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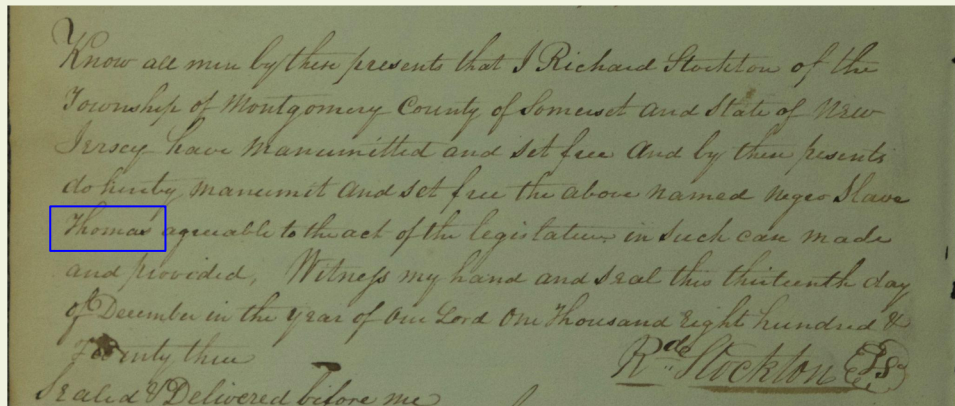
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Thomas Jewell

Previously known:

- ❖ Freed by Richard Stockton, the Duke in 1823
- ❖ Baptized at the Nassau Presbyterian Church



Know all men by these presents that I Richard Stockton of the Township of Montgomery County of Somerset and State of New Jersey have manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby manumit and set free the above named Negro Slave Thomas Jewell agreeable to the act of the Legislature in such case made and provided, Witness my hand and seal this thirteenth day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & twenty three

Richard Stockton Esq

Sealed & Delivered before me

The Freedom Record of Thomas, who was owned by The Honorable Richard Stockton, 1823. Somerset County Clerk.



Portrait of Richard Stockton, the Duke, c. 1800. Christian Gullager (1759–1826). Morven Collection.

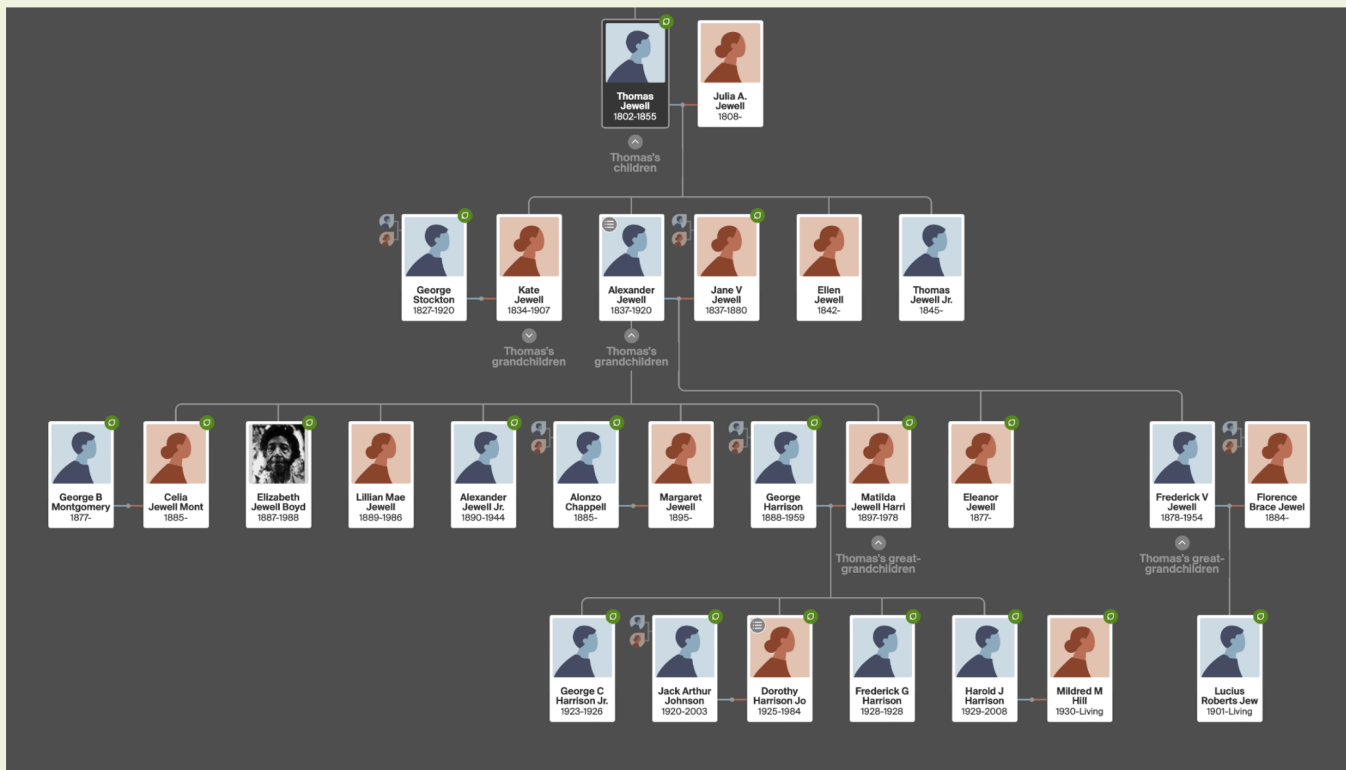
Thomas Jewell

- ❖ Moved to Bridgewater, New Jersey following emancipation
- ❖ Father of four children: Catherine, Alexander, Ellen, and Thomas
- ❖ Returned to Princeton by 1840

Thomas Jewell	52	M	..	1	Princeton
Julia A. "	42	F	.		
Esther "	16	F	.		
Alex "	13	M	.		
Ellen "	8	F	.		
Thomas "	5	M	.		
George "	25	M	.	1	Princeton
Rachel "	21	F	M.		

1850 U.S. Federal Census, Ancestry.com

Thomas Jewell



Jewell Family Tree constructed on Ancestry.com

Hannibal Simpson

Previously known:

- ❖ Commodore Robert F. Stockton manumitted an enslaved man named Hannibal on July 20, 1829

State of New Jersey
Somerset County To wit: We do hereby certify that on this twentieth day of July in the year of Our Lord one thousand Eight Hundred and twenty nine Robert F. Stockton of the Borough of Princeton Township of Montgomery County of Somerset and State aforesaid brought before us two of the overseers of the poor of the Township of Montgomery and two justices of the peace of the said County a slave named Hannibal belonging to the said Robert F. Stockton who he being and is in no way apprehended to be bound to mind and not under any bodily compulsion of obtaining a support and also is not under the age of twenty one year or above the age of forty years - In witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands the day and year above written
C. M. Hershaw } overseers of the poor of the Township of Montgomery
H. C. L. }
H. C. L. }

The Freedom Record of Hannibal, who was owned by Robert F. Stockton, from 1829. Somerset County Clerk Office.

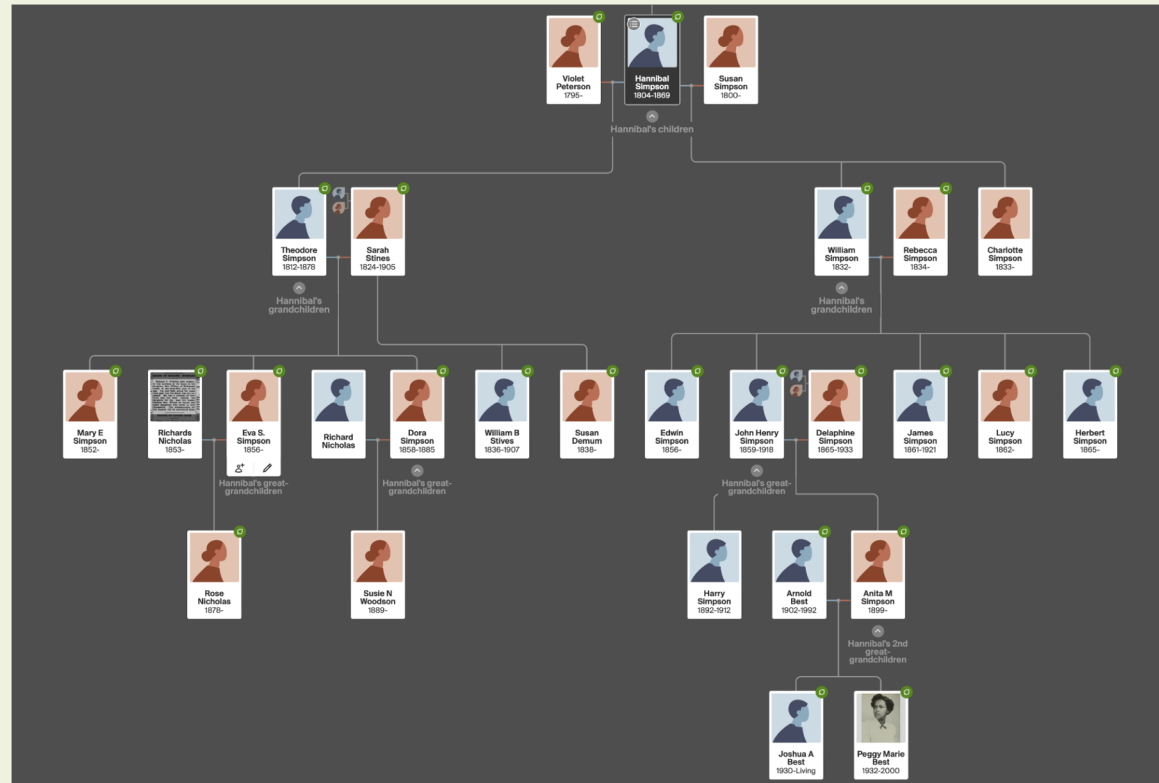
Hannibal Simpson

- ❖ Born in Middlebush, New Jersey (Somerset County)
- ❖ After his manumission, Hannibal moved to West Windsor, New Jersey.
- ❖ By 1850, he settled in New Brunswick with his wife and two children and worked as a teamster.
- ❖ He died in October 1869, at the age of 67.

The image shows a page from the 1830 U.S. Federal Census, titled "SCHEDULE of the whole number of Persons with the District attached to". The page is numbered "3/11" and is divided into columns for "MALE" and "FEMALE", each further subdivided by age groups (under 5, 5 to 10, 10 to 15, 15 to 20, 20 to 25, 25 to 30, 30 to 35, 35 to 40, 40 to 45, 45 to 50, 50 to 55, 55 to 60, 60 to 65, 65 to 70, 70 to 75, 75 to 80, 80 to 85, 85 to 90, 90 to 95, 95 to 100). The names listed are: William H. White, Thomas White, William White, Robert White, John White, Margaret White, James White, Sally White, Ann White, Daniel White, Peter White, Hannah White, Angel Clark, Joseph Clark, William Clark, and James Clark. The name "Hannibal Simpson" is highlighted in a blue box, and he is listed as a male, aged 5 to 10, in the "Color of Skin" column. The bottom of the page shows a summary of the total number of persons in each age group and sex category.

1830 U.S. Federal Census, Ancestry.com

Hannibal Simpson

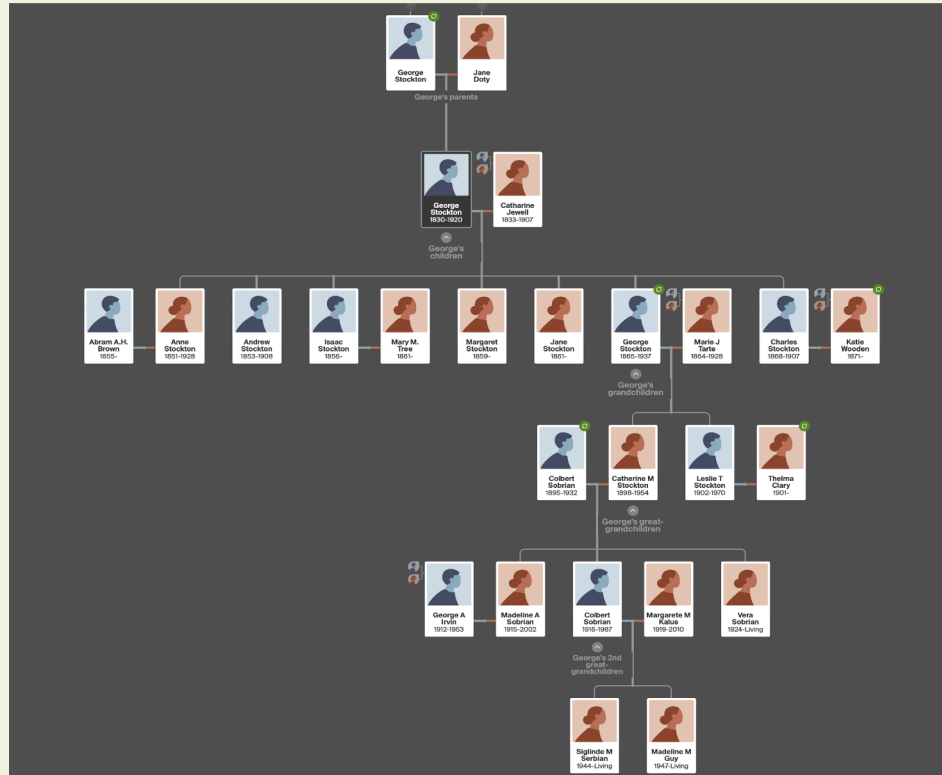


George Stockton (1830-1920)

242		County of <u>Washtenaw</u> No. 293		Division of <u>Deaths</u> No. 294		District <u>293</u>	
<p>Full given name <u>Mattie May</u></p> <p>Place of birth, name and State <u>107 1/2 Williams, Wis.</u></p> <p>Sex <u>Female</u></p> <p>Age <u>28 yrs 3 mos 8 days</u></p> <p>Date of birth <u>Madison, Mich. March 9, 1892</u></p> <p>Trade or Occupation <u>Housewife</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Mich.</u></p> <p>Length of residence <u>6 yrs 2 mos 10 days</u></p> <p>Name of Father <u>Dr. J. C. Smith, Mich.</u></p> <p>Name of Mother <u>Reward, Grace</u></p> <p>Place of birth <u>AFKON, Canada</u></p> <p>Address <u>Rawson, Wis.</u></p> <p>Place of burial <u>Windsor, Grove</u></p> <p>Date of burial <u>May 3, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Undertaker <u>Morris, A. & Son</u></p> <p>Address <u>Walkerville, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>April 30, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Decedent <u>Mattie May</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>April 30, 1920</u></p> <p>Primary <u>Pulmonary T. B.</u></p> <p>Duration <u>5 yrs 6 mos 4 days</u></p> <p>Character <u>Irregular</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>April 30, 1920</u></p>	<p>Full given name <u>George</u></p> <p>Place of birth, name and State <u>560 Geyers, Wis.</u></p> <p>Sex <u>Male</u></p> <p>Age <u>59 yrs 9 mos 19 days</u></p> <p>Date of birth <u>New Jersey May 30, 1920</u></p> <p>Trade or Occupation <u>Teamster</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Mich.</u></p> <p>Length of residence <u>4 yrs 4 mos 12 days</u></p> <p>Name of Father <u>Stockton, George</u></p> <p>Name of Mother <u>Mary, Jane</u></p> <p>Place of birth <u>U. S. A.</u></p> <p>Address <u>Stockton, George</u></p> <p>Place of burial <u>Windsor, Grove</u></p> <p>Date of burial <u>May 4, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Undertaker <u>Chaplin, Jay R.</u></p> <p>Address <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 2, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Decedent <u>Stockton, George</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 2, 1920</u></p> <p>Primary <u>EMPHYSEMA</u></p> <p>Duration <u>12 mos 12 days</u></p> <p>Character <u>Irregular</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 3, 1920</u></p>	<p>Full given name <u>Lillian</u></p> <p>Place of birth, name and State <u>108 Myrtle St., Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Sex <u>Female</u></p> <p>Age <u>27 yrs 9 mos 19 days</u></p> <p>Date of birth <u>Windsor, Mich. July 12, 1892</u></p> <p>Trade or Occupation <u>Office Work</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Mich.</u></p> <p>Length of residence <u>7 yrs 7 mos 7 days</u></p> <p>Name of Father <u>Bassett, James</u></p> <p>Name of Mother <u>Demmon, Mary</u></p> <p>Place of birth <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Address <u>Bassett, Mrs. Fannie</u></p> <p>Place of burial <u>St. Alphonsus</u></p> <p>Date of burial <u>May 3, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Undertaker <u>James, A. J. & Bro.</u></p> <p>Address <u>131 Sandwich St.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>April 30, 1920</u></p> <p>Name of Decedent <u>Bassett, Lillian</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 1, 1920</u></p> <p>Primary <u>PULMONARY Tuberculosis</u></p> <p>Duration <u>6 mos 4 days</u></p> <p>Character <u>Hemorrhagic - Purpurea</u></p> <p>Place of residence <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 3, 1920</u></p>					
<p>Medical Certificate of Death <u>APRIL 30, 1920</u></p> <p>Physician <u>Holmes, R. E.</u></p> <p>Address <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>April 30, 1920</u></p>	<p>Medical Certificate of Death <u>MAY 2, 1920</u></p> <p>Physician <u>Brian, J. Wilbert</u></p> <p>Address <u>Windsor, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 3, 1920</u></p>	<p>Medical Certificate of Death <u>MAY 1, 1920</u></p> <p>Physician <u>Hearn, C. W.</u></p> <p>Address <u>Walkerville, Ont.</u></p> <p>Date of death <u>May 3, 1920</u></p>					

I certify that the foregoing are correct registrations of deaths made to me during the month of May 1920
W. A. Hollister Acting-D.R. Windsor, Ont.

George Stockton



Stockton Family Tree constructed on Ancestry.com

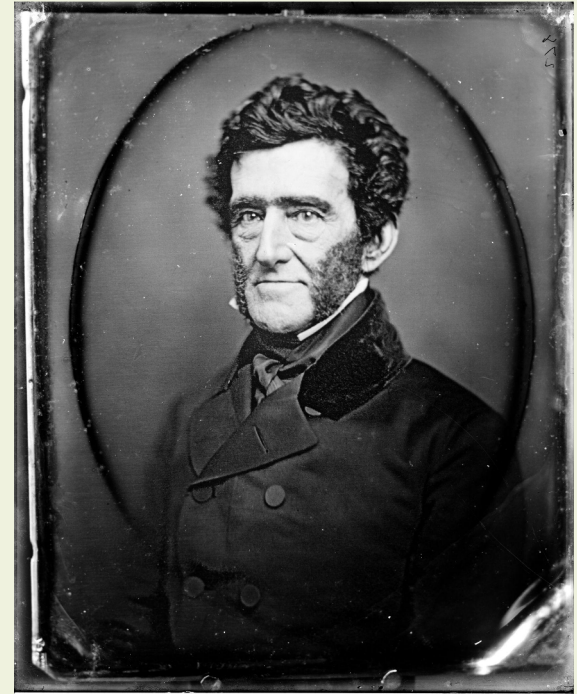
Stockton's Glynn County, Georgia Plantation

Previously known:

- ❖ In 1828, Robert Stockton purchased land near Turtle River in Glynn County, GA for the creation of a sugarcane plantation.
- ❖ Two years later, the 1830 census records Robert Field Stockton as owning 108 individuals, 39 under the age of 10.
- ❖ The next census shows that Stockton no longer owned this land.

What we wanted to know:

- ❖ Who were these 108 people?
- ❖ What was the fate of the plantation and all of the enslaved held there?

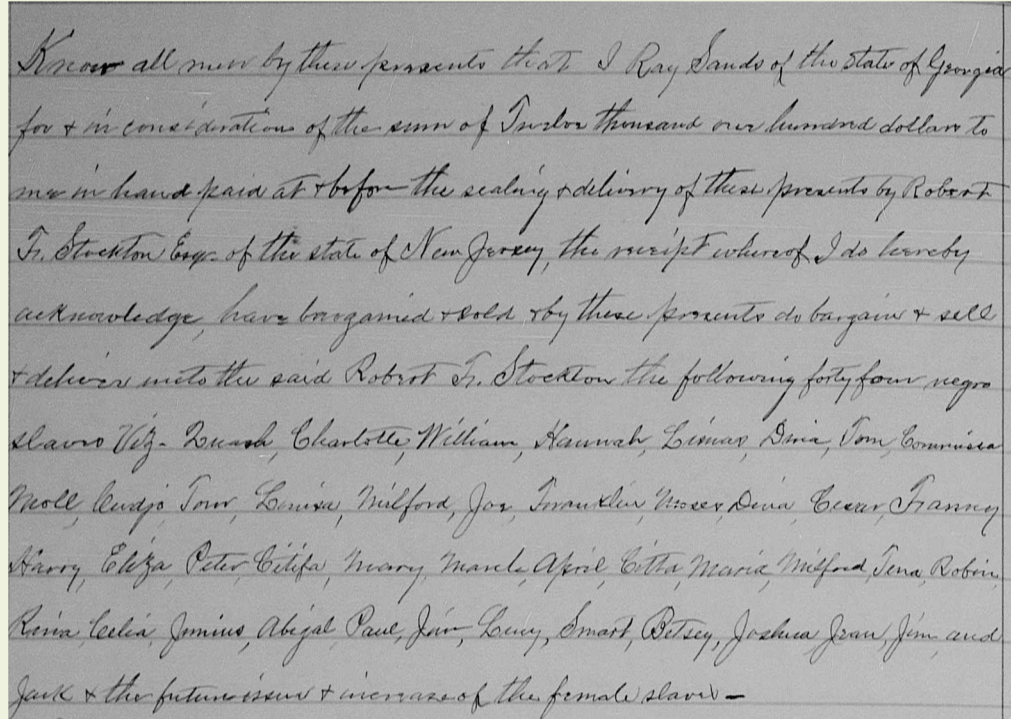


Daguerreotype of Commodore Robert F. Stockton, c. 1855. Collection of the Historical Society of Princeton.

First purchase made March 29, 1827

Robert F. Stockton purchased 44 people from Ray Sands for \$12,000:

Zuash, Charlotte, William, Hannah, Lomax, Dina, Tom, Commissa, Moll, Cudgo, Tom, Louisa, Milford, Joe, Franklin, Moses, Dina, Caesar, Fanny, Harry, Eliza, Peter, Citafa, Mary, March, April, Citta, **Maria**, Milford, Tara, Robin, Rina, Celia, Jameis, Abigail, Paul, Jim, **Lucy**, Smart, Betsey, Joshua, Jean, Jim, Jack

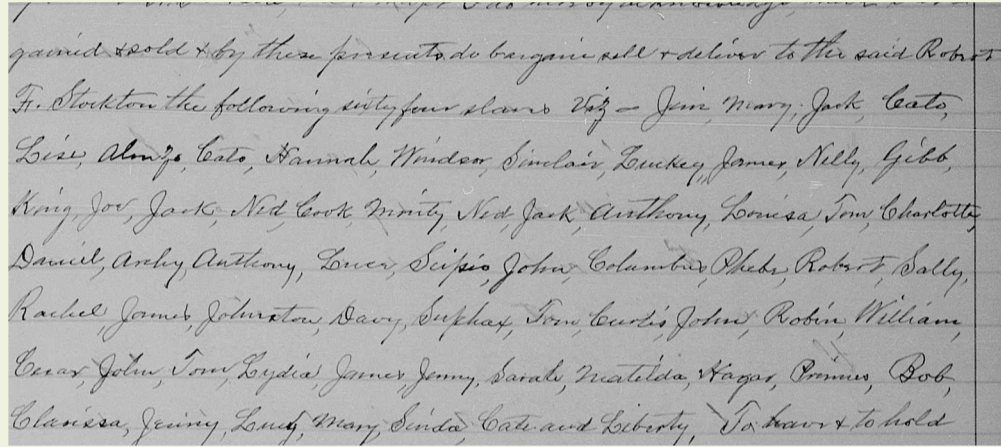


Know all men by these presents that I Ray Sands of the State of Georgia for & in consideration of the sum of Twelve thousand one hundred dollars to me in hand paid at & before the sealing & delivery of these presents by Robert F. Stockton Esq. of the State of New Jersey, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have bargained & sold by these presents do bargain & sell & deliver unto the said Robert F. Stockton the following forty four negro slaves Viz- Zuash, Charlotte, William, Hannah, Louisa, Dina, Tom, Commissa, Moll, Cudgo, Tom, Louisa, Milford, Joe, Franklin, Moses, Dina, Caesar, Fanny, Harry, Eliza, Peter, Citafa, Mary, March, April, Citta, Maria, Milford, Tara, Robin, Rina, Celia, Jameis, Abigail, Paul, Jim, Lucy, Smart, Betsey, Joshua, Jean, Jim, and Jack & the future issue & increase of the female slaves -

Second purchase made April 2, 1827

Robert F. Stockton purchased 64 people from William Sinclair for \$19,200:

Jim, Mary, Jack, Cato, Lizzie, Alonzo, Cato, Hannah, Windsor, Sinclair, Lucky, James, Nelly, Gibb, King, Joe, Jack, Ned, Cook, Minty, Ned, Jack, Anthony, Louisa, Tom, Charlotte, Daniel, Archy, Anthony, Louis, Scipio, John, Columbus, Phebe, Robert, Sally, Rachel, James, Johnston, Davy, Suphax, Tom, Curtis, John, Robin, William, Caesar, John, Tom, Lydia, James, Jenny, Sarah, Matilda, Hagar, Primus, Bob, Clarissa, Jenny, Lucy, Mary, Sinda, Cate, Liberty



gained & sold by these persons do bargain sell & deliver to the said Robert F. Stockton the following sixty four slaves viz - Jim, Mary, Jack, Cato, Lizzie, Alonzo, Cato, Hannah, Windsor, Sinclair, Lucky, James, Nelly, Gibb, King, Joe, Jack, Ned, Cook, Minty, Ned, Jack, Anthony, Louisa, Tom, Charlotte, Daniel, Archy, Anthony, Louis, Scipio, John, Columbus, Phebe, Robert, Sally, Rachel, James, Johnston, Davy, Suphax, Tom, Curtis, John, Robin, William, Caesar, John, Tom, Lydia, James, Jenny, Sarah, Matilda, Hagar, Primus, Bob, Clarissa, Jenny, Lucy, Mary, Sinda, Cate and Liberty, To have & to hold

Deed of sale from Sinclair to Robert F. Stockton, Georgia Probate Records

Interstate movement of enslaved...

- ❖ Congress outlawed the importation of African slaves in 1808.
- ❖ They were shuttled between Charleston, Savannah, Philadelphia, and New York.
- ❖ Enslaved people owned by Commodore Stockton and the Potters were shipped domestically at least 70 times.

Slave Manifest—Sold by W. T. Williams

Ship Macon
MANIFEST of Slaves, Passengers on board the *S. L. Potter* Master, burthen Tons, bound from *Savannah* for *New York*

NAMES.	SEX.	AGE.	HEIGHT.		CLASS.	OWNERS OR SHIPPERS.	RESIDENCE.
			FEET.	INCHES.			
<i>Lucey</i>	<i>Female</i>	<i>27</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>00</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>Robert Stockton</i>	<i>Princeton</i>
<i>Jancy</i>	<i>Boy</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Yellow</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>
<i>Maria</i>	<i>Girl</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Black</i>	<i>"</i>	<i>"</i>

Manifest for slaves aboard ship Macon, 1833. National Archives and Records Administration.

Movement of the enslaved

<u>Name</u>	<u>Sex</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Height</u>	<u>"Class"</u>	<u>Onwer/Shipper</u>	<u>"Residence"</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>(Departure) Date</u>	<u>Notes</u>
Clara	Female	55	5 ft.	Black	James Potter	Savannah	Charleston	Savannah	December 26, 1829	
Harriet	Female	35	4 ft. 5 in.	Black	James Potter	Savannah	Philadelphia	Savannah	October 1830	The affidavit signed by James Potter states that the enslaved person he's shipping was not brought into the country after January 1, 1808. This is the date when Congress outlawed the importation of enslaved Africans.
Georgiana	Female	9	3 ft. 6 in.	Yellow	James Potter	Savannah	Philadelphia	Savannah	October 1830	The affidavit signed by James Potter states that the enslaved person he's shipping was not brought into the country after January 1, 1808. This is the date when Congress outlawed the importation of enslaved Africans.
Clance	Female	60	5 ft.		James Potter	Savannah	New York	Savannah	November 30, 1850	
Clara	Female	55	5 ft. 2 in.	Brown	James Potter	Georgia	Charleston	Savannah	November 16, 1847	
Bina	Female	28	5 ft. 2 in.	Mulatto	James Potter	Savannah	Savannah	Philadelphia	May 15, 1827	James Potter is listed as the shipper, but the document notes that the enslaved ppl being shipped are owned by John Potter.
Sally	Female	16	4 ft. 10 in.	Mulatto	James Potter	Savannah	Savannah	Philadelphia	May 15, 1827	James Potter is listed as the shipper, but the document notes that the enslaved ppl being shipped are owned by John Potter.
Georgiana	Female	7	3 ft. 8 in.	Mulatto	James Potter	Savannah	Savannah	Philadelphia	May 15, 1827	James Potter is listed as the shipper, but the document notes that the enslaved ppl being shipped are owned by John Potter.

Useful resources

- ❖ National Archives and the Library of Congress
- ❖ FamilySearch.org
 - Family trees?
- ❖ HeritageQuest Online (Please support local libraries!)

The screenshot shows the HeritageQuest Online website. At the top, there is a black header with the text "HeritageQuest" in white. Below this is a red banner with the text "HeritageQuest Online" in white, followed by "Discover your family history today" and three links: "Search", "Research Aids", and "Maps". The main content area is white and features a green leaf logo on the left. To the right of the logo is the text "Welcome to HeritageQuest Online at the Library". Below this, there are two columns of links: "City Directories", "Census Map Guide", and "U.S. Indian Census Rolls" on the left; "Mortality Schedules", "Agricultural and Industrial Schedules", and "U.S. Freedman's Bank Record, 1861-1875" on the right. Below the links is a large image of a group of people, with the text "Searching for that right moment" overlaid. Below the image is the text "We have billions of records ready to reveal your family's story." To the right of the image is a section titled "Family history search. Simplified." with the text "StoryScout® can bring the fascinating details of your ancestors' lives directly to you, and put you on a path to start making your own family discoveries." Below this is a section titled "To find your family's stories, start with a grandparent." with two radio buttons: "Grandfather" and "Grandmother". Below the radio buttons are two input fields: "First Name" and "Last Name".

HeritageQuest Online, powered by Ancestry.com

Helpful reminders and tips...

- ❖ A few ahead and a few behind
 - Gives you a snapshot of the neighborhood demographics
 - Who's neighbors?

- ❖ Learning from the pros
 - Citation Chaining (aka citation mining)

- ❖ Alternate spellings, abbreviations, and family names
 - Blakeney...Blakely...Blokenly...Blakey...Blankney...Blankley
 - Jno, Chas, Jos, Wm, Jas, and Thos.
 - Nunc, Pan, and Ray

- ❖ Getting started with little to no information
 - Card Catalog