

Lessons from The Princeton & Slavery Project

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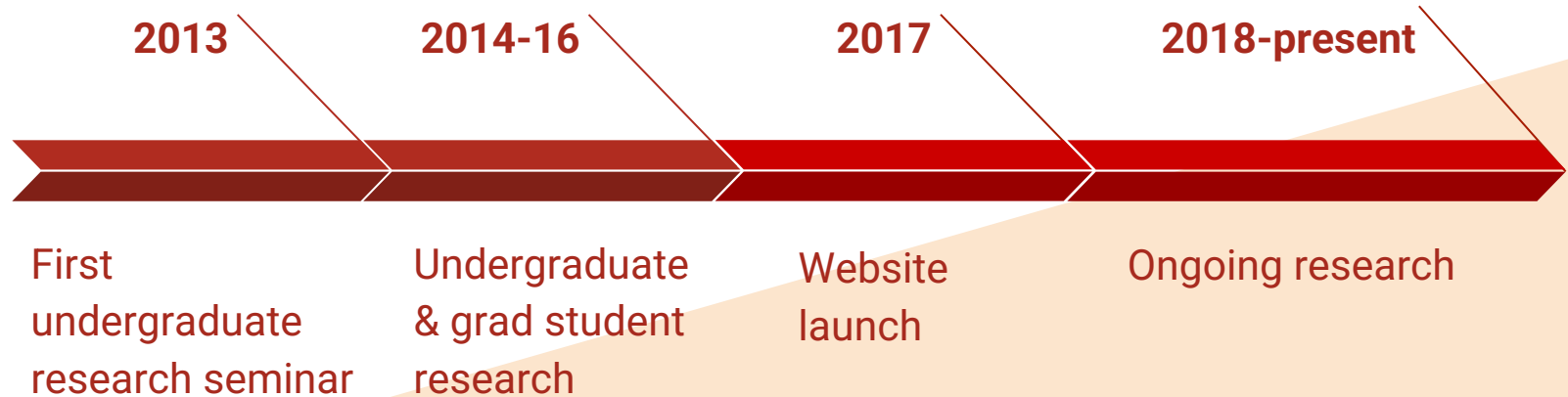


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**Engraving of the College
of New Jersey in 1764**

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Memorial plaque outside the President's House (Maclean House) at Princeton University

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THE PRESIDENT'S HOUSE, 1756-1878

In this house, home to Princeton University's presidents from 1756 to 1878, lived at least sixteen enslaved men, women, and children. All were the personal property of the Presbyterian ministers who served as presidents of this institution.

CAESAR

Household of Aaron Burr, Sr., 1756 to 1757

HARRY

Household of Aaron Burr, Sr., 1757

JOSEPH

Household of Jonathan Edwards, 1758

SUE

Household of Jonathan Edwards, 1758

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Household of Samuel Finley, unknown dates between 1761 and 1766

TWO UNNAMED WOMEN

Household of Samuel Finley, sold from this site in 1766

ONE UNNAMED MAN

Household of Samuel Finley, sold from this site in 1766

THREE UNNAMED CHILDREN

Household of Samuel Finley, sold from this site in 1766

UNNAMED II- OR 12-YEAR-OLD BOY

Household of Samuel Stanhope Smith (then professor, later president), advertised for sale in 1780

UNNAMED 25-YEAR-OLD MAN

Household of Samuel Stanhope Smith (then professor, later president), advertised for sale in 1784

BETSEY STOCKTON

Household of Ashbel Green, 1812; hired out from 1813-1816; manumitted by 1817; worked for wages in Green's household until 1822

PHOEBE

Household of Ashbel Green, 1813 to unknown date

JOHN

Household of Ashbel Green, 1813 to 1821 or 1822

July 31.

TO BE SOLD,

At public vendue, on the 19th of August next, at the presidents house in Princeton, all the personal estate of the late Revd. Dr. SAMUEL FINLEY, consisting of,

TWO Negro women, a negro man, and three Negro children, household furniture, horses, and neat cattle, a light waggon, a new chaise, a sleigh, some hay, and grain, together with a variety of farming utensils. Also a choice collection of books, religious, moral and historical, containing the complete library of the deceased. The Negroes will be disposed of at private sale previous to the day appointed for the vendue, should a suitable price be offered for them. The Negro woman understands all kinds of house work, and the Negro man is well fitted for the business of farming in all its branches. The conditions of the vendue will be made known on the day of sale. All those that are indebted to the said estate by bond, note, or book debts, are desired to make immediate payment to the subscribers, and such as have any demands against the estate are desired to lend in their accounts properly attested to.

JONATHAN SEARGEANT, jun.

in Princeton, or

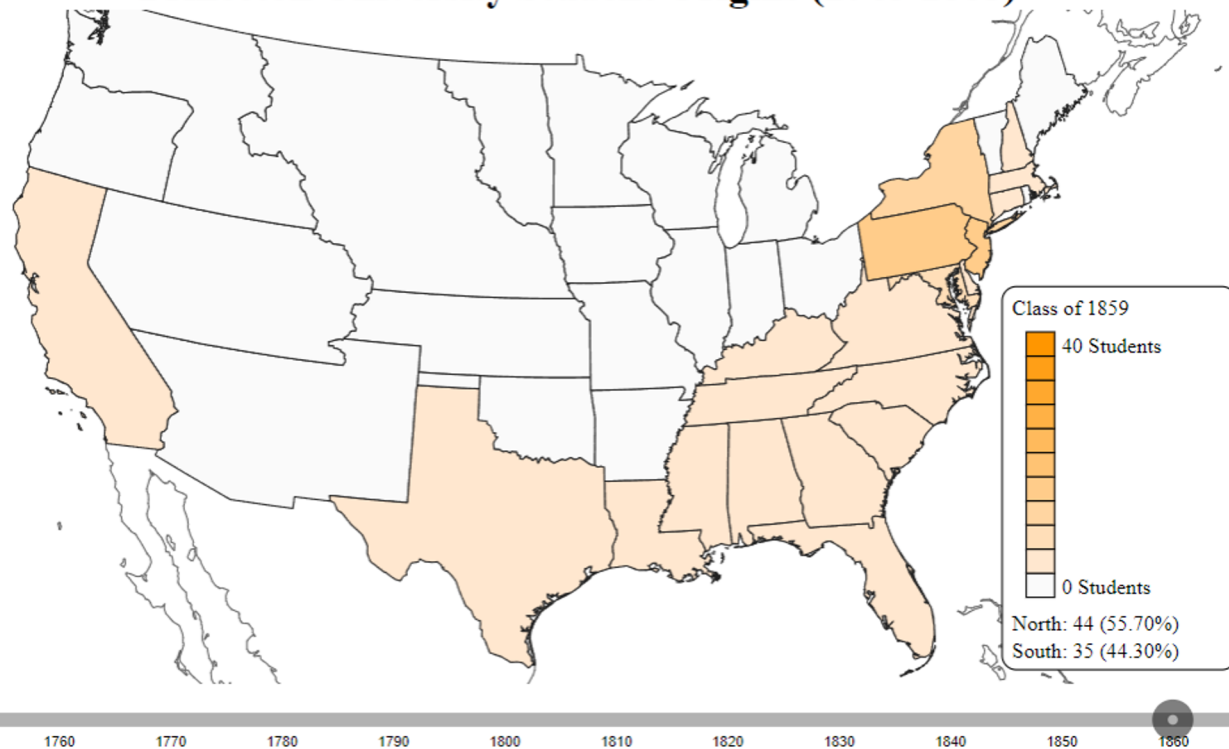
SAMUEL BREESE, Executor,

in New-York.

Advertisement announcing the sale of **"Two Negro women, a negro man, and three Negro children"** along with household objects at the President's House in 1766

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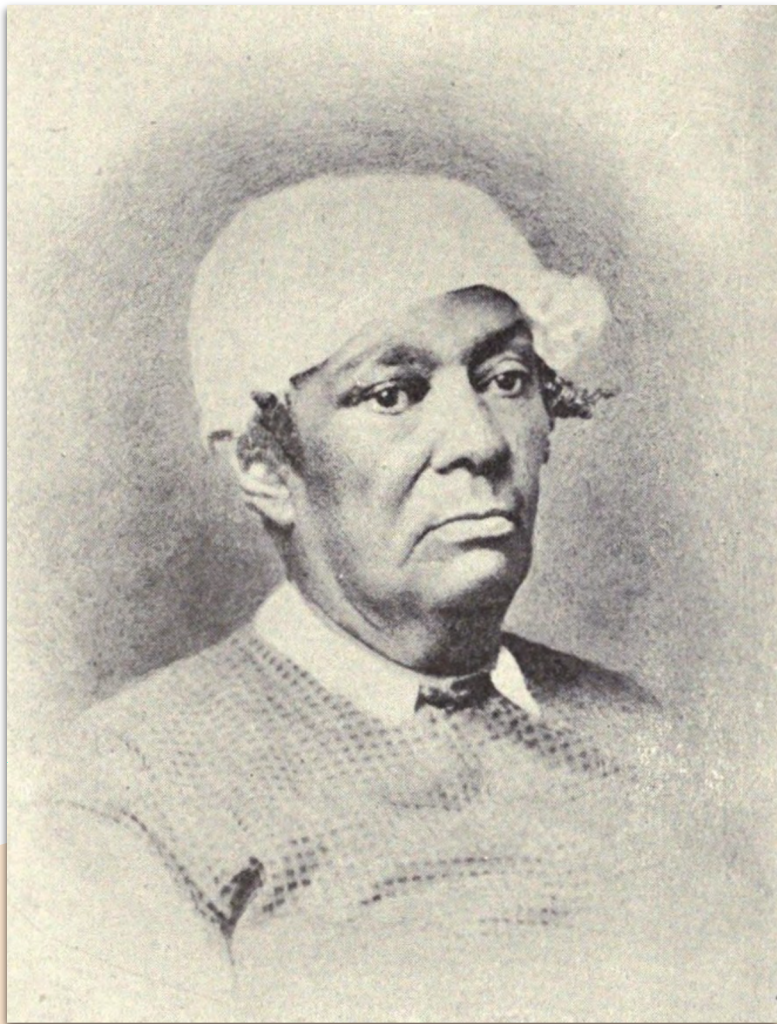
Princeton University Student Origins (1748-1865)



**States of origin for the
Class of 1859**

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“Few students ever come to Princeton from farther North than New York. On the contrary, **nearly all the Southern states, even the most distant, are well represented.**”



Portrait of Betsey Stockton, formerly enslaved
by Princeton President Ashbel Green

Hawaiian Mission Children's Society



James Collins Johnson in 1895

Princeton University Archives

**Cartoon from a student newspaper
in 1853**

The Nassau Rake



Scene from Real Life.—The Street.

Second Session, 1861.

	Chas. C. Rawin, jr.,	Pa.,	S. T. Roman,	Md.,
	E. B. Seabrook,	S. C.,	C. D. Stewart,	Md.,
	H. A. Stinnecke,	Md.,	H. C. Supper,	Mips.,
	R. S. Van Dyke,	Tenn.,	W. E. Whaley,	S. C.,
	R. W. Woodbridge,	Ga.,	A. Young,	Ky.,
22	of the Senior Class.			
	↓ E. M. Burrup,	Mips.,	C. Coffin,	Tenn.,
	↓ C. J. Dubuisson, ^{1st}	Mips.,	W. E. Foster,	N. C.,
	↓ H. M. Fuller,	S. C.,	D. W. Guy,	Co.,
	↓ E. G. McLure,	Tenn.,	W. R. McCullough,	Md.,
a. B. 1862	↓ A. P. Morse,	La.,	J. S. Nesbitt,	Md.,
	↓ E. J. Neufville,	Ga.,	J. G. Percy,	Tenn.,
	↓ G. W. Purnell, ^{2d}	Md.,	A. Small,	Md.,
11	of the Junior Class.			
	↓ J. J. Ballard,	Md.,	E. E. Dennis,	Md.,
Annals	↓ J. B. Done,	Md.,	I. A. Gammon,	Tenn.,
	↓ Inc. Hutchins,	Mips.,	S. M. Inman,	Tenn.,
a. B. 1863	↓ J. D. McGuire,	D. C.,	A. H. Mordecai,	S. C.,
a. B. 1863	↓ J. W. Patterson,	Md.,	N. B. Phipps,	Mips.,
	↓ Inc. H. Potter,	Ga.,	B. S. Ricks, jr.,	Mips.,
	↓ J. Washburn,	Ga.,	B. S. Whaley,	S. C.,
14	of the Sophomore Class.			
	↓ E. Dunning,	Mips.,	S. P. Gill,	Md.,
	↓ J. G. Goldthwaite,	Ma.,	J. E. Nichol,	Tenn.,
	↓ E. Shaver,	N. C.,	W. H. Sharp,	Md.,
56	of the Freshman Class.			

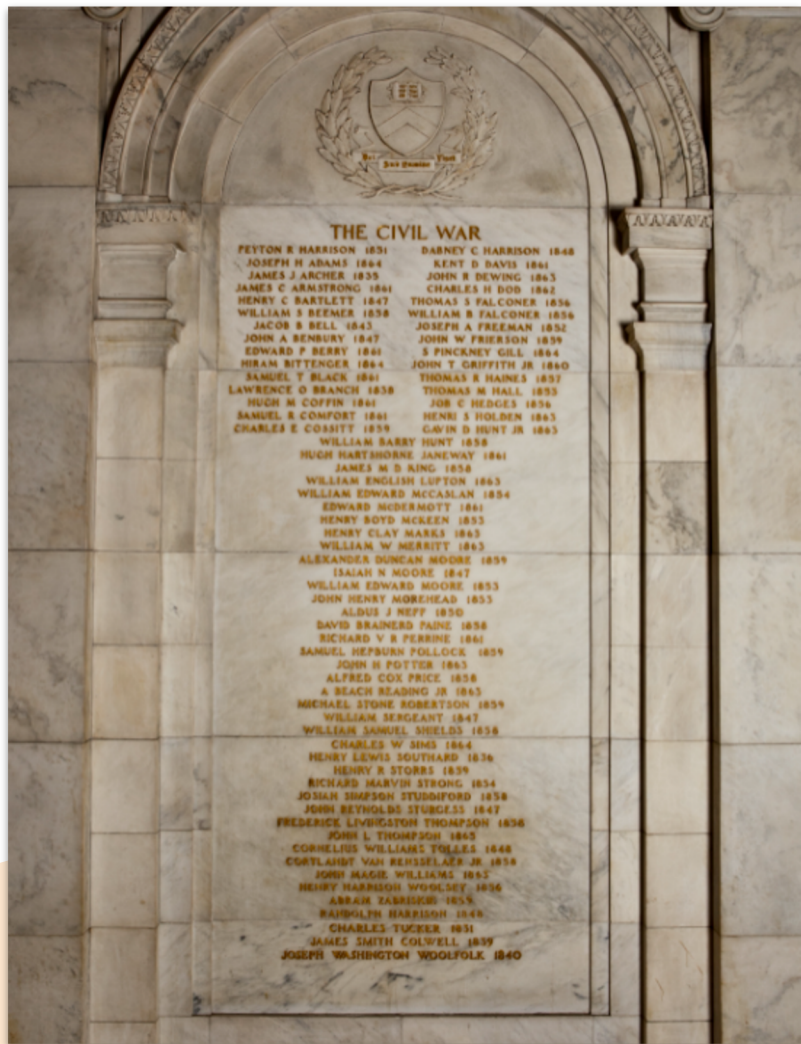
Tuesday, April 23rd.

In consequence of the state of the country, the following named persons returned home with the consent of the Faculty.

A. Anderson,	Ta.,	H. M. Coffin,	Tenn.
B. R. Bashill,	Md.,	John Dawson,	Mips.,
W. I. De Vere,	Md.,	E. R. Frazer,	Md.,
J. Hawkins,	Md.,	E. C. Hollock,	Ga.,
T. P. Langley,	Ga.,	L. Magruder,	Mips.,
T. Pinckney,	Md.,	C. B. Raines,	Ga.,

List of students excused from school due to the outbreak of the Civil War

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Civil War memorial in Nassau Hall

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A North West Prospect of Nassau Hall, with a Front View of the Presidents House, in New Jersey.

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