** the Day before my
Maffer died, dar'd about in the above-mentioned
Blacksmith's Shop, meeting my Maffer when in
the latter Part of Death, and came to me, after
that on the Wharf, while I was in the Necessary
House; and I told her how my Maffer did it, but
she said, she would not do it, and I would stick as close
to her as to my Shirt to his Back, and not
say a Word, but she would cut down the Gill
Tree, and then would hang off the Branches.

Phoebe had Poyson in the House before I
receiv'd it, and she would give my Maffer Co-
rins which caus'd a wretched Pain in his Belli,
which I thought very Cruel, being Maffer treat-
ed her better than any of my Servants. The
Night before my Maffer died, he wash'd with
me, who was in great Misery and the Time of
his Death.—Next Morning after washing with
my Maffer, he went to his Chamber to see him,
and he ask'd me how he did after Washing, he
told him he was very well, and with'd he was as
well as the way.—My two young Miffers be-
ing then present, who put to much Confidence in
her as to wash her with the Tea my Maffer drink;
While thinking of her last Design against him.—
Some Time before this, she told her Husband,
(**Quero**) when at Charlestown to see her, to desire
me to get four more of that Tea, for it was a
good Opportunity my Maffer was already
Sick, which I accordingly got twice for her from
Dr. Gifford's Negro, **Corr**; and to my certain
Knowledge went once her self to this Negro to
get more, but he had got an Opportunity then to
get my Tea for her to give to him another Time for
it, and he (the said **Corr**) told me he would send
her some, because **Phoebe** had told him she had a
Design to Poyson somebody in the House; and he
told me, he'd ask her Husband (**Quero**) first, whe-
ther he was willing and then pretend to me
that he was angry with her; (though I believe he
was as knowing in this Affair as I was;) for he
was contriving all he could to get her over to **Rebecca**
to live with him; and said, he would not, unless
Phoebe Poyson'd if he could do so.

Now concerning the burning of my Maffer's
Shop, I can declare I was sick in Bed, which **Phillis**
can witness to; Notwithstanding People thinking

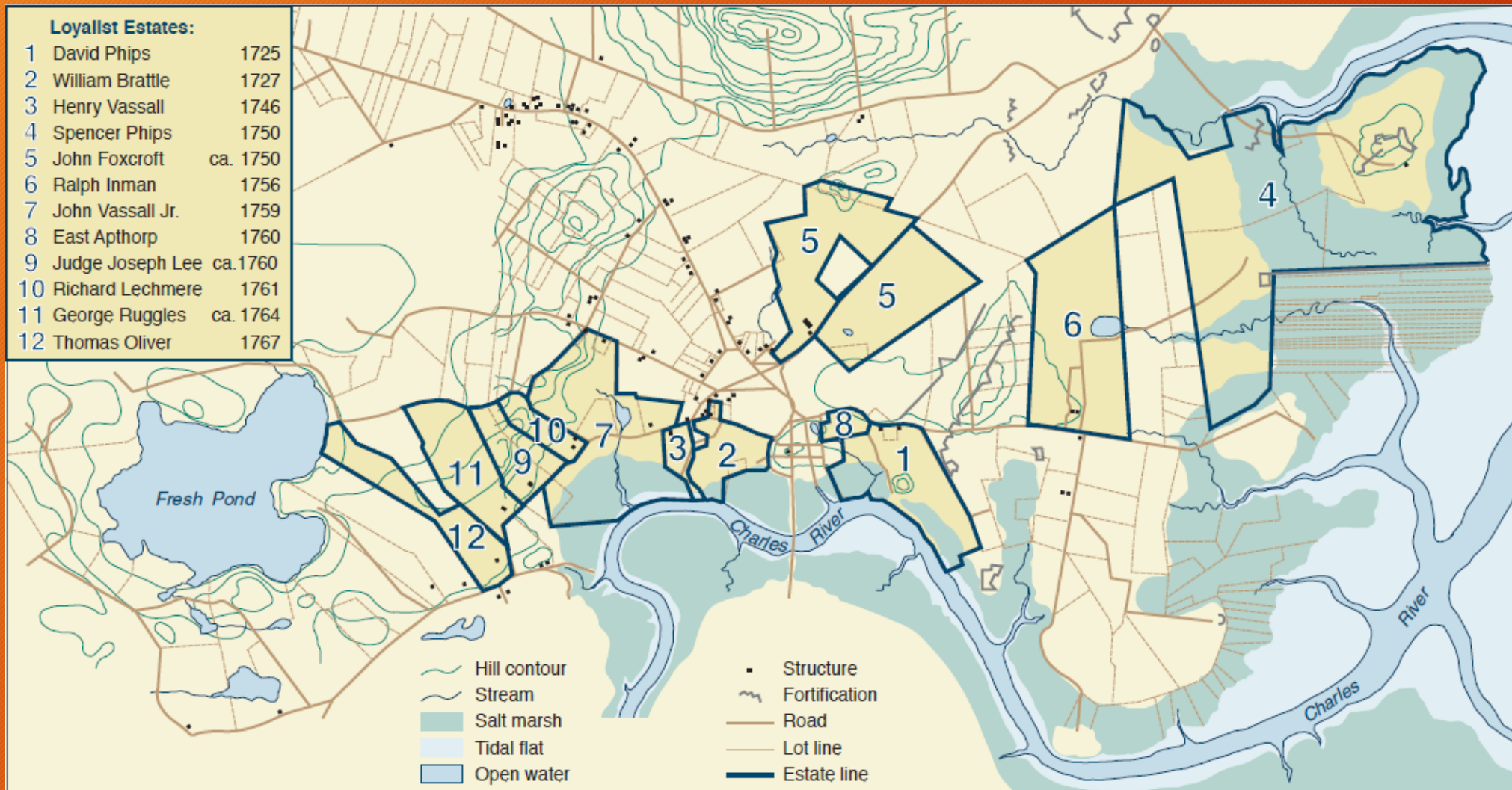
hard of me, when the Fire was raging I got out of
my Bed, though sick and weak, and found my
Maffer several Pair of Wheels, and let out two
Horses which would have been burnt, and at the
same Time had like to have lost my own Life in
the Attempt. **Phoebe** first prepar'd a Chaffin Dish
of Coals in the Duffling-Groin Cellar, and call'd
Phillis to let the Shop on Fire.—I observ'd in
Phoebe's Countenance at the Time of the Fire, she
look'd Gaily, and upon asking her about it, she
confes'd that she had prepar'd the Coals for **Phillis**
to burn the Shop.

Phoebe that Night, in the middle of the Harry and
Confusion, while the Shop was burning, wickedly
sent some of the Chads thrown out of the Win-
dow to be fix'd; which **Phillis** told me of, and to
my certain Knowledge, she was a great Thief. She
stole Money from my Maffer, to which I brought
her out; and since that, **Phillis** and she stole One
Hundred Pounds in Money, Part of which I believe
to be in **Phillis**'s Sister's Hands; the Truth of which
Phillis has declar'd to me in our Confinement.

Thus I have given you a true, but awful Ac-
count of mine and my Accomplices wicked Pro-
ceedings: I have justly provok'd GOD to leave
me to myself.—My heinous Sin of Sabbath-brea-
king, Lying, Drunkenness, Uncharitableness,
Neglect of secret and publick Prayer, and the
stealing of my Maffer's Money, loudly call for divine
Vengeance. I now fully experience what a dread-
ful Thing it is to fall into the Hands of the living
GOD.—Tho' I am a great Sinner, yet I desire
not of the unmerciful Mercy of GOD, through
JAMES CRAWF; tho' my Sin exceed the Hair of
my Head in Number, and all of a crimson and a
scarlet Dye; yet I hope to find Mercy with that
GOD, whose Mercies and Loving-kindness ex-
ceed my Sin in Number.— Let me beseech you
all, my Fellow-Servants, especially the Womans
that have witness'd me while under Confinement,
have prov'd my Rings, and which have most inju-
stly provok'd a mild God.— I once purpos'd a
Course of Vice and Wickedness with some
of you, and have been guilty of notorious Crimes;
but God has graciously sent down amongst you all,
that I might not only be a Monument of jus-
tice, but hope of his final Mercy too.

I freely forgive all my Lawless, and by to
JAMES CRAWF, who is willing to save ungodly
Sinner. I heartily thank all the pally Ministers
that have visit'd me while under Confinement, in
order to direct me in the Way to eternal Life and
Happiness; and can now, Thanks be to GOD,
undoubtedly look Death in the Face.

GOD be merciful to me a great Sinner, Amen.
Mark.
We the Subscribers were present, when **Mark**
acknowledg'd this to be his last and dying Words,
I have Bradish,
James Boyd,
David Carter,
Samuel Child,
Sold next to the Prison in Queen-Street.



Loyalist Estates in 1775



Tory Row in 1775,
looking east

Richard Lechmere
estate in the
foreground, with
the village in the
distance



Colonel Henry Vassall (1721-1769) and Penelope Royall Vassall (1724-1800)
Married 1742

John Vassall's claim to the British government after his holdings were confiscated in 1778 reported an annual income of £150 from his farm and itemized its "sundry stock:"

A Negro woman, Cuba £40

A Mulatto Man, Malcolm £50

A Mulatto Boy, James £30

A Negro Man, William £20

A Negro Woman, Dinah £30

Two small Boys £30*

Two yoke of oxen £50

Four colts £25

Six cows £24

Six cows £24

Two heifers £5

Two Yearlings £3

A Bay Mare paid sheriff for £40

A Bay Mare £10

Two horses from England £100

Questions

- How do we honor and hold these stories?
- How do we share them?
- What is the role of neighborhood, land and place?
- What is the living legacy of slavery?
- What is our responsibility to act and repair?