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SOME HISTORIC PEOPLE OF COLOR OF DARTMOUTH, WESTPORT, LITTLE COMPTON AND TIVERTON AND THEIR CONNECTIONS

PART ONE: LETTERS A THROUGH C

- Alice Abel** Alice Abel was likely the mother of Nehemiah Abel and the grandmother of the Alice Abel below.¹
Alice Abel and James Pequit, Indians, were married in Dartmouth in 1772. DAVR
As her second husband, Alice (Abel) Pequit married **Capt. Paul Cuffe** of Westport.
- Benjamin Abel** Indian of Dartmouth, arrested in 1724 with **Joseph Annuncksow** and **Newcom Skipper** for taking a certain dog of Benjamin Sole [Soule] of Dartmouth worth five pounds and put it to death by hanging him up from the tongue of a cart at or near the house of Peleg Slocum of Dartmouth. Pierce Database.
- Joseph Abel** Joseph [or Jeremiah] Abel appears on a 1724 list of Dartmouth Indians.
- Naomi Abel** Also known as Naomi Quance. Mother of **Alice Abel**, mother-in-law of **Capt Paul Cuffe**. According to the 1859 testimony of Mary Knobbs, ²“my grandmother was Naomi Abel, and my great-grandmother was Alice Quance. Alice was a pure Indian, and spoke the Indian language. They lived to the westward of John Wing’s.³ My grandmother and great-grandmother lived a mile or a mile and a half to the northwest of Slocomb’s River.”⁴
In 1773 Naomi Abel, Indian woman, was sued for debt by Robert Bentley of Dartmouth. Pierce Database.
In 1774 Naomi Abel of Dartmouth, Indian woman, sued Isaac Spooner of Dartmouth, gentleman, a deputy sheriff, for £ 100 for

¹“Dartmouth & Westport Wampanoags & Africans,” a database by R. Andrew Pierce 9/18/2017 [hereafter Pierce Database]

²Mary (Cuffe) (Phelps) Knobb, daughter of Paul & Alice Cuffe.

³Probably on the Dartmouth side of Division Road south of Slade’s Corner Road and north of Cross Road. in the area of the MA Wildlife Preserve.

⁴Pierce Database. Knobbs also stated “I am seventy-four years old. My mother died about thirty-nine years since. My grandmother died when I was a girl, before I was grown up. I recollect my great-grandmother. My grandmother took care of her. My father’s name was Paul Cuffe.”

assault and imprisonment. Pierce Database.

In 1792 Peleg Burroughs noted that “an aged woman named Naomi Quance desired to be received as a member with us, and after examination was received. (She had been baptized by an Indian minister years ago.” PBJ p. 280.

Nehemiah Abel

In 1712 and 1713 Nehemiah Abel was paid for teaching at Slocum’s Island [probably either Naushon or Cuttyhunk]. Pierce Database.

In 1734 Nehemiah Abel was paid for teaching school at Little Compton. Pierce Database.

Nehemiah Abel was on a 1724 list of Indians at Dartmouth. Id.

In 1767 Nehemiah Abel of Dartmouth [son of the above?], a minister of the Baptist persuasion, was granted an allowance. Id.

In 1859 Marlborough Wood testified in discussing Dartmouth Indians that “on Samuel Barker’s farm⁵ was the orchard of ‘Nehemiah Abel,’ the Indian minister, and his residence, which place I frequently visited. Nehemiah, I remember well. He was distinguished as an Indian minister, and his place was much visited. They (the Indians) came once a year to his place from the Vineyard and other places to hold a sacrament.”⁶

In 1859 Samuel Wilcox testified regarding ancestral Indian lands in Dartmouth that “particularly do I remember Nehemiah’s place — his orchard and farm; from his orchard I have taken apples. He was celebrated as an Indian minister. The place now occupied by John Wing, the north part of which was an Indian settlement called ‘Quanachee.’ This was within my memory.”⁷

Abram

Alias of **Wehuncksum**.

Mary Absalom

Mary Absalom and Joseph Tunquanson were married in Tiverton in 1755 (Arnold vol. 4)⁸

Aham

An Indian serving as “schoolmaster” at Acoaxet in 1698.⁹

⁵Barker’s house was probably just north of the north boundary of Dartmoor Farm. See 1846 map of Dartmouth.

⁶Pierce Database.

⁷Pierce Database. The area indicated (north part of John Wing’s farm) is perhaps the southern part of Dartmoor Farm along Horseneck Road and the area immediately to its west, and the DNRT Slocum’s River Preserve property on the east side of Horseneck Road in the vicinity of the parking area.

⁸Although no racial identity is provided in Arnold, both surnames are suggestive of Indian origins.

⁹Janet Lisle, *First Light Sakonnet* [FLS] p. 33.

Alderman

A Pocasset Indian who fought with the English.¹⁰ Alderman guided Capt. Benjamin Church's company to the hideout of King Philip and fire the shot that killed him. As a souvenir of his deed, Church allowed Alderman to take the severed hand of King Philip, "one very remarkable hand, being much scarred, occasioned by the splitting of a pistol it it."¹¹ Alderman kept the hand in a pail of rum to preserve it and earned his livelihood by exhibiting it at taverns.¹² According to Henry Worth, Alderman lived in Acoaxet "a short distance north of the Abraham Manchester farm" [Old Harbor Road west of the intersection of Howland and Cross Roads], where he died ca1700.¹³ According to Worth he was the same person as "Isaac Alderman, Indian Preacher" who is referred to in deeds, but this might be a son of the original Alderman. A 1773 deed from Edward and Perez Richmond to Pardon Brownell conveys 95 acres, excepting "the Indian burial place," which might refer to the Indian burial place known to be near here, which might have originally been on Alderman's land.¹⁴ In a 1682 deed from Mamanuah to Daniel Wilcox, Alderman is listed at the northern abutter.¹⁵

Isaac Alderman

Either an alias of Alderman or, perhaps more likely, the son of Alderman. In a 1700 deed of Jonatus and Sue Codimouk to John Rogers and William Southworth for 300 acres at Stephen's Neck [Brayton Point] on the east side of Quicksand Pond, one "Isaac Alderman, Indian Preacher" is listed as the northern abutter.¹⁶ He is probably the Isaac listed as western abutter in a sale by Mamanuah to William Pabodie et al for 28 acres at the head of Passpatant Neck near a place called Waquishtesuck.¹⁷

Adam Allen

Earle census (1861): Adam Allen, age 76, Fall River Indian, living at Watuppa Reservation
He is likely the "Adam Abner," age 65, living in 1848 at the Watuppa Reservation.¹⁸

¹⁰Some sources claim he was a Sakonnet rather than a Pocasset. Eric B. Schultz and Michael G. Tougas, *King Philip's War* (1999) p. 290, note 209.

¹¹Id.

¹²Id.

¹³Henry Worth, *History of Coxet and the Richmond Family* [unpublished manuscript; Westport Public Library].

¹⁴Deed cited in Worth, *supra*.

¹⁵BCD (NB) v. A, p. 581.

¹⁶Worth MS., WPL.

¹⁷BCD (NB) v. 1 p. 360 (1692).

¹⁸DuBuque p. 62.

Rebecca Allen	Wife of Adam Allen. In 1848 Rebecca Alben (Allen?), age 60, living at Watuppa Reservation. ¹⁹
Abner Almy	Son of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy, born in Tiverton 1672. ²⁰
Abraham Almy	Slave of Job Almy, baptized at Little Compton Congregational Church [LCCC] in 1739. (Arnold, vol. 8)
Amea Almy	Amea [Amy?] Almy was head of household in Tiverton in the 1774 RI military census consisting of 3 Indians.
Benjamin Almy	Son of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy, born in Tiverton in 1743. ²¹
Bethany Almy	Daughter of Peter and Margaret “Peggy” (Cottle) Almy, she married William Henry Jackson. See longer entry under Peter Almy. She apparently married first (—) Allen.
Catherine Almy	Daughter of Edward/Ned & Mary (Nunksue) Almy , wife of Benjamin Cook of Tiverton and Dartmouth.
David Almy	David Almy and Sally Prince, black people, were married in Dartmouth in 1792. DAVR.
Edward “Ned” Almy	Edward Almy “Negro man” married Mary Nuncsew, “Indian woman” in Dartmouth in 1768. DAVR. Father of Catherine (Almy) Cook. Possibly the husband of Sarah Ned, possibly the father of Pardon, the mulatto “apprentice” of Job Almy. ²²
Gideon Almy (b.1755)	Son of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy ²³
Huldah Almy	In the Tiverton census of 1820 Huldah Almy is head of household consisting of 4 people of color.
Isaac Almy	The 1766 will of Job Almy provides “to slaves Jack and Isaac their freedom on January 1, 1771 provided they behave well.” ²⁴

¹⁹DuBuque p. 62.

²⁰Marjorie Gomes O’Toole, *If Jane Should Want to be Sold*

²¹O’Toole, supra.

²²Id

²³O’Toole, supra

²⁴Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *Little Compton Families* [LCF] p. 5.

- Jack Almy** In 1777 Jack Almy, negro age 50-60 was listed in the RI military census for Tiverton.
In 1778 Peleg Burroughs had a conversation with Jack Almy, “a Negro man near 80, a professor of religion who came to see me this afternoon.”²⁵
In 1786 Peleg Burroughs “preached to the blacks at Jack Almy’s.”²⁶
One month later Burroughs “visited Jack Almy and saw him breath his last and expire. Burroughs preached at the funeral of Jack Almy to an audience of whites and blacks at “the other” meeting house.²⁷
The 1766 will of Job Almy provides “to slaves Jack and Isaac their freedom on January 1, 1771, provided they behave well.”²⁸
- Jane Almy** Jane Almy and Pero Howland were married in Dartmouth in 1803. DAVR.
- Jenney Almy** Jenney Almy, colored, wife of Pero was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1794. (Arnold, vol. 8)
- Joseph Almy** Joseph Almy was head of household consisting of 3 people of color in 1800 Dartmouth census.
- Lucy Almy** Daughter of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy, born in Tiverton in 1764.
- Margaret “Peggy” (Cottle) Almy** See longer entry under Peter Almy.
- Mary Almy** Mary [(Nunksue)] Almy, “widow of Ned, Negro man” married **Jupiter Cory** of Westport in 1787. DAVR.
- Meribah Almy** Daughter of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy, born in Tiverton in 1757.²⁹
- Patience Almy (b.1759)** Daughter of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy³⁰
- Peter Almy (1779-1864)** Peter Almy (1779-1864). See longer entry.
- Ruth (Crank) Almy** See longer entry under Peter Almy.
- Samson Almy** Son of Quash and Elizabeth (Tripp) Almy, born in Tiverton in

²⁵PBJ p. 13 (5/1778)

²⁶PBJ p. 37 (4/1786)

²⁷PBJ p. 207 (5/1786)

²⁸LCF p. 5

²⁹Id

³⁰Id

1748.³¹

- Sharper Almy** In 1783 Peleg Burroughs “visited a poor distressed Negro man, called Sharper Almy, near 4 miles off.”³²
In 1792 Burroughs “had a grist of Sharper Almy,” who presumably worked as a miller.³³
Sharper Almy was head of household in the Tiverton census of 1790 consisting of 1 person of color.
- Silvia Almy** Daughter of Sipp and Penelope (—) Almy, born in Tiverton in 1740³⁴
- William Almy** William Almy and Loranza Swazey of Swansea, people of color, were married in Dartmouth in 1823. DAVR.
William Almy and Alice Quibish were married in Dartmouth in 1831. DAVR.³⁵
- Amos** “Indian boy,” servant of Joseph Church of Little Compton, brother of Col. Benjamin Church. In Church’s 1712 will, Amos is devised one half of a 16 acre parcel at Acoaxet.³⁶ .
- Amos Amos** In 1757 Amos Amos, an Indian boy, was bound out as an indentured servant to John Gifford, who lived on John Dyer Road in Little Compton near the Indian meeting house.³⁷
Amos Ammons, Indian of Little Compton married Rebecca Hinely [Hinckley?], Indian of Dartmouth, in 1764 at Tiverton Congregational Church. (Arnold vol. 8).
In an anonymous Nantucket merchant ledger of 1764-65, Amos Amos and Isaac Monet, Indians, was listed on the account of Joseph Salisbury³⁸ of Dartmouth. Pierce Database.
- Bathsheba Amos** In 1784 Peleg Burroughs “married Basheba Amos to Peter Hunter, Indians.”³⁹

³¹Id

³²PBJ p. 146 (5/1783)

³³PBJ p. 281 (7/1792)

³⁴Arnold, *Vital Records of Rhode Island* vol. 4 (Tiverton)

³⁵No racial identity provided in DAVR, but the surname of the spouse would seem to have Indian origins.

³⁶LCF p. 167. Joseph Church’s ca1680 house, located on the south side of Meetinghouse Lane, was later occupied by Primus Collins.

³⁷O’Toole, p. 22.

³⁸Possibly Joseph Salisbury (b. LC 1707) m. LC Innocent Head, “this family appears to have moved from town” after 1744. *Little Compton Families* p. 531.

³⁹PBJ p. 170 (7/1784)

- Hope Amos** Hope Amos and John Mashow, people of color, were married in Dartmouth in 1830⁴⁰ DAVR.
- Mary Amos** Mary Amos and **Joseph White**, black people, were married in Westport in 1792. WEVR. She had two daughters by this marriage⁴¹, one of whom might be the Hannah White who married **Peter Quaniwell** in Westport in 1810. Mary Amos married second, as his fourth wife, **Michael Wainer Sr.** She was the mother of **Rodney Wainer**.
- Patty Amos** Patty Amos and Charles Niles of Dartmouth filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1816. WEVR
- Richard Amos** In 1768 Richard Amos married Muda Prince, both of Dartmouth.⁴² In 1777 Richard Amos, mustee, age 16-50 listed in RI military census for Tiverton. In 1795 Richard Amos, yeoman, mustee of Dartmouth sold to William Howland, merchant, Dartmouth land and buildings bought from Nicholas Lapham, 3 acres and 36 rods with a dwelling house and stable, for £ 46 10sh.⁴³ In 1793 Richard Amos of Dartmouth was a patient of Dr. Eli Handy of Westport.⁴⁴ Dick Amos was head of household consisting of 4 people of color in Westport in 1790. He was next to Cuff Freeborn and Joseph Acker [Auker] , probably in the area of the south end of Division Road. In 1797 Richard Amos of Dartmouth, mariner, was sued by Manuel Gill Corey of Westport for debt. Pierce Database.
- Silvia Amos** Silvia Amos and Samuel Wicket [int. “of New Bedford”] were married in Westport in 1800. WEVR
- Simon Amos** Simon Amos married Mary Dick in Westport in 1791. WEVR⁴⁵

⁴⁰John Mashow went on to become a renowned ship designer and builder in New Bedford.

⁴¹Letter of Paul Cuffe to Peason Freeman.

⁴²DAVR

⁴³Bristol County Deeds (New Bedford) [BCD] v. T13 p. 452. This property was bounded north by the highway from Russell’s Mills to Smith’s Neck, E & S by Nicholas Lapham, W by the driftway. Signed Richard and Mudy Amos. The location appears to be at the northeast corner of Russells Mills and Rock o’ Dundee Roads, adjacent to Davoll’s General Store.

⁴⁴Records of Drs. Eli and James Handy, online archives of Westport Historical Society.

⁴⁵*Vital Records of Westport, Massachusetts to 1850* [WEVR].

Dr. Eli Handy performed childbirth deliveries for the account of Simon Amos on 4/27/1792 and 12/26/1793.⁴⁶

- Thomas Amos** Thomas Amos and Elizabeth Ward were married in Tiverton in 1758. (Arnold vol. 4)⁴⁷
Thomas Amos and Hannah Pegin, mustees, were married in Dartmouth in 1774.⁴⁸
Thomas Amos of Freetown and Patience Ginnins [Jennings?] filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1788. WEVR
Thomas Amos, Indian, aged about 70, died at Fall River 6/20/1828. (New Bedford Mercury).
- Joseph Annunckscow** See entry for **Benjamin Abel**. Possible ancestor of Nuncksew/Nunksue/Nuxu family.
- Abraham Anthony** Abraham Anthony and Juda Case, mulattoes, were married in Dartmouth in 1788. DAVR.
Abraham Anthony and Lucinda Lawton, people of color, were married in Dartmouth in 1811. DAVR
Abraham Anthony is possibly the Abraham Quash who is head of a household consisting of 2 people of color in the 1790 federal census for Dartmouth, where he appears next to Quash Anthony.
Abraham Anthony is head of a household consisting of 5 people of color in the 1800 federal census for Dartmouth.
- Alice Anthony** In 1763 Ellis (Alice?) Anthony was co-owner with Sarah Titticut of Lot 17 at Watuppa Reservation.⁴⁹
- Meribah Anthony** Merribeh Anthony and Dennis Littlefield, black people [int. mulattoes, transient persons] were married in Dartmouth in 1792. DAVR
- Quash Anthony** Quash Anthony was head of household consisting of 7 people of color in the 1790 federal census for Dartmouth.
Quash Anthony was head of a household consisting of 5 people of color in the 1800 census for Dartmouth.
- Simon Anthony** Simon Anthony was head of a household consisting of 2 people of

⁴⁶Handy records, WHS, supra.

⁴⁷No racial identity is provided in Arnold, but both surnames suggest Indian origins.

⁴⁸DAVR.

⁴⁹Travers, p. 172.

color in the 1800 federal census for Dartmouth.

- Winsor Anthony** Winsor Anthony was head of household consisting of 5 people of color in Westport in the 1790 federal census, probably in the Sawdy Pond area.
- Joseph Antone** Joseph Anthony was head of household in Dartmouth in 1800 consisting of 4 people of color.
Joseph Antone of New Bedford married Sally Auker of Dartmouth in 1814.⁵⁰
Joseph Antone was one of six grantees from Richard Johnson of property on Middle Street in New Bedford for the African Christian Society to construct a church.⁵¹
Dr. Eli Handy performed a childbirth delivery for the account of Joseph Antone on 11/13/1822.⁵²
- Anumpash** See Numpash.
- Ashawanomeeth** Indian of Dartmouth witnessing 1671 agreement of Dartmouth Indians to provide assistance to New Plymouth against their enemies.
- Hepzibah Auchooch** Hepzibah Auchooch, Indian woman and Jonathan Slocum, mulatto man, were married in Dartmouth in 1772. DAVR [Jonathan Slocum = Jonathan Cuffe, oldest son of Cuffe Slocum and Ruth Moses]. It appears she originated from Gay Head, where they later lived.
- Jemima Augustus** Jemima Augustus, “free Negro woman” of Dartmouth and Prence Edward, Negro servant of Mr. Timothy Bourne of Sandwich, were married in Dartmouth in 1763. DAVR
- Amy Auker** Amy Auker was a patient of Dr. James Handy in 1833.⁵³
Amy Auker, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1810. DAVR
- Avis Auker** Avis Auker of Dartmouth and John Wainer, black people, filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1812. WEVR
Avis Auker, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1792. DAVR
- Betsy Auker** Betsy Auker and Peleg Johnson, people of color, were married in

⁵⁰DAVR. Marriage listed under “Anthony” surname.

⁵¹BCD v.

⁵²Handy records, WHS, supra.

⁵³Handy records, WHS, supra.

Dartmouth in 1823. DAVR

Betsy Auker, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1799. DAVR

Joseph Auker

Joseph Auker was head of household in Dartmouth in 1800 consisting of 9 people of color.

Joseph Auker and Zilpha Tucker of New Bedford, mulattoes, were married in Dartmouth in 1788.

Joseph Auker, mariner, purchased land from Edmund Gifford bounded east by the Wilbur farm and west by land of the late Benjamin Cook.⁵⁴ This land was located on the north side of Horseneck Road a short distance east of the Allen's Neck Meeting House. Thomas Almy, executor of the estate of Joseph Auker sold to Joseph Antone of New Bedford, laborer, the remainder interest (dower) of Zilpha Auker, widow of Joseph Auker, in a house and orchard bounded north by the highway, west and south by land purchased by Zilpha Auker, and east by Daniel Howland.⁵⁵ This land was located on the south side of Horseneck Road in Dartmouth west of the location of the house of Burney Gifford (who occupies the old Daniel Howland house). Aukers are shown living in this location on the 1856 and 1895 maps of Dartmouth.

Joseph Auker was a patient of Dr. James Handy in 1819.

Olive Auker

Olive Auker was a patient of Dr. James Handy in 1830. (Handy, WHS).

Olive Auker, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1797. DAVR

Rhobe Auker

In 1814 Rhobe Auker of Dartmouth married Michael Wainer in Dartmouth.⁵⁶ Robey Awker of Dartmouth and Michael Wainer Jr [int. colored people] were married in Westport in 1814. WEVR Rhobe Auker, daughter of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1793. DAVR

Sally Auker

Sally Auker and Joseph Antone of New Bedford were married in Dartmouth in 1821. DAVR

Sally Auker, daughter of Joseph and Mary, was born in Dartmouth in 1800. DAVR

Thomas Auker

Thomas Auker, son of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1795. DAVR

⁵⁴BCD v. 26 p. 90

⁵⁵BCD (NB) vol. 27, p. 444.

⁵⁶DAVR. The groom is Michael Wainer Jr.

Tillinghast Auker	Tillinghast Auker was a patient of Dr. James Handy in 1832. (Handy, WHS) Tillinghast Auker, son of Joseph and Zilpha, was born in Dartmouth in 1802.
Zilpha Auker	Zilpha Auker was a patient of Dr. James Handy in 1833. (Handy, WHS). See Zilpha Tucker .
Robert Autenet	Robert Autenet and Hannah Mahooit filed intentions to marry in Dartmouth in 1740. DAVR.
Peace Awancom (Arnold, vol. 4 ⁵⁷).	Peace Awancom and Whop Quam were married in Tiverton in 1755.
Awashonks preceding King Philip's War.	"Squaw sachem" of the Sakonnets in the period during and preceding King Philip's War.
Peter Awashonks	Son of Awashonks.
Abraham F. Bailey	Abraham F. Bailey (ca1818-1850), son of Quaco & Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey married in New Bedford in 1842 Eliza Jane Mingo, daughter of Charles & Zilpha (Bassett) Mingo . ⁵⁸ Children were Ann E. Bailey (1846-1904) and Maria A. Bailey (1849-1881), both of New Bedford. Nathan Johnson was appointed guardian of the two minor children following the death of Abraham.
Barbary Bailey	Barbary Bailey of Dartmouth married Noah White of New Bedford in Dartmouth in 1832. DAVR
George Bailey	Son of Quaco & Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey . George Bailey married [int.] Meriah Quannawin, black people, in Dartmouth in 1820. ⁵⁹ George Bailey married Meriah Quanwell of Dartmouth in Westport in 1822. ⁶⁰
Humphrey Bailey	Son of Quaco and Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey, married Louisa (—). See longer entry under Quaco Bailey.

⁵⁷Although no racial identity is proved in Arnold, the surnames are suggestive of Indian origins.

⁵⁸Segel and Pierce, *Wampanoag Families of Martha's Vineyard*, (2017) vol. 2, [hereafter WFMV/2] p. 56.

⁵⁹DAVR

⁶⁰WEVR

- Mariah Bailey** Possible daughter of Quaco and Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey. Mariah Bailey married [int.] Charles Henry Rayment, people of color of New Bedford, in New Bedford in 1825.⁶¹
- Martha Bailey** Daughter of **Quaco and Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey**. Martha married David S. Fletcher in New Bedford in 1839. NBVR. In the 1840s, David Fletcher and his brother George ran an oyster house at the corner of Union and Fourth (now Purchase) Streets in New Bedford.⁶² In 1841 the Fletcher brothers operated a restaurant at 19 North Sixth Street, and Martha Fletcher opened a confectionery at the same location.⁶³ By 1849 Martha Fletcher, by now a widow, took in washing along with Anne Williams Almy⁶⁴ in a house owned by Eleanor Lee, a woman of color from Virginia. Also in the household was the mariner **John L. Jackson**.⁶⁵ In 1861 Martha Fletcher purchased at public auction for \$133 an undivided one third part of land formerly owned by her father on both sides of Rockdale Avenue. The seller was **John Briggs**, guardian of Anne E. Bailey and Francis Bailey, minor children of Martha's brother **Abraham F. Bailey**.⁶⁶
- Meriah Bailey** Meriah Bailey [prob. **Meriah (Quaniwell) Bailey**, widow? of George Bailey] and **Charles Hall** filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1828. WEVR. [They are probably the paternal grandparents of Charles Horatio Cuffe].
- Quaco Bailey** (**ca1740-ca1824**) The inventory of the estate of Lt. Thomas Bailey (1690-1741) of Little Compton listed slaves Vilo and Phillis, valued at £ 34 and £ 100, respectively, and a slave Crawco with no value assigned, perhaps an infant son of Vilo or Phillis. Lt. Bailey's son, Thomas Bailey Jr (1715-1793) inherited the house and southern part of the homestead farm of his father.⁶⁷ The will of Thomas Bailey Jr provided "unto my Negro man named Quacko his freedom at my

⁶¹NBVR

⁶²Kathryn Grover, *Behind the Mansions: The Political, Economic and Social Life of the South Sixth Street Neighborhood*, p. 38.

⁶³Id

⁶⁴Probably either the third wife or daughter of **Peter Almy**, who in 1849 was living at 95 South Sixth Street (a boarding house owned by Paul Cuffe's son-in-law **Richard Johnson**), almost directly across the street.

⁶⁵Grover, *Behind the Mansions* p. 38.

⁶⁶BCD (NB) v. 45 p. 151

⁶⁷The ca1700 house, attributed to Nathaniel Warren, is still in existence at the gateway to Warren's Point.

decease.”⁶⁸

In 1796 Quaco Bailey married Lurana Easton in New Bedford.⁶⁹ Presumably Lurana died soon after this marriage, as in 1798 Quaco Bailey filed intentions to marry Rebecca Freeborn of Westport.⁷⁰ Rebecca was likely the daughter of **Cuff** and **Jemima (Nunksew) Freeborn** of Westport.⁷¹ In 1798 Quaco Bailey, a mulatto laborer from New Bedford, purchased from Benjamin Hill a parcel in New Bedford of 1 acre and 26 rods for £ 45, land formerly owned by the heirs of Benjamin Kempton.⁷² At the same time Quaco Bailey purchased a 5 acre on both sides of Rockdale Avenue from Elkanah Mitchell for \$280.⁷³

Rebecca Bailey

Rebecca Bailey, daughter of Humphrey and Louisa Bailey, was born in Dartmouth in 1845. DAVR [granddaughter of Quaco and Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey].

Isaac Barker

Isaac Barker, Indian man of Middleboro and Zurvia Carter, Indian woman of Dartmouth, were married in Dartmouth in 1760. DAVR.

Jane Barker

Jane Barker, age about 50, colored, died in Westport 1/6/1826. (New Bedford Mercury).

⁶⁸The names Crawco, Quarko, Quacko are variations of Quaco, an Ashanti day name (like Cuffe, Quash, etc.) in this case designating a child born on Sunday.

⁶⁹Quaco [int. Quaro] and Lurana Easton [int.Eason], blacks, both of New Bedford, were married 8 May 1796. NBVR. Lurana is possibly a relative of **Rev. Peter Eason** (husband of Paul Cuffe’s daughter Rhoda) or **Mary Easton** (wife of John Wainer).

⁷⁰NBVR

⁷¹Cuff Freeborn, who appears in the 1790 Westport census, is the only person of color with that surname to appear in census or vital records for Westport.

⁷²BCD (NB) v. T14 p. 509. Later deeds indicate that this parcel was in the “Hard Dig”/Cannonville section of New Bedford (i.e the area extending on both sides of Kempton Street east of its intersection with Rockdale Avenue). The purchase price suggests the presence of a house, although the deed does mention a house or other buildings.

⁷³BCD (NB) v. T14 p. 509. The deed states that the property was on both sides of the highway from Bedford to Smith’s Mills. Later deeds state that the property is on both sides of Noel Taber Road, which in the 1840s was renamed Rockdale Avenue. This property was bounded N by the grantor and Isaiah Peckham, E by heirs of Francis Allen, S by John Collins and Timothy Maxfield’s driftway, W by Maxfield. Witnesses were Lucy Smith, John Smith and William Tallman Jr., the latter later serving as guardian for Quaco’s minor son Humphrey Bailey.

- Joseph Barker** In 1785 Joseph Barker, negro of Dartmouth, was called as a witness in a case of John Slocum of Chilmark vs. David Cuff of Dartmouth, for possession of various salvaged goods from Penikese Island. Pierce Database.
- Peter Barker** Peter Barker was head of household in the Tiverton census of 1790 consisting of 2 people of color. In 1800 Peter Barker was head of a household consisting of 2 people of color in the federal census for Tiverton. Peter Barker, age 60+, negro, listed in 1777 RI military census for Tiverton.
- James Bassett** James Bassett alias Sharp b. Dartmouth ca1764-67 married Esther (Sharper) London in Edgartown.⁷⁴ Their daughter Fanny Bassett married **John Briggs** of Tiverton and New Bedford. Their granddaughter **Martha Bailey Briggs** brought suit to recover ancestral Indian lands on Martha's Vineyard, which after various twists and turns was resolved unfavorably in 1892.⁷⁵
- Hope Benjamin** Hope Benjamin, daughter of Esther, was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1822. (Arnold vol. 8)
- Joseph Benjamin** Joseph Benjamin, colored, was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1821. (Arnold, vol. 8)
- Jacob Bloomingdale** Jacob Bloomingdale, colored ("he is said to have died in his 103rd year") was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1792. (Arnold, vol. 8).
- Bloomy Blossom** Bloomy Blossom was head of household in the Tiverton census of 1790 consisting of 3 people of color.
- Cato Borden** Cato Borden and Mary Samson, Indians, were married in Tiverton in 1768. (Arnold vol. 4).
- James Borden** James Borden, Negro man and Mary Jacob, Indian woman, were married in Dartmouth in 1717. DAVR.
- Nathaniel A. Borden** Son of **Silas Borden** and **Deborah Quanwell**. He married Deborah Cook, daughter of **Benjamin Cook** and **Catherine Almy**.
- Peter Borden** "Peter Burden, black" was head of household consisting of 5 people of color in Westport in 1800.

⁷⁴WFMV/2p. 58.

⁷⁵Id

Peter Borden was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1780.
 (Arnold vol. 8)
 Peter Burden, negro was a patient of Dr. Eli Handy in 1796. (Handy, WHS)
 Peter Burden, black, appears as head of household in the Westport census for 1800.
 Peter Borden was the brother of Rachel (Borden?) Durfee (Handy, WHS)

- Benjamin Bowen** Benjamin Bowen was head of household in Tiverton in 1820 consisting of 6 people of color.
- Pero Brayton** Pero Brayton, Negro man and Thankful Rhodes, mustee woman were intending marriage in Dartmouth in 1774. DAVR
- Henry Briggs (1781-1829)** See longer entry under Henry Briggs.
- Jenney (Ginney) Briggs** Mother of Henry Briggs; see longer entry under Henry Briggs.⁷⁶
- John C. Briggs** See longer entry under Henry Briggs.
- Martha Bailey Briggs** See longer entry under Henry Briggs.
- Rachel Briggs (b.1777)** Daughter of Jenney Briggs, colored, born in Tiverton.⁷⁷
- Robin Briggs** Indian man, mariner/laborer, sued by Peleg Barker of Tiverton, innholder, for £ 223, 8sh for “vitels and drink,” after credit of 20sh per day for 42 days of work. ⁷⁸
- Zebedee Briggs (b.1783)** Son of Jenney Briggs, colored, born in Tiverton.⁷⁹
- Cato Brightman** Head of household in Tiverton in 1820 consisting of 9 people of color.
- Broad-Faced Will** Sakonnet Indian. In 1672, having been ordered by Plymouth to turn over six guns in her tribe’s possession, Awashonks explained in a letter to Gov. Prence that one of the guns had been stolen from a wigwam by an Indian named Broad-Faced Will, who fled with the gun to Mount Hope.
- John Brooks** John Brooks was head of household in the census for Tiverton in

⁷⁶Travers p. 174.

⁷⁷Arnold, VRRRI, Tiverton births and deaths.

⁷⁸Jane Fletcher Fiske, *Gleaning from Newport County Court Files*, item #875.

⁷⁹Arnold, VRRRI, Tiverton births and deaths.

1790 consisting of 5 people of color.
John Brooks was head of household in the census for Tiverton in 1800 consisting of 6 people of color.

- Josh Brown** Josh Brown, Indian married Violet Brown, colored servant of Abraham Brown, at Tiverton Congregational Church in 1769. (Arnold vol. 8)
- Hannah Brown** Hannah Brown of Tiverton and Anthony Johnson of Newport, negroes, were married in Tiverton in 1765. (Arnold vol. 4)
- Thomas Brown** Head of household in Tiverton in 1820 consisting of 3 people of color.
- Violet Brown** Violet Brown, colored servant of Abraham Brown, married Josh Brown, Indian in 1769 at Tiverton Congregational Church. (Arnold vol. 8)
- Jenne Brownell** First wife of Glasgow Cory. She married Glasgow Cory in Dartmouth in 1759. DAVR. She is likely the “Negro woman named Genney” devised seven months before her marriage by John Brownell of Little Compton to his grandson John Wilbur.⁸⁰ See entry for Glasgow Cory.
- Flora Burgess** In 1789 Peleg Burroughs “took the cross roads to the house of Fortune Gray and preached with great freedom and power to a number of black people and some whites, assembled to the funeral of Flora Burgis, an Indian.”⁸¹
- John Burgess** In 1706 John Burges was one of ten Indians at Watuppa who petitioned Gov. Dudley to relocate the Watuppa Reservation.⁸²
- Mary Burgess** Head of household in Tiverton in 1820 consisting of 5 people of color.
Mary Burgis and Robert Field, black people, intended to marry in Dartmouth in 1807. DAVR
- Penelope Burgess** In 1781 Peleg Burroughs visited “old Penelope Burgis sick in a wigwam, several Indians and blacks came in, I spake with them all

⁸⁰Benjamin Franklin Wilbour, *Little Compton Families* [LCF] p. 90. John Wilbur was probably in Dartmouth at that time, as his intention to marry Ellenor Tripp was filed there 10/10/1760. DAVR.

⁸¹PBJ p. 254 (4/1789)

⁸²DuBuque p. 50.

and preached with much freedom. Was much affected with old Penelope's talk, who seemed to have a great sense of the state of her soul."⁸³

In 1783 Peleg Burroughs preached to "a number of Indians and Negroes (only 5 whites) at the funeral of Penelope Burgis, age 83, one of the native Indians of this country."⁸⁴

- Robin Cadman** Robin Cadman, negro of Portsmouth and Mary Slocum, negro of Dartmouth, were married in Dartmouth in 1773. DAVR.
- Cugo Canady** Cugo Canaday [Cannada, Cannaday] and Rebeckah Shaw, negroes of Dartmouth, were married in Dartmouth in 1749. DAVR.
- Juda Canaha** Juda Canaha [int. Cakenehew], Indian woman and Ceasar Russell, negro man were married in Dartmouth in 1765. DAVR
- Elisha Canootaman** In 1715 Thomas Macomber of Dartmouth accused Joshua Slocum, Solomon David and Elisha Canootaman, "three Indian men" of "breaking up his house" and they in turn accused Macomber of selling them on the same day a pint and a half of rum and one gallon of cider.⁸⁵
Elisha Canootum appeared on a 1724 list of Dartmouth Indians.
- Dorcas Castle** Dorcase Castle (Cottle?) was head of household in Tiverton in 1820 consisting of 3 people of color.
- Deborah Ceasar** Deborah Ceasar and Isaac Pequit, Indians, were married in Dartmouth in 1765. DAVR
- Lot Cathway** Lot Cathway of Rochester and Marcy Eason of New Bedford, black people, were married in Dartmouth in 1799.
- Deborah Ceaser** Deborah Ceaser and Isaac Pequit, Indians, were married in Dartmouth in 1765. DAVR.
- Zilpha Ceaser** Zilpha Ceaser and Isaac Wickam were married in Dartmouth in 1744.⁸⁶

⁸³PBJ p. 88 (6/1781).

⁸⁴PBJ p. 133 (1/1783)

⁸⁵WFMV/2 p. 220; BCCR SF#10430.

⁸⁶DAVR. No racial identities given, but there were no white people in Dartmouth under either the Ceaser or Wickam surnames. Given the maternal orientation of Indian genealogy, it is possible that the younger Deborah Ceaser is a daughter of this couple.

- George Charles** George Charles of Stonington, CT and Sarah Obediah of Dartmouth, Indians, filed intentions to marry in Dartmouth in 1774. DAVR
- Aaron Childs** Aaron Childs was a patient of Dr. Eli Handy in 1801. (Handy, WHS) In the 1790 census Aaron Childs was the only person of color heading a household in New Bedford. By 1810 he was in Westport, probably living in the house at 17 Drift Road.⁸⁷ Aaron Childs married, first Molly Hitch in 1788; he married second in New Bedford in 1805 Deborah (Quanwell) Borden, daughter of **Peter Quanwell** and **Martha Job** and the widow of Simon Borden.⁸⁸
- Ceasar Church** Ceasor Church married Sarah Peabody in 1731 in Dighton.
- Dorcas Church** Dorcas Church and George W. Gardner, people of color, were married in Dartmouth in 1821. DAVR
- Isaac Church** Son of Capt. James Church, he died before 1764 but left seven children: Isaac Jr. (age 23); Comfort (22); Phebe (16); Constant (14, non compos mentis), Martha (9), Mary (7) and Solomon (6).⁸⁹ A 1763 petition of Isaac Church and others at Watuppa Reservation refer to themselves as “soldiers in the former wars.”⁹⁰
- Capt. James Church** James Church was one of several Watuppa Indians signing a 1706 petition to Gov. Dudley requesting that the Reservation be relocated.⁹¹ Capt. James Church (d.1739), apparently the leader of a company of Indian scouts who fought in the campaigns of Capt. Benjamin Church, was the original owner of Lot 1 of Watuppa Reservation.⁹² Capt. James Church had two sons, James and Isaac, and four daughters: Mary, Experience, Mercy and Phebe. Of these, Mary was alive (as of 1764) and had a daughter named Experience who had five children. Mary the second was alive, no children. Phebe was

⁸⁷See entry for 17 Drift Road in Westport Historical Society, *Head of Westport* (2012). The surrounding persons in the 1810 census are consistent with Childs' living at the Head. He does not appear on the land records as an owner of the property.

⁸⁸Segel and Pierce p. 781.

⁸⁹DuBuque p. 59.

⁹⁰DuBuque p. 62. It is unclear whether this reference is to Isaac Sr or Isaac Jr.

⁹¹DuBuque p. 50. Church's name is listed first among the ten signers.

⁹²DuBuque p. 59. At 27 acres and 32 rods, Lot 1 was more than four times the size of any other lot. See Travers, p. 172.

alive and had 8 children. James Jr was dead, leaving two children: George (age 25) and Katherine George [apparently her surname] (age 22). Isaac Church had died [ca1763], leaving 7 children: Isaac (23), Comfort (22), Phebe (16), Constant (14, non compos mentis), Martha (9), Mary (7) and Solomon (6).⁹³

- James Church Jr** Son of Capt. James Church, died before 1764. As of that time James Church Jr had two surviving children, George (age 25) and Katy (age 22).⁹⁴ As of 1764, these two heirs of “young James Church” owned Lot 7 at Watuppa Reservation.⁹⁵
- Betty Cockaway** Betty Cockaway was in 1763 the co-assignee of Lot 8 at Watuppa Reservation with her aunt, Abigail Tetticut. She was the granddaughter of Job Cockaway.⁹⁶
- Job Cockaway** Job Cockaway was the original assignee of Lot 8 of the Watuppa Reservation. As of 1763 this lot was owned by his daughter, Abigail Tetticut and his granddaughter, Betty Cockaway.⁹⁷
- Pero Coggeshall** Pero Coggeshall, negro and Mary Solomon, Indian were married in Dartmouth in 1767.
Pero Coggeshall was head of a household consisting of 8 people of color in the 1790 federal census for Dartmouth.
- Primus Collins**
- John Commanson** John Commanson appears on a 1724 list of Dartmouth Indians.
- Isaac Company** Isaac Company and Mary Page were married in Tiverton in 1764. (Arnold vol. 4)⁹⁸
- Abraham Cook** Abraham Cook, negro and Mary Robbins, Indian were married in Tiverton in 1751. (Arnold vol. 4).
In 1777 Abraham Cook, negro age 50-60 was listed in the RI military census for Tiverton.
In 1790 Abram Cook was head of a household consisting of 8 people of color in the federal census of Tiverton.
In 1800 Abraham Cook was head of a household consisting of 2

⁹³DuBuque, p. 59.

⁹⁴Id

⁹⁵Id

⁹⁶Travers p. 172; DuBuque p. 60..

⁹⁷Travers p. 172.

⁹⁸Although no racial identity is provided in Arnold, the bride’s surname suggests Indian origins.

people of color in the federal census for Tiverton.

Benjamin Cook

Daniel Cook

In 1777 Daniel Cook, mustee age 16-50 was listed in the RI military census for Tiverton.

Jack Cook

In 1777 Jack Cook, negro age 60+ was listed in the RI military census for Tiverton.

Joseph Cook

Joseph Cook, mustee of Tiverton and Marcy Prince of Dartmouth were married in Dartmouth in 1785. DAVR

Mary Cook

In 1800 Mary Cook was head of a household consisting of 4 people of color in the federal census for Tiverton.

Megg Cook

Megg Cook, Negro was head of household in the 1790 census for Tiverton consisting of 2 people of color.

Sippo Cook

Sippo (Scipio?) Cook was head of household in the Tiverton census of 1800 consisting of 13 people of color.

Viatah Cook

Viatah Cook (or Manchester), colored, was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1789. (Arnold vol. 8)

Cooper

An Indian of Dartmouth, born ca 1675.⁹⁹ He is likely the father of Henry Cooper and Thomas Cooper.¹⁰⁰

Abiah Cooper

Abiah Cooper, daughter of Thomas Cooper, married (as his first wife) John Cuffe of Westport.

Hannah Cooper

In 1763 Hannah Cooper, daughter of Samuel Titticut, owned Lot 23 at Watuppa Reservation.¹⁰¹

Henry Cooper

Henry Cooper appears on a 1724 list of Dartmouth Indians.

Thomas Cooper

Thomas Cooper (b.ca 1732), along with other Dartmouth Indians, served under the command of Capt. Timothy Ruggles in a 1740 expedition against the Spanish West Indies.¹⁰²
Thomas Cooper appears on a 1724 list of Dartmouth Indians.

⁹⁹WFMV/2 p. 153.

¹⁰⁰Id.

¹⁰¹Travers p. 172.

¹⁰²WFMV/2 p. 153.

Corbitant	Sachem of the Pocasset tribe and probably the father of Weetamoo , who was his successor as sachem. ¹⁰³
William Cornell	William Cornell and Hope Towarrey, black people, were married in Dartmouth in 1797.
Abby S. Cory	Probably a daughter of John Cory , who was living next door to her in New Bedford in 1850.. Abby S. Cory of New Bedford and Samuel Fuller were married in Westport in 1833. WEVR.
Glasgow Cory	Glasgo Cory, negro man and Jenne Brownell filed intentions to marry in Dartmouth in 1759. DAVR Glasgow Cory and Violet Slocum were married in Dartmouth in 1780. DAVR In 1800 Glasco Cory is in the Westport census as head of household consisting of 5 people of color. In 1810 Glaco Corry is in census for Westport as head of household consisting of 2 people of color. Glasgo Cory, negro is listed as a patient of Dr. Eli Handy in 1798. (Handy, WHS) In 1800 Edward Manchester, yeoman sold to Glasgow Cory, laborer several contiguous parcels totaling 4 acres with buildings for \$350, the same land as previously conveyed to the grantor by Jabez Manchester. ¹⁰⁴ This parcel was on the north side of the highway [Adamsville Road, east of the intersection of Cornell Road] and was otherwise bounded by Peleg Simmons, Jr, Philip Taber and the grantor. On the same day Cory, described as a “black man” bought from Manchester an additional parcel of 10.75 acres, this parcel abutted north by David Taber, east by the heirs of Lemuel Manchester [the area opposite the north parking area for the Herb Hadfield Conservation area], south by the highway and the grantor, and west by the grantor and Peleg Simmons Jr. ¹⁰⁵ In 1811 Glasgow Cory, yeoman and John Cory, cordwainer, mortgaged the 10.75 acre parcel to Roger White. ¹⁰⁶ In the same year Glasgow Cory, “yeoman and man of color” and his wife “Pelot” Cory quitclaimed their interest in their Westport properties to Roger White, both signing by a mark. ¹⁰⁷

¹⁰³See, e.g. Travers pp. 177ff.

¹⁰⁴BCD (NB) vol. 15, p. 345.

¹⁰⁵Id

¹⁰⁶BCD (NB) vol. 19, p. 89.

¹⁰⁷BCD (NB) vol. 19, p. 279. Subsequent deeds suggest the presence of a house on the

Glasgow Cory Jr

Glasgow Cory Jr of Westport and Reisa Perow of Little Compton filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1807. WEVR

John Cory

John Cory (ca1782->1855) was the son of Glasgow Cory and either Jenne Brownell or Violet Slocum. .

John Cory, son “of Glasgow” was baptized at Old Stone Baptist Church in 1806. (Arnold, vol. 8)

John Cory and **Phebe Quanwell** of New Bedford filed intentions to marry in Westport in 1807. WEVR Phebe Quonwell was the daughter of **Peter Quanwell** and **Martha Job**.¹⁰⁸

As noted above, John Cory co-signed a mortgage deed from his father to Roger White in for property on the north side of Adamsville Road. In 1805, Canaan and Eliphah Gifford [who lived south of Gray’s Store in Adamsville] sold to John Cory of Westport, cordwainer, 4 acres of salt meadow in the West Branch of the Westport River.¹⁰⁹ This parcel was sold by Cory in 1809 to Peter Quonwell of New Bedford, who was probably Cory’s father-in-law.¹¹⁰

In 1808 Lemuel Manchester, yeoman sold to John Cory, cordwainer, for \$140 a 10 acre parcel, it being the second lot from the west end of his farm.¹¹¹ This lot was on the north side of the highway “west from the Town House to Taber’s Mills” [i.e. Adamsville Road], abutted west and east by the grantor and north by Job Manchester. In the same year Cory sold a 3.75 acre portion of this lot to Henry Palmer, yeoman.¹¹²

The 1836 New Bedford Directory lists John Cory, cordwainer, residing at the rear of 43 Wing Street. His Wing Street neighbors included Richard and Ruth (Cuffe) Johnson, the mother of Capt. Pardon Cook and William Henry Johnson, who was perhaps America’s first black lawyer. John Cory’s Wing Street house was described as being just 7 feet by 8 feet in dimension, to the rear of a house owned by Thomas Bush.¹¹³ For a time John Cory was a

¹⁰⁸Segel and Pierce v. 2 p. 781.

¹⁰⁹BCD (NB) vol. 17, p. 394.

¹¹⁰BCD (NB) vol. 19, p. 106. See various Quanwell reference in Grover, *The Fugitives’ Gibraltar*. See also Henry Worth, *Old Dartmouth Historical Sketches* #20, where he suggests that the Quanwell surname is derivative of Wampanoag word for “hawk.”

¹¹¹BCD (NB) vol. 18, p. 377.

¹¹²BCD (NB) vol. 19, p. 183. Henry Palmer lived in the ca1710 Stokes Potter house, now known as the “Oscar Palmer farm” and acquired by the Trustees of Reservations, on the south side of Adamsville Road.

¹¹³Kathryn Grover, *Behind the Mansions: The Political, Economic and Social Life of a New Bedford Neighborhood*, p. 58. accessible at home.nps.gov/nebe

steward on the steamboat packets that ran between New Bedford and New York City, and was described by James Bunker Congdon as someone “who had about him every type of pure African.”¹¹⁴ In 1850 John Cory, shoemaker, age 58 is living alone, but next door to the Briggs-Bailey house at 29 Allen Street. In the 1855 state census he is in the Briggs household itself, along with **John Briggs**, his mother Hannah (Wainwood) Briggs, his daughter **Martha Bailey Briggs**. **Quaco Bailey’s** widow Rebecca (Freeborn) Bailey, her son Abraham F. Bailey and his wife Eliza (Mingo) Bailey and the two Bailey children. In this census Mary (Fuller) Coombs [sister of John Cory’s son-in-law Samuel Fuller] is living next door, perhaps swapping residences with John Cory sometime between 1850 (when she was in the Briggs household) and 1855. In 1839 John Cory testified to the MA House of Representatives that in 1824 he shipped as a steward aboard the sloop *Rodman*, Peleg Crowel, master, on a trading voyage that put into Charleston. People “calling themselves officers” came on board and demanded of Capt. Crowel that Cory be placed in jail. Crowel offered surety for Cory’s good behavior and offered to prove his free birth, “but all was unavailing. I was taken from the sloop and shut up in a jail for the period of about sixteen days, when the sloop was having got ready to sail I was released and put on board. While I was imprisoned as aforesaid, seven others, colored like myself, were in prison. No offense was charged upon any of us. We were told it was necessary for the security of their state to keep us in prison.”¹¹⁵

Jupiter Cory

Jupiter Cory and Eunice Crocker, mustees were married in Dartmouth in 1783. DAVR.
 Jupiter Cory and Mary Almy, widow of **Ned Almy**, were married in Dartmouth in 1787. DAVR
 In 1800 Jupiter Cory is in the census for Westport as a head of household consisting of 2 people of color.
 Jupiter Cory was a patient of Dr. Eli Handy. (Handy, WHS)

Maneul Gill Cory

In 1797 Manuel Gill Cory sued **Richard Amos** of Dartmouth, mariner, for debt. Pierce Database.

Peter Cory

Peter Corey, negro was head of household in the Tiverton census of 1790 consisting of 5 people of color.

James Cottle

James Cottle was head of household in the 1800 census for Tiverton consisting of 4 people of color.

¹¹⁴Id.

¹¹⁵1839 MA House of Representatives (House Doc. No. 38), cited in Segel and Pierce v. 2 p. 781.

- Charlotte Crank** Charlotte Crank of Dartmouth and John Lewis of New Bedford were married in Dartmouth in 1825. DAVR
Charlottee Crank, daughter of George and Dorcas, was born in Dartmouth in 1774. DAVR
- George Crank** George Crank, negro man and Dorcas Wickam, Indian woman, both of Dartmouth, were married in Dartmouth in 1773. DAVR
George Crank is head of a household consisting of 6 people of color in the 1800 federal census for Dartmouth.
- Leven Crank** Leven Crank, son of George and Dorcas, was born in Dartmouth in 1776. DAVR
In 1802 Joseph Winslow of New Bedford sued Leaven Crank, negro man of New Bedford, mariner, for debt. Pierce Database.
- Mahaley Crank** Mahaley Crank, daughter of George and Dorcas, was born in Dartmouth in 1792. DAVR
- Persis Crank** In 1848 Persis Crank, age 49 was living at Watuppa Reservation along with the following Cranks: Henry (39), Eunice (39), William H. (21), Jane (16), Sarah (52), Mark A. H. (21), Catharine (20) and Thomas M. (18).¹¹⁶
- Ruth Crank** Wife of Peter Almy. See longer entry for Peter Almy.
- Ryal Crank** Ryal Crank, son of George and Dorcas, was born in Dartmouth in 1779. DAVR
In 1802 Joseph Winslow of New Bedford sued Ryal Crank, negro of New Bedford, mariner, for debt. Pierce Database.
- Secer Crank** Secer (Caesar?) Crank and Hannah Clark were married in Tiverton in 1757. (Arnold vol. 4)¹¹⁷
- Eunice Crocker** Eunice Crocker and Jupiter Cory, mustees, were married in Dartmouth in 1783. DAVR
- Isaac Crocker** Isaac "Crooker" and Maria Robbins were married in Tiverton in 1758. (Arnold vol. 4)
In 1747 Isaac Crocker, laborer and wife Alice Crocker, "Indian man and woman," late of Dartmouth, then residing in Little Compton, conveyed to Peris [Perez] Richmond a parcel of 40 acres in Acoaxet

¹¹⁶DuBuque, p. 62.

¹¹⁷Although no racial identity is provided in Arnold, the groom's name suggests he is a person of color.

bounded south by Peris Richmond, west by Ichabod Richmond, and north and east by George Brownell Jr. BCD (NB) vol. 5, p. 293. It is possible that Isaac Crocker is either the same person or the son of "Isaac Alderman, Indian Preacher," as the land being conveyed about is in at least roughly the same location as those referring to Isaac Alderman as an abutter, and there is no one named Isaac Alderman listed in the BCD grantor index.

Amos Cubit

In 1793 Peleg Burroughs "heard Brother Amos Cubit (a black man) preach well. . . he left us to go and preach in the evening at Capt. Paul Cuff's."¹¹⁸

Alice Cuffe

Alice (Abel) (Pequit) Cuffe [widow of Capt. Paul Cuffe] was a patient of Dr. Eli Handy in 1819 [the year of her death], her bill paid in cash by A. Phillips [Alvin Phelps, her son-in-law]. (Handy, WHS)

**Alice Cuffe
(1790-1876)**

Daughter of **Capt. Paul** and **Alice ((Abel)(Pequit) Cuffe**, married Capt. Pardon Cook. They resided in Westport on a house on the west side of Drift Road in the 1600-block area.
Children: Benjamin P. Cook (1824-1889) m. Chloe D. Wainer;
Catherine A. Cook (1827-1888) married Joseph C. Nicholson;
Lysander Cook (d.1849) d. Wpt (of typhoid fever).

Cynthia Cuffe

Daughter of David Cuffe.
In 1848 Cynthia Cuffee, age 74, born in Westport, was living at Watuppa Reservation.¹¹⁹

David Cuffe

In 1785 John Slocum of Chilmark¹²⁰ sued David Cuff of Dartmouth for possession of various salvaged goods from Penikese Island. Witnesses were John Cuff, Paul Cuff, Joseph Barker and Perow Howland, all negro men of Dartmouth, and Daniel and Grelley [Greeley] Page of Freetown, mulatto man and woman, all called as witnesses but their testimonies not included in the court files. Pierce Database.
In 1802 David Cuff and Paul Cuff were debtors to the estate of Daniel Howland. Pierce Database.

¹¹⁸PBJ p. 299-300. Shortly thereafter Burroughs "baptized Hannah Cubit, wife of a preacher." Apparently Amos Cubit was from Newport.

¹¹⁹DuBuque p. 62. ;

¹²⁰Probably John Slocum, Jr., who lived on Naushon, son of the man who freed David Cuffe's father Cuffe Slocum in 1785.

John Cuffe

John Cuff was head of household consisting of 5 people of color in Westport in 1790, probably at the intersection of Old County and Fisher Roads.

John Cuffe [Jr] (b.ca1799)

Son of John and Jane (White) Cuffe. Probably he is the John Cuffe of New Bedford who married Elizabeth Morse in New Bedford in 1836. NBVR.

In 1823 John Cuffe Jr conveyed to Barker Gifford the NW corner of homestead farm given to his father by his grandfather, Cuffe Slocum.

Probably the John Cuff who was issued a seaman's protection certificate in Philadelphia in 1837, described as age 41, 5"6", colored complexion, of New Bedford.

**Mary Cuffe
(1785-1867)**

Daughter of **Capt. Paul and Alice (Abel)(Pequit) Cuffe**, married first **Alvin Phelps**.

In 1837 Mary Phelps, widow was living at 25 South Second Street in New Bedford with sons Paul C. Phelps and Mifflin W. Phelps.

In 1850 Mary Phelps was living in New Bedford in the household of Samuel and Rhoda (Wainer) Drummond along with her son Edward Phelps.

After 1850 Mary Phelps married, as his second wife, William Knobb (1785-1887). In 1865 they are living in Mattapoisett.

Children: John A. Phelps (1809-1831), died in the wreck of the *Hammer*; Milton Phelps (1811-1831), died in the wreck of the *Hammer*; Paul C. Phelps (1817-1851), blacksmith (1837) m. in NB in 1841 Emily E. Miles, d. NB; William W. Phelps (1821-1846) d. NB (of typhus); Edward Russell Phelps (1821-1885), carter in NB (1850), res. Victoria, British Columbia in 1873 when he conveyed to John B. Hathaway the John Castino/Phelps property on Drift Road in Westport.

**Naomi Cuffe
(1783-1810)**

Daughter of Paul and Alice (Pequit) Cuffe, wife of Peter Howard. Buried in Howard/Cuffe cemetery at intersection of Fisher and Old County Roads.

Children: Almira Howard (b.1806) m. in NB 1836 James H.

Howard; Alice A. Howard (1810-ca1830) m. NB William M.

Boston (1805-1842) of Nantucket, had one child, Olando H. Boston (1826-1836)

Paul Cuffe

Paul Cuff was head of household consisting of 7 people of color in Westport in 1790, likely on Drift Road. .

**Paul Cuffe (Jr)
(1792-1843)**

Son of Paul and Alice (Pequit) Cuffe, married Mary Cook (ca1794-1855), sister of his brother-in-law Capt. Pardon Cook. They resided in New Bedford and Nantucket. In 1850 the widow Mary Cuffe resided in Nantucket with her sister Hannah, the wife of Capt. Absalom Boston.

Child: Eliza Ann Cuffe (1814-1884) m. Samuel H. Tilghman, res. NB where she left numerous descendants.

**Ruth Cuffe
(ca1780->1851)**

Daughter of David and Hope (Page) Cuffe.

In 1848 Ruth Cuffe, age 68 was living at Watuppa Reservation.¹²¹

In 1851 Ruth Cuffe, "Indian doctress" corresponded with Joseph Congdon of New Bedford concerning the circumstances of her grandfather Cuffe Slocum's manumission (Paul Cuffe Papers).

**Ruth Cuffe
(1788-1853)**

Daughter of Paul and Alice (Pequit) Cuffe, married first Alexander Howard (ca1785-1822), who with his brother Peter Howard (married to her sister Naomi) and her father Paul Cuffe operated Cuffe & Howard's store in New Bedford. She married second, as his second wife, her first husband's business partner Richard Johnson. Ruth and her second husband are buried in Rural Cemetery, New Bedford.

Children: Alexander Howard Jr (1810-1890) m. Rebecca Groendyke, res. Olympia, WA; Elijah Howard, d. OR; Mary S. Howard (d.1839) m. Absalom Williams Shadd, res. Wilmington, DE; Shadrach Howard (d.1873) m. Helen Gibson, d. Colon, Panama (see separate entry).

**Samuel H. Cuffe
(1801-1881)**

Son of John and Jane (White) Cuffe, married **Harriet Michael**. In 1855 they are living at the John Cuffe house at the intersection of Fisher and Old County Roads in Westport. By 1871 they are living at the house previously occupied by his aunt, Charlotte White, on the north side of Charlotte White Road. Their last residence was in New Bedford at the intersection of Rockdale Avenue and Hathaway Road.

Thomas Cuffe

The *Boston Gazette* of of 9/15/1777 reported the desertion of

¹²¹DuBuque p. 62.

Thomas Cuff and Ephraim (Frost?0, Indian men of Dartmouth,
from the company belonging to Capt. Amasa Soper. Pierce
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