

**ADDRESS: 1651 KINSEY ST**

Name of Resource: Burial ground, Campbell A.M.E. Church of Frankford

Proposed Action: Designation

Property Owner: Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church

Nominator: Joseph Menkevich

Staff Contact: Kim Chantry, kim.chantry@phila.gov

**OVERVIEW:** This nomination proposes to designate the burial ground and site at 1651 Kinsey Street as historic and list it on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The church, Campbell AME Church of Frankford, is already listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places as of 4 February 1982. This nomination seeks to highlight the historic significance of the site itself. The nomination contends that the site satisfies Criteria for Designation A, I, and J. Under Criterion A, the nomination contends that the site is associated with the lives of persons significant in the past, including persons associated with the AME Church of the Borough of Frankford and landowners of properties that were conveyed to the Church. The nomination provides biographies of those persons. Under Criterion J, the nomination argues that the site exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social and historical heritage of the Black community of Frankford. Under Criterion I, the nomination argues that the site, which is labeled on an 1834 map as “Burying Ground and Meeting of the Blacks” may be likely to yield information important in pre-history or history, as a large section of the cemetery remains undisturbed, and the church building on the remaining section appears to have been constructed in a way to not disturb the burials which lie beneath.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommends that the nomination demonstrates that the site at 1651 Kinsey Street satisfies Criteria for Designation A, I, and J.



**NOMINATION OF HISTORIC BUILDING, STRUCTURE, SITE, OR OBJECT**  
**PHILADELPHIA REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES**  
**PHILADELPHIA HISTORICAL COMMISSION**

SUBMIT ALL ATTACHED MATERIALS ON PAPER AND IN ELECTRONIC FORM (CD, EMAIL, FLASH DRIVE)  
ELECTRONIC FILES MUST BE WORD OR WORD COMPATIBLE

**1. ADDRESS OF HISTORIC RESOURCE** *(must comply with an Office of Property Assessment address)*

Street address: 1651 Kinsey Street

Postal code: 19124

**2. NAME OF HISTORIC RESOURCE**

Historic Name: The Burying Ground and Meeting of The Blacks

Current/Common Name: Campbell Chapel A.M.E. Church of Frankford, Philadelphia Pa.

**3. TYPE OF HISTORIC RESOURCE**

☐ Building

☐ Structure

☒ Site

☐ Object

**4. PROPERTY INFORMATION**

Condition: ☐ excellent ☐ good ☐ fair ☐ poor ☐ ruins

Occupancy: ☐ occupied ☐ vacant ☐ under construction ☒ unknown

Current use: Burial Ground Containing An African Methodist Episcopal Church

**5. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION**

*Please attach a narrative description and site/plot plan of the resource's boundaries.*

**6. DESCRIPTION**

*Please attach a narrative description and photographs of the resource's physical appearance, site, setting, and surroundings.*

**7. SIGNIFICANCE**

*Please attach a narrative Statement of Significance citing the Criteria for Designation the resource satisfies.*

Period of Significance (from year to year): from Pre—1812 to 2021

Date(s) of construction and/or alteration: Attached Historical Documentation.

Architect, engineer, and/or designer: Attached Historical Documentation.

Builder, contractor, and/or artisan: Attached Historical Documentation.

Original owner: Surveyor Thomas Fairman and The Frankford Meeting

Other significant persons: Attached Historical Documentation.

**CRITERIA FOR DESIGNATION:**

The historic resource satisfies the following criteria for designation (check all that apply):

- ☒ (a) Has significant character, interest or value as part of the development, heritage or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; or,
- ☐ (b) Is associated with an event of importance to the history of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- ☐ (c) Reflects the environment in an era characterized by a distinctive architectural style; or,
- ☐ (d) Embodies distinguishing characteristics of an architectural style or engineering specimen; or,
- ☐ (e) Is the work of a designer, architect, landscape architect or designer, or engineer whose work has significantly influenced the historical, architectural, economic, social, or cultural development of the City, Commonwealth or Nation; or,
- ☐ (f) Contains elements of design, detail, materials or craftsmanship which represent a significant innovation; or,
- ☐ (g) Is part of or related to a square, park or other distinctive area which should be preserved according to an historic, cultural or architectural motif; or,
- ☐ (h) Owing to its unique location or singular physical characteristic, represents an established and familiar visual feature of the neighborhood, community or City; or,
- ☒ (i) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history; or
- ☒ (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social or historical heritage of the community.

**8. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

*Please attach a bibliography.*

**9. NOMINATOR**

Organization (none) Independent Researcher Date 19 November 2021

Name with Title JOSEPH J. MENKEVICH - Histophotocartographer Email menkevich.research@gmail.com

Street Address PO. Box 45148 Telephone Private

City, State, and Postal Code 19124

Nominator ☐ is ☒ is not the property owner.

**PHC USE ONLY**

Date of Receipt: 19 November 2021

☒ Correct-Complete ☐ Incorrect-Incomplete Date: 6 December 2021

Date of Notice Issuance: 17 December 2021

Property Owner at Time of Notice:

Name: CAMPBELL AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Address: 1661 KINSEY ST

City: PHILADELPHIA State: PA Postal Code: 19124

Date(s) Reviewed by the Committee on Historic Designation: \_\_\_\_\_

Date(s) Reviewed by the Historical Commission: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Final Action: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Designated ☐ Rejected

# NOMINATION OF AN HISTORIC SITE

## *THE BURYING GROUND & MEETING OF THE BLACKS*

### *OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF FRANKFORD*

ESTABLISHED 18<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1812 BY

William Brown<sup>1</sup> — Isaac Johnson — Jacob Staunton

Richard Lisbey and Peter Paulinus — Trustees



Campbell A. M. E. Church. 1651 Kinsey St., Philadelphia PA 19124. Photo: Courtesy of the Nominator.

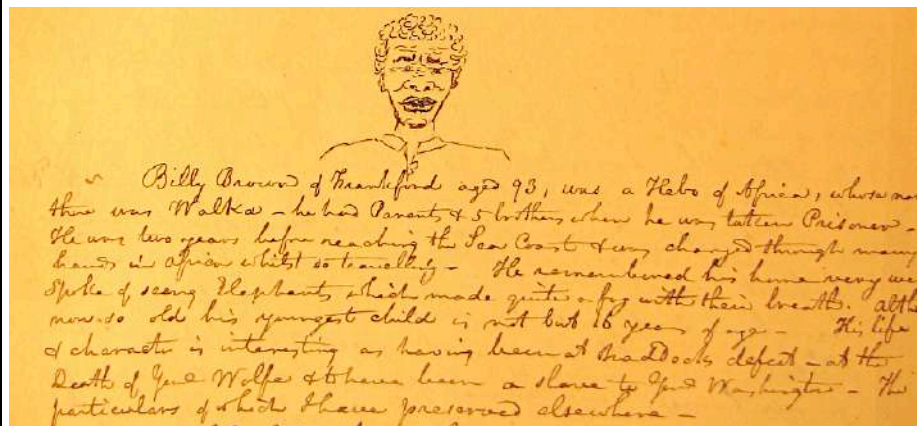
**NOTE:** In the past 200+ years, every church building was erected atop *The Burying Ground & Meeting of The Blacks*. This is a proposal to nominate & historically designate the footprint and contents of the burial ground — in toto. This is not a re-nomination of the edifice, which is currently listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places.

<sup>1</sup> Black History Month: *The Remarkable Life of 'Billy' Brown* by Daniel N. Rolph, PhD., Historical Society of Pennsylvania. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<http://frontierhistory.blogspot.com/2009/02/black-history-month-remarkable-life-of.html>>.



## INTRODUCTION: WILLIAM BROWN — TRUSTEE OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH<sup>2</sup>

**Billy Brown of Frankford aged 93, was a Hebo of Africa, who's name there was Walka — he had Parents & 5 brothers...**



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John Fanning Watson Annals of Philadelphia—1 Box 5.

Accessed 10<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2014 by Joseph J. Menkevich

Rev. John Lawson: “On my arrival in New York from England, I found much delight in preaching the word. I spent the whole of January 1811, in the town of Newark, New Jersey, and supplied the Baptist church ...

“While at Frankford, I preached as often as I could, as they had no pastor...

“The poor blacks in this village are of the methodist persuasion, and though probably sincere and pious, are extremely irregular in their behaviour at worship. They invited me to preach to them, which I did often with great pleasure. Out of respect to me they behaved with decorum, and appeared to love the word, as much as though it had been delivered by a methodist. In October, we left this place and went to New York.”<sup>3</sup>

**John Fanning Watson**, a nineteenth-century collector, chronicler and historian interviewed one William (Billy) Brown:

“1825 — Billy Brown, a black man, of Frankford, was seen by me in his 93d year of age — he lived about two years afterwards. He was of the African race, taken a prisoner when a lad, leaving his parents and five brethren; and was two years before reaching the coast and being sold. I found him quite intelligent, his memory good, and himself a pious, good man. He was then the husband of a young wife, by whom he had children, the youngest then 16 years old. What made him most interesting; he had been at Braddock's defeat, as servant to Colonel Brown of the Irish regiment. There he remembered and described to me the conduct of Washington in that action — how he implored Braddock for leave to fight the Indians in their own way, with 300 of his own men, and how he was repulsed with disdain. He was afterwards at the death of General Wolfe, and near his person, still with Colonel Brown; thence went to the attack of Havana; thence, at the peace, to Ireland, with his master, who there set him free by a vessel going to Philadelphia. There he was fraudulently conveyed to Virginia and sold — became the slave of one Wiley, who was extremely cruel to him — lost some of his fingers and toes by severe exposure — was bought by General Washington, and was his slave during all the Revolution, at his estate at the Long Meadows. Finally, free at Frankford; since died, and made happy in a better world.”<sup>4</sup>

“...I have full confidence in the words of Billy as far as they went, because he seemed incapable of intentional fraud, and was beside a religious man, of the Methodist profession; but above all, he had been in after life seven years a servant with General Washington, and that circumstance must have more deeply impressed the facts *as they were*...”<sup>5</sup>

<sup>2</sup> In 1807, William Brown, Richard Allen & others: *AMENDED ARTICLES. Improving, amending, and altering the Articles of Association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly called and known by the name of Bethel Church of the city of Philadelphia...* SEE: Arnett, Benjamin W. *The Budget of 1904 Containing a Complete Organization of the Church*, 631 Pine St., Philadelphia: Rev. E. W. Lampton and Rev. J. H. Collett, 1904. 113-114. Web. <<https://babel.hathitrust.org/cgi/pt?id=nnc1.50087357&view=1up&seq=136>>.

<sup>3</sup> Carey, W H. *Oriental Christian Biography: Containing Biographical Sketches and Death-Bed Scenes of Distinguished Christians Who Have Lived and Died in the East*. Calcutta: Printed by J. Thomas, Baptist Mission Press, 1850. 417. Web. 29<sup>th</sup> November 2020. [Google Books](https://books.google.com/books?id=...).

<sup>4</sup> Watson, John F. *Historic Tales of Olden Time: Concerning the Early Settlement and Progress of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania: for the Use of Families and Schools : Illustrated with Plates*. Vol.1. Philadelphia: Published by E. Littell and by Thomas Holden, 1833. 248. Web. 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/historictalesofot00wats/page/248/mode/2up>>.

<sup>5</sup> Watson, John F. *Annals of Philadelphia and Pennsylvania, in the Olden Time: Being a Collection of Memoirs, Anecdotes, and Incidents...* Vol.2. Philadelphia: The author, 1850. 141. Web. <<https://archive.org/details/annalsofphiladel02wats/page/140/mode/2up>>.

## INTRODUCTION: THE RECORDS OF THE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF FRANKFORD

Specific Evaluation  
AME Church of Frankford  
Philadelphia County

The AME Church of Frankford does not appear eligible for nomination to the National Register, based on the application submitted. Religious properties are ordinarily not eligible for the National Register, unless significant for historical, architectural, or information values when judged in purely secular terms. Criteria for eligibility include:

Religious properties may be significant 1) for their significance in the history of religion; 2) for other historical significance under a theme such as exploration and settlement, social philanthropy, or education.

Religious properties may be eligible for associations with an individual important in religious history or other historical themes.

Religious properties should be evaluated within the local architectural context and specifically in comparison to other properties of their type.

Religious properties, whether sites or structures, may be significant if they can yield important information about the prehistoric or historic religious practices of a cultural group. These properties should be evaluated as is any other property, within the context of other similar properties and/or other information sources and existing data gaps.

These criteria do not appear to apply to the AME Church of Frankford.

Although the congregation was founded in the 1800's, the Church was not built until 1870. Since the pre-eminence of the church as a black institution ended in the 1880's, the building served the congregation in its heyday for 15 years or less. Therefore, the building is not associated with an important portion of the congregation's history.

**Image No. 1: Pennsylvania Historical & Museum Commission Report contained inside the Files of the Philadelphia Historical Commission. Photographed 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 by Joseph J. Menkevich.**

**20<sup>th</sup> August 1981**, Dr. Leon Johnston through Martin Jay Rosenblum applied to the PHMC for the AME Church of Frankford to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

**On the 25<sup>th</sup> January 1982**, Susan Zacher, the National Register Coordinator issued a letter of rejection, which stated: *"From the documentary evidence submitted, the resource does not appear to meet the National Register criteria nor possess a nomination priority and will not be processed for nomination to the National Register of Historic Places."*

*...If additional data or documentary evidence which could change your property's priority or eligibility is uncovered a re-evaluation of the resource can be made by beginning the nomination process again.*

**<— A specific evaluation of your historic resources is enclosed."**

**1981- Mr. Rosenblum stated:** *"There is some question of the year in which the Frankford congregation was founded. The two earliest dates attributed to its establishment are 1807 and 1817... The earliest meetings were held in the home of one Sarah Gongo. During the early years, the church, then known as 'The Second Bethel Church' served the essential religious, social and community facilities for the Frankford Black Community... (continuing)..."*

*"It is difficult to trace the early years of church development due to the lack of records... The Property deed dated 30<sup>th</sup> September 1841 notes: 'The shall erect or cause to be built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United State of America'..."*

*The Churchyard provides an open green space in an urban setting and contains tombstones of people who lived in Frankford prior to 1800 and some who died prior to the American Civil War...*

*There is a crawl space under the entire structure. A small fully excavated area for the furnace under the center of the building is entered from the Sunday school room by a trap door..."*<sup>6</sup>

**On the 4th February 1982**, the Philadelphia Historical Commission re-evaluated the architectural description of the church edifice, described within the National Nomination and ruled it satisfied criterion of local ordinance 14-2007. The 1870 church edifice was certified and listed on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places. The site itself was not designated or certified.

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1997**, the PHC notified Revd. Wassetta Moses of the approval of Historic Plaque No. 684 (now affixed).

<sup>6</sup> The examination of the Philadelphia Historical Commission's of 25<sup>th</sup> March 2019 contained no documentation of the African Burial Ground or Religious Congregation beyond Martin Rosenblum's National Nomination Application and it's rejection. That nomination focused on the architectural significance of the building. He made no assertions to advance the historical significance of the site, or the broader history of the Congregation. He did not cite any original source documents or provide any deed book citations.



## 1. LOCATION: FRANKFORD

The Site location is 1651 Kinsey St., 19124, in Frankford; 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward of Lower Northeast Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

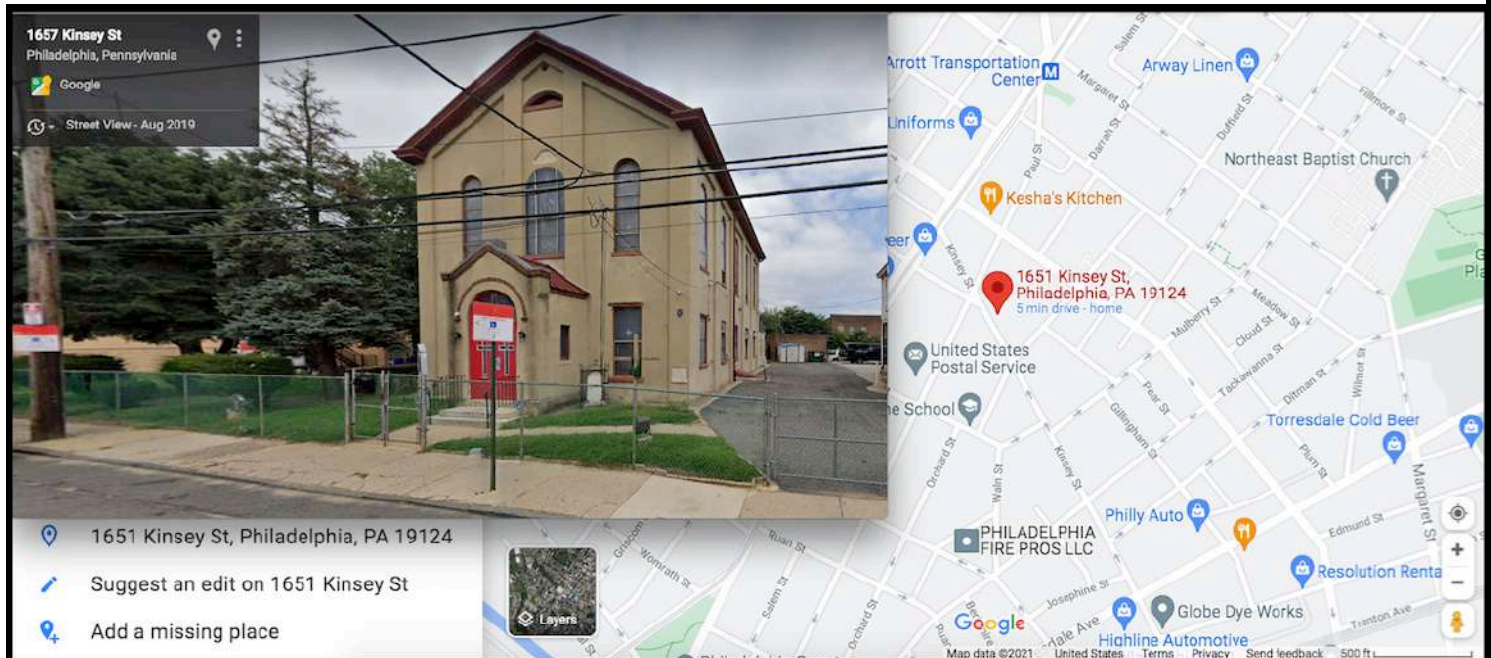


Image No. 2: Google

## 2. NAME OF THE RESOURCE:

### BURYING GROUND & MEETING OF THE BLACKS



Image No. 3: Plan of Paul Street in the Borough of Frankford County of Philadelphia, Surveyed July 1834 by John Foulkrod. [Record Group 21.26] Accessed Philadelphia City Archives 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 by Joseph J. Menkevich.

## 3. TYPE OF RESOURCE: AFRICAN BURIAL GROUND of THE A.M.E. CHURCH of FRANKFORD, PENNA.



#### 4. PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION:



*Image No. 4: Graves in the Burying Ground on the side of Campbell AME Church – 4<sup>th</sup> July 2020 by the Nominator.*



Founded in 1807, the Campbell A.M.E. Church is currently located on Kinsey Street in the Frankford section of Philadelphia. Among those buried in its churchyard are Wilson Barrett, who died in 1903 at the age of 63. According to his tombstone, Barrett served in Company B of the 5th Regiment Massachusetts Volunteer Cavalry, the only African American cavalry unit from that state to serve in the Civil War.

*Image No. 5: Photo taken 30<sup>th</sup> March 2003 by Thomas Keels.*

**Robert Bryan Post, No. 80, the finest colored Grand Army organization in the country, held their services in the Wilmont Cemetery, Frankford. The Post was accompanied by Camp No. 52, Sons of Veterans, and the Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Sunday School of Frankford.**

*Image No. 6: The Times. Philadelphia, Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> May 1886.  
Note: Campbell was often called Bethel Church of Frankford.*

The burial ground of Campbell A.M.E. is fenced. Many of the visible gravestones are weatherworn and illegible; several markers may be missing.

←In March of 2003, Thomas H. Keels,<sup>7</sup> Anthony 'Andy' Waskie, Ph.D. of the Frankford G.A.R., Mr. Leonard Williams and myself surveyed Campbell's Burial Ground for war veterans' grave markers.

The site predates the construction of a church and a crawl space under the edifice is noted, making it likely that driveway and building are atop of graves.

Due to a lack of burial records and a visible lack of government issued head stones, the number of Civil War Veterans interred at this site remains unknown.

On Memorial Day, year-after-year for many years, Robert Bryan Post, No. 80, came with a band and a choir to decorate the unmarked graves and to honor their brethren: the United States Colored Troops.

<sup>7</sup> Keels, Thomas H. *Philadelphia Graveyards and Cemeteries*. Charleston, SC: Arcadia, 2003. 7 & 83.



## 5. BOUNDARY:



*Image No. 7:* Courtesy of Philadelphia Water Department

**NOTE:** The Philadelphia Department of L&I provided mortgage records, which lacked a delineation of metes & bounds.

The original boundaries have been altered by deed partitions and differ from those in the registry maps. —>

Deed Books and surveys were used to estimate the metes & bounds of the lot containing the original burial ground.



*Image No. 8:*

Map Registry 88N070023



## 5. AN ESTIMATED MODERN BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION:

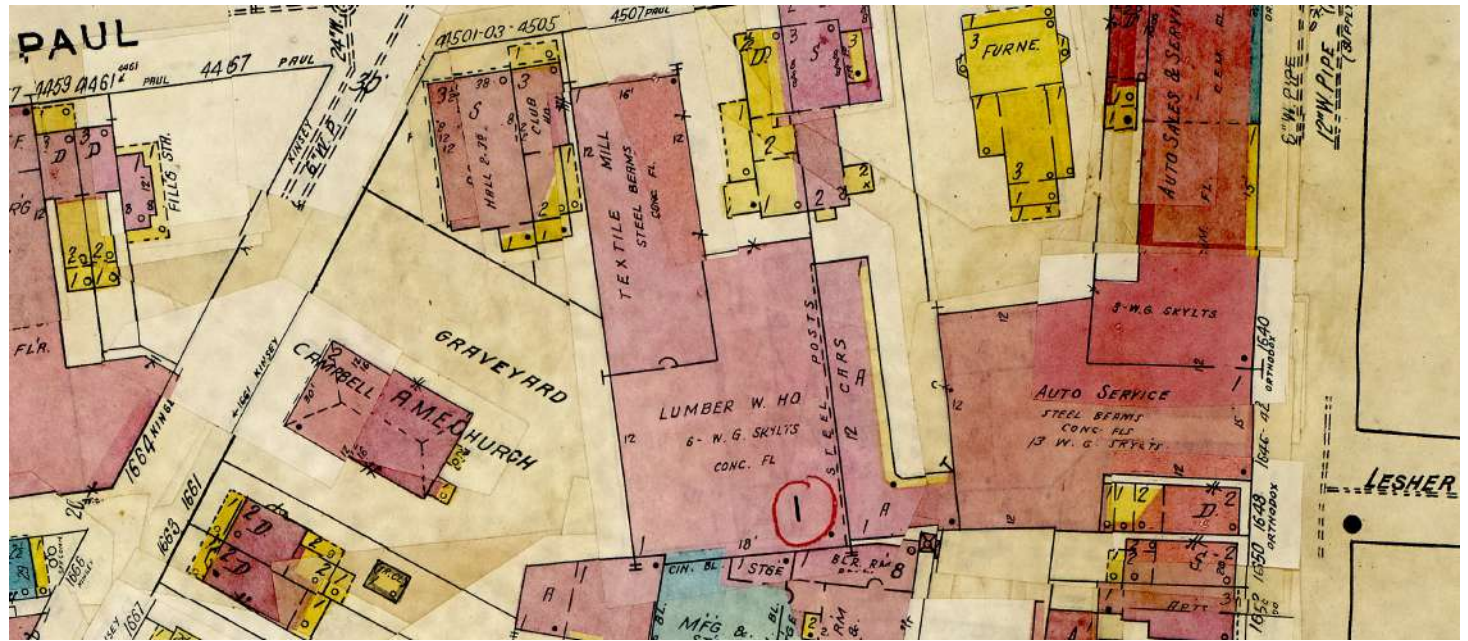


Image No. 9: Sanborn Insurance Map – 1951. Web. <[https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3824pm.g3824pm\\_g07905195111/?sp=52](https://www.loc.gov/resource/g3824pm.g3824pm_g07905195111/?sp=52)>.

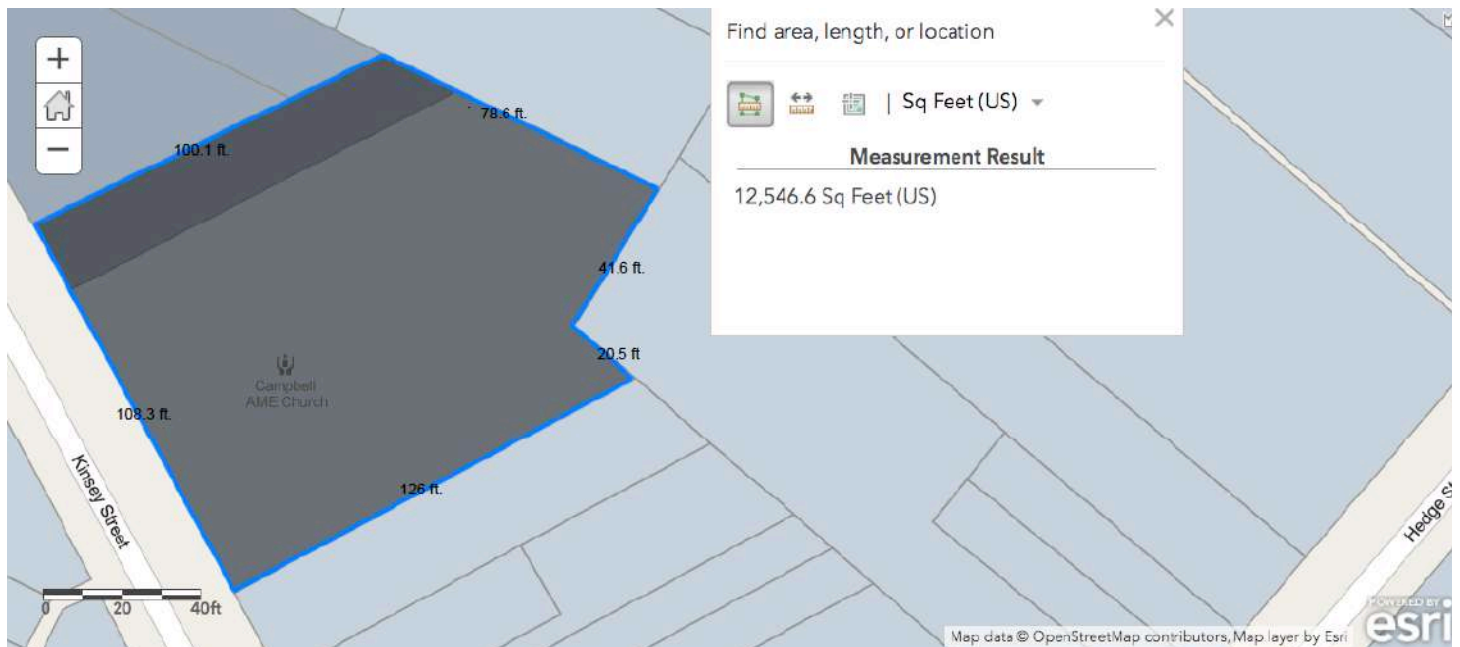


Image No. 10: Map. Courtesy of ESRI - ArcGIS: <<http://www.arcgis.com/home/index.html>>.

**ALL That Certain Parcel Known as 1651 Kinsey Street in Philadelphia.** Beginning at a point - on the North-East corner, the intersection of Paul and Kinsey Streets, thence traveling South-East on Kinsey Street 58 feet 2 inches to a point [This is the beginning point of measurements in the image above], thence from that point, traveling 100.1 feet, at an angle of 90°(perpendicular) to Kinsey Street to a point, thence traveling 78.6 feet at an angle of 90°(perpendicular) to Paul Street to a point, thence traveling 41.6 feet at an angle of 90°(perpendicular) to Orthodox Street to a point, thence traveling 20.5 feet at an angle of 90°(perpendicular) to Hedge street to a point, thence traveling 126 feet at an angle of 90°(perpendicular) to Kinsey Street to a point, thence traveling up Kinsey Street 108.3 feet to the place of the beginning — the whole measuring approximately 12,500 square feet containing a church and burying ground currently known as Campbell African Methodist Episcopal Church of Frankford in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

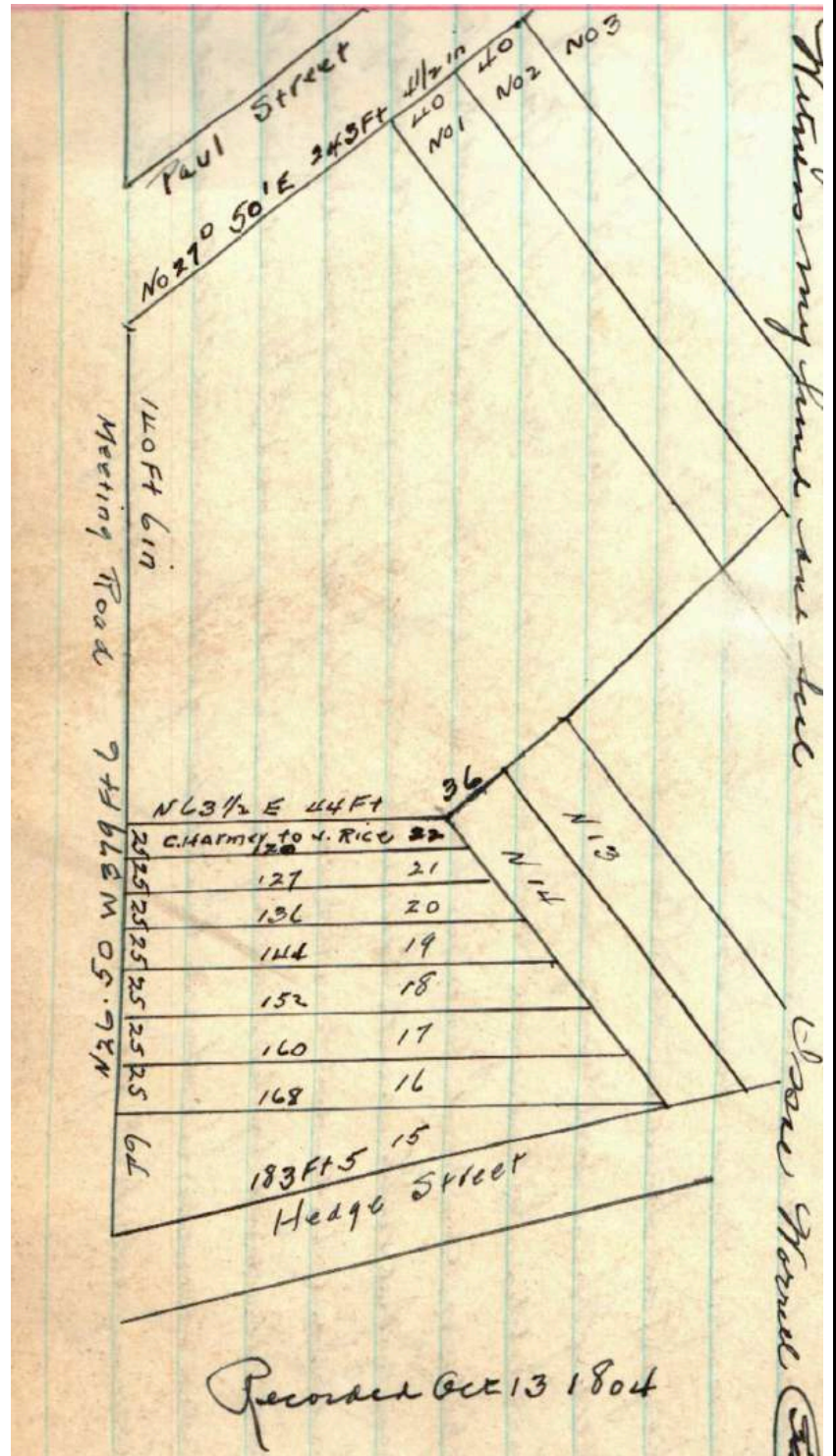






AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF FRANKFORD — Meeting House Road (now Kinsey Street) <sup>10</sup>

(Note: *being part of a larger lot composed of two Contiguous Lots which George Webster of the Borough of Frankford and Esther his Wife by Indenture dated the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1803 Granted unto Isaac Thomas in fee Simple...*)<sup>12</sup>



**Image No. 12: Deed Book EF.18.66 Chalkley Harmer to Jacob Rice**  
Philadelphia City Archives — J. J. Menkevich 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015

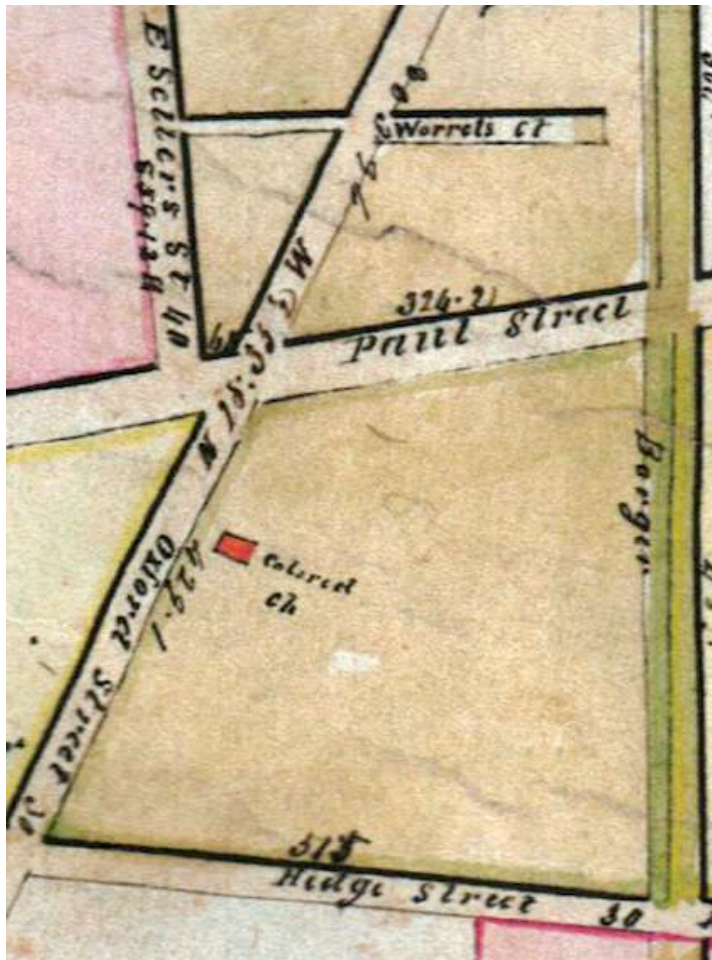
<sup>12</sup> The Philadelphia Deed Book: EF.11.374 George Webster to Isaac Thomas. (Lot of 1 Acre, 76 Perches and Lot of 1 Acre, 50 Perches).



## 5. BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION OF THE SECOND PURCHASE: (Lot Size Not Given) 30<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 1841

**William Fishbourne Emlen** of the one part to James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton & William Chase Junior — Trustees of the other part... *For Use Of The African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America according to the rules and discipline of the said Church:*

**To All People to whom These Presents Shall Come William Fishbourne Emlen** by the City of Philadelphia, Surviving assignee of John Brown of the County of Philadelphia, Late Silver Plater and Amy his Wife [send] greetings.



**Image 13:** SNAP SHOT. A Plan of the Borough of Frankford, Philadelphia County, Surveyed & drawn by Isaac Shallcross. 5<sup>th</sup> April 1841, confirmed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1847  
Source: 039-01\_HP <[philageohistory.org](http://philageohistory.org)>.

**Whereas** the said John Brown [being] duly Seized in his demesne as of fee and in certain Lands and tenements Situate in the Borough of Frankford in the County of Philadelphia aforesaid. And being So thereof Seized, the said John Brown and Amy his wife by assignment dated the seventeenth day of September A.D. 1817 did grant bargain Sell transfer assign and set over the said Lands and tenement among other things to Adam Konigmacher and William Fishbourne Emlen to be sold for the use and benefit of the Creditors of the said John Brown as in and by the said Indenture of Assignment Recorded at Philadelphia in Deed Book MR No.16 page 229 &c., relation being thereto had will more fully and at Large appear and Whereas the said Adam Konigmacher has since died leaving the said William Fishbourne Emlen the only Surviving assignee.

**Now Know Ye** that the said William Fishbourne Emlen as well for and in Consideration of the Sum of fifty dollars to him in hand paid by James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton & William Chase Jun., all of the borough of Frankford aforesaid, colored Men Trustees in trust for the certain uses and purposes hereafter mentioned as for and in Consideration of the further sum of one hundred and fifty dollars to be paid in three yearly Installments of fifty dollars each without interest secured by hand and Mortgage (on the hereinafter described premises) baring even date herewith Hath granted bargained sold aligned enfeoffed released and confirmed and by these presents do grant bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm unto the said James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton & William Chase Junior and their Successors trustees in trust for the uses and purposes hereinafter mentioned and declared:

**ALL THAT CERTAIN Lot** or piece of ground Situate on the Northeastern Side of the Meeting house road Leading the Frankford Main Street or Great Road, Between Paul Street and Hedge Row Street in the Borough of Frankford aforesaid **Beginning** at a Stake a Corner of Said Meeting House Road and a Lot formerly Sold by Indenture Isaac Thomas to Chalkley Harmer and **thence** extending by the said Lot North Sixty-Nine degrees East one-hundred and fifteen feet and six inches or thereabouts to a Stake a corner of the said [Harmer's] Lot and a lot sold by Isaac Thomas to Fenton and Thornton **thence** by the said Fenton and Thornton and other Lots North thirty four-degrees East thirty-six feet or thereabouts to a Stake **thence** by Land Late of one Jennings, Now of James Wilson North Sixty-one degrees thirty minutes West Twenty-five feet or thereabouts to a Stake a corner — **thence** by land formerly of Justinian Fox South Sixty-nine degrees West one Hundred and twenty four feet or thereabouts to a Stake on the North-east Side of the Meeting house road aforesaid and **thence** by the said Meeting house road, South twenty-Six degrees fifty Minutes East forty feet to the place of beginning...(same Lot George Williams, assignee of Caleb Wilkins conveyed to John Brown).<sup>13</sup>

<sup>13</sup> Deed Book: GWC.61.166 William F. Emlen to James C. Watson, Henderson Davis, John R. Pride, James Hamilton & William Chase Jr...

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS AND VARIOUS LOT DIVISIONS: HISTORICAL TIMELINE

*The African Bethel Methodist Episcopal Church on the north side Oxford Street...*<sup>14</sup> “The original church, beginning about 1836, was a frame structure built on wood pilings about four feet above the ground... The first meetings were held in the home of Mary Jackson on Bowser Lane, now Plum Street, in the early 1830s. After a time they rented a plot of land on the northeast side of Oxford (Kinsey) Street below Paul Street from a White woman, Mrs. Michaels. Here they built a small frame church in which they worshiped for many years under trying circumstances... The old church building was 20 x 30 feet with 12-foot eaves. The highest gable of the roof was 20 feet. The building stood on sixteen pilings and was three feet above the ground. The chimney was in the center. In 1848, the building was replaced by a one-story gable and brick building with the gable facing the street... The original church property included ground now occupied by the Union Hall and the adjoining plot on Paul Street...”<sup>15</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> August 1867: Rev. Mr. Seaton and the Frankford Church.** This enterprising young brother, who was appointed to the Frankford Circuit at the last meeting of Conference, is pushing things along finely. He and his congregation have decided to pull down their present old church edifice and build up a new one. The said new structure will be about forty by sixty feet. Brother Seaton has already raised a good portion of the necessary funds.<sup>16</sup>

**3<sup>rd</sup> September 1870: A Great Day in Frankford.** Sunday, August 14 the great day to which the Frankford public have been anxiously looking; the day upon which the grand rally and cornerstone laying, were to take place, has passed, and now has its place among the things that were.<sup>17</sup>

**17<sup>th</sup> September 1870: Rev. L.C. Chambers, pastor of the A.M.E. church, Frankford, Pa.,** is the right man in the right place. He tore down the old church on the 1st of August, reducing the walls to a level with the ground, and even tearing up the foundation far below the surface. He is now erecting on the spot a new edifice, larger and better. The walls are up and the roofing will be commenced during the week.<sup>18</sup>

**24<sup>th</sup> September 1870: Frankford Again In The Field.** The work goes bravely on in Frankford. The old church which has stood the storms of many winters, was torn down on the first of August, and has been rebuilt and roofed in by the 13th of Sept.; and the floors are now being laid, and, on the 21st or 22nd, the masons will commence plastering, and thus finish the mason work. But while the work is kept in progress, Elder Chambers is determined to keep the ball a rolling with regard to making money; and, accordingly, on the 28th of this present month, there will be a convivial meeting, held at Odd Fellows' Hall, Frankford.<sup>19</sup>

**29<sup>th</sup> October 1870: Re-Opening.** The grand re-opening of the new church in Frankford, will take place on Sunday, October 30th, upon which day will be held the Fall Quarterly Meeting...  
L. N. BEDFORD, Sec. Build. Com.<sup>20</sup>

<sup>14</sup> *Frankford: A Souvenir Booklet*. Philadelphia, Pa: Frankford Business Men's and Taxpayers' Association, 1912. 55. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> Oct. 2020. <<https://web.archive.org/web/20190613074105/http://docshare04.docshare.tips/files/10640/106409142.pdf>>.

<sup>15</sup> Barnes, Howard L. *A History of Frankford*. Philadelphia, Pa.: Historical Society of Frankford, 1992. 180-181., Howard Barnes, Curator of Frankford Historical Society: Web. 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. <[http://dla.library.upenn.edu/dla/pacscl/detail.html?id=PACSCL\\_SMREP\\_HSF26](http://dla.library.upenn.edu/dla/pacscl/detail.html?id=PACSCL_SMREP_HSF26)>.

<sup>16</sup> The Christian Recorder. 3<sup>rd</sup> August 1867. Web. 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020. <<https://www.accessible-archives.com/>>.

<sup>17</sup> Ibid. 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1870.

<sup>18</sup> Ibid. 17<sup>th</sup> September 1870.

<sup>19</sup> Ibid. 24<sup>th</sup> September 1870.

<sup>20</sup> Ibid. 29<sup>th</sup> October 1870.



## 6. DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS AND VARIOUS LOT DIVISIONS: HISTORICAL TIMELINE

### A CHURCH TO BE SOLD BY THE SHERIFF. —

**A CHURCH TO BE SOLD BY THE SHERIFF.—**The African M. E. Church, situated at the northeast corner of Paul and Oxford streets, in the Twenty-third ward, has been seized by the Sheriff, and is to be sold at public sale. The prosecutor is Erastus Poulson, Esq., and the suit is for the small amount of \$31.75.

Image No. 14: The Philadelphia Evening Telegraph 3<sup>rd</sup> October 1870.

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### The City of Philadelphia vs The African Methodist Episcopal Church

#### Deed to Lewis N. Bedford for \$150.00

*the City of Philadelphia Acknowledged 15 Nov 1870*  
*In African Methodist Episcopal Church*  
*Deed to*  
*Lewis N. Bedford*  
*I, Peter Lyle Esquire High Sheriff of Philadelphia County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania do hereby certify that these Presents shall come to Lewis N. Bedford*  
*Inasmuch as by a certain Writ of Facias issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia dated at Philadelphia the twenty first day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy (1870) the said Sheriff was commanded that, without any other Writ of the Lands and Tenements of the African Methodist Episcopal Church owners &c to wit All that Certain Lot or piece of ground situate on the Northeastwardly Corner of intersection of Paul and Oxford Streets in the Twenty third Ward the City of Philadelphia described as follows to wit Begin*

Image No. 15: Philadelphia City Archives 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 2015 — Joseph J. Menkevich

Acknowledged 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 1870

I Peter Lyle Esquire High Sheriff of Philadelphia County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: Whereas, by a certain Writ of Levari Facias, issued out of the Court of Common Pleas of the County of Philadelphia tested at Philadelphia the Twenty first-day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and Seventy (1870). I the said Sheriff was commanded that without any other writ-of the Lands and Tenements of the African Methodist Episcopal Church owners &c to wit All that Certain Lot or piece of ground situate on the Northeastwardly Corner of intersection of Paul and Oxford Streets in the Twenty third Ward...<sup>22</sup>

**On the 14<sup>th</sup> October 1870**, Lewis N. Bedford of Philadelphia, Barber to Samuel Morris, Thomas J. Davis, Joseph G. Fry, Peter R. Brake, Elias Chase, Alexandria J. Bedford & James Allen Trustees Of the African M.E. Church in Frankford.<sup>23</sup>

**On the 30<sup>th</sup> October 1873**, Samuel Morris, Thomas T. Dans, Joseph G. Fry, Peter R. Brake, Elias Chase, Alexander J. Bedford and James Allen — Trustees of the A.M.E. Church of Frankford to The Union Hall Association.<sup>24</sup>

**On the 10<sup>th</sup> January 1876**, The Union Hall Association of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward to William Watson.<sup>25</sup>

**On the 8<sup>th</sup> July 1878**, William Watson to Catharine E. A. James — Public Hall Building known as “Union Hall”<sup>26</sup>

<sup>21</sup> The evening telegraph. [volume] (Philadelphia [Pa.]), 01 Oct. 1870. *Chronicling America: Historic American Newspapers*. Library of Congress. Web. <<https://chroniclingamerica.loc.gov/lccn/sn83025925/1870-10-01/ed-1/seq-8/>>.

<sup>22</sup> Sheriff Deed Book of Common Pleas Court No. 29 Page 384. — [12<sup>th</sup> November 1870]

<sup>23</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: JAH.76.431 Lewis N. Bedford of Philadelphia, Barber to The Trustees Of the African M.E. Church in Frankford.

<sup>24</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: FTW.153.260 Samuel Morris & other Trustees of the A.M.E. Church to The Union Hall Association.

<sup>25</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: DHL.58.462 The Union Hall Association of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward to William Watson.

<sup>26</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: LW.76.390 William Watson to Catharine E. A. James — The Public Hall Building known as *Union Hall*.

## 6. DESCRIPTION OF CHURCH BUILDINGS AND VARIOUS LOT DIVISIONS: HISTORICAL TIMELINE

**1876 — Union Hall at the Intersection of Paul Street and Kinsey Street in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward of Philadelphia.**

City Atlas of  
Philadelphia, Vol. 3,  
23rd Ward, 1876

### Plate A

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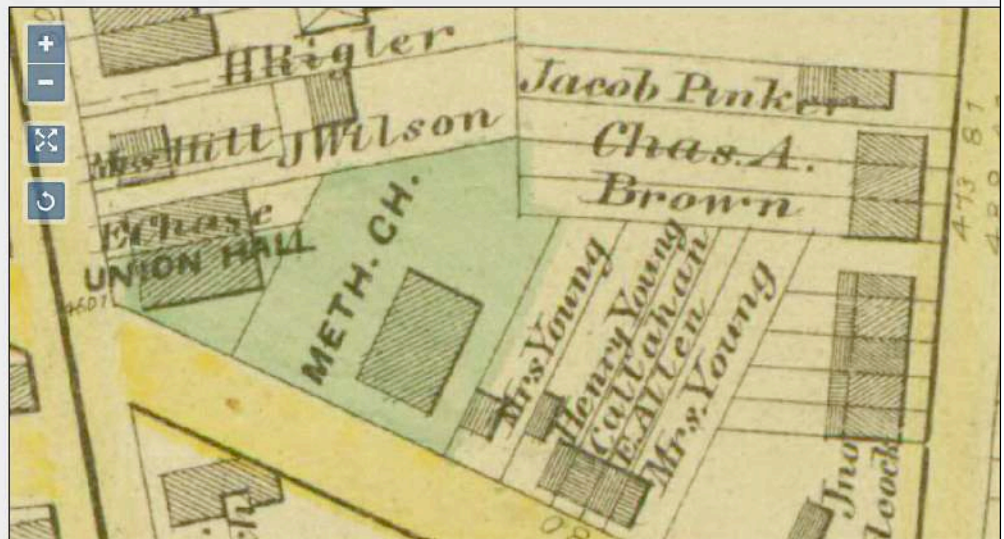
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**On the 7<sup>th</sup> February 1880,**

The African Methodist Episcopal Church of the late Borough of Frankford to the Union Hall Association.<sup>27</sup>

**On the 27<sup>th</sup> March 1880,**

Catharine E. A. James of the City of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, Singlewoman to Jonas Crisman, County of York and State of Virginia, Farmer — Public Hall Building known as “Union Hall.”<sup>28</sup>

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> May 1881,**

Jonas Crisman of the County of Warren and State of New Jersey, Miller formerly of the County of York and State of Virginia, Farmer to Spartacus Lodge No.31 Knights of Pythias State of Pennsylvania, and Wingohocking Tribe No.33 Improved order of Red Men of Pennsylvania, Both of Frankford<sup>29</sup>

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> May 1885,**

Rev. Thomas A. Cuff and Caroline his Wife to The African Methodist Episcopal Church — All that Certain one story Frame shop and Lot or piece of Ground situate on the North east side of Oxford street in the Twenty third Ward of the City of Philadelphia aforesaid — beginning at a distance of one hundred and sixty six feet southeast from Paul street containing on front on said Oxford street twenty-five feet... Being the same premises which George B. Kline Esqr., High Sheriff of the City and County of Philadelphia by a deed Poll 15th November 1884 duly acknowledged in open Court of Common Pleas No.2 and entered the records hereof in Book 118 page 568 &c granted and conveyed to Thomas A. Cuff in fee...(formerly the property of Henry Young).<sup>30</sup>

<sup>27</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: LW.83.243—250 The A.M.E. Church, late the Borough of Frankford to the Union Hall Association.

<sup>28</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: LW.95.5 Catharine E.A. James to Jonas Crisman — The Public Hall Building known as *Union Hall*.

<sup>29</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: LW.169.21 Jonas Crisman to Spartacus Lodge No.31 Knights of Pythias and Wingohocking Tribe No.33 Improved Order of Red Men of Frankford in Philadelphia, Pa.

<sup>30</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: GGP.38.288 Rev. Thomas A. Cuff to The African Methodist Episcopal Church. This is Lot No.20 in the Plan of Isaac Thomas, one of three lots, which Thomas Fenton and Frances his Wife granted to David H. Kinsey, as seen in Deed Books: JAH.231.426 John R. Pride of Philadelphia, Labourer and Patience his Wife to Henry J. Young of the said City, Minister [15<sup>th</sup> March 1872], Deed Book: RLL.4.420 William Kinsey to John R. Pride [13<sup>th</sup> October 1869], Deed Book: ACH.126.80 Thomas Fenton of the City, Gentleman and Frances his Wife to David H. Kinsey of Frankford, Currier [23<sup>rd</sup> September 1831] — Lots No.19, 20 & 21.

## 7. STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Burial Ground situate 1651 Kinsey Street is an extremely significant historic site meriting designation by the Philadelphia Historical Commission and inclusion on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places, satisfying the following Criteria for Designation: a, i, and j as enumerated in § 14-1004 of the Philadelphia Code. The Site of 1651 Kinsey Street:

- (a) Has significant character, interest, or value as part of the development, heritage, or cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth, or Nation or is associated with the life of a person significant in the past; and
- (i) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history; and
- (j) Exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social, or historical heritage of the community;

**(Satisfying Criterion A & J) Has an association with lives of persons *significant in the past and exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social & historical heritage of the Frankford Community*; being the landowners of the vacant lots purchased by the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford; those persons being:**

**Enoch Edwards, Physician retired.  
George Webster of Frankford, Tavern-keeper.  
Isaac Thomas of Philadelphia, Shoe Merchant.  
Chalkley Harmer of Philadelphia, Taylor.  
Jacob Rice, of Frankford, Miller.  
Justinian Fox of Philadelphia, Taylor and Glue Merchant.  
Caleb Wilkins of Philadelphia, Taylor.  
George Williams of Philadelphia, Merchant.  
John Brown of Philadelphia, Silverplater, Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery.  
Adam Konigmacher, Merchant.  
William Fishbourne Emlen, Quaker Merchant.**

**(Satisfying Criterion A & J). Has an association with lives of persons *significant in the past and exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social & historical heritage of the BLACK COMMUNITY OF FRANKFORD*; some who were Free Natives of Africa, were hunted, captured, chained and enslaved, exported to America and sold; others – as their descendants; members of, or were associated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church; those persons being:**

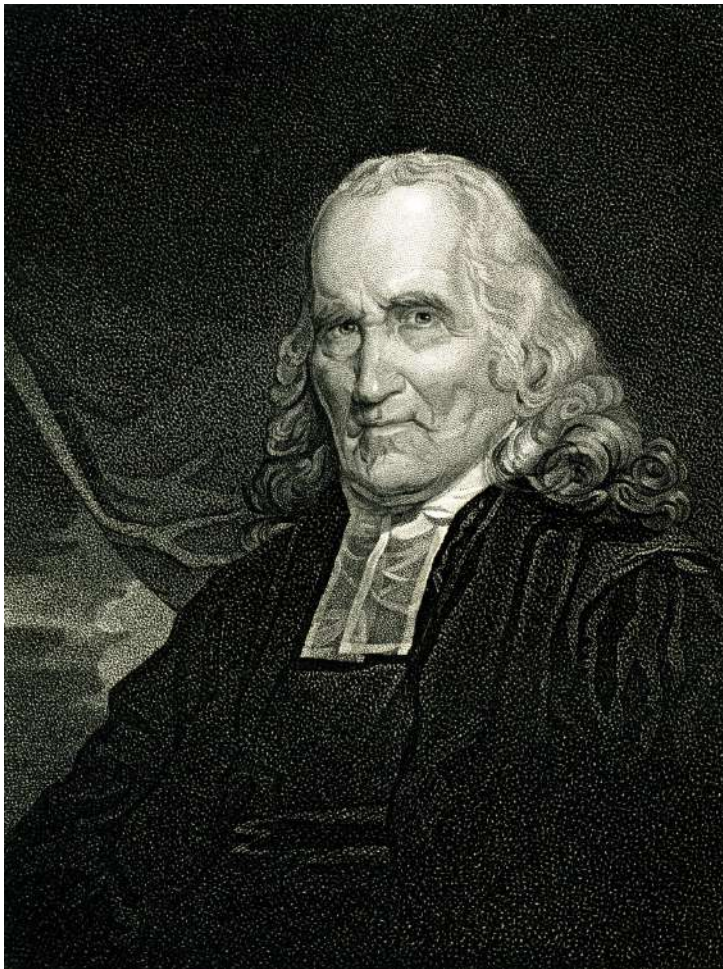
**William Brown, Early Trustee.  
Isaac Johnson, Early Trustee.  
William Chase Senior of Frankford.  
Elias Chase of Frankford, House Carpenter, Trustee.  
James Bowzer, Sen. of Frankford, Farmer and his Wife Letitia of the A.M.E. Church Choir.  
Jarena Lee, Traveling Preacher.  
Rev. Richard Robinson, Elder & Deacon of the A. M. E. Church.  
Peter Marks, former slave of President James Monroe.  
Eugenia Hemings, former slave of Thomas Jefferson; she married Peter Marks.  
Lewis N. Bedford, Church Secretary of the A.M.E. Church of Frankford and son-in-law of Eugenia Marks.  
James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton, William Chase Junior & other Trustees.  
Company B, 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Troops: James W. Davis, Alexander Bedford, Thomas Davis, Charles Somers, Joseph Lancaster, Benjamin Jackson, Jeremiah Murray, Silas Little, Benjamin Little & others.**

**(Satisfying Criterion I) Has yielded, or may be likely to yield, information important in pre-history or history;**

**Archaeology – will prove or exclude:** A pre-existing burial ground on this lot, prior to erection of any Church edifice. *Quakers were the principal slave-holders in Pennsylvania, and probably owned more Negroes than any other people in the colony,*<sup>31</sup> but they (Quakers) were not known to bury dead Negroes within their Meeting House Yards. The proximity of the *Burying Ground of the Blacks* to the Frankford Quaker Meeting House is remarkably close and those same Quakers once owned this land. It is a possibility the current site was once a burial ground for the disposal of their Slaves. (See: **Image 11**).

<sup>31</sup> Turner, Edward R. "The Abolition of Slavery in Pennsylvania." *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. 36.2 (1912): 129-142. Web. <<https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniamaga3619unse/page/n5/mode/2up>>.





**Image No. 17: The Revd. Joseph Pilmore D.D.**

In 1770, Wesleyan Methodist missionary Joseph *Pilmoor* and others established St. George's Methodist Church in Philadelphia.<sup>32</sup> "...A popular preacher, his disinclination to alternate frequently between Philadelphia and New York led to friction with Francis Asbury and to his recall by Wesley in 1774. He withdrew briefly from the itinerancy, but returned in 1776 and served until 1785, when he finally withdrew, possibly because he was not included in the Legal Hundred, partly because he wished to return to America..."<sup>33</sup>

'The Bishop made this entry in his "Registry of Ordinations: "At a special Ordination held in St. Paul's Church in Wallingford [Connecticut] on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1785. "Joseph Pilmore, recommended by The Rev'd Mr. Charles Wesley of London, the Rev'd Mr. William Stringer of Barnet in England, the Rev'd Mr. John Bowden of Norwalk, Connect., & Joseph Galloway, Esqr., late of Pennsylvania, was admitted Deacon. "At a special Ordination held in the same Church on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of November, 1785, the above named Joseph Pilmore was ordered Priest."<sup>34</sup> "He was serving as the assistant rector at St. Paul's in 1790 when the Free African Society began holding services of worship. His anti-slavery views were

strong – and likely made stronger still when he married (Mary Benezet Wood, a widow)<sup>35</sup> the niece of Quaker Anthony Benezet who had been a benefactor of the Black community in Philadelphia decades earlier. Pilmore offered hospitality to the African American community and even worked beside them through the yellow fever epidemic of 1793. Thirty-one black couples were married at St. Paul's Episcopal Church between 1789 and 1794. Pilmore made sure they were welcome. The surrounding neighborhood was well known to the African American community as a place of hospitality for reasons, which extend beyond Pilmore himself. Anthony Benezet's school for Africans was located just a few footsteps away in nearby Willings Alley to the south. St. Joseph's Roman Catholic Church a block to the west in Willings Alley also excelled in its hospitality toward Africans."<sup>36</sup> In 1804, Rev. Joseph Pilmore became the Rector of St. Paul's Church of Philadelphia.<sup>37</sup>

<sup>32</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book EF.8.437 Miles Pennington to Richard Boardmen, Joseph Pilmore, Thomas Webb, Edward Evans, David Montgomery, John Dowers, Edmund Beach, Robert Fitzgerald and James Emerson—for the Consideration of 650 £ lawful Money, All that certain Church and Lot of Ground Situate in the City in the East Side of Fourth Street from the River Delaware... [11<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1770].

<sup>33</sup> A Dictionary of Methodism in Britain and Ireland. Web. 11<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2021. <<https://dmbi.online/index.php?do=app.entry&id=2186>>.

<sup>34</sup> Hobart, John H, and Arthur Lowndes. *The Correspondence of John Henry Hobart, 1775-1830*. New York: Privately printed [at the Merrymount Press, by D.B. Updike]. 1911. 262. Web. 16<sup>th</sup> November 2017. <<https://archive.org/details/corresponden04hoba>>.

<sup>35</sup> Philadelphia Inquirer 13<sup>th</sup> January 1795., page 3. "Married this morning at St. Paul's Church by Right Reverend William White."

<sup>36</sup> Methodist Walking Tour of St. Paul's Protestant Episcopal Church. Web. 26<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<http://philawalk.org/paul>>.

<sup>37</sup> Barratt, Norris S. *Outline of the History of Old St. Paul's Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 1760-1898: With an Appeal for Its Preservation, Together with Articles of Agreement, Abstract of Title, List of Rectors, Vestrymen, and Inscriptions of Tombstones and Vaults*. Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Colonial Society of Pennsylvania, 1918. 65 & 113. Web. 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/outlineofhistory00barr/mode/2up>>.

**To Mrs. Rush**

My dear Julia,

Philadelphia, 12<sup>th</sup> July 1791

The African Church goes on swimmingly. The President of the United States and Mr. Jefferson have both promised to send a contribution to it. Mr. Fitzsimons, Mr. Anthony, Mr. Meade, and many others have subscribed liberally. *All will end well...*<sup>39</sup>

**To Mrs. Rush**

My dear Julia,

Philadelphia, 16<sup>th</sup> July 1791

I have at last opened my plan of an African Church to two black freemen who called upon me at 7 o'clock in the morning a few days ago. They received the proposition with a joy which transported one of them to take me by the hand as a brother. I am to meet a larger body of them on Monday evening upon the business, and expect agreeably to their request to lay before them a plan for executing it in the course of a few months.... The clergy and their faithful followers of every denomination are *too good to do good*. The Quakers objected to the blacks' making a temporary use of one of their schoolhouses as a place of worship, because part of their worship consisted in singing psalms...<sup>40</sup>

**To Granville Sharp**

Philadelphia August 1791

Since our correspondence began, in the year 1771, what wonderful things have come to pass in favor of our friends the poor Africans! In Pennsylvania our laws have exterminated domestic slavery, and in Philadelphia the free blacks now compose near 3,000 souls. Their men are chiefly waiters, day laborers, and traders in a small way. Their women are chiefly cooks and washerwomen. Such is their integrity and quiet deportment that they are universally preferred to white people of similar occupations. But under these circumstances they are still in a state of depression, arising chiefly from their being deprived of the means of regular education and religious instruction. To remedy these inconveniences, a few gentlemen in this city have assisted in forming them into a church, to be called *The African Church of Philadelphia*. As they consist of the scattered appendages of most of the churches in the city, they have formed Articles and a Plan of Church Government so general as to embrace all, and yet so orthodox in cardinal points as to offend none. They have already been assisted in purchasing a valuable lot, in a central part of our city, on which they propose this fall to build a frame schoolhouse, and in the spring (if they are further assisted) they wish to erect a plain brick church. They have already began to worship God in a borrowed schoolhouse, where they assemble on Sundays. Two or three of their own color conduct the worship by reading the Scriptures, praying, singing, and occasionally exhorting. Hereafter they propose to have a regular minister: in the meanwhile, the Reverend Mr. Pilmore, a worthy Episcopal minister of this city, has promised to officiate for them occasionally. Much good may be expected from this institution. Indeed much good has already arisen from it, for it has produced a degree of order and a spirit of inquiry and thoughtfulness in religion never evinced by them before. I inclose you a copy of their "Address" to our citizens. It produced contributions to the amount of £250 sterling. I come now to the design of this long letter, which is to solicit your influence among the friends of the blacks in London in obtaining a small contribution towards building the proposed African Church in our city...<sup>41</sup>

<sup>38</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book iC.3.403 Right Reverend Doctor William White, Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the State of Pennsylvania to the Minister, Church Wardens and Vestryman of the African Episcopal Church of St. Thomas in the City of Philadelphia [17<sup>th</sup> June 1809]. *Whereas William Bradford Esquire deceased, formerly of the City of Philadelphia, Attorney General of the United States did in his late illness, with the intention to (died intestate) Execute & Deliver several promisory notes...* to one Doctor Benjamin Rush of the City on the 19<sup>th</sup> August 1795. ... A Controversy at law arose on Bradford's State of mind and sanity at the time of Executing the notes being questioned, it became necessary that Benjamin Rush, his Physician who was present at the time and was witness to prove his sanity...

<sup>39</sup> Rush, Benjamin, and L. H. Butterfield. *Letters of Benjamin Rush: ed. by L. H. Butterfield, 2 vols.* Princeton, 1951. 599-600.

<sup>40</sup> Ibid. 602

<sup>41</sup> Ibid. 608-609. NOTE: The text continues, but has been cut short due to its excessive length.



**Doctor Enoch Edwards:** was elected a member of the American Philosophical Society, July 20, 1787, and was a particular friend of Benjamin West... That Doctor Edwards was a friend of Jefferson is sustained by the Register of Jefferson's Correspondence in the Library of Congress, where there are letters from Edwards to Jefferson from Philadelphia May 7, 1793 to August 20, 1801... that Doctor Edwards was a delegate from Philadelphia county to the Pennsylvania Convention of 1787 to ratify the Constitution of the United States; a member of the Provincial Conference held at Carpenter's Hall, June 18, 1776, and the same year served as surgeon in the Philadelphia Battalion of the Flying camp, and subsequently was aide on the staff of Gen. Lord Stirling. That he was a Justice of the Peace for Philadelphia from June 6, 1777, to August 16, 1789, and a member of the Pennsylvania Constitutional Convention of 1789-90. That Governor Mifflin appointed him August 17, 1791, one of the associate or lay Justices of the court of Common Pleas, an office he continued to hold until his death at Frankford, Pa., April 25, 1802. (Excerpts-reduced) <sup>42</sup>

It has long been said that Jefferson read the Declaration of Independence in Frankford at the house of Doctor Enoch Edwards.

...Aunt Edwards, who was the youngest daughter of my grand-parents and had continued to reside at Magnolia until she married Dr. Enoch Edwards, who at that time lived on his paternal farm in Byberry...

One day when Mr. Jefferson was on a visit to my uncle, they walked up to this summer-house.

He looked round and said: *This is the spot on which the signers of the Declaration of Independence dined the day they signed the Declaration.*

— Fanny Salter.<sup>43</sup>

#### House and Ground Where The First "4<sup>th</sup> of July" Was Celebrated



**Image No. 18: Robert Newell Photo — Library Company of Philadelphia. Accessed in February 2005 & re-photographed by Joseph J. Menkevich.**

Henry and Elizabeth Drinker owned the house in July of 1776, but her Journal lacks an entry for Thomas Jefferson. A letter corroborating Fanny Salter's recollections of overhearing Thomas Jefferson's visiting Enoch Edwards states the following:

*I do not foresee however that I shall impose upon it but once more. that will be by & bye, when I am ready at Monticello for carpets. the handsomest I ever saw was on your floor at Frankford the last time I had the pleasure of seeing you there.*<sup>44</sup>

Deeds indicate Enoch Edwards, before moving to Frankford, resided within Byberry Township, County of Philadelphia.<sup>45</sup>

<sup>42</sup> "Notes and Queries" *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography*. Philadelphia: Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 36.2 (1912). 126—128. Web. 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniamaga3619unse/page/n5/mode/2up>>.

<sup>43</sup> "Fanny Salter's Reminiscences of Colonial Days in Philadelphia." *The Pennsylvania Magazine of History and Biography* 40.2 (1916): 187-198. Web. 15<sup>th</sup> November 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniamagav40hist/page/n383/mode/2up>>.

<sup>44</sup> *Thomas Jefferson to Enoch Edwards, May 7. -05-07, 1801.* Manuscript/Mixed Material. Retrieved from the Library of Congress. Web. 1<sup>st</sup> July 2010. <<https://www.loc.gov/item/mtjib010030/>>. Transcription is by the courtesy of Founders Online, Jefferson Papers. Web. 8<sup>th</sup> June 2016. <<http://founders.archives.gov/documents/Jefferson/01-34-02-0037>>.

<sup>45</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: D.38.9 Mary Sindrey of Oxford Township, Widow to Enoch Edwards of Byberry Township, Esquire — Five lots or Pieces of Ground in the Village of Frankford [9<sup>th</sup> October 1792]; Deed Book: D.48.414 Henry Drinker of Philadelphia, Merchant and Elizabeth his Wife To Dr. Enoch Edwards of Oxford Township, Esquire — 19 acres and 70 Perches. [3<sup>rd</sup> November 1792]; Deed Book: D.40.47 Alexander Martin of Frankford, Store Keeper and Mary his Wife to Enoch Edwards of the same place, Esquire — A Lot containing 4 Acres of ground [14<sup>th</sup> April 1793].



When Dr. Edwards purchased the Jolly Post, it contained 14-acres on West side and 31-acres on the East Side of Bristol Pike. The Black Community evolved within that 31-acre tract – once owned by surveyor Thomas Fairman and the Oxford Friends.

**Old "Jolly Post" Hotel, Frankford, Philadelphia. [graphic].**



**Image No. 19: Courtesy of the Library Company of Philadelphia & George M. Brightbill:**

“Also identified as the Old Jolly Post Inn and the Jolly Post Boy Tavern. Located on Frankford Road, which formed part of the main passage that connected New York and Philadelphia. John Worrell purchased the property in 1698. His son Isaiah may have been the first to operate the inn from this location.” <<https://digital.librarycompany.org/islandora/object/digitool%3A96924>>.

“The oldest hostelry of Frankford is the Jolly Post Hotel stands on the west side of Frankford Avenue, a short distance above Orthodox Street, and has been known for over a century and a half by the name given above. It, too, has been a famous bit of property. It was part of a tract of 750 acres deeded by William Penn in 1680 to Henry Waddy, and was known as *Waddy's Grange*. By the will of Mr. Waddy. It passed into the hands of his daughter and successively became the property of Robert Adams for whom Adams Street in Frankford is named. John Worrell, who devised that portion of it upon which the Jolly Post stood, to his son Isaiah...& onto Joseph Thornhill to John Papley, to Dr. Enoch Edwards...”<sup>46</sup>

“Whereas Joseph Thornhill by an Indenture dated the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1787 did give grant and convey unto John Paplay and Susannah his Wife, David Dewar, Susannah Dewar, George Irwin and Sarah his Wife and to Heirs and Assigns of the said Susannah Paplay, David Dewar, Susannah Dewar, Sarah Irwin as Tenants in Common and Not as Joint Tenants — A Certain Messuage and Two Tracts or Pieces of Land Situate in Oxford Township aforesaid — by mets and bounds therein respectively mentioned One of them whereon the said Messuage is erected being Situate on the North West side of the public Road from Philadelphia to Bristol &ct., [Containing 14 Acres & 26 Perches], And the other Tract or piece of Land being opposite thereto on the South East side of the aforesaid Road and Containing 31 acres and 66 perches Together with the Appurtenances as in and by the said Indenture Recorded in Deed Book No.19 page 526 &ct., may appear [which said Messuage and two Tracts of Land Isaiah Worrell by an Indenture dated the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1748 and Recorded in Book G Vol. 11 page 200 &ct., granted and conveyed unto Joseph Thornhill in fee simple], And Whereas after the decease of the said John Paplay the above named Susannah Paplay, David Dewar, Susannah Dewar, George Irwin and Sarah his Wife by an Indenture under their Hands and Seals duly executed bearing date on or about the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1795 did grant and convey all the aforesaid Messuage and Two Tracts or Pieces of Land above mentioned unto the said Enoch Edwards in fee...”<sup>47</sup>

<sup>46</sup> Philadelphia Press 8<sup>th</sup> December 1895. [*Pennsylvania county histories*] Office of Commonwealth Libraries. State Library of Penna., Philadelphia County, Volume 75. 148. Web. 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/pennsylvaniacoun75unse/mode/2up>>., Note: The Original Purchase Register Indicates Henry Waddy held Two (2) Separate Tracts in Oxford Township; 305 Acres and 245 Acres.

<sup>47</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: EF.5.264 Enoch Edwards of Frankford in Oxford Township, Gentleman and Frances, his Wife to William Peart of the same place, Yeoman — 1<sup>st</sup> August 1798.



## POST-CONSTITUTION PHILADELPHIA: BOROUGH OF FRANKFORD, OXFORD TOWNSHIP — CIRCA 1800

**FRANKFORD** — Is pleasantly situated, on an elevated, healthy spot, between five and six miles north-east from Philadelphia, and about one and an half direct from Delaware River. It is a large, populous and increasing village, on the north-east side of a creek, of the same name, that empties into the river Delaware, about a mile and an half from the bridge, at the entrance of the town. The country adjacent is pleasant and well cultivated, and embellished with many handsome seats, as summer residences of the wealthy citizens of Philadelphia. Here is an Episcopal and German church, also an Academy. — *S. S. MOORE and T. W. JONES.*

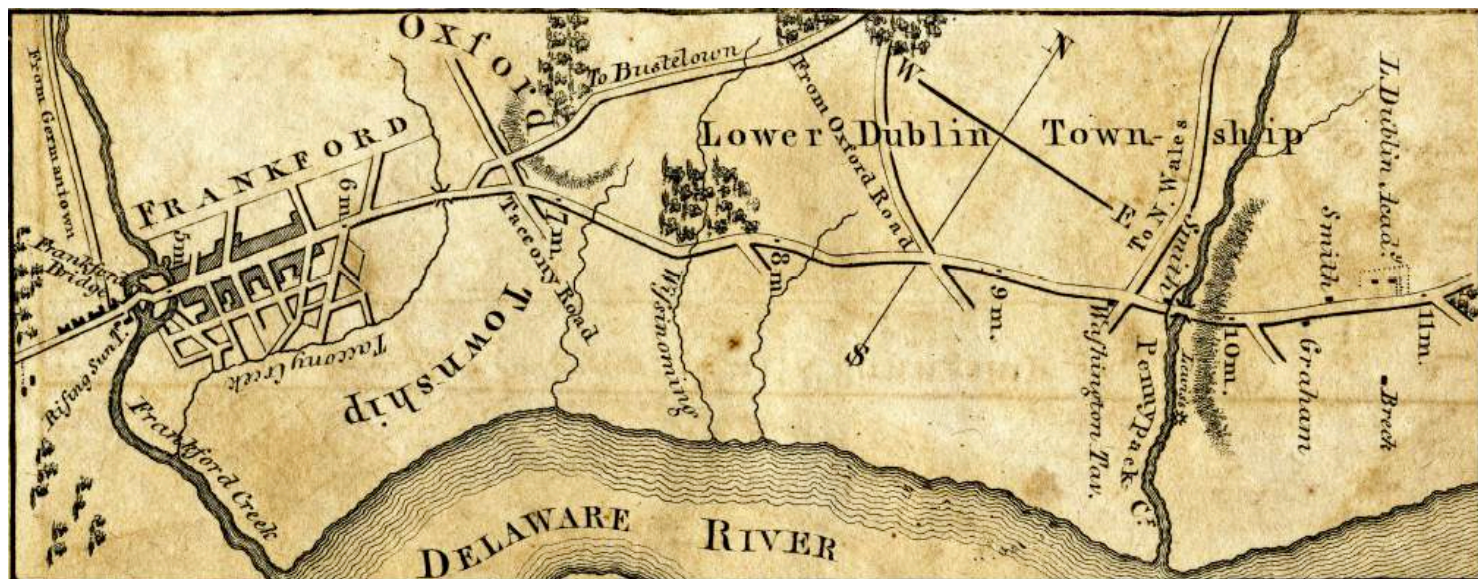


Image No. 20: Travelers Directory, Plate No. 2 — Web. 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/travellersdirect00moor>>.

the second census of the United States, 1800, Pennsylvania [microform]

Oxford town:	brought forward	223	101
ship Philadel:	Michael Carmen to be deducted		
County	Robert W. Conkley added 4 persons		
6	total	223	101
	737 Males		
	711 Females		
	62 Persons of Colour		
	8 Slaves		
	1518		
	March 30 <sup>th</sup> 1801		

Image No. 21: Oxford Township — Second U. S. Census — 1800.

After the War of 1776, the population of Frankford grew. The large tracts of land that were still in the possession of the “old families” began to be broken into smaller parcels to be sold off, rented or leased.

An Act for the Gradual Abolition of Slavery was passed in Pennsylvania on 1<sup>st</sup> March 1780. Twenty years latter, in 1800, there were 8 *Slaves* and 62 *Persons of Colour* residing in Oxford Township.

If land ownership were a path to independence and financial freedom, the Black population of Oxford Township owned none of it, as the census of 1800 only contained names of White landowners.<sup>48</sup>

The Oxford Township Slave-holders of 1800 were:

Dr. Enoch Edwards: 1 — Slave; Benjamin Cottman: 3 — Slaves; Joseph Paull: 3 — Slaves and Frederick Aldercamp: 1 — Slave.

<sup>48</sup> *Population Schedules of the 2nd Census of the United States, 1800, Pennsylvania, (excluding the City of Philadelphia).* Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1957. [Microfilm. Roll : 0042]. Web. 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/populationsc18000042unit/page/n203/mode/2up>>. (Oxford Township — pages numbered as 134 to 139).



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**General Advertiser.**

SURGO UT PROBAM.

PUBLISHED, (DAILY) BY WILLIAM DUANE, SUCCESSOR OF BENJAMIN FRANKLIN BACHE, IN FRANKLIN COURT, MARKET-STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

**AFRICAN FREE SCHOOL.**

We, the undersigned, free Africans, of the city of Philadelphia, considering the situation of our children and of many of the people of colour, being destitute of that education or information indispensable necessary to their being useful members of society, and considering that the schools, organized for the benefit of people of colour, have their full complement of scholars, and can receive no more:

Therefore—We have unanimously agreed to establish a free school for people of colour in general, but more particularly for such as may be unable to pay for their own education.

But, that we may be able to carry our intentions into execution, it is necessary that we receive the aid of the humane and friendly part of the community.—We, therefore, humbly solicit the patronage and assistance of those who are disposed to encourage the dissemination of useful knowledge among our race.

Donations will be gratefully received by any of the subscribers, appointed a committee for the collection thereof.

**RICHARD ALLEN, President,**

Robert Green	James Thompson
Wm. Brown	John Brown
Joseph Albert	Reuben Moore
Charles Boston	James Green.

Philad. July 24, 1804.

Aurora General Advertiser 25<sup>th</sup> Jul 1804

A rift between Richard Allen and Absalom Jones developed. They parted ways.

**AFRICAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE —>**

JONATHAN TRUSTEY, Locust street, No.4., WM. BROWN, Cherry alley, No.139.  
 JAMES GREEN, South Sixth street., REUBEN MOORE, Lombard street, No.139.  
 HENRY WILLIAMS, Crown street, No.7., CYRUS DUTTON, South Sixth street.  
 EDWARD SIMMONS, Apple street, No.50., TH. WATSON, New Fourth street.  
 CHARLES BOSTON, Elizabeth street.

N. B. The above signed think it is necessary to mention that the Revd. Absalom Jones and several members of his congregation, were early consulted on the business—brightly approved of it, and agreed to encourage and assist its being brought to maturity, and in consequences met at several meetings held on the occasion, where the said Absalom Jones frequently presided as chairman— but since that they have withdrawn, for what particular reasons we know not. —>

**THE PUBLIC,**

ARE respectfully informed that the Congregation of the Church of St. Thomas, are not included in the application made to the public by Richard Allen and others, for assistance in the establishment of an African Free School.

The object of this is not to discredit the institution, nor to raise a doubt as to the necessity of it, but purely to let the citizens of Philadelphia know, with more precision, to whom, and to what body of men they contribute their assistance.

An additional reason for giving the above information, is that the application being made “for the use of the people of colour in general,” it may operate to the disadvantage of those who have not joined in it, if hereafter they should solicit the public bounty for a similar purpose.

In behalf of the Congregation of St. Thomas,  
 COMMITTEE,

Absalom Jones,	William Thomas,
James Forten,	Peter Richmond,
William Coleman,	John Henry,
Robert Douglass,	William Gray.
Robert Gordon,	
August 7	truth&sc

Aurora General Advertiser 10 Aug 1804

**AFRICAN SCHOOL.**

The society of free people of colour for the education of children of African descent, return their grateful thanks to a generous public, through whose benevolence they have been enabled to organize their society, and open a school much sooner than at first anticipated. They inform their friends that their first school has been opened on the 10th instant, at No. 23, Carver's alley, where they have provided a teacher of abilities, experience and morality—there are already upwards of fifty pupils admitted.

They beg leave to inform the public that previous to this, there were but five schools in this city for the education of coloured children, viz: two, they believe, under the direction of the Right Revd. Bishop White—one under the direction of the society of Friends—one by the Abolition society—and one kept by the Reverend Absalom Jones; all of which were so full, that numerous applicants were refused admittance for their children—this first started the idea and necessity of the present plan, where an open door is opened, without distinction of sect or party, and as there are many of the coloured people in this city who have not joined any religious community, they have now an opportunity at a small expense, of having their children educated so as to become useful members of society. All such, as well as other parents or masters (without distinction) who wish to send their children or servants to said school, are requested to apply to any of the undersigned, who for themselves, and in the name of the society in general thus publicly declare that the above school is not under the particular influence of any religious sect or society, whatever, neither are the particular tenets of any one sect to be taught therein.

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Sept 19

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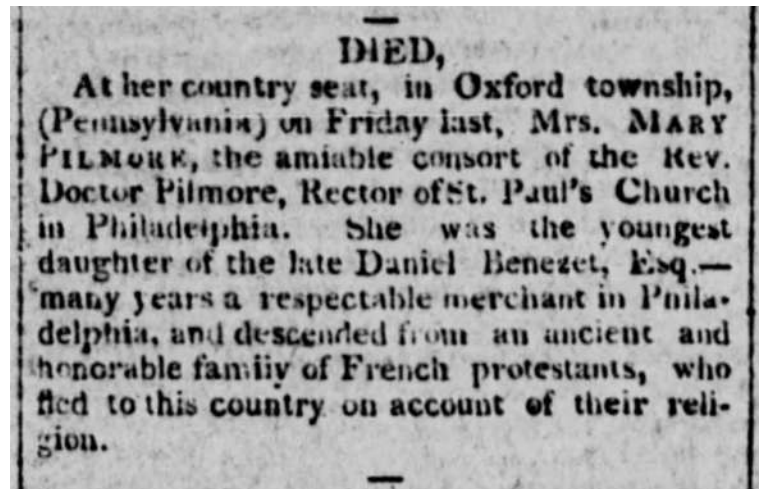
**MARY BENEZET WOOD <sup>49</sup> & JOSEPH PILMORE <sup>50</sup> — RESIDENCE IN OXFORD TOWNSHIP — CIRCA 1805**

Frankford is located on the main road to New York and most probable that Reverend Pilmore travelled this road.

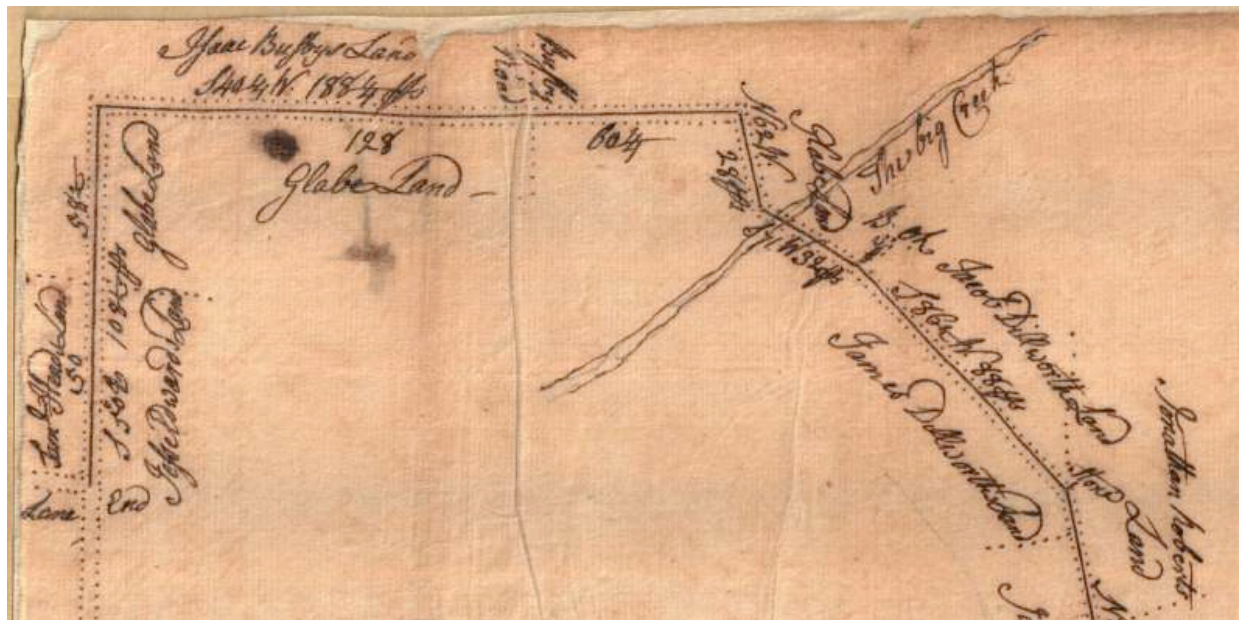
The Reverend Joseph Pilmore and his wife Mary purchased a Country Seat in Oxford Township,<sup>51</sup> near Trinity Church Oxford, but a few miles from the African Meeting Place and Burial Ground in Frankford.

Although Rev. Dr. Pilmore and his associates were very generous and active in funding various charities,<sup>52</sup> there is no documentation indicating any assistance provided to the African Methodist Episcopal Church in Frankford.

Dr. Pilmore retained this Oxford Township property for twenty years, until the 24<sup>th</sup> July 1825, when he died.<sup>53</sup>



The Evening Post (New York, N.Y.) 7<sup>th</sup> July 1808, Page 3.



**Image No. 22: [1775]. Oxford Township. Petition Of William Smith, Minister and Church Wardens Of Oxford Church. For A Road From The End Of Isaac Busby's Lane In Oxford Township To School House In Bristol Township. [Record Group 21.26].** Access: Philadelphia City Archives by Joseph J. Menkevich.

<sup>49</sup> Portrait of Mary Benezet Wood Pilmore (1755-1808). Web. <<https://www.philamuseum.org/collections/permanent/58809.html>>.

<sup>50</sup> Deed Book: iC.3.475 Anthony Benezet and his Wife Mary, The Reverend Joseph Pilmore and his Wife Mary, Joseph Horsefield, Esquire & Other Co-heirs of the late Daniel Benzett's Estate to Thomas Fisher and other Trustees (of the Rising Sun School) — 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1804.

<sup>51</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: EF.20.392 Thomas Bolton of the Borough of Frankford, Oxford Township, Taylor and Phebe his Wife (a Daughter & Devisee by Last Will of Isaac Buzby of Oxford Township, Yeoman deceased) to Reverend Joseph Pilmore [1<sup>st</sup> May 1805].

<sup>52</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: iC.2.10 William White, Joseph Pilmore, Robert Blackwell, James Abercrombie to 1<sup>st</sup> the Pennsylvania Hospital, 2<sup>nd</sup> the Philadelphia Dispensary, 3<sup>rd</sup> the Magdalene Society, 4<sup>th</sup> the Protestant Episcopal Academy of Philadelphia, 5<sup>th</sup> the University of Pennsylvania Boys Charity School, 6<sup>th</sup> the German Society, 7<sup>th</sup> the Welch Society, 8<sup>th</sup> the Hibernian Society, 9<sup>th</sup> the Scots Thistle Society, 10<sup>th</sup> the Philadelphia Society for the Support of Charity Schools, 11<sup>th</sup> the Humane Society, 12<sup>th</sup> the Society for the Institution and Support of Sunday Schools in Philadelphia, Southwark & Northern Liberties, 13<sup>th</sup> the Society for Relief of Poor and Distressed Masters of Ships, their Widows and Children, 14<sup>th</sup> the Society for the Support the Poor Ages and Infirm Members of the German Lutheran Congregation near the City of Philadelphia and 15<sup>th</sup> the Pennsylvania Society for the Abolition of Slavery and for the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully held in Bondage and for Improving the African Race — 13<sup>th</sup> March 1809.

<sup>53</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: GWR.9.336 Richard North & John Matthews, Executors of the Last Will of Reverend Joseph Pilmore to John Butterworth of Philadelphia, Tin Plate Worker — a 31 Acre Plantation in Oxford Township — [2<sup>nd</sup> December 1825].



the third census of the United States, 1810, Pennsylvania [microform]

Recapitulation	<del>467</del> 466	<del>454</del> 451	54	151	79	67	95	74
Males	467	466						462
Females	454	451						451
Coloured persons	54	56						56
	075							773
	Grand Total in Oxford Town							
	466	451						
		56						
	Total 973							



THE FREE BURYING GROUND OF FRANKFORD — ENACTED BY ORDINANCE 15<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 1811

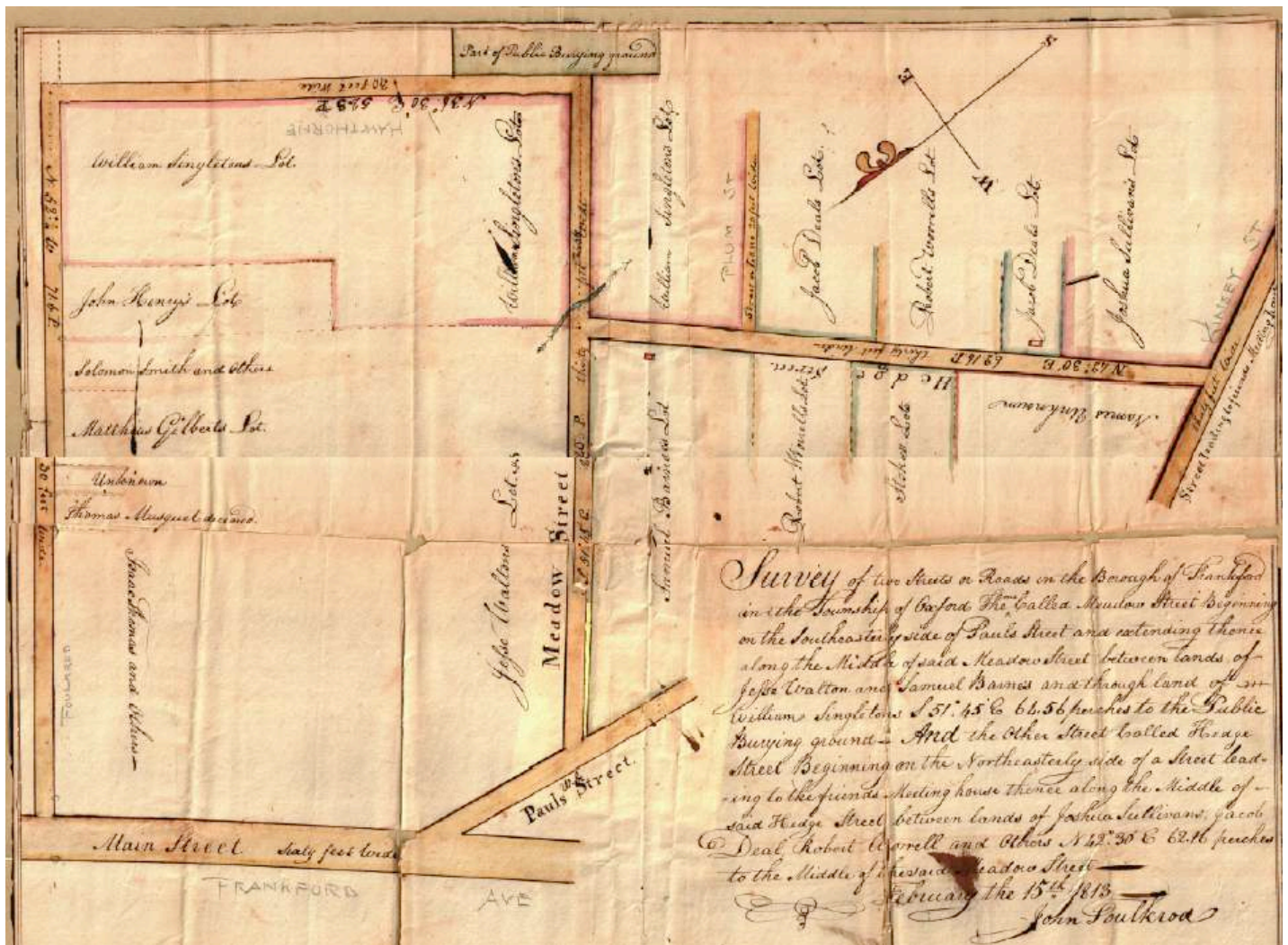


Image 26: [1812]. Oxford Township. Meadow and Hedge Streets in Frankford. Order to Continue Meadow Street from Hedge Street to Public Burial Ground. Petition. Draft. [Record Group 21.26] Quarter Sessions Court, Clerk of. Philadelphia City Archives. Accessed: 17<sup>th</sup> February 2012 by Joseph J. Menkevich, Nominator.



Surveyed 15<sup>th</sup> February 1813 by John Foulkrod.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford and its Burying Ground is located in this area on the survey.

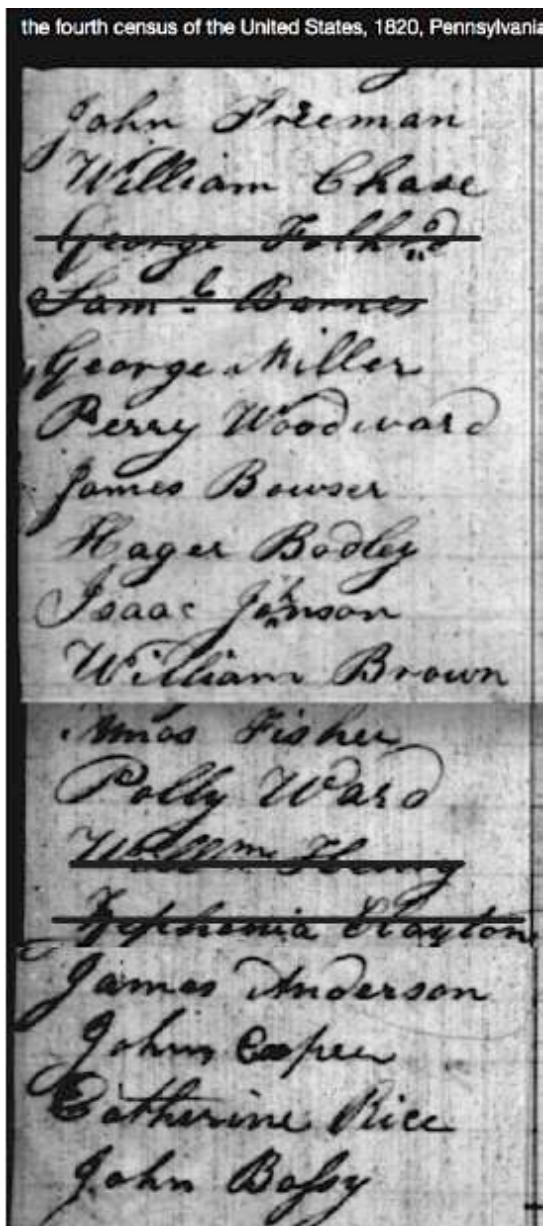
←Names Unknown.

William Singleton and Hannah his Wife owned several Lots this area of Frankford, sold to the Black residents, also to the Free Will Baptists who established a Church and Burial Ground.<sup>56</sup>

<sup>56</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: MR.18.250 William Singleton of Frankford & Hannah his Wife of the first part and Thomas Boyle, Minister of the Gospel, John Rictiner, Isaac C. Worrell, Richard Stout & John Stuart to the Free Will Baptists of Frankford Borough [1st January 1818].







**Image No. 27: Frankford Borough — Fourth Census of the United States 1820.**

**A Partial Listing of Heads of Families for People of Color:**

John Freeman<sup>60</sup>

William Chase<sup>61</sup>

Philip Thomas<sup>62</sup>

John Green

George Miller

Perry Woodward<sup>63</sup>

James Bowser

Hager Bodley — [or Hajar Bodley, Widow of Thomas Bodley]<sup>64</sup>

**Isaac Johnson**<sup>65 66</sup> — Trustee of African M.E. Church of Frankford

**William Brown** — Trustee of African M.E. Church of Frankford

Amos Fisher

Polly Ward — [aka: Mary Ward, Widow of Anthony Ward]

**Richard Lisby** — Trustee of African M.E. Church of Frankford

James Anderson

John Cooper<sup>67</sup>

Catherine Rice

John Bassy

**Free People of Color: 103**

<sup>59</sup> *Population Schedules of the Fourth Census of the United States, 1820 Pennsylvania, (Philadelphia County in part)*. Washington: National Archives, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1958. [Microfilm. Roll : 0109]. Web. 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/populationsc18200109unit/page/n87/mode/2up>>. (Frankford — numbered as 76 to 84A).

<sup>60</sup> Deed Book: GWR.4.136 Moses Gillingham of East Nottingham Maryland to John Freeman of Frankford — 9<sup>th</sup> February 1824.

<sup>61</sup> Deed Book: GWR.23.175 Solomon Smith of Frankford, Labourer to William Chase of the same Place, Labourer — 10<sup>th</sup> May 1814.

<sup>62</sup> Deed Book: MR.20.284 Andrew Singley of Bensalem, Bucks County and Agnes his Wife to Philip Thomas & Ann His Wife, Coloured People of the Borough of Frankford (a Certain Messuage and Lot of Ground on the West Side of Paul Street - in Trust for the said Ann, the Wife of the said Philip Thomas) — 1<sup>st</sup> April 1813.

<sup>63</sup> Deed Book: GWR.28.115 William Singleton of the Borough of Frankford, Gentleman and Hannah his Wife to Perry Woodward of the same place, Labourer (A lot on the Northeast side of a Street called Guinea Street) — 29<sup>th</sup> of September 1815.

<sup>64</sup> Deed Book: MR.2.198 Philip Thomas & Ann His Wife of the Borough of Frankford to Thomas Bodley — 14<sup>th</sup> October 1813.

<sup>65</sup> Deed Book: IC.9.380 Richard Stout of the Borough of Frankford to Isaac Johnson of the same place, Labourer — 24<sup>th</sup> February 1810.

<sup>66</sup> Deed Book: GWR.4.250 William Singleton of the Borough of Frankford to Isaac Johnson of the same place, Labourer — 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov. 1818.

<sup>67</sup> Deed Book: IC.22.342 William Busby of Germantown to John Cooper of the Borough of Frankford, Shopkeeper (A Certain Messuage or Tenement and Lot of Ground on the South East Side of Frankford Main Street). — 25<sup>th</sup> November 1811.



Population schedules of the fifth census of the United States, 1830, Pennsylvania [microfilm] ← Back to item details

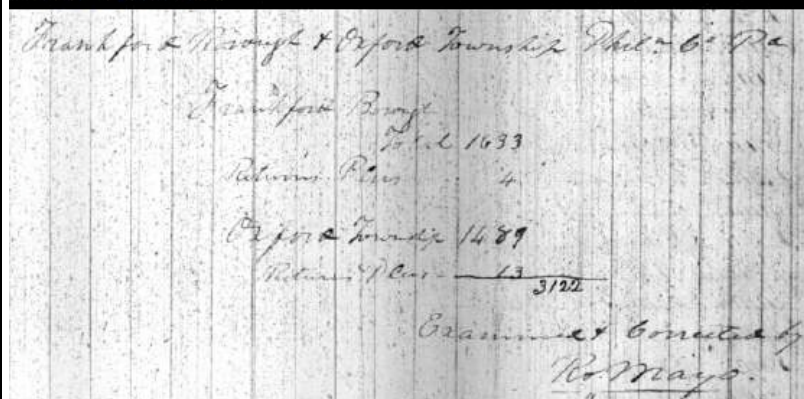


Image No. 28: Frankford Borough — Fifth U. S. Census—1830

Head of Household of the Black Famies: Samuel Jackson, Amos Fisher, William Chase, Peter Craig, John Wilson, Richard Lisby, John Freeman, Ann Stout, Thomas Morris, Jacob Fry, Cuffey Williams, James Jackson, Perry Woodward, James Bowzer, Jonathan Wobie, Thomas Jackson, Mary Johnson, Jacob Stantling, Elizabeth Single, Anthony Harris, Hagar Bodley, Rachael Johns, Samuel Smith, James Homer, Jeremiah Bulah, John Wellan, George Milbee, Benjamin Kirk, Leavins Young, William Michael and John Bedford ... (excluding Oxford Township).

*Plan of Paul Street in the Borough of Frankford County of Philadelphia from the North Line of Mill Street to the South Easterly line of the Main Street of Frankford.*

*Surveyed — July 1834 by John Foulkrod, surveyor.*

## THE EDIFICE IS MISSING

*The Burying Ground & Meeting of the Blacks*

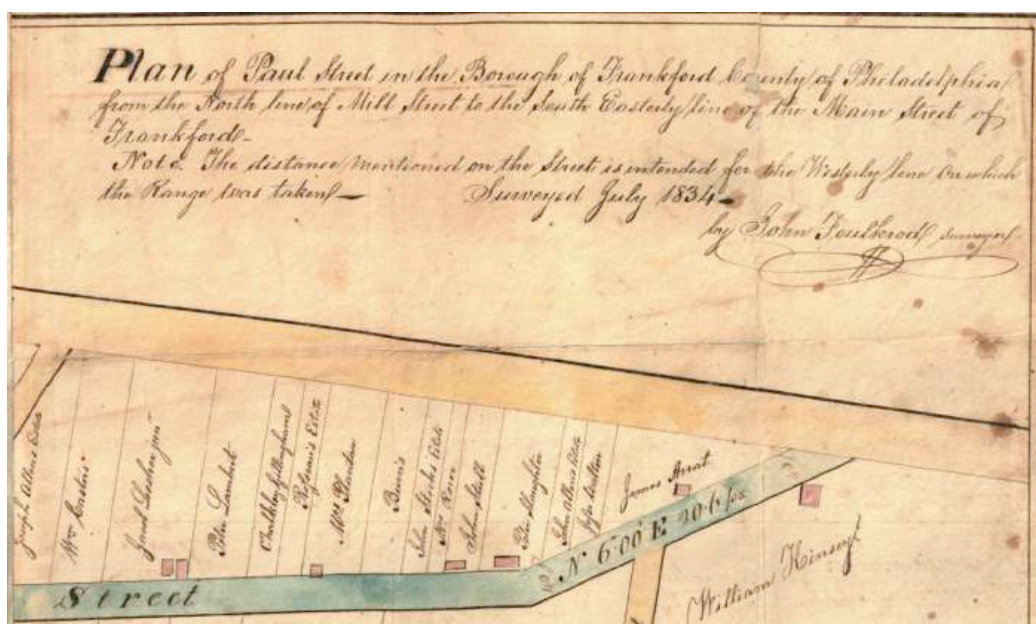


Image No. 29: [1834]. Oxford Township. Frankford. Paul Street. [Record Group 21.26] Philadelphia City Archives 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 by Joseph J. Menkevich.



Image No. 30: [1834]. Paul Street. [Record Group 21.26] City Archives. 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 by Joseph J. Menkevich.

<sup>68</sup> *Population Schedules of the 5th Census of the United States, 1830, Pennsylvania, (Philadelphia Counties, in part).* Washington: National Archives, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, Washington, D.C. 1949. [Microfilm. Roll : 0157]. Web. 31<sup>st</sup> August 2020. <<https://archive.org/stream/populationsc18300158unit#page/n297/mode/2up>>. (Frankford —numbered 155 to 167).





Image No. 31: Mrs. Jarena Lee — Preacher

I was born February 11th, 1783, at Cape May, State of New Jersey. At the age of seven years I was parted from my parents, and went to live as a servant maid, ...sixty miles from the place of my birth...

...In the year 1804, it so happened that I went with others to hear a missionary of the Presbyterian order preach... Soon after this I again went to the city of Philadelphia, and commenced going to the English Church, the pastor of which was an Englishman, by the name of Pilmore, one of the number who at first preached Methodism in America, in the city of New York...

...January 1, 1833. After which I started, in company with another sister for New Hope, Pa. We held meetings in Frankford, then I proceeded to Ben-Salem; from thence to Attleboro'. The Elder, P. S., was on that circuit, he cordially gave me appointments, and we were caused to rejoice...

But we appointed the next in Holmesburg, which was alike prosperous. After which I returned to Philadelphia, and there remained until July 2, at which time I left for Canada... In 1836 I travelled 556 miles, and preached 111 sermons; and felt under much exercise to print a book, and I had some friends to encourage me, such as the Rev. R. R. [Richard Robinson] and the Bishop...

[1837] In travelling towards Frankford I stopped at Holmesburg... but finding an intimate friend of mine very ill, I paid her a religious visit... I purposed leaving next morning for Frankford at 9 o'clock, but she died, and the Elder and preacher being at a far distance from there, by special request I attended the funeral... I then left for Frankford, preached four sermons which was profitable through God's grace. Feb'y. 16th, I started for Attleboro'... — Jarena Lee <sup>69</sup>

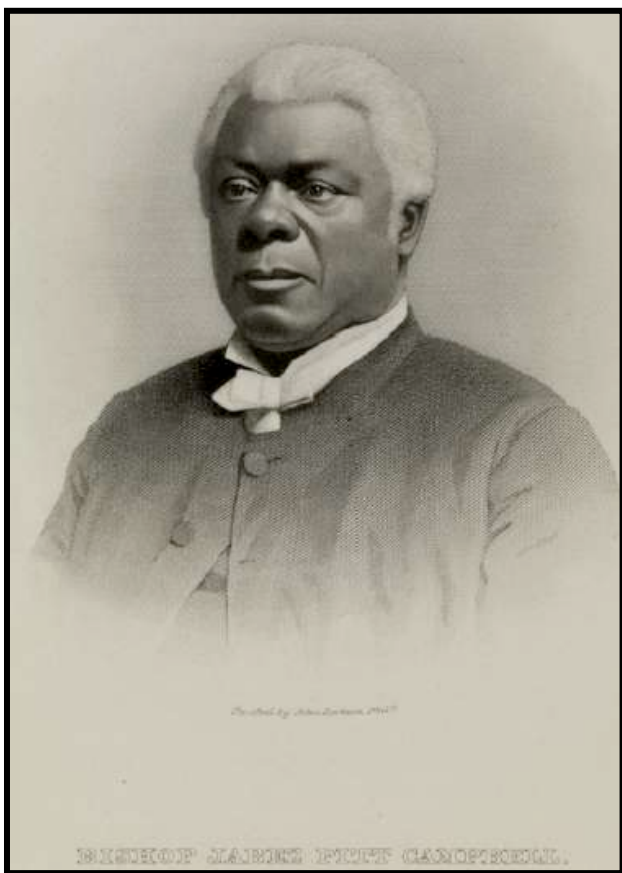
## ATTLEBOROUGH



Image No. 32: Bucks County. RG-17, Records of the PA. Land Office. Web: [MELISH-WHITESIDE MAPS](http://MELISH-WHITESIDE MAPS), 1816-1821.

<sup>69</sup> Lee, Jarena. *Religious Experiences and Journal of Mrs. Jarena Lee, Giving an Account of Her Call to Preach the Gospel*. Philadelphia, Pa: Published for the author, 1849. 7, 65-66, 77, 81. Web. 30<sup>th</sup> Nov. 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/religiousexperie00leej/mode/2up>>.





**Image No. 33: Bishop Jabez Pitt Campbell.**

Courtesy: [Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts](#).

“The Bishop himself gave me preaching appointments in common with licensed preachers. In the winters of 1838 and 1839, I was sent by Bishop Brown to serve the Frankford and Berks County Circuit, and a revival, such as I never before witnessed, broke out upon that Circuit, in which many souls were converted to God, and the Church everywhere upon the Circuit appeared to be revived; but more especially at Frankford.<sup>70</sup>

Exchanging a good comfortable home and city life, to which I had been previously accustomed for many years, for the life of an itinerant preacher, on a Circuit sixty miles in circumference, and making that change in my life in the dead of winter, was the occasion of my taking a most severe illness; but after recovery from that illness I set out again, nothing daunted.” — Jabez Pitt Campbell<sup>71</sup>

“Along with being editor of the Christian Recorder, Jabez Pitt Campbell served as the eighth bishop of the A.M.E. Church. He served as bishop for twenty-seven years.

He was the first bishop to visit California and subsequently organized the Western conference at Sacramento in 1865. He was also the first bishop to visit Haiti and organized that conference in May of 1887. Born in Delaware in 1815 and sold into servitude by his father to pay a debt, Campbell bought his freedom at the age of eighteen.

Five years later he preached his first sermon at Bethany A. M. E. Church in Holmesburg, Pa.”<sup>72</sup>

#### BETHANY AFRICAN M. E. CHURCH – HOLMESBURG



**Image No. 34: 8820 ASHTON RD. – PHC FILE. 14<sup>TH</sup> SEPT. 2012**

<sup>70</sup> *'THE WRATH OF MAN,' as exhibited in the late riot and conflagration at Philadelphia, will unquestionably do more to advance the anti-slavery cause than could have been done by means of the hall, if it had been permitted to stand. The Pennsylvania Freeman publishes the proceedings of a spirited County Convention recently held at Frankford...* The Liberator (Boston, Ma.) 22<sup>nd</sup> June 1838, Page 3.

<sup>71</sup> Tanner, Benj T. *An Apology for African Methodism*. Baltimore: publisher not identified, 1867. 166. Web. 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/apologyforafrica00tann/mode/2up>>.

<sup>72</sup> Butler-Mokoro, Shannon A. *Racial Uplift and Self-Determination: The African Methodist Episcopal Church and Its Pursuit of Higher Education*. Dissertation, Georgia State University, 2010. 356. Web. 31<sup>st</sup> October 2017. <[http://scholarworks.gsu.edu/eps\\_diss/64/](http://scholarworks.gsu.edu/eps_diss/64/)>.

## THE FRANKFORD ARSENAL — EUGENIA MARKS WAS A SLAVE — PETER MARKS WAS A SERVANT



Frankford Arsenal - Main Entrance



Old Store Building



Building No. 1 - Completed in 1823 - Commanding Officer's Quarters.  
Residence of Major Alfred Mordecai From Years 1835 to 1838

**Image No. 35: Frankford Arsenal – Tacony & Bridge Sts.**

**Source:** [Philadelphia in the Civil War, 1861-1865.](#)

“While at Washington Arsenal I was taken care of by two excellent servants: Peter Marks, a fine looking colored man,

who had been the body servant of President Monroe, & was set free on his master's death; and Eugenia, his wife, who was brought up in Mr Jefferson's family at Monticello, & attended Mr J. in his last illness— She had been taken to Washington by Mr J's granddaughter, Miss Randolph from whom I hired & purchased her, in order to prevent her leaving me & perhaps her husband... I took them to Frankford Arsenal, where they served me faithfully as long as I remained there,— Eugenia became free, of course, by being taken to Pennsylvania, & after we left the arsenal, she & her husband lived in Frankford....” <sup>76</sup>



**Image No. 36: Major Alfred Mordecai – Circa 1855.**

**Source:** <https://www.loc.gov/item/2004664366/>.

“In 1832 he joined the newly created ordinance department... Known today as Building No. 1, the Commanding Officer's Quarters and residence of Major Alfred Mordecai from 1835 to 1838...” <sup>73</sup>

“To determine the laws of diurnal variations of temperature, hourly observations during a whole year were made at Frankford Arsenal, five miles from Philadelphia, in 1835-6, by Captain Alfred Mordecai of the United States Ordnance Department.” <sup>74</sup>

“The results of the meteorological observations, made at Frankford Arsenal, during the three years ended on the 30<sup>th</sup> April, 1838, Published below...” <sup>75</sup>

<sup>73</sup> National Register of Historic Places Inventory—Nomination Form Amendment. Prepared 14<sup>th</sup> January 1972 by Mary C. Means, PHC. Web. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. [https://gis.penndot.gov/CRGISAttachments/SiteResource/H001378\\_01H.pdf](https://gis.penndot.gov/CRGISAttachments/SiteResource/H001378_01H.pdf).

<sup>74</sup> Forry, Samuel, and Charles A. Lee. *Meteorology: Comprising a Description of the Atmosphere and Its Phenomena, the Laws of Climate in General, and Especially the Climatic Features Peculiar to the Region of the United States; with Some Remarks Upon the Climates of the Ancient World, As Based on Fossil Geology*. New York: J. Winchester, 1843. 4. Web. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. [Google Books](#).

<sup>75</sup> Jones, Thomas P. M.D. “Third Report of Meteorological Observations made at Frankford Arsenal, near Philadelphia. By Captain Alfred Mordecai, of the Ordnance Department.” *Journal of the Franklin Institute of the State of Pennsylvania and American Repertory of Mechanical and Physical Science, Civil Engineering, the Arts and Manufactures, and of American and Other Patented Inventions. Third Series. Vol. VII*. Philadelphia [Pa.: Published by the Franklin Institute, at their hall, 1844. 262. Web. 6<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <https://archive.org/details/journalfranklini37fran/page/n5/mode/2up>.

<sup>76</sup> Mordecai, Alfred, and James A. Padgett. “The Life of Alfred Mordecai As Related by Himself.” *North Carolina Historical Review*. 22.1 (1945). 96-7 Web. 28<sup>th</sup> November 2015. <https://archive.org/details/northcarolinahis1945nort/page/n5/mode/2up>.





**Image No. 37: Building No.1 The Officers Quarters — Residence of Peter and Eugenia Marks from 1833 to 30<sup>th</sup> March 1839, at which time Eugenia was set free. Photo by Joseph J. Menkevich**

Policeman Tilghman has been for some time on the Frankford force, and his discharge, he says, was owing to his friendship for the Anti-Combine workers. This is denied, however, by Lieutenant Hanson, of the district, who says the colored policeman was discharged for sufficient reasons. This has nothing to do with Mr. Tilghman's ancestors, and his prized old documents. Mr. Tilghman's grandmother was born a slave at Monticello, and for years and years acted as a house servant in President Jefferson's family, where, as a child, she got many a glimpse of the old Southern hospitality, and of which it was her delight to talk in her old age. ...

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER—SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 26, 1897



### HIS ANCESTORS WERE OF HIGH DEGREE

**Forefathers Who Were Slaves  
of Presidents of the  
United States.**

### RARE OLD DOCUMENTS

**One is a Bill of Sale of a Colored  
Woman and One Is a  
Paper Giving Freedom**

"Jacob B. Tilghman, who was recently dismissed from the police force at Frankford, for what he says

are political reasons, can trace his lineage to slaves on the plantation of Monticello, the home of President Jefferson, and can show that his grandmother and grandfather were servants to two Chief Executives.

### A DEED OF SALE

During her life as a slave the old woman went by the name of Eugenia,<sup>78</sup> and did not use a second name until she married young Peter Marx, who for a number of years was valet to President James Monroe.

When this marriage took place the granddaughter of Jefferson, in whose hands Eugenia had now passed, agreed to sell her to Major Alfred Mordecai, then at Washington, who owned the girl's husband, and the two were, therefore, able to live together.

The deed of the sale of Eugenia is in the possession of Mr. Tilghman, sere and yellow with age, but perfectly legible. It is written by Cornelia J. Randolph, and is witnessed by Lewis Randolph, being as follows:

<sup>77</sup> Philadelphia Inquirer, Philadelphia Pennsylvania. 26<sup>th</sup> December 1897. [Note: Foot-notes are now added to confirm story's accuracy].

<sup>78</sup> [Letter no.1] Ellen W. Randolph (Coolidge) to Martha Jefferson Randolph, 27–30 Sept. 1816: "*Miss Septimia, who with an old pair of wool cards of her Mammy's very kindly assists her nurse in doing the task allotted her—Eugenia brings water &c. for the chamber and yet has a great deal of time for her mistresses work.*" Web. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/727>>.

[Letter no.2] Ellen W. Randolph (Coolidge) to Martha Jefferson Randolph, Poplar Forest July 18th [1819] "*On arriving here we found our windows uninjured by the hail, and our room clean and pretty well aired by Eugenia's care... Grand-Papa is so little fatigued by his journey as to have ridden to see his old friend Mr Clay this morning—Eugenia and the workmen got up safe and well...*" Web. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/1511>>.

[Letter no.3] Thomas Jefferson Randolph to Nicholas P. Trist, Edgehill Feb 9 1830: "*About a month ago I sent ~~you~~ Eugenia to mother and about the same time remitted her \$400.*" Web. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/1193>>.

## EMANCIPATION OF PETER MARKS AND EUGENIA MARKS AS TOLD BY THEIR GRANDSON — CONT.

‘Know all men by these presents, that I, Cornelia J. Randolph, of the city of Washington, for and In consideration of the sum of two hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid, by Alfred Mordecai, of the city of Washington, at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents (the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge) have bargained, sold, granted and confirmed, and by these presents do bargain, sell, grant and confirm to the said Alfred Mordecai, a certain female slave, Eugenia; to have and to hold the said female negro slave and her future increase, to the only proper use and behalf of the said Alfred Mordecai, his executors, administrators and assigns, against me, the said Cornelia J. Randolph, my executors, administrators, and assigns and against all and every other person and persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this eighteenth day of June in the year one thousand eight hundred and thirty-three.’<sup>79</sup>

### GIVEN HER FREEDOM.<sup>80 81 82 83 84</sup>

Six years later Eugenia was freed by Major Mordecai, a note at the bottom of the above being to that effect.<sup>85</sup> By far the most valuable of Mr. Tilghman's collection of papers is one referring to his grandfather, showing that this slave gained his freedom through the dying request of President Monroe. Peter had been raised from babyhood in the Monroe family, and when the President died he was the faithful personal attendant. The effect of hard wear and years have told on this manuscript, and It is barely discernible. This much, however, can be made out: "Washington, August 27, 1831. The bearer hereof, Peter Marx, a colored slave, the property of James Monroe, deceased, late President of the United States, has been liberated and set free at Mr. Monroe's dying request, by his executor, Samuel S. Gouverneur, of the city of New York, owned by Mrs. ~~E. R. Stay~~ [E. K. Hay], one of Mr. Monroe's daughters, to whom he was a slave. Peter is honest and capable. He was an excellent dining room servant and a good coachman; he was brought up in the family of Mr. Monroe. I can recommend the man as an honest retainer. I have long known him." - This document bears the name of "Ringgold."<sup>86 87 88</sup> Mr. Tilghman has been requested by the Historical Society to let them have some of these old documents, particularly those which refer to the Mordecais, whose descendants now live on Delancey place.”<sup>89</sup>

**NOTE A:** Officer Tilghman did not provide these papers to the *Historical Society* [of Pennsylvania].<sup>90</sup>

**NOTE B:** The Historical Society of Pennsylvania did not provide an accurate provenance to acquiring these documents.<sup>91</sup>

<sup>79</sup> Cornelia J. Randolph: Bill of Sale of Eugenia [Hemings Marks] to Alfred Mordecai, 18 June 1833. With a post scripted note of the Manumission of Eugenia on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1839. Web. 10<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2494>>.

<sup>80</sup> Cornelia J. Randolph to Charles C. Gratiot. Eugenia's Certificate of Sale. 26 May 1835. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2493>>.

<sup>81</sup> Richard Bache: Pass for Eugenia Hemings Marks for Travel to Philadelphia. 26 May 1835. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2496>>.

<sup>82</sup> Charles C. Gratiot, Washington D.C.: Pass for Travel of Eugenia Hemings Marks to Philadelphia, with Instructions upon her arrival — June 2<sup>nd</sup> 1835. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2497>>.

<sup>83</sup> Alfred Mordecai's Recommendation of Eugenia Hemings Marks, Frankford Arsenal September 1838. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> January 2021. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2495>>.

<sup>84</sup> Alfred Mordecai's Recommendation of Peter Marks, Frankford Arsenal, Sept. 1838. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2491>>.

<sup>85</sup> Ibid: Randolph to Mordecai. Manumission of Eugenia on the 30<sup>th</sup> March 1839. **Note:** After Mordecai was transferred to Washington D.C.

<sup>86</sup> Tench Ringgold: Recommendation of Peter Marks Washington August 27<sup>th</sup> 1831. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2490>>

<sup>87</sup> Samuel L. Gouverneur: Manumission of Peter Marks Washington Sept. 20. 1832. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2488>>.

<sup>88</sup> Mrs. Montoya: Recommendation of Peter Marks Washington March 1<sup>st</sup> 1833. Web. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2489>>.

<sup>89</sup> Note on Delancey Place: Death Notice, MORDECAI. — At 1816 Delancey Place, Philadelphia, October 23, Major Alfred Mordecai, formerly of the United States Army, in his 84<sup>th</sup> year of age. 25<sup>th</sup> October 1887, The Times. Philadelphia Penna. Page 3.

<sup>90</sup> Edwin Wolf, 2<sup>nd</sup>. *Negro History 1553-1903. An Exhibition of Books, Prints & Manuscripts From the Shelves of the Library Company of Philadelphia & Historical Society of Pennsylvania, 1300-14 Locust Street...* 1969. 64. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. [Google Books](#).

<sup>91</sup> Elizabeth Marks Bedford to Eleanor E. Wright. 17<sup>th</sup> December 1914. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. <<https://tjrs.monticello.org/letter/2498>>.

[Miss Eleanor E. Wright was the secretary of the Historical Society of Frankford and the author of many of the Society's articles. It is very likely that the Historical Society of Frankford loaned these documents to H.S.P. and they were never returned to the Frankford Society].



# THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD BOROUGH — 1840 CENSUS<sup>92</sup>

Enos Gongo	Apr. 8, 1847	Guinea
Mary Woodward	Dec. 22, 1840	Guinea
Mary Woodward	May 8, 1838	Guinea
James C. Watson	Mar. 15, 1861	Guinea
William Ferguson	Feb. 14, 1851	Hedge
Francis Schlechter	Dec. 15, 1851	Washington
James A. Murrar	Dec. 16, 1859	Guinea
Henry H. Swope	July 30, 1859	Orthodox
Henry E. Roberts	Oct. 29, 1864	Hedge
Richard Robinson	June 30, 1846	Guinea
John Willings	Sept. 12, 1827	Meadow
Miriam Plumb	Apr. 7, 1864	Hedge
Rebecca Shaw	Apr. 30, 1857	Hedge
Rebecca Shaw	Apr. 30, 1857	Meadow
Rebecca Shaw	Apr. 30, 1857	Meadow
James Mulligan	May 30, 1867	Orthodox
William Glenn	June 2, 1846	Hedge
Randall Pleasants	Feb. 19, 1848	Guinea
Elizabeth McNamee	Dec. 1, 1859	Guinea
Elliza Worrell	Mar. 5, 1852	Orthodox
Lavinia N. Sheets	June 26, 1863	Washington
Elias Chase	Apr. 1, 1868	Meadow
Elias Chase	Apr. 1, 1868	Meadow
Charles B. Stackhouse	Sept. 16, 1868	Washington
Elias Chase	Dec. 22, 1870	Meadow
A. L. Hardimer	July 25, 1870	Orthodox
Anna M. Chambers	Feb. 21, 1871	Meadow
Samuel Chase	July 1, 1870	Meadow
Thomas Anderson	Oct. 21, 1870	Guinea
Thomas Anderson	Oct. 21, 1870	Guinea
John S. Tabor	Aug. 1, 1871	Guinea
Lewis P. Allen	Aug. 1, 1871	Washington
Lewis N. Bedford	Oct. 5, 1871	Guinea

Population schedules of the sixth census of the United States, 1840, Pennsylvania [microform]  
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FREE COLORED PERSONS.											
MALES.						FEMALES.					
Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards.	Under 10	10 under 24	24 under 36	36 under 55	55 under 100	100 and upwards.

Randall Pleasant — John Bedford — Jeremiah Delaware

Alexander Adams — Henry Freeman — Benjamin Scott

Henry Wilson — Mary Johnson — Gabriel Robinson

James Spencer — Stephen Brown — Nicholas Homer

John Welding — Samuel Jackson — Edward Harris

Harriet Truman — Edward Smith — Joshua Little

Peter Marks — Richard Lisby — Samuel Higgins

James Butler — William Chase — Peter Craig

Peter Sommers — Peter Cook — Benjamin Henson

Isaac Watson — Thomas Morris — Charles Taylor

George Lockwood — Joseph Lee — James Watson

Henderson Davis — George Lynch — Perry Harris

Charles Phillips — Henry Jeffries — Robert Watson

Jacob Fry — John Wilson — Thomas Murry

Thomas Jackson — Stacy Banks — John Pride

Alice Campbell — Mary Woodward — James Hamilton

James Bowser Junior — Charles Rice — James Bowser

Image No. 38: Registry Plan 88—N—15—A.

## The African Community of Frankford Lived On A Small Number of Streets:

Guinea Street — Bowser Street — Margaret Street

Paul Street — Willow Street — Tackawanna Street

Prune Street — Leshner Street — Washington Street

Plum Street — Prune Street — Jefferson Street

Oxford Street — Hedge Street — Gillingham Street

Mulberry Street — John Street — Josephine Street — Meadow Street

<sup>92</sup> Population Schedules of the Sixth Census of the United States, 1840 Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County (part of). Washington: National Archives, National Archives and Records Service, General Services Administration, 1967. [Microfilm. Roll : 0491]. Web. 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<https://archive.org/stream/populationsch1840491unit#page/n45/mode/2up>>. (Frankford — numbered as 150 to 176).

## FRANKFORD TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY FORMED IN 1841 — SEVENTY-NINE MEMBERS<sup>93</sup>

**BURLINGTON TEMPERANCE SOCIETY**, New Jersey. Formed, February 1st 1843. President, JOSHUA WOODLAND. Present number of members 67.

*Delegate.*  
Joshua Woodland.

**SCHUYLKILL TEMPERANCE BENEFICIAL SOCIETY**, of Pottsville, Pennsylvania. Formed President, WM. H. SUMNER. Present number of members

*Delegate.*  
William Washington.

**FRANKFORD TOTAL ABSTINENCE SOCIETY**, of Frankford, Pennsylvania. Formed, 1841. President, RANDOLPH PLEASANT. Present number of members 79.

*Delegates.*  
Henderson Davis, John Wilson, James C. Watson.

**WEST PHILADELPHIA TEMPERANCE SOCIETY**. Formed August 1st 1843. President, GILES SCOTT. Present number of members 55.

*Delegates.*  
Benjamin Harris, William Jackson,

**JAMES FORTEN TEMPERANCE BENEFICIAL SOCIETY**, of Philadelphia. Formed, April 5th 1842. President, JOHN B. ROBERTS. Present number of members 25.

*Delegates.*  
John B. Roberts, George H. Amos.

**DELEVAN UNION TEMPERANCE ASSOCIATION**, of Albany, New York. Formed, October 3rd 1842. Members 3000.

Rev. J. H. TOWNSEND, participated as honorary member.

**WEST CHESTER FARMING TEMPERANCE SOCIETY**, Pennsylvania. Formed, President, Present number of members

*Delegates.*  
Abraham D. Shadd, Joseph Thomas, Benjamin Freeman,  
John Williams,

**RACHABITE TEMPERANCE BENEFICIAL SOCIETY**, of the First Colored Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Formed, President, Present number of members

*Delegate.*  
Charles W. Gardiner.

In 1841, William Fishbourne Emlen sold a Frankford lot with the Burying Ground and Meeting place to Trustees for use of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America. Some of those Trustees comprise the Frankford Total Abstinence Society.

**President:** Randolph Pleasant.<sup>94</sup>

**Delegates:** Henderson Davis,<sup>95</sup> John Wilson<sup>96</sup> James C. Watson.<sup>97</sup>

### THE 1840's IN A BLACK ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD — THE ARRIVAL OF REVEREND RICHARD ROBINSON<sup>98</sup>

“Robinson seemed to be a merry participant in activities that commonly passed for sins in the early nineteenth century. That is to say, he loved *“the sound of the fiddle and the dancing of feet.”*<sup>99</sup>

Enos Gongo, who once played a fiddle,<sup>100</sup> purchased a Frankford property adjacent to that of Rev. Richard Robinson's property.<sup>101</sup>

Sarah Whittington purchased the lot and messuage adjacent to Enos Gongo and Richard Robinson.<sup>102</sup> She sold both to Rev. Robinson.<sup>103</sup>

**Image No. 39: Frankford Total Abstinence Society**

<sup>93</sup> *Minutes of the Union Temperance Convention of the Colored Citizens: Of Pennsylvania, Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and the District of Columbia*. Philadelphia: Printed by Martin Heim, 1843. 12. Web. <<https://omeka.coloredconventions.org/items/show/610>>.

<sup>94</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: GWC.8.312 William Harman of Frankford, Labourer and Mary his Wife to Randall Pleasants of the same place. All that Certain Lot on the South easterly side of Bowser Street — 19<sup>th</sup> February 1848.

<sup>95</sup> Rev. Henderson Davis, Sr., Church Elder: Obituary: “It becomes our sad duty to inform you of the demise of Rev. Henderson Davis Sr., pastor of the Mount Joy Circuit, Pa. ... His obsequious took place from his late residence on Strawberry street, Lancaster City, Pa., on Tuesday, January 9th, 1883, at 2 P.M. — Christian Recorder, 25<sup>th</sup> Jan. 1883. His son, the Rev. Henderson Davis Jr. was assigned to the Nova Scotia Conference in Canada.

<sup>96</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: RLL.43.298 William Kinsey of the Borough of Frankford, County of Philadelphia, Tanner and Phoebe his Wife to John Wilson of the same place, Colored Man [30<sup>th</sup> October 1839].

<sup>97</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: AWM.8.272 Yeamans M. Gillingham of Philadelphia Merchant & William Harman of the Borough of Frankford, Labourer to James Watson of the Borough of Frankford Labourer — 6<sup>th</sup> June 1845.

<sup>98</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: AWM.35.225 James Bowser of the Borough of Frankford, Colored Man to Richard Robinson of the City of Boston, Minister (being part of a larger piece of Ground which Zephaniah Clayton and Ester his wife by virtue of proceedings in Orphans' Court in Philadelphia, the 12<sup>th</sup> December 1812, recorded in deed book iC.No.22 page 585 Granted to James Bowser — [30<sup>th</sup> June 1846].

<sup>99</sup> Angell, Stephen W. “‘the Shadows of the Evening Stretched Out’: Richard Robinson and the Shaping of African Methodist Identity, 1823-1862.” *Journal of Africana Religions*. 3.3 (2015): 227-250. 229. Accessed and Downloaded: Web. 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020. <[https://www.academia.edu/30795170/The\\_Shadows\\_of\\_the\\_Evening\\_Stretched\\_Out](https://www.academia.edu/30795170/The_Shadows_of_the_Evening_Stretched_Out)>.

<sup>100</sup> § Gongo Enos, fidler Fifth near York road: Robinson, James. *The Philadelphia Directory, for 1816*, Philadelphia. Web. 30<sup>th</sup> March 2014. <<https://archive.org/details/philadelphiadire1816phil/mode/2up>>.

<sup>101</sup> GWC.26.500 James Bowser of the Borough of Frankford, Labourer to Enos Gongo of the City of Philadelphia, Laborer [8<sup>th</sup> April 1847].

<sup>102</sup> ADB.92.325 James Bowser of the Borough of Frankford, Labourer to Sarah Whittington of the same place, Widow — Frame Messuage on Guinea Street [8<sup>th</sup> April 1847]. Note: Sarah Wittington may have married Enos Gongo before selling this property to Rev. Robinson.

<sup>103</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: ADB.74.22 Sarah Whittington of Frankford, Widow to Richard Robinson of the Borough of Frankford, County of Philadelphia, Minister of the Gospel — All That Certain Lot on Guinea Street, now Called Bowser Street [21<sup>st</sup> February 1853].

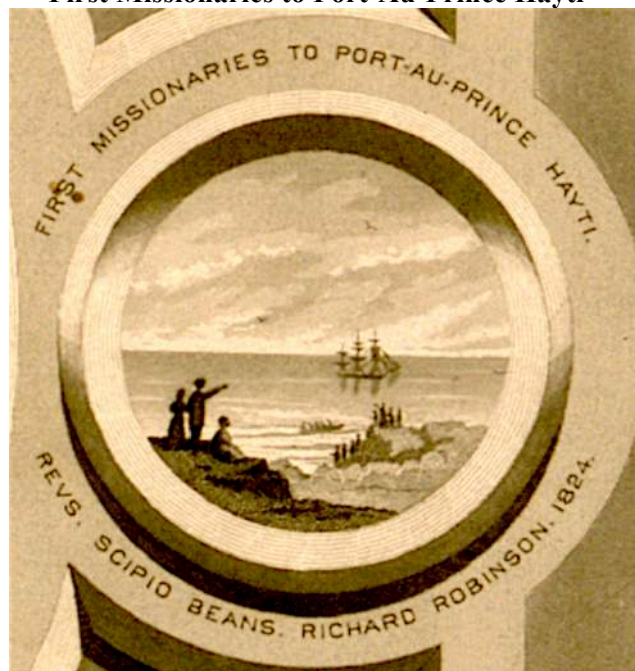


**Bishops of The African Methodist Episcopal Church**



**Image No. 40:** Courtesy of The Library of Congress. Web. 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020. <<http://loc.gov/pictures/resource/pga.03643/>>.

**First Missionaries to Port-Au-Prince Hayti**



**Revs. Scipio Beans & Richard Robinson — 1824**

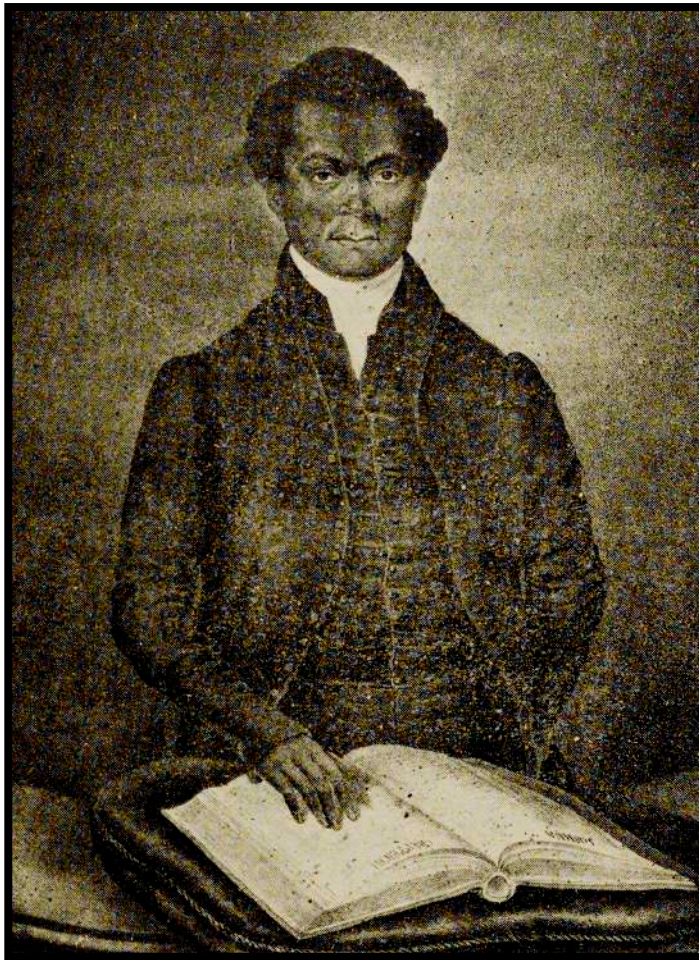
...Bishop Richard Allen, founder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States, was personally interested in the emigration project and his son was amongst the first batch of arrivals... there was a congregation of American Methodists meeting in the capital under the leadership of Rev. Richard Robinson of the African Methodist Episcopal Church (AMEC). Robinson...had been commissioned by Bishop Richard Allen for his new work in Port-au-Prince. He not only gathered up the American immigrants in the capital of Haiti, but also organised a circuit that took him to those living in Mirebalais, Pois la Générale. (a plantation outside Mirebalais), and Arcahaie... they held camp meetings with an enthusiasm which was looked at disapprovingly by the Wesleyans ...such a meeting in 1829 and noted over 2,000 hearers. There was continual division and difficulty amongst the AMEC congregation. One such problem in 1831 was on the question of whether the communion service should be open or "closed" to non-members. Robinson was able to secure the peace only by making moves towards an exclusive administration of the sacrament. ...in 1834, they [the Americans] built the first protestant chapel in Haiti, known as St. Peter's."<sup>104</sup>

Bishop Maurice Brown was at the time the only living bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, and there are several letters extant written by him which show very plainly how the difficulty between Elder Robinson and St. Peter's Church, Port au Prince, was regarded by the Church in the United States:

Philadelphia, May 8, 1835. Dear Brethren : — We have received your letter informing us of your proceedings, but we are sorry to inform you that as you have rebelled against the elder that was duly authorized to take charge of you, by the conference, we cannot countenance your conduct. It is our duty to strive and preserve peace and good order in the Christian Church. ... We cannot, therefore, receive any man you may send only through the recommendation of a regularly appointed successor of Brother Beans. — Maurice Brown, Bishop.<sup>105</sup>

<sup>104</sup> Griffiths, Rev'd Dr. Leslie John. *A History of Methodism in Haiti 1817-1916*. School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London. Dissertation. 1986. 57-58. Web. 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. <<https://eprints.soas.ac.uk/34083/1/11015892.pdf>>.

<sup>105</sup> Mossell, Charles W. *Toussaint L'ouverture, the Hero of Saint Domingo, Soldier, Statesman, Martyr: Or, Hayti's Struggle*. , 1896. 402-05. Web.10<sup>th</sup> December 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/toussaintlouver02graggoog/mode/2up>>.



**A SKETCH OF THE LIFE AND CHARACTER  
OF THE LATE REV. RICHARD ROBERSON.  
BY ELISHA WEAVER, EDITOR. <sup>107</sup>**

About the year of our Lord, 1796, was born of a woman, a son, who afterwards received the name of Richard Roberson. His birth, according to all the facts we can get in relation to him, took place in the State of Maryland. We are not exactly informed of the fact, whether his parents were free or not, but would judge that they were free, as he was put out under a man by the name of Zebedee Ferguson, in north-east Maryland; here he served his time until he was twenty-one. In stature he was a medium height; would weigh, we judge, about 175 pounds, on an average. He was a full and clear blooded African, thin lips, and small, but sharp-eyes. After he had served his time with Mr. Ferguson, he left old Maryland and emigrated to Bucks county, in the State of Pennsylvania. Somewhere about the year 1819, it is said, before he made an profession of religion, like many others, he was fond of mirthful enjoyments - the sound of the fiddle and the dancing of the feet. ...he was made a class leader on the Bucks county circuit; he was also, we believe, made a steward in the church at the same place. We should have mentioned before this, that he had married before he had made an profession of religion, at Sandy Run, Bucks county, Pa. <sup>108</sup>

**Image No. 41: Rev. Richard Robinson — *Scraps of African Methodist Episcopal history*. Pg.89. Library of Congress: <<https://www.loc.gov/resource/lcrbmrp.t8104/>>.**

Mrs. Tamar Robinson, consort of the late Rev. Richard Robinson, was born in Attleborough, Montgomery Co., Pa., on the 25th of December 1798. She embraced the religion of Christ in early life and joined the A.M.E. Church, where she remained a worthy, acceptable member during her life. She, with her husband, traveled and lived in different states. They lived for eight years in Port au Prince, and returning, lived a number of years in Pennsylvania. They both died in the same house in Frankford, Pa. There were seven or eight years between their deaths. ...She was very happy in the Lord. Near midnight while a few friends sang and prayed with her, she appeared almost unspeakably happy, and exclaimed, "There is not a cloud in the sky of my mind, and I shall soon be going home." Tears of joy fell from her eyes, and clasping her hands and shouting the praise of God, on the following morning at four o'clock she departed this life, aged 71 years. <sup>109</sup>

<sup>106</sup> The Reverend's name has several various spellings. The Christian Recorder often used Roberson. Another variation is Richard Robertson. Jarena Lee: as *Elder Robinson* (then of Trenton Circuit) and *Rev. R. R* and *Elder, R. R.* (Lee's journal pages 76-77 and 81).

<sup>107</sup> *The Christian Recorder*. 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1863. Web. 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Accessible Archives. <<http://www.accessible.com/accessible/>>.

<sup>108</sup> Sandy Run, Bucks County, Pa. is North of Philadelphia, in the Upper Merion, Yardley, New Hope area near the Delaware River. See: Gross, Doug. *15 Underground Railroad Sites You Can Visit In Bucks County*. Patch Media. January 24, 2020. Web. 15<sup>th</sup> December 2020. <<https://patch.com/pennsylvania/levittown/15-underground-railroad-sites-you-can-visit-bucks-county>>.

<sup>109</sup> *The Christian Recorder*. 8<sup>th</sup> January 1870. Web. 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020. Accessible Archives. <<http://www.accessible.com/accessible/>>.



## THE BLACK COMMUNITY OF ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD — REVEREND RICHARD ROBINSON

### A VERY SAD ACCIDENT.<sup>110</sup>

“As our Rev. and esteemed aged father Roberson was on his way from the Sabbath School Convention to his home in Frankford, Pa., being compelled to stand on the front platform of the cars, when near the Episcopal Hospital, there was a cart on the track, and as it was turning from the track, it is said one of the wheels sprang off and struck the Rev. father, breaking his arm near the shoulder, and knocking him speechless. As the City Railway Companies have refused to admit colored people inside the cars, they ought, therefore, be made to pay for it. A man of his age and worth - a man whose moral and religious status is not to be equaled of his age - a man of God to be treated so! God save the people!”

### CITY CARS AND COLORED PASSENGERS.<sup>111</sup>

“At the annual Union Thanksgiving Meeting of the churches of the Reformed Presbyterian and United Presbyterian denominations in this city, held on Thursday afternoon, at the church of Rev. William Sterrett, 22d Street, near Callowhill, addresses were made by Rev. Messrs. Crow, Price, Dr. Wylie, George H. Stuart, and others.

Mr. Price, of Frankford, referred, in a feeling manner, to the death of Rev. Richard Roberson, as the result of his exclusion from a Frankford car, and being compelled, on a dark and stormy night, to occupy the platform of said car. At the conclusion of the meeting, Rev. A.G. McAuley, of Kensington, rose and offered a resolution that a committee, consisting of six laymen, (three from each of the denominations here represented,) be appointed to print and circulate a petition in favor of permitting all respectable or well-behaved persons to occupy the cars, irrespective of condition or color. The resolution was adopted by the meeting without dissent, and the following persons appointed to attend to the matter...”

### THE PASSENGER CARS AND COLORED CITIZENS.<sup>112</sup>

“A venerable old minister of the Gospel, in going from here to his home at Frankford, one dark, cold, and rainy night last Winter, while occupying the only place on the platform assigned for colored people, was killed. Who has forgotten this fact? One more instance, and I will relieve you. One evening, in going home from a lecture, two elegantly-dressed young women stepped into a car, and took seats. The conductor courageously brought the rules forward, and one of them instantly stepped out, while the other remained. The car was stopped, and the conductor seized her, and actually, by physical force, thrust her out of the car. The father of this young woman pays several hundred dollars taxes annually; keeps his horse and carriage, and lives as nicely as most respectable citizens. But the God-given hue of the skin of his daughter rendered her obnoxious to the rules of the railway company, and she had to meekly submit to the outrage.” — WM. STILL.



**Image No. 42: Robinson Family Grave Stone Front of Church. Photo - 19<sup>th</sup> September 2020.**

<sup>110</sup> THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER. 15<sup>th</sup> November 1862.

<sup>111</sup> THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER. 29<sup>th</sup> November 1862.

<sup>112</sup> THE CHRISTIAN RECORDER. 26<sup>th</sup> December 1863.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same,* That the court of common pleas of Clearfield county, in addition to the power heretofore conferred, shall have the same chancery powers and jurisdictions which are now by law vested in the court of common pleas of Philadelphia county.

SECTION 2. That the members of the African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, in the county of Philadelphia, be and they are hereby constituted and formed into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, in the county of Philadelphia," and by the same name, to have perpetual succession, and to be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and in equity, to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels of whatsoever nature, kind or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now or hereafter shall become the property of the said African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, by any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, convey, mortgage and dispose of for the use of said church: *Provided*, That the yearly income of the real and personal estate of said corporation shall not at any one time exceed two thousand five hundred dollars: *And provided also*, That no sale of any real estate belonging to said corporation, or which shall hereafter become the property of said corporation shall be lawful, unless such sale shall have been approved by a majority of the male members of said church present at a special meeting of the members of said corporation called for that purpose, notice of which meeting shall have been publicly given from the pulpit on Lord's Day, at least one week previous, a record of the proceeding of which meeting shall be kept by the secretary of the board of trustees, in a book containing the records of the meetings of said trustees.

SECTION 3. That the temporal affairs of said corporation shall be managed by seven trustees, four of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, said trustees shall be elected by ballot annually on the third Monday in June, in each and every year, by the members of said corporation legally qualified to vote at such election, according to the provisions of the fourth section of this act, which trustees shall hold their office for the term of one year, and until successors are duly elected, and the following named persons, to wit: James Hamilton, Peter Brake, John Wilson, George Lockwood, James Bowser, junior, Thomas Johnson and Henry Jeffries shall be the trustees of said corporation from and after the passage of this act, until the third Monday in June next, and until the first annual election shall have been held under this act.

**Image No. 43: A.M.E. Church of Frankford – Incorporation.**

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**Section 4.** That all elections for trustees under this act shall be held in the house of worship, used and occupied as such at the time by said corporation, and notice of each election shall be given publicly from the pulpit on the Lord's Day, immediately before or after divine service by the minister officiating, or by some other person...<sup>113</sup>

**Section 2.** That the members of the African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, in the county of Philadelphia, be and they are hereby constituted and formed into a body politic and corporate, in deed and in law, by the name, style and title of "The African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, in the county of Philadelphia," and by the same name, to have perpetual succession, and to be able to sue and be sued, plead and be impleaded, in all courts of law and elsewhere, and shall be able and capable in law and in equity, to take and hold lands and tenements, goods and chattels of whatsoever nature, kind or quality, real, personal or mixed, which are now or hereafter shall become the property of the said African Methodist Episcopal church of the borough of Frankford, by gift, grant, bargain, sale, conveyance, assurance, will, devise, bequest or otherwise, by any person or persons capable of making the same, and the same to grant, bargain, sell, convey, mortgage and dispose of for the use of said church:

*Provided*, That the yearly income of the real and personal estate of said corporation shall not at any one time exceed two thousand five hundred dollars:

*And provided also*, That no sale of any real estate belonging to said corporation, or which shall hereafter become the property of said corporation shall be lawful, unless such sale shall have been approved by a majority of the male members of said church present at a special meeting of the members of said corporation called for that purpose, notice of which meeting shall have been publicly given from the pulpit on Lord's Day, at least one week previous, a record of the proceeding of which meeting shall be kept by the secretary of the board of trustees, in a book containing the records of the meetings of said trustees.

**Section 3.** That the temporal affairs of said corporation shall be managed by seven trustees, four of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction

<sup>113</sup> *Laws of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania passed at the session of 1850 in the Seventy-Fourth Year of Independence with An Appendix.* Harrisburg Pa. J.M.G. Lescure, Printer To The State. 1850. 1059. Web. 10<sup>th</sup> September 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/lawsogeneralas1850penn>>.



ANTEBELLUM OXFORD TOWNSHIP (FINIS) — 18<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1850 — THE BLACK CENSUS <sup>114</sup>

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**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants of Oxford Township in the County of Philadelphia**  
of Pennsylvania enumerated by me on the 28<sup>th</sup> day of July 1850. J. J. Wilson Ass't

Dwelling-house numbered in the order of visitation.	Family numbered in the order of visitation.	The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 yrs of age who cannot read & write.	When dumb, idiotic.
			Age.	Sex.	Color, or race.							
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
		Edward Physic	27	m	B	Waiter		N.C.				
		Isaiah Harrison	24	m	B	"		Unknown				
		John Bean	21	m	B	"		N.Y.				
		Thomas Anderson	40	m	B	"		N.J.				
		Eliza Richardson	30	f	B			N.Y.				
		Emaline Milby	30	f	B			Unknown				
		Isumbella "	12	f	B			Pa				

**Black Inhabitants of Oxford Township — 1850**

Edward Physic: 27. Black. Male. Waiter. N.C

Isaiah Harrison: 24. Black. Male. Waiter. Unknown.

John Bean: 21. Black. Male. Waiter. N.Y.

Thomas Anderson: 40. Black. Male. Waiter. N.J.

Eliza Richardson: 30. Black. Female. N.Y.

Emaline Milby: 30. Black. Female. Unknown.

Isumbella Milby: 12. Black. Female. Pa.

Henry Freeman: 9. Black. Male. Pa.

Pleasant Anthony: 76. Mulatto. Female. Pa.

John Marshall: 53. Black. Male. Coachman. Pa.

Charles Somers: 76. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Sarah. 8 Black. Female. Pennsylvania.

Emery Johnson: 22. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Catherine Delaware: 20. Black. Female. Pa.

Davis Maloney: 15. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Eugenia Marks: 12. Black. Female. Pa.

Elizabeth Miles: 8. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

George Freeman: 14. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Charles Freeman: 16. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Samuel Freeman: 10. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Henry Jefreys: 50. Black. Male. Coachman Pa.

Gabriel Robinson: 45. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Sarah Robinson: 40. Black. Female. Md.

Elizabeth Robinson: 25. Black. Female. Md.

Hester Johnson: 22. Black. Female. Del.

Hester Jones: 35. Black. Female. Md.

Isaac Jones: 11. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Irvin Jones: 7. Black. Male. Pa.

27 Total Colored

<sup>114</sup> Population schedules of the seventh census of the United States, 1850, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County (excluding the City of Philadelphia). Washington: National Archives and Records Service Publication date 1964. [Micro Copy No. 432. Microfilm. Reel: 00820]. Page No: 69-111. Web. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/populationschedu0820unix/page/n1/mode/2up>>.

Population schedules of the seventh census of the United States, 1850, Pennsylvania [microform]

**SCHEDULE I.—Free Inhabitants** *The Borough of Frankford* in the County of *Philadelphia* State of *Pennsylvania* enumerated by me, on the *25th* day of *July* 1850. *Armenia Becker Ass't Marshal*

The Name of every Person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1850, was in this family.		DESCRIPTION.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each Male Person over 15 years of age.	Value of Real Estate owned.	PLACE OF BIRTH. Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Some one 20 years of age or over who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1	Charles Henson	35	M	B	Laborer							
2	Elen Henson	32	F	B								

2.2 Charles Henson: 35. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
 Elen Henson: 32. Black. Female. Md.  
 41.42 Elizabeth Little: 15. Black. Female. Domestic. Pa.  
 74.79 Patience Robinson: 20. Black. Female. Domestic. Pa.  
 83.88 Daffy Down Dill: 13. Black. Female. Domestic. Guinea.  
 88.93 Rebecca Gills: 35. Female. Mulatta. Domestic. N.J.  
 91.06 Alice Franks: 20. Black. Female. Domestic. Del.  
 119.125 Jane Smith. 13. Black. Female. Domestic. Pa.  
 120.126 George Pleasants: 15. Black. Male. Pa. School—No.  
 522.549 Anna B. Francis: 15. Black. Female. Domestic. England  
 606.637  
 Benjamin Little: 30. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
 Ruth Little: 29. Black. Female. Del.  
 Mary A. Little: 10. Female. Black. Pa.  
 Jacob Little: 9. Male. Black. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Comfort Little: 8. Male. Black. Pa. School—No.  
 Silas Little. 3. Male. Black. Pa.  
 Charles Little. 9/12 Male. Black. Pa.

607.638  
 Sidney Jones: 29. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
 Jane Jones: 25 Black. Female. Md.  
 William Jones: 5. Black. Pa.  
 Eliza Jones: 3/12 Black. Pa.

739.776  
 Henderson Davis: 35. Black. Male. Waiter. Pa.  
 Amelia Davis: 34. Black. Female. Pa.  
 Abigail Davis: 15. Black. Female Pa. School—Yes.  
 James Davis: 13. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Thomas Davis: 9. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Henderson Davis: 7. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Rosanna Henson: 53. Black. Female. Del.

741.778  
 Perry Harris: 46. Black. Male. Waiter. Delaware.  
 Seirah Harris: 37. Black. Female. Pa.  
 William Harris: 13. Black. Male. Pa  
 Thomas Harris: 12. Black. Male. Pa  
 Jamez Harris: 11. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Charlez Harris: 9. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Robert Harris: 4. Black. Male. Pa.  
 Perry Harris: 1 Month. Black. Male. Pa.  
 781.819 Louis Devant: 15. Black. Male. Waiter. Pa..  
 787.828  
 Peter Marks: 57. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Virginia.  
 Eugenia Marks: 48. Mulatta. Female. Virginia.  
 James Marks: 15. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. District of Col.  
 Mary Anne Marks: 14. Mulatta. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Eugenia Marks: 12. Mulatta. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Elizabeth Marks: 11. Mulatta. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Edward Marks: 6. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School—Yes.

790.829  
 Samuel Morris: 32. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. —\$500. Pa.  
 Elizabeth Morris: 31. Mulatta. Female. Pa  
 Catharine Morris: 8. Mulatta. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Thomas Morris: 5. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
 Elizabeth Morris: 3. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
 William Morris: 1. Mulatto Male. Pa.

791.830  
 John Hopkins: 30. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
 Sariena Hopkins. 35. Black. Female. Md.  
 Robert Hopkins Jr. 8. Black. Male. Md. School—Yes.  
 Sarah Ann Johnson: 24. Black. Female. Pa.

<sup>115</sup> Population schedules of the seventh census of the United States, 1850, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County (excluding the City of Philadelphia). Washington: National Archives and Records Service Publication date 1964. [Micro Copy No.432. Microfilm. Reel : 0824]. Page No: 253–379.Web. 28<sup>th</sup> Aug. 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/populationschedu0824unix/page/n1/mode/2up>>.



**ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD — 18<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1850 — THE BLACK CENSUS (Continued)**

791.831

James Millen: 28. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Milerson Millen: 24. Black. Female. Pa.  
James Millen: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

842.882

Mary Banks: 57. Black. Female. \$500. Pa  
Lucy Cook: 39. Black. Female. Pa.  
Lucy Harden: 25. Black. Female. Pa.  
Elizabeth Harden: 23. Black. Female. Pa.  
Catharine Harden: 43. Black. Female. Pa.  
Catharine Harden: 1-Mo. Black. Female. Pa.  
Nicholas Homer: 32. Black. Male. Labourer. N.J.  
Joseph Homer: 29. Black. Male. Laborer. N.J.

854.894

Henry Wilson: 32. Black. Male. Labourer. Pa.  
Pheobe Wilson: 33. Black. Female. Pa.

874.914

George Summers: 17. Black. Male. Farmer. Pa.  
Randal Pleasants: 17. Black. Male. Farmer. Pa.  
Ishmael White: 35. Black. Male. Farmer. Pa.  
Jane E. Traper: 25. Mulatta. Female. Domestic. Pa.

884.925

Elizabeth Benton: 30. Black. Female. Domestic. Pa.

906.947

Teressa Ford: 43. Black. Female. Domestic. Del.

934.977

Ann States: 22. Black Female. Domestic. Pa.

947.991

Randal Pleasants: 39. Black. Male. Laborer. \$350. Va.  
Amilia Pleasants: 38. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Pleasants: 20. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Jesse Pleasants: 18. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Hannah Pleasants: 15. Black. Female. Pa.  
Charles Pleasants: 9. Black. Male. Pa.  
Josephine Pleasants: 5. Black. Female. Pa. School—Yes.

948.992

Elizabeth Straffor: 48. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Ruben H. Rice: 10. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Joshua J. Rice: 4. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Amelia F. Smith: 3 mo. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

949.993

Thomas Lancaster: 27. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Julia Lancaster: 24. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Joseph Lancaster: 5. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

950.994

Samuel Jackson: 63. Black. Male. Laborer. — \$500. NJ.  
Catherine Jackson: 52. Black. Female. Virginia.  
Hester [Asson] 21. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary Jackson: 18. Black. Female. Pa.  
Amanda Jackson: 12. Black Female. Pa. School—Yes.

951.995

Joseph Lee: 40. Black. Male. Engineer. Pa.  
Catharine Lee: 30. Black. Female. N.H.  
George Anne Lee: 4 Mo. Black. Female Pa.

951.996

Samuel Burton: 27. Black. Male. Laborer. New York  
Mary Burton: 25. Black. Female. Pa.  
George W. Burton: 2. Black. Male. Pa.  
Sarah L. Burton: 4 Mo. Black. Female. Pa.

952.997

George Chase: 26. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Louisa Chase: 25. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

952.998

Mary Johnson: 85. Mulatta. Female. \$400. — Maryland  
Mercy Fisher: 48. Mulatta. Female. Del.

953.999

Sarah Whittington: 49. Mulatta. Female. \$300. — Md.  
James Bowser: 105. Mulatto. Male. Md.  
William Delaware: 24. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Rebecca Delaware: 24. Black. Female. Pa.

354.1000

Enos Gongo: 61. Black. Male. Laborer. \$300. NJ.  
Sarah Gongo: 53. Black. Female. Pa

354.1001 Agnes Spencer: 43. Black. Female. Pa.

355.1002

James Bowser: 55. Mulatto. Male. Carpenter. \$600. Md.  
Letitia Bowser: 50. Mulatta. Female. Md.  
Rebecca Bowser: 11. Mulatta. Female Pa. School—Yes.

356.1003

Louis White: 84. Black. Male. No Occupation. Bermuda.  
Ann White: 60. Black. Female. Maryland  
Virginia White: 19. Black. Female. Pa.  
Susanna Chambers: 51. Black. Female. Md.

356.1004

Benjamin Curgo: 24. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Martha Curgo: 28. Black. Female. Pa.  
Abram Curgo: 21. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

**ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD — 18<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1850 — THE BLACK CENSUS (Continued)**

357.1005

James Hamilton: 33. Black. Male. Waiter. \$400. Pa.  
Mary Ann Hamilton; 25. Black. Female. Md.  
Sarah Hamilton: 4. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Martha Hamilton: 3. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary. E. Hamilton: 1. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary Boling: 27. Mullatto. Female. Del.

358.1006

James Hamilton: 80. Black. Male. Labourer. Md.  
Rachael Hamilton: 68. Black. Female. Md.

959.1007

Daniel Watson: 37. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Elinora Watson: 35. Black. Female. Del.  
Sarah Ann Watson: 13. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Elmaira Watson: 7. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Robert Watson: 11. Black. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
Isabella Watson. 1. Black. Female. Pa.

960.1008

Benjamin Lee: 34. Mulatto. Male. Laborer . Pa.  
Rachel Lee: 34. Mulatta. Female. Md.  
John A. Lee: 6. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
Benjamin Lee Jr: 4. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Henry. F. Lee: 1. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

961.1009

Thomas Johnson: 33. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
Frances Johnson: 27. Black. Female. Pa.  
Susanna McCauly: 11. Black. Female. Pa.  
Susanna Johnson: 5. Black. Female. Pa.  
Thomas Johnson: 2. Black. Male. Pa.  
Caroline Johnson: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

961.1010

Henry Johnson: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
Mary Johnson: 26. Black. Female. Pa.  
Sarah Johnson: 6. Black. Female. Pa.  
Bethann Johnson: 4. Black. Female. Pa.

961.1011

Henry Jones: 55. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
Deorhes Jones: 45. Black. Female. Md.

962.1012

George Lame: 42. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
Caroline Lame: 37. Black. Female. Md.  
Lora Lame: 12. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Josephine Lame: 11. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Mary A. Lame: 7. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
George Lame: 5. Black. Male. Pa.  
Sarah Jane Lame: 2. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Brooks: 30. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.

963.1013

Levi Brown: 31. Black. Male. Laborer. \$600. Del.  
Rebecca Brown: 38. Black. Female. Md.  
Harriet Brown: 3. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Brown: 8-Mo. Black. Male. Pa.

964.9014

Elizabeth Lockwood: 35. Black. Female. Md.  
Sarah Lockwood: 16 Black. Female. Pa.  
Catharine Lockwood: 15. Black. Female. Pa.  
Rhoda Lockwood: 19. Black. Female. Pa.  
George Lockwood: 98. Black. Male. \$500. Del.

965.1015

John Wilson: 62. Black. Male. Porter. \$400. N.J.  
Patience Wilson: 45. Black. Female. Del.  
Martha Wilson: 12. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Elizabeth McGuinne: 50. Black. Female. N.J.

966.1016

Robert Young: 60. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Hannah Ann Young: 28. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Young: 24. Black. Male. Pa.  
Margaret Young: 5-Mo. Black Female. Pa.

966.1017

Charles Fry: 26. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Catharine Fry: 25. Black Female. Pa.  
Elizabeth Fry: 4. Black Female. Pa.

967.1018

Daniel Balis: 28. Black. Male. Laborer. \$300. Del.  
Maria Balis: 23. Black. Female. Del.  
Elizabeth Balis: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

968.1019

John Burk: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. \$500. Pa.  
Kesiah Burk: 23. Black. Female. Pa.

969.1020

Elizabeth P. Cooper: 56. Black. Female. Md.  
Elizabeth Cooper: 17. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Grey: 4. Black. Male. Pa.  
Hannah Cooper: 10. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Susanna Cooper: 19. Black. Female. Pa.

970.1021

Charles Stewart: 32. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. \$200. Md.  
Jane Stewart: 34. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Charles Stewart Jr: 8-Mo. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

971.1022

Peter Brake: 28. Black. Male. Laborer. N.J.  
Rebecca Brake: 25. Black. Female. NJ.



**ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD — 18<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1850 — THE BLACK CENSUS (Continued)**

971.1022

Ann Brake: 6. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Mary Brake: 3. Black. Female. Pa.  
Julia Brake: 8-Mo. Black. Female. Pa.

972.1023

William Balis: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. \$200. Del.  
Susan Balis: 27. Black. Female. Del

973.1024

Samuel Morris: 22. Black. Male. Laborer. \$400. Pa.  
Lydia Morris: 26. Black. Female. Del.

974.1025

Sylvester Moore: 37. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Mary Moore: 24. Black. Female. Del.  
Titus Moore: 4. Black. Male. Pa.  
Martha Moore: 1. Black. Female. Pa.  
Peter Griffin: 78. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Cloe Griffin: 61. Black. Female. Del.

975.1026

Peter Pride: 28. Black. Male. Laborer. \$400. Del.  
Mary Pride: 27. Black. Female. Del.  
Frances Ann Pride: 6. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
Amanda Pride: 5. Black. Female. Pa.  
Joseph G. Fry: 1-Mo. Black. Male. Pa.

976.1027

John Jones: 27. Black. Male. Laborer. \$300. Pa.  
Susan Jones: 25. Black. Female. Pa.  
Jonas Jones: 7. Black. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
Lucy Jones: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

976.1028

Elijah Morris: 29. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Henretta Morris: 22. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Mary M. Morris: 6-Mo. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

977.1029

Elizabeth Fry: 54. Black. Female. \$500. Pa.  
Jacob Fry: 24. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Edward Fry: 20. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Joseph Fry: 14. Black. Male. Pa.  
Franklin Fry: 43. Black. Male. Pa.  
Margaret Johnson: 21. Black. Female. Pa.

978.1030

Jacob Parker: 29. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Phebe Parker: 28. Black. Female. Del.  
Mary Parker: 9. Black. Female. Del. School— Yes.  
Martha Parker: 7. Black. Female. Del. School— Yes.  
Peter Parker: 4. Black. Male. Del.  
Lydia Ann Parker: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

978.1031

Jacob Scott: 30. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Ann Scott: 24. Black. Female. Pa.  
Amelia Scott: 4. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary Scott: 2. Black. Female. Pa.  
Robert Scott: 8-Mo. Black. Male. Pa.

979.1032

John Wilson: 47. Black. Male. Laborer. \$800. Del.  
Harriet Wilson: 44. Black. Female. Del.  
Joseph Wilson: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.

980.1033

John Pride: 42. Black. Male. Laborer. \$300. Del.  
Patience Pride: 33. Black. Female. Del.  
Elizabeth Pride: 7. Mulatta. Female. Del. School— Yes.  
Knoon Cook: 9. Black. Male. N.J. School— Yes.  
Elias Watson: 1. Black. Female. (error?). Pa.

980.1034

John Harvey: 47. Black. Male. Laborer. Md.  
Hannah Harvey: 33. Black. Female. Pa.  
Robert Young: 24. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.

981.1035

James Butler: 48. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. \$600. Pa.  
Jane Butler: 45. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Isabella Butler: 12. Mulatta. Female. Pa. School— Yes.  
George Butler: 9. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
James Butler: 8. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
Jane Butler: 6. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Sarah Butler: 5. Mulatta. Female. N.J.

982.1036

Samuel Chase: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Margaret Chase: 23. Black Female Pa.  
Sarah Chase: 4. Black. Female. Pa. School— Yes.

983.1037

Edward Smith: 35. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Livbe Smith: 40 Female. Mulatta. Md.  
Edward Smith Jr: 8. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School— Yes.  
Robert Smith: 8. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School— Yes.

984.1038

John Freeman: 26. Black. Male. Laborer. \$200. Del.  
Eliza Freeman: 23. Black Female Md.  
John Freeman: 5. Black. Male. Pa.

985.1039

Henry Jeffries: 52. Black. Male. Gardener. \$400. Del.  
Margaret Jeffries: 46. Black Female Pa.  
Elizabeth Jeffries: 18. Black Female Pa.

# **ANTEBELLUM FRANKFORD BOROUGH (FINIS) — 18<sup>th</sup> JULY TO 22<sup>nd</sup> AUGUST 1850 — THE BLACK CENSUS**

985.1039

Elizabeth Jeffries: 18. Black Female Pa.  
Daniel Jeffries: 14. Black. Male Pa. School—Yes.  
Isaac Jeffries: 12. Black. Male Pa. School—Yes.  
Sarah Jeffries: 5. Black Female Pa.  
Margaret Jeffries: 2. Black Female Pa.  
Amos Jeffries: 1-Mo. Black. Male Pa.

986.1040

Joshua Little: 68. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. \$200. Del.  
Elizabeth Little: 16. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

987.1041

Peter Franks: 49. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Julia Franks: 44. Black. Female. Virginia.  
Tilman Franks: 18. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Kato Franks: 16. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Peter Franks: 14. Black. Male. Del.  
Alice Franks: 19. Black. Female. Del.  
Jacob Franks: 10. Black. Male. Del. School—Yes.

988.1042

Andrew Robinson: 48. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Margaret Robinson: 37. Black. Female. Del.  
Kate Robinson: 16. Black. Female. Del.  
Amelia Gibs: 7. Black. Female. Del.

989.1043

Isaac Watson: 43. Black. Male. Farmer. Pa.  
Rachel Watson: 27. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Watson: 17. Black. Male. Farmer. Pa.  
John Watson: 14. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.

989.1043

Harriet Watson: 13. Black. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
Eliza Watson: 2. Black. Female. Pa.  
Rebecca Watson: 7. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary Watson: 2. Black. Female. Pa.  
Isaac Watson: 7. Black. Male. Pa.

990.1044

Rachel Knight: 42. Mulatta. Female. Del.  
Isaac Hazzard: 30. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Del.

991.1045

Peter Craig: 88. Mulatto. Male. [Plasterer?] \$900. Del.  
Rebecca Craig: 78. Mulatta. Female. Maryland.  
Thomas Hamilton: 9. Mulatto. Male. Pa. School—Yes.

992.1046

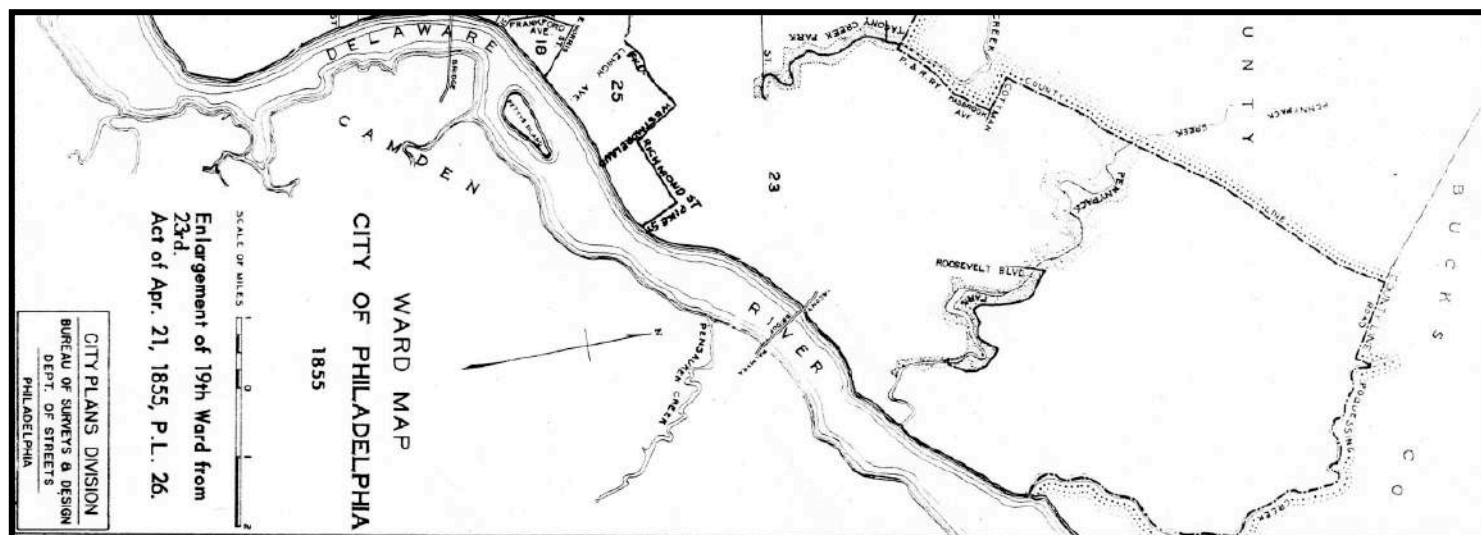
Joshua Purnell: 36. Black. Male. Laborer. \$100. Md.  
Cuba Purnell: 42. Black Female. Del.  
William Purnell: 11. Black. Male. Pa.

993.1047

Peter Summers: 44. Black. Male. Laborer \$500. Del.  
Hannah Summers 37. Black. Female. N.J.  
George Summers: 17. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Charles Summers: 15. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Pricilla Summers 10. Black. Female. Pa. School—Yes.  
Isaiah Summers: 7. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
James Summers: 5. Black. Male. Pa. School—Yes.  
Thomas Summers: 4. Black. Male. Pa.  
Harriet Summers 1. Black. Female. Pa.

**END — 1850 BLACK CENSUS OF FRANKFORD**

## **1855 MAP: THE TWENTY-THIRD WARD OF PHILADELPHIA — CONSOLIDATION OF TOWNSHIPS<sup>116</sup>**



**Consolidation of Frankford & Whitehall Boroughs with Townships of Oxford, Lower Dublin, Moreland & Byberry.**

<sup>116</sup> Daly, John E, Archival Examiner and Allen Weinberg, City Archivist. *Genealogy of Philadelphia County Subdivisions*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition. Phila. Records Dept. 1966. Web. <<http://www.philageohistory.org/geohistory/resources/phila-subdiv-genealogy-web.pdf>>.



# THE BLACK CENSUS OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT 23<sup>rd</sup> WARD — FRANKFORD POST OFFICE <sup>117</sup> — 1860

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**SCHEDULE 1—Free Inhabitants in 4<sup>th</sup> precinct of 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward in the County of Philadelphia State of Pennsylvania enumerated by me, on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1860. Wm. J. Corans Ass't Marshal**  
**Post Office** Frankford Pa.

Dwelling-house—numbered in the order of visitation.	Families numbered in the order of visitation.	The name of every person whose usual place of abode on the first day of June, 1860, was in this family.	Description.			Profession, Occupation, or Trade of each person, male and female, over 15 years of age.	VALUE OF ESTATE OWNED.		Place of Birth, Naming the State, Territory, or Country.	Married within the year.	Attended School within the year.	Persons over 20 years of age who cannot read & write.	Whether deaf and dumb, blind, insane, idiotic, pauper, or convict.
			Age.	Sex.	White, black, or mulatto.		Value of Real Estate.	Value of Personal Estate.					
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
891	891	Peter Summers	52	M	B	Day Laborer	800	100	Delaware				
		Hannah	46	F	B				New Jersey				
		James	15	M	B	Day Laborer			Penn <sup>a</sup>				
		Patience	6	F	B								
		Margaret	4	F	B								
		Priscilla	21	F	B	Servant							

896.891

Peter Summers: 52. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Real Estate: \$800  
 Personal Estate: \$100. Delaware  
 Hanna Summers: 46. Black. Female. New Jersey  
 James Summers 15. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.  
 Patience Summers 6. Black. Female. Pa.  
 Margaret Summers 4. Black. Female. Pa.  
 Priscilla Summers 21. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

897.892

Joshua Purnell: 35. Black. Male. Farm Laborer. Real Estate:  
 \$700. Delaware.  
 Cuba Purnell: 45. Black. Female. Delaware.

899.894

Nathan Jolly: 48. Black. Male. Brick Laborer. New Jersey.  
 Caroline Jolly: 39. Black. Female. Pa.  
 David Richards: 66. Black. Male. Pa.  
 Sarah J. Richards: 18. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
 Thomas James Richards: 2. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
 Caroline Jolly: 3. Black. Female. Pa.

900.895

William Chippy: 30. Black. Male. Steward. Laborer. Delaware.  
 Hannah Chippy: 24. Black. Female. Pa  
 Ann Eliza Chippy: 4. Mulatta. Female. Pa  
 William Henry Chippy: 2. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

901.896

Virginia Marks: 53. Mulatta. Female. Washwoman. Virginia.  
 [Note: Virginia Marks is not Eugenia Marks].

902.897

Edward Smith: 65. Mulatto. Male. Day Laborer. Real  
 Estate: \$2000. Personal: \$150. Maryland.  
 Robert Smith: 18. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
 Edward Smith: 18. Mulatto. Male. Laborer. Pa.

903.898

Henry Smith: 30. Mulatto. Male. Ostler. (Oysterer) Pa.  
 Rebecca Smith: 21. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
 Sarah Smith: 1. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

904.899

Elizabeth Sharp: 60. Mulatta. Female. Washwoman. Pa.  
 William Watson: 27. Black. Male. Brick Laborer. Pa.  
 Patience Watson: 25. Black. Female. Delaware.  
 Mary Watson: 5. Black. Female. Pa.  
 Hannah Watson: 9 Months. Black. Female. Pa.  
 Harriet Watson: 22. Black. Female. Pa.

905.900

Henry Jeffard: 65. Mulatto. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.  
 Margaret Jeffard: 54. Mulatta. Female. Washwoman. Pa.  
 Elizabeth Wallace: 28. Black. Female. Washwoman. Pa.  
 Joseph Wallace: 30. Mulatto. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.  
 Ida G. Wallace: 2. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
 Robert H. Wallace: 1 Month. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
 Margaret Jeffard: 12. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
 Joseph Jeffard: 11. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
 Sarah Letitia Jeffard: 15. Mulatta. Female. Servant. Pa.  
 Isaac Jeffard: 21. Mulatto. Male. Seaman. Pa.  
 Daniel Jeffard: 24. Mulatto. Male. Seaman. Pa.

<sup>117</sup> Population schedules of the eighth census of the United States, 1860, Pennsylvania, Philadelphia County (Ward 23rd of the City of Philadelphia). Washington: National Archives and Records Service Publication date 1965. [Micro Copy No. 653. Microfilm. Reel: 1174]. Begin at Page No: 129 (603) Web. 28<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<https://archive.org/details/populationschedu1174unix/page/n1/mode/2up>>.

**THE BLACK CENSUS OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT 23<sup>rd</sup> WARD — FRANKFORD POST OFFICE — 1860**

906.901

James Butler: 61. Black. Male. Mason Laborer.

Real Estate: \$700. Pennsylvania.

Jane Ann Butler: 57. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

James Butler: 19. Mulatto. Male. Brick Maker. Pa.

Jane E. Butler: 16. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

David Butler: 30. Mulatto. Male. Seaman. Pa.

Thomas Butler: 28. Mulatto. Male. Seaman. Pa.

George Butler: 20. Mulatto. Male. Seaman. Pa.

907.902

Joshua Rice: 14. Black. Male. Pa.

921.916

John Williams: 18. Black. Male. Servant. Pa.

937.932

Gabriel Robinson: 70. Black. Male. Laborer. Maryland.

Sarah Robinson: 60. Black. Female. Washerwoman. New Jersey.

938.933

Mary J. Hawkins: 40. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Delaware.

Mary Ann Hawkins: 11. Black. Female. Pa.

Amelia Sharp Hawkins: 11. Black. Female. Pa.

940.935

William Pleasant: 27. Black. Male. Laborer.

Real Estate: \$500. Pennsylvania.

Elizabeth Pleasant: 28. Black. Female. Pa.

William H. Pleasant: 4. Black. Male. Pa.

Charles E. Pleasant: 2. Black. Male. Pa.

941.936

Samuel Chase: 35. Black. Male. Pa.

Margaret Chase: 35. Black. Female. Pa.

Sarah Chase: 15. Black. Female. Pa.

978.973

John Hatfield: 32. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Real Estate: \$300. Delaware.

Sarah Hatfield: 28. Black. Female. Pa.

Rachel Ann Hatfield: 5. Black. Female. Pa.

William Hatfield: 4. Black. Male. Pa.

John Hatfield: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

979.974

Frank Jones: 65. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Real Estate: \$700.

Personal: \$100. Delaware.

Margaret Buster: 39. Black. Female. Pa.

John James: 45. Black. Male. Coachman. Pa.

980.975

George Lockwood: 60. Black. Male. Real Estate: \$700.

Personal Estate: \$100. Delaware.

Elizabeth Lockwood: 55. Black. Female. Pa.

980.976

John Brinkly: 35. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Delaware.

Sarah Brinkly: 30. Black. Female. Maryland.

981.977

Patience Weldon: 55. Black. Female. Day Laborer.

Real Estate: \$600. Pennsylvania.

Martha Weldon: 20. Black. Female. New Jersey.

981.978

Betsey Montgomery: 80. Black. Female. Maryland.

Ann White: 55. Black. Female. Washerwoman. N.J.

Martha White: 32. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Pa.

982.979

Isaiah Harrison: 34. Black. Male. Gardiner. Real Estate:

\$1000. Personal: \$100. Pennsylvania.

Serena Harrison: 27. Black. Female. Pa.

Kesia Harrison: 7. Black. Female. Pa.

Isaiah Harrison: 2. Black. Male. Pa.

Ann Eliza Harrison: 6 Months. Black. Female. Pa.

982.980

Alex Hayes: 23. Black. Male. Laborer. Delaware.

Mary Hayes: 18. Black. Female. Delaware.

982.981

John Jones: 30. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.

Susan Jones: 35. Black. Female. Pa.

Lucinda Jones: 11. Black. Female. Pa.

Jacob Jones: 5. Black. Male. Pa.

Solomon Jones: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

Richard Jones: 13. Black. Male. Pa.

Jonathan Jones: 15. Black. Male. Pa.

Jonas Jones: 17. Black. Male. Pa.

Susanna Jones: 19. Black. Female. Pa.

Jane Jones: 21. Black. Female. Pa.

John Jones: 23. Black. Male. Seaman. Pa.

John Beister: 10. Black. Male. Pa.

983.982

William Tillman: 24. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.

Elizabeth Tillman: 21. Black. Female. Pa.

Jacob Tillman: 2. Black. Male. Pa.

Eugenia Tillman: 6 Months. Black. Female. Pa.

Robert Watson: 23. Black. Male. Barber. Pa.

Rebecca Watson: 19. Black. Female. Pa.

Robert Watson: 3. Black. Male. Pa.

William Watson: 3 Months. Black. Male. Pa.

983.983

Agnes Spencer: 48. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Pa.



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<p>984.984 Mary Moore: 34. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Delaware. Martha Moore: 12. Black. Female. Delaware. James Moore: 4. Black. Male. Delaware. Titus Moore: 14. Black. Male. Delaware.</p> <p>985.985 George Harris: 28. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Delaware. Elizabeth Harris: 21. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Delaware. William Harris: 3. Black. Male. Delaware. Lydia Harris: 2. Black. Female. Delaware. George Harris: 3 Months. Black. Male. Delaware. Hagar Savadge: 75. Black. Female. Virginia. Mary Savadge: 13. Black. Female. Pa. Elizabeth Smith: 75. Black. Female. Virginia.</p> <p>986.986 William Bayard: 34. Black. Male. Waiter. Real Estate: \$800. Personal: \$100. Pennsylvania. Susan Bayard: 34. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Pa. Hester Ann Bayard: 11. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>987.987 Peter R. Brake: 40. Black. Male. Dealer. Real Estate: \$600. Pennsylvania. Rebecca Brake: 40. Black. Female. Pa. Ann Maria Brake: 16. Black. Female. Pa. Mary Brake: 13. Black. Female. Pa. Julia Ann Brake: 11. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>988.988 Charles Stewart: 40. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Real Estate: \$500. Pennsylvania. Jane Stewart: 45. Black. Female. Pa. Charles Stewart: 11. Black. Male. Pa.</p> <p>988.989 Samuel Gooseberry: 25. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Delaware. Eliza Jane Gooseberry: 23. Black. Female. Delaware. Charles Gooseberry: 4. Black. Male. Pa. Alice Gooseberry: 1. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>989.990 Elizabeth Cooper: 68. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Virginia. Emiline Cooper: 23. Black. Female. Pa. Ella F. Smith: 4. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>990.991 Mary Fry: 35. Black. Female. Pa. Fannie Fry: 17. Black. Female. Pa. George Fry: 9. Black. Male. Pa. John Bayard: 25. Black. Male. Brickmaker. Pa.</p> <p>991.992 John Bush: Black. Male. Day Laborer. Real Estate: \$500. Pa.</p>	<p>Kezia Bush: 35. Black. Female. Pa. James Henry: 2. Black. Male. Pa. Charles Minch: 25. Black. Male. Seaman. Pa.</p> <p>992.993 Charles Waterfere: 40. Black. Male. Porter. N.J. Eliza Waterfere: 35. Black. Female. Del. Mary Anne Waterfere: 13. Black. Female. Pa. Caroline Waterfere: 10. Black. Female. Pa. Eliza J. Waterfere: 5. Black. Female. Pa. Julia Waterfere: 2. Black. Female. Pa. Isaaiah Waterfere: 10 Months. Black. Male. Pa Eli Waterfere: 10 Months. Black. Male. Pa Titus Moore: 78. Black. Male. Virginia.</p> <p>993.994 Isaac Hazard: 25. Black. Male. Teamster. Estate: \$500 Del. Hannah Hazzard: 22. Black. Female. Pa. John James Hazard: 3. Black. Male. Pa. Jane Hazard: 1. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>994.995 Thomas Lancaster: 38. Black. Male. Brickmaker. \$500. Pa. Julia Lancaster: 38. Black. Female. Pa. Joseph Lancaster: 15. Black. Male. Pa. Ellen Cooper: 25. Black. Female. Pa.</p> <p>995.996 Jesse Bervers: 40. Black. Male. Day Laborer. \$500. Del. Ann Bervers: 35. Black. Female. Pa. Stephen Bervers: 3. Black. Male. Pa.</p> <p>996.997 Henry Board: 35. Black. Male. Servant. Pa. Eliza Davis: 19. Black. Female. Servant. Pa. Catharine Hanya: 18. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.</p> <p><b>5<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward — Frankford Post Office</b> 93.97 Elizabeth Hann: 38. Mulatta. Female. Washerwoman. Personal Estate: \$50. Pennsylvania. Clara Wilson: 7. Mulatta. Female. Pa.</p> <p>93.98 Lucinda Cook: 50. Mulatta. Female. Unknown.</p> <p>93.99 Isaac Anderson: 6. Black. Male. Whitewasher. \$20. Del.</p> <p>96.102 Randal Pleasants: 50. Black. Male. Laborer. Real Estate: \$750. Personal: \$100. Virginia. Amelia Pleasants: 48. Black. Female. Del. Josephine Pleasants: 16. Black. Female. Pa</p>
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**THE BLACK CENSUS OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT 23<sup>rd</sup> WARD — FRANKFORD POST OFFICE — 1860**

97.103

Peter Craig: 93. Black. Male. Real Estate: \$800.  
Personal Estate: \$140. Delaware.  
Mary Jones: 60. Black. Female. Housekeeper. Del.  
Martha Hamelton: 11. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

98.104

William Delaware: 33. Black. Male. Laborer.  
Personal Estate: \$75. Pennsylvania.  
Rebecca Delaware: 32. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Mary C. Delaware: 8. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Susannah Delaware: 6. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

99.105

Daniel Morgan: 34. Black. Male. Shoemaker. Personal: \$75. Pa.  
Mary Morgan: 25. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

100.106

David Jackson: 45. Black. Male. Laborer. Personal: \$60. Del.  
Julia Jackson: 42. Black. Female. Del.  
David A. Jackson: 21. Black. Male. Laborer. Del.  
Bennet Jackson: 14. Black. Male. Del.  
Leonard Jackson: 7. Black. Male. Pa.  
Margaret A. Jackson: 5. Black. Female. Pa.

101.107

Richard Robinson: 56. Black. Male. M.E. Clergyman  
Real Estate: \$800. Personal: \$140. Del.  
Lamar Robinson: 55. Mulatta. Female Pa.  
Andrew Thompson: 9. Mulatto. Male Pa.

102.108

Mary A. Hamilton: 32. Mulatta. Female. Boardinghouse  
Keeper. Personal Estate: \$100. Delaware.  
Sarah L. Hamilton: 13. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Martha A. Hamilton: 11. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Mary E. Hamilton: 10. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Alexander Bedford: 28. Mulatta. Male. Brickmaker. Pa.  
Charles H. Louens: 25. Mulatta. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Thomas O. Hamilton: 21. Mulatta. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Jacob Sands: 6. Mulatta. Male. Pa.

103.109

Enos Gongo: 80. Black. Male. Laborer.  
Real Estate: \$500. Personal: \$50. New Jersey.  
Sarah Gongo: 64. Black. Female. Pa.  
Robert Harson: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

104.110

James Bowser: 68. Mulatto. Male. Carpenter.  
Real Estate: \$1200. Personal: \$200. Maryland.  
Letitia Bowser: 68. Black. Female. Maryland.  
Rebecca Bowser: 18. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

103.111

Daniel Leomans: 30. Mulatto. Male. Personal: \$40. Pa  
Rebecca Leomans: 27. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Amelia A. Leomans: 5. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Rachel H. Leomans: 3. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Ira Leomans: 2. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

106.112

Nathaniel Packer: 38. Mulatto. Male. Pa  
Mary H. Packer: 30. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Annie Packer: 10. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Amos Packer: 8. Mulatto. Male. Pa  
Charlotte Packer: 6. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
John Packer: 4. Mulatto. Male. Pa  
Jenas Packer: 2. Mulatto. Male. Pa

106.113

Isaiah Dolby: 31. Black. Male. Laborer.  
Personal: \$20. New Jersey.  
Elizabeth Dolby: 29. Black. Female. Pa.  
Alex B. Dolby: 6. Black. Male. Pa.  
Ella Dolby: 3. Black. Female. Pa.  
John H. Dolby: 2. Black. Male. Pa.  
Rosaline C. Dolby: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

107.114

Reinal Hatson: 45. Mulatto. Male. Whitewasher.  
Personal Estate: \$20. Delaware.  
Elmrya Hatson: 40. Mulatta. Female. Del.  
Robert Hatson: 21. Mulatto. Male. Barber.  
Personal Estate: \$40. Pa.  
Eliza G. Hatson: 5. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

108.115

David A. Jackson: 38. Black. Male. Brickmaker.  
Personal Estate: \$20. Delaware.  
Sarah Jackson: 21. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Mary E. Jackson: 7 Months. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

109.116

Henderson Davis: 44. Black. Male. Waiter.  
Personal Estate: \$40. Washington D.C.  
Amelia Davis: 50. Black. Female. Virginia.  
Abigail Davis: 24. Black. Female. Pa.  
James Davis: 22. Black. Male. Brickmaker. Pa.  
Thomas Davis: 19. Black. Male. Barber. Pa.  
Henderson Davis: 17. Black. Male. Brickmaker. Pa.

110.117

James Watson: 58. Mulatto. Male. Laborer.  
Real Estate: \$1000. Personal: \$50. Delaware.  
[Illegible] Watson: 38. Mulatta. Female. Del.



**THE BLACK CENSUS OF THE 5<sup>th</sup> PRECINCT 23<sup>rd</sup> WARD — FRANKFORD POST OFFICE — 1860**

164.175

William Stewart: 35. Mulatto. Male. Coachman.  
Personal Estate: \$20. Pennsylvania.  
Louisa Stewart: 30. Mulatta. Female. Maryland.  
Frank Stewart: 9. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
George Stewart: 8. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Emma Stewart: 5. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Susanna Stewart: 3. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

222.236

Perry Harris: 50. Black. Male. Coachman. Real Estate: \$500.  
Personal Estate: \$20. Maryland  
William Harris: 25. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
George Harris: 10. Black. Male. Pa.  
Robert Harris: 14. Black. Male. Pa.  
Charles Harris: 18. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Rebecca Harris: 75. Black. Female. Housekeeper. Maryland.

228.244

John Holland: 44. Black. Male. Waterman. Personal: \$8. Del.  
Mary J. Holland: 30. Black. Female. Del.  
Comfort J. Holland: 17. Black. Male. Servant. Del.  
Hannah M. Holland: 17. Black. Female. Del.  
John Holland: 9. Black. Male. Del.  
Hester A. Holland: 9. Black. Female. Del.  
David Holland: 6. Black. Male. Del.  
George Holland: 1. Black. Male. Del.

228.245

Nicholas Homer: 44. Black. Male. Laborer. Personal: \$5. N.J.  
Catharine Harden: 48. Mulatta. Female. Unknown.

229.246

Harriet Wilson: 70. Mulatta. Female. Washerwoman.  
Real Estate: \$1000. Personal: \$2. Delaware.

229.247

Hester Johnson 50. Black. Female. Washerwoman.  
Personal Estate: \$10. Delaware.  
Mary E. Johnson 16. Black. Female. Pa.  
Joseph Johnson 2. Black. Male. Pa.

331.355

John H. Cheston: 4. Black Male. Pa.  
Elizabeth Kelly: 12. Black. Female. Pa.

342.366

John Bedford: 46. Black. Male. Whitewasher. Per: \$10. Pa.  
Charolette Bedford: 40. Black. Female. Delaware.  
Moses Bedford: 22. Black. Male. Laborer. Pa.  
Lewis Bedford: 19. Black. Male. Barber Apprentice. Pa.  
Alexander Bedford: 25. Black. Male. Brickmaker. Pa.  
Elizabeth Bedford: 40. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary Bedford: 28. Black. Female. Cook. Pa.  
Alexander Dolby: 6. Black. Male. Pa.

437.470

Robert Young: 40. Black. Male. Laborer.  
Personal Estate: \$20. Maryland.  
Hannah Young: 35. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Pa.  
William H. Young: 13. Black. Male. Pa.  
Margaret E. Young: 9. Black. Female. Pa.  
Hannah A. Young: 7. Black. Female. Pa.  
Charles F. Young: 4. Black. Male. Pa.  
Ellen S. Young: 1. Black. Female. Pa.

**6<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward — Frankford Post Office**

1246.1331

Patience Miley: Black. Female. Servant. Unknown.  
Sarah Miley: Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

1256.1341

Henry Corbit: 28. Black. Male. Servant. Pennsylvania.  
Perry Harris: 56. Black. Male. Servant. Maryland.

**7<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward — Frankford Post Office**

850.921

Jacob B. Myers: 46. Mulatto. Male. Barber.  
Personal Estate: \$250. New York.  
Pheobe Myers: 45. Mulatta. Female. Pa.  
Charles B. Myers: 11. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Lewis Bedford: 19. Mulatto. Male. Barber.

897.974

Bettie Courtland: Black. Female. Servant. Virginia.

**9<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward — Frankford Post Office**

536.534

Harriet Rodgers: 17. Mulatta. Servant. Pa.

592.590

Albert Dolly: 26. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Jane Dolly: 26. Black. Female. Pa.  
Daniel Dolly: 3. Mulatto. Male. Pa.  
Mary Dolly: 1. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

603.601

George Pleasant: 23. Mulatto. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.  
Elizabeth Pleasant: 20. Mulatta. Female. Pa.

652.650

Aaron Palmer: 30. Black. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.  
Charles Pleasants: 26. Black. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.  
Catharine Deleman: 27. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Harriet Sands: 15. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Mary Laws: 16. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

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698.696

Mary A. Lewis: 15. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Sarah Bickley: 30. Mulatta. Female. Servant. Del.

746.744

Charlotte Joseph: 18 Black. Female. Servant. Del.

763.762

Martha Ball: 60. Black. Female. Pa.  
C. Reed: 18. Black. Female. Pa.

825.827

Charles Cnmbar: 60 Black. Male. Servant. Pa.  
Eliza Bartun: 24. Black Female. Servant. Maryland  
Ann Henderson: 50. Mulatta Female. Servant. Dist. of Colombia

67.67

Rachael Freeman: 63. Mulatta. Female. Janitress of Public  
Schools. Pa.

Ellen Stevans: 59. Mulatta. Female. Washerwoman. Pa.

Edward Stevens: 17. Mulatto. Male. Waiter. Pa.

Jenevra Williams: 3. Mulatto. Male. Pa.

Charles King: 24. Mulatto. Male. Barber. Pa.

John Stevens: 50. Mulatto. Male. Seed Man. Pa.

Henry Freeman: 49. Mulatto. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.

86.87

Amy Fisher: 75. Black. Female. Washerwoman. Pa.

89.90

Henry Freeman: 35. Mulatto. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.

112.113.

Mary Chase: 40. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

128.129

Levi Stokley: 40. Male. Mulatto. Barber. Personal: \$200. Pa.

Mary Stokley: 38 Female. Mulatta. Pa.

Jesse Stokley: 14. Male. Mulatto. Pa.

Henry Stokley: 9. Male. Mulatto. Pa.

Walter Stokley: 6. Male. Mulatto. Pa.

Catharine Stokley: 4 Female. Mulatta. Pa.

Maria Stokley: 19 Female. Mulatta. Pa.

Julia Stokley: 16 Female. Mulatta. Pa.

256.259

Rachel Miller: 15. Black. Female. Servant. Virginia.

George [no name] 13 Black Male. Servant. Pa.

297.302

Jedosa Mandoa: 75. Black. Female. Farm Laborer. N. Y.

Hester Mandoa: 55. Black. Female. Pa.

Sylvester Mandoa: 16. Black. Male. Pa.

Eliza Mandoa: 12. Black. Female. Pa.

338.343

Joyce Mann: 45. Black. Male. Servant. Delaware.

Maria Edwards: 13. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

Nathan Huchin: 45. Black. Male. Coachman. New Jersey.

366.272

Marie Ricketts: 47. Black. Female. Real Estate: \$500. Del.

William Rickets: 23. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Delaware.

Elizabeth Ricketts: 22. Black. Female. Pa.

Peter Rickets: 47. Black. Male. Del.

Mary Tilman: 9. Black. Female. Pa.

367.373

Aug. Palmer: 25. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.

Ann W. Palmer: 22. Black. Female. Pa.

Mary. A. Palmer: 4. Black. Female. Pa.

Charles Palmer:: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

368.374

Joseph Haines: 54. Black. Male. Day Laborer.

Real Estate: \$1000. Pa.

Mary Haines: 55. Black. Female. Connecticut

Charles Haines: 5. Black. Male. Connecticut

Clara Kennard Haines: 3. Black. Female. Connecticut

369.375

Hardy Edwards: 70. Black. Male. Day Laborer. N. C.

Elizabeth Edwards: 67. Black. Female. Pa.

370.376

Elija Moore: 80. Black. Male. Day Laborer.

Real Estate: \$400. Pa.

Martha Moore: 79. Black. Female. Pa.

371.377

George Moore: 54. Black. Male. Day Laborer.

Real Estate: \$900. Pa.

Joanna Moore: 52. Black. Female. Pa.

372.379

Abraham Still: 43. Black. Male. Day Laborer. N.J.

Caroline Still: 35. Black. Female. Pa.

Lydia Still: 4. Black. Female. Pa.

Maria Still: 6. Black. Female. Pa.

373.380

George S. Freeman: 62. Black. Male. Day Laborer.

Real Estate: \$600. Pa.

Rebecca Freeman: 51. Black. Female. Maryland.

Mary J. Freeman: 9. Black. Female. Pa.

Anne Freeman: 7. Black. Female. Pa.



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374.381

George Freeman: 22. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.  
Rebecca Freeman: 28. Black. Female. Pa.  
Mary J. Freeman: 5. Black. Female. Pa.  
Henry Freeman: 3. Black. Male. Pa.  
John Freeman: 2. Black. Male. Pa.  
Phillis Paxon: 50. Black. Female. New York.

375.382

James Haines: 40. Black. Male. Farm Laborer.  
Real Estate: \$400. Pa.  
Lydia Haines: 53. Black. Female. Pa.  
Aaron Haines: 13. Black. Male. Pa.  
Lydia Haines: 85. Black. Female. Pa.

376.383

Elias Chase: 25. Black. Male. Carpenter.  
Real Estate: \$1000. Pa.  
Malvina Chase: 26. Black. Female. Pa.  
William Chase: 1. Black. Male. Pa.

377.384

John Williams: 60. Black. Male. Day Laborer. Pa.

378.385

John Williams Jr.: 24. Black. Male. Farmer.  
Real Estate: \$1200. Pa.  
Elenor Williams: 28. Black. Female. Pa.  
Richard Smithers Williams: 11. Black. Male. Pa.  
Francis Williams: 9. Black. Male. Pa.  
James Williams: 7. Black. Male. Pa.  
John Williams: 2. Black. Male. Pa.

379.386

John Francis: 45. Black. Male. Waiter. Pa.  
Emelini Francis: 31. Black. Female. Pa.  
Annie Francis: 10. Black. Female. Pa.

382.389

Susan Stead: 25. Black. Female. Servant. Bermuda.

424.434

Susan Johnson: 70. Black. Female. Servant. Delaware.

430.440

Isaac Becker: 65. Black. Male. Laborer. Delaware.  
Rachel Becker: 60. Black. Female. Delaware.  
Charles Becker: 15. Black. Male. Pa.  
Henry Becker: 13. Black. Male. Pa.

447.457

Charles Coral: 35. Black. Male. Waiter. Pa.

449.459

Ann Draper: 55. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

453.463

Matilda Johnson: 25. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Charles Rider: 25. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Daniel Jones: 40. Black. Male. Coachman. Pa.  
Joseph Rily: 50. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.

467.477

Mary E. Young: 16. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
Elizabeth Soliver: 22. Black. Female. Servant. Pa.  
James Johnson: 35. Black. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.  
John Loring: 15. Black. Male. Farm Laborer. Pa.

468.478

Philip Lister: 27. Black. Male. Coachman. Del.

475.485 [Lower Dublin Poor House]

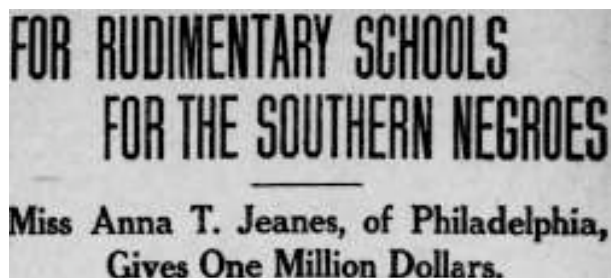
Mary Stevens: 45. Black. Female. Pa.

**MISCELLANEOUS — NOTES:**

**4<sup>th</sup> Precinct of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Ward — Frankford Post Office**

Joshua J. Jeanes: 57. White. Male. Gentleman. Estate Value: \$100,000. Personal Value: \$130,000. Philadelphia.  
Joseph Jeanes: 53. White. Male. Gentleman. Philadelphia.  
Samuel Jeanes: 57. White. Male. Gentleman. Estate Value: \$100,000. Personal Value: \$130,000. Philadelphia.  
Mary Jeanes: 55. White Female. Philadelphia.  
Anne Jeanes: 38. White Female. Philadelphia.  
Harriet Jeanes: 25. Mulatta. Female. Pennsylvania  
Matilda Jeanes: 23. Black. Female. Pennsylvania  
Anna Jeanes: 27. Black. Female. Virginia.  
John Cappen: 36. Black. Male. Virginia.

*Above is thrown in between the parts of one family.*



**The Deed of the Gift** made out by Miss Jeanes<sup>118</sup> was as follows: Know all men by these presents: That I Anna T. Jeanes of the City Philadelphia, trusting and believing in the practicable and far-reaching good that may result from the moral and elevating influence of rural schools for negroes in the Southern States, taught reputable teachers, do hereby make, constitute and appoint Booker T. Washington, of Tuskegee Alabama and Hollis Burke Frissell, of Hampton Virginia... —Philadelphia Inquirer 24<sup>th</sup> April 1907.

<sup>118</sup> HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION NO. 195. Web. 11 Nov. 2020: <<https://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+HJ195ER+pdf>>.

## 7. CONCLUSION

The Burial Ground situate 1651 Kinsey Street is an extremely significant historic site meriting designation by the Philadelphia Historical Commission and inclusion on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places, satisfying the following Criteria for Designation: a, i, and j as enumerated in § 14-1004 of the Philadelphia Code. This site is significant:

- For its significant character, interest and value as part of the development, heritage, and cultural characteristics of the City, Commonwealth, and Nation; it is associated with the lives of persons significant in the past (Criteria a); they were landowners of parcels that were, or latter became the Burying Ground and Meeting of the Blacks; those persons being:

**Enoch Edwards, Physician**; studied at the University of Pennsylvania under Dr. Benjamin Rush; correspondent of Thomas Jefferson, and James Monroe; he ratified the Constitution; was a land-speculator who's transactions affected the development of Frankford including the parcels latter known as the *Burying Ground and Meeting of the Blacks*.

**George Webster of Frankford, Tavern-keeper**; owner of the Jolly Post Hotel; land-jobber.

**Isaac Thomas of Philadelphia, Shoe Merchant** and a land-jobber.

**Chalkley Harmer of Philadelphia, Taylor.**

**Jacob Rice, of Frankford, Miller.**

**Justinian Fox of Philadelphia, Taylor and Glue Merchant.**

**Caleb Wilkins of Philadelphia, Taylor.**

**George Williams of Philadelphia, Merchant.**

**John Brown of Philadelphia, Silver Plater — Pennsylvania Society for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery.**<sup>119</sup>

**Adam Konigmacher, member of the Philadelphia Society for the establishment of Charity Schools.**

**William Fishbourne Emlen, Quaker and President of the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad Company.**

- For association with lives of persons significant in the past and exemplifies the cultural, political, economic, social & historical heritage of the BLACK COMMUNITY OF FRANKFORD; (Criteria a and j); members or persons associated with the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford; the umbra and penumbra on the Underground Railroad; they struggled to attain social justice, equal rights and a betterment of their Race, being:

**William Brown, Trustee,** — His name appears with Rev. Richard Allen on the amendment of the Articles of association of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, commonly called and known by the name of Bethel.

**Isaac Johnson of Frankford, Trustee** of the A.M.E. Church of Frankford. He was married to Mary Chase.

**William Chase Senior of Frankford**, brother of Mary Johnson, Widow & Relict of Isaac Johnson.

**Elias Chase of Frankford**, Twenty-third Ward, House Carpenter, Trustee of the A.M.E. Church, land-jobber.

**James Bowzer, Sen. of Frankford, Farmer and Letitia [Bowzar]**, his Wife. She was a notable and powerful church vocalist in choir of the Bethel A.M.E Church of Frankford.

**Jarena Lee, Woman Preacher**; a contemporary of Rev. Joseph Pilmore, Rev. Richard Allen and Rev. Richard Robinson. She preached the Gospel in Frankford, Holmesburg, Attleboro, New Hope & Solebury, Bucks County.

**Rev. Richard Robinson, Elder & Deacon of the A. M. E. Church**; a missionary and traveling minister; a contemporary of Jarena Lee and Reverend Richard Allen; he served at Mother Bethel; a victim of his Color, he was forced to ride outside a street-car; fatally struck, he died a martyr and is buried in front of the Campbell AME Church.

**Peter Marks, former slave of President James Monroe**, married Eugenia Hemings a slave of Thomas Jefferson.

**Eugenia Hemings Marks**; born at Monticello in 1802, was slave and servant to Thomas Jefferson. She married Peter Marks, a former slave and servant to James Monroe.<sup>120</sup> Escaping investigation of the Jefferson-Hemings study, Eugenia's paternity has never been established. It has been downplayed, marginalized or dismissed without evidence.

**Lewis N. Bedford, Frankford AME Church secretary**; married Elizabeth Marks, daughter of Eugenia Marks.

**Trustees: James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton, William Chase Junior & others.**

**Company B, 25<sup>th</sup> Regiment United States Colored Troops:** James W. Davis, Alexander Bedford, Thomas Davis, Charles Somers, Joseph Lancaster, Benjamin Jackson, Jeremiah Murray, Silas Little, Benjamin Little and others — members of the A.M.E. Church in Frankford.

<sup>119</sup> *Centennial Anniversary of the Pennsylvania Society, for Promoting the Abolition of Slavery, the Relief of Free Negroes Unlawfully Held in Bondage: And for Improving the Condition of the African Race.* S.l.: Philadelphia: Grant, Faires & Rodgers, Printers, 1876. 60. Web. <<https://archive.org/details/centennialannive00lcpenn/mode/2up>>.

<sup>120</sup> Peter Marks, husband of Eugenia Hemings Marks; father of James, Mary Ann, Eugenia, Elizabeth & Edward, is the only enslaved individual known to be set free by James Monroe. Web. 20<sup>th</sup> August 2020. <<https://highland.org/enlaved-biographies/peter-marks/>>.



## 7. CONCLUSION CONTINUED

The Burial Ground situate 1651 Kinsey Street is an extremely significant historic site meriting designation by the Philadelphia Historical Commission and inclusion on the Philadelphia Register of Historic Places, satisfying the following Criteria for Designation: a, i, and j as enumerated in § 14-1004 of the Philadelphia Code. This site is significant:

- as a largely undisturbed site that was settled in the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries (now an African Burial Ground and A.M.E. Church) and therefore has an extremely high potential for discovering significant archaeological resources & artifacts (Criterion i)... the land development began prior to 1799 —

In 1981 architect Martin Jay Rosenblum reported *a crawl space under the entire structure*, and Howard Lee Barnes, a past curator of the Historical Society of Frankford, reported *the original church, beginning about 1836, was a frame structure built on wood pilings about four feet above the ground*. This is an indication of an edifice being built above ground as not to disturb the pre-existing Burying Ground.

The African Methodist Episcopal Church of Frankford evolved by random coincidence or by a set of deliberate protracted real estate transfers – an orchestration of a purchase-by-proxy scheme – land flipping by default and assignment with intention of future default and assignment, with no intention to develop this tract. Apparently this was by design.

Others held the title to this larger tract of land – until it could be shepherded to, and purchased by the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford. This Nomination asserts and concludes that this tract of land was probably an earlier burial site, as the African residents seemed to have already been using its largest part without title.

**The Records: On 18<sup>th</sup> June 1812**, an autonomous congregation of Blacks of Oxford Township purchased a small lot of 25-foot fronting on Meeting Road in the name of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford. This small lot was adjacent to a much larger undeveloped lot, fronting on both Meeting Road and Paul Street, as marked in a plan.

**May of 1818:** The Philadelphia Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church was held at the house of Richard Allen. At that time, the African Congregation of Frankford was acknowledged as consisting of 28 members.<sup>121</sup>

**The John Foulkrod survey of 1834** shows a very large *Burying Ground and Meeting of The Blacks* without a building. This was seven (7) years prior to the Congregation's acquiring title in 1841 and twenty-nine (29) years after their purchasing the adjacent lot in 1812. Perhaps the first purchase was an avenue for the Blacks to be close to their burial site as to protect it.

**30<sup>th</sup> September 1841, William Fishbourne Emlen, City of Philadelphia, Surviving assignee of John Brown, Silver Plater**, placed the land in Trust: *unto the said James C. Wilson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton and William Chase Junior and their successors in office forever in trust that they shall erect or cause to be built thereon a house or place of worship for the use of the members of the African Methodist Episcopal Church in the United States of America according to the rules...*

This 1841 transfer marked the culmination of the series of irregular and unusual real estate transactions. A complete time-line of the early burial ground deed transfers appear in the bibliography- land records.

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## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHY: LAND RECORDS OF THE A. M. E. CHURCH OF FRANKFORD — LOT No. 22

The land of the A. M. E. Church of Frankford situate on the East side of Frankford has been traced to John Worrell;<sup>122</sup> he also owned a tract of land on West side of Frankford (Main Street) that is not related to the African Church.<sup>123</sup>

**On the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1744**, John Worrell's estate was partitioned between his son, daughter and son-in-law.<sup>124</sup>

**On the 13<sup>th</sup> July 1748**, Joseph Thornhill of Philadelphia, carpenter purchased two parcels, the estate of John Worrell.<sup>125</sup>

<sup>122</sup> E.2.vol.5.73 Thomas Fairman to John Worrell — 63 acres, part & parcel of Fairman's 200 acres [4<sup>th</sup> Day of the 10<sup>th</sup> Month 1688].

<sup>123</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book G vol.8 page 348. Robert Adams, Yeoman to John Worrell, Yeoman — 100 acres of Land being Part of 305 acres called Waddy's Grange (Estate of Henry Waddy, deceased) — [7<sup>th</sup> Day of the 4<sup>th</sup> called June 1698].

<sup>124</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: G vol.7 page 63. Isaiah Worrell, Dan Bristoll & Hannah his Wife — partition of the Estate of John Worrell.

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**On the 12<sup>th</sup> May 1787**, Joseph Thornhill sold to John Papley & Susanna his Wife, David Dewer, Susannah Dewer, George Irwin and Sarah his Wife — as tenants in common, not as joint tenants — a certain Messuage and two tracts or pieces of land situate in Oxford Township aforesaid, One of which tracts containing 31 acres and 66 perches with appurtenances.<sup>126</sup>

**On the 25<sup>th</sup> February 1795**, Whereas after the decease of John Papley, Susanna Papley, Widow and Relict of John Papley of the City of Philadelphia, Mariner deceased, Susannah Dewer Spinster, George Irwin Mariner, David Dewer merchant and Sarah his Wife did grant messuage & two pieces of land situate in Oxford Township to Enoch Edwards & Wife.<sup>127</sup>

**On the 27<sup>th</sup> June 1798**, Enoch Edwards sold to George Webster, Innholder, by compound of the lots No. 2 & 3 in a second range of lots on the South East Side of Paul Street — One Acre and 76 Perches, part of the 31 acres and 66 perches.<sup>128</sup>

**On the 18<sup>th</sup> November 1798**, Enoch Edwards sold to George Webster, Innholder, 1 acre & 50 perches — near Hedgerow Street, part of the 31 acres and 66 perches.<sup>129</sup>

**On the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1803**, George Webster of the Borough of Frankford and County of Philadelphia, State of Pennsylvania, Innkeeper and Esther his Wife sold to Isaac Thomas of the City of Philadelphia, Shoe Merchant: Two Contagious Tracts situate on Paul Street, the fist is 1-acre and 76 perches, the other tract is 1-acre and 50 perches.<sup>130</sup>

**On the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1803**, Isaac Thomas, City of Philadelphia, Shoe Merchant sold lot No.22 to Chalkley Harmer.<sup>131</sup>

**On the 25<sup>th</sup> October 1803**,

Chalkley Harmer of the Borough of Frankford in Oxford Township, Taylor and Rachael his Wife granted to Jacob Rice of the Borough of Frankford, Miller — a Certain lot or piece of ground Marked in a plan of Isaac Thomas Lot No.22 Situate on the North Easterly Side of the Road leading from Frankford Main Street Towards Friends Meeting House between Paul Street and Hedge Row Street in the Borough of Frankford containing in Breadth on said Meeting House Road twenty five feet and continuing that breadth Eastwardly Between Parallel lines Extending at Right Angles with said Meeting House Road in length or depth on the North Line One Hundred and fourteen feet and on the South Line One Hundred and twenty feet or thereabouts Bounded Eastwardly by the lot marked in the said plan No.12 Southward by lot No.21 Northward by the Remaining Ground of Isaac Thomas and Westward by the Meeting House Road aforesaid. It is the same lot which Isaac Thomas and Sarah his Wife By Indenture dated the 21<sup>st</sup> February 1803 granted unto the said Chalkley Harmer in fee Simple, it being part of a larger lot composed of two Contiguous Lots which George Webster of the Borough of Frankford and Esther his Wife by Indenture dated the 9<sup>th</sup> February 1803 Granted unto Isaac Thomas in fee Simple.<sup>132</sup>

**On the 18<sup>th</sup> June 1812**, Jacob Rice of Frankford, Miller sold a lot to William Brown, Isaac Johnson, Jacob Staunton, Richard Lisbey and Peter Paulenus Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford.<sup>133</sup>

<sup>125</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book G.11.200 Isaiah Worrell to Joseph Thornhill (Jolly Post) — 13th July 1748

<sup>126</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book D. Vol.19 page 528 Joseph Thornhill to John Papley and Others.

<sup>127</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book D. Vol.51 page 154 Susanna Papley and Others to Enoch Edwards and his Wife Frances.

<sup>128</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: D.71.214 Enoch Edwards and Frances his Wife to George Webster of Frankford, Innholder.

<sup>129</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: D.72.321 Enoch Edwards and Frances his Wife to George Webster of Frankford, Innholder.

<sup>130</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: EF.11.374 George Webster of the Borough of Frankford to Isaac Thomas, Shoe Merchant.

<sup>131</sup> Isaac Thomas to Chalkley Harmer is not recorded but is recited within the following deed.

<sup>132</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: EF. 18.65 Chalkley Harmer of Oxford Township, Taylor to Jacob Rice of Frankford Borough, Miller.

<sup>133</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: AM.25.416 Jacob Rice of the Borough of Frankford, Miller to William Brown, Isaac Johnson, Jacob Staunton, Richard Lisbey and Peter Paulenus, Trustees of the African Methodist Episcopal Church of the Borough of Frankford.



## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHY – LAND RECORDS OF THE BURYING GROUND AND MEETING OF THE BLACKS

**On the 7<sup>th</sup> March 1803**, Isaac Thomas sold a tract of land in East Frankford to Justinian Fox.<sup>134</sup>

**On the 15<sup>th</sup> November 1805,**

Justinian Fox of the City of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania, Taylor and Glue Merchant and Elizabeth his Wife of the one part to Caleb Wilkins of the same place, Taylor... for the sum of One Hundred and Forty Dollars lawful Silver money — A Certain Lot or Piece of Land Situate on the North-Eastern side of the Meeting House Road leading from the Frankford Main Street or Great Road Between Paul street and Hedge Row street in the Borough of Frankford in the County of Philadelphia —

**Beginning** at a Stake Corner of the said **Meeting House Road** and the Lot sold by Isaac Thomas to Chalkley Harmer—

**Thence** extending by the said Harmer's Lot North 69° East—115 feet and 6 inches thereabouts to a Stake a Corner of the said Harmer's Lot and the Lot sold by Isaac Thomas to Fenton & Thornton,

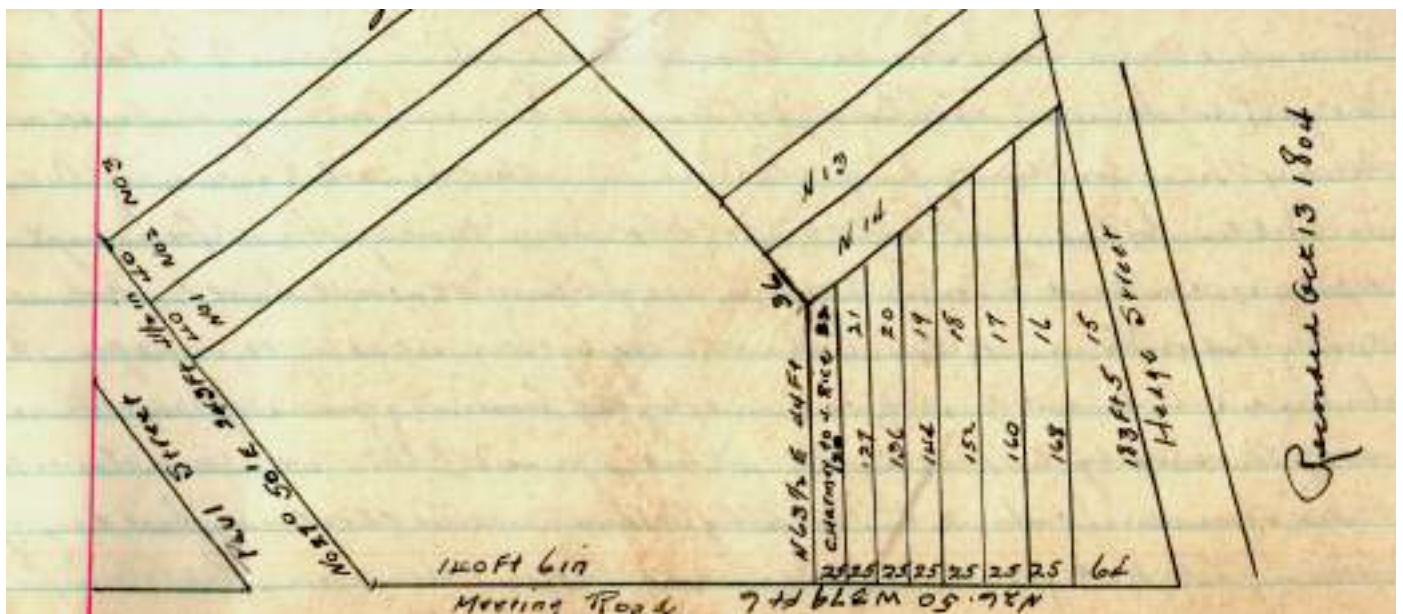
**Thence** by the said Fenton & Thornton's and other Lots North 34° East 36 feet or thereabouts to a Stake,

**Thence** by the land late of Isaac Thomas, since Jennings, North 61°—30 minutes West 25 feet or thereabouts to a Stake,

**Thence** by the said Justinian Fox's remaining Land, South 69° West 124 feet or thereabouts be it more or less to a Stake on the North-East side of the Meeting House Road aforesaid and —

**Thence** by the said Meeting House Road, South 26°— 50 Minutes East 40 feet to the place of the beginning —

[Being the southeastern part of a larger Lot of 43 Feet 4 inches breadth on Paul Street by 140 Feet 6 inches or thereabouts in length which Isaac Thomas and Sarah his Wife by Indenture dated the 7th Day of March 1803 Granted unto Justinian Fox in fee Simple and is Part of a larger Lot of Two Contiguous Lots Which Thomas (George) Webster and Esther his Wife by Indenture dated the 9th February 1803 recorded at Philadelphia in Book [blank] page [blank] granted unto the said Isaac Thomas in fee Simple].<sup>135</sup>



**Image No. 44: Deed Book EF.18.66. Philadelphia City Archives 11<sup>th</sup> September 2015 — Joseph J. Menkevich**

<sup>134</sup> The deed 7<sup>th</sup> March 1803, Isaac Thomas to Justinian Fox, is not found or it was not recorded, but it is recited in next deed.

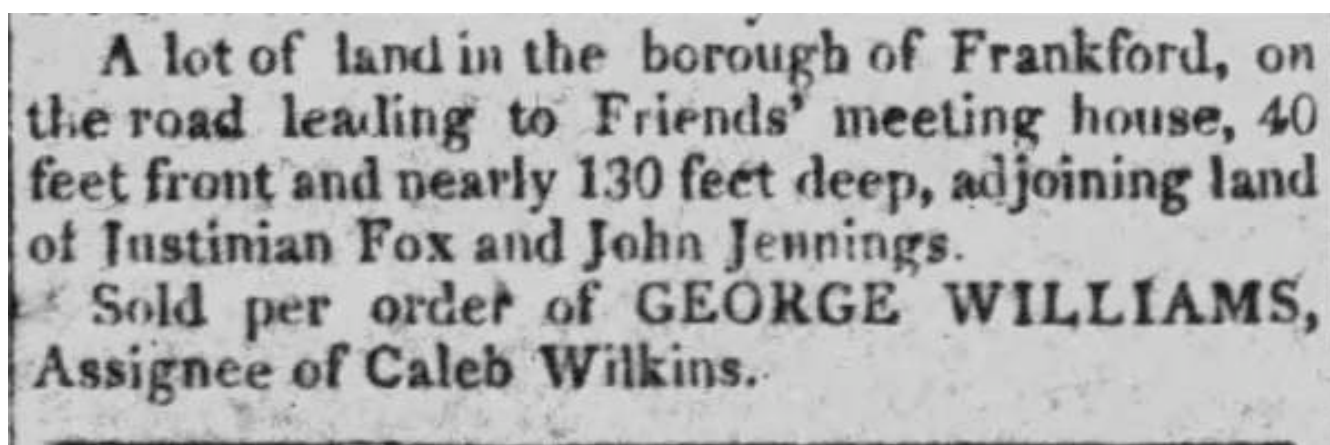
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## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHY — LAND RECORDS: THE BURYING GROUND AND MEETING OF THE BLACKS

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> March 1809,

**Assignment**, between Caleb Wilkins of the City of Philadelphia in the state of Pennsylvania, Taylor and Amey his Wife and George Williams of the same place, Merchant...

**Whereas** the said Caleb Wilkins now Stands Justly indebted unto diver persons, the divers sums of money which by reason of losses he cannot immediately fully pay and Satisfy and therefore hath agreed and concluded it best to grant assign and set over for the benefit of All his creditors all and Singular the Estate Real Personal and mixed whatsoever and wheresoever of him the said Caleb Wilkins—**Now this Indenture Witnesseth** that the said Caleb Wilkins and Amey his Wife as well in consideration of the Premises as of the Sum of One Dollar specie...**That George Williams his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns**, to his and their only use and behoof forever **IN TRUST** nevertheless to and for the uses intent and purposes following that is to Say that he the said George Williams and his executors and assigns shall and will with all convenient speed collect and receive all the outstanding debts...<sup>136</sup>



Aurora General Advertiser, Phila., Pa. 17<sup>th</sup> March 1809, page 3. <<https://www.newspapers.com/image/586600510/>>.

On the 6<sup>th</sup> August 1812,

**Indenture**, between George Williams of the City of Philadelphia, Merchant of one part, and John Brown of the said City, Silver Plater of the other part.

**Whereas** Caleb Wilkins of the City of Philadelphia, Taylor and Amey his Wife by Indenture dated the third day of the third month called March in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine and recorded in the Office for recording of Deeds &c for the City and County of Philadelphia in Deed Book I.C. No.1 page 109 &c conveyed and assigned all the Estate both real and personal of the said Caleb Wilkins unto the above mentioned George Williams in Trust to sell and dispose of for the benefit of the Creditors of the said Caleb Wilkins...

**And** Whereas in pursuance of the said Trust the said George Williams did on the Eighteenth day of the third Month called March in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Nine (**18<sup>th</sup> March 1809**) at the Merchants Coffee House in the said City caused the said Lot to be exposed to public sale and William Paxson for John Brown being the highest and best bidder and there purchase the said Lot for the said John Brown for the sum of One Hundred and Twenty Dollars...<sup>137</sup>

<sup>136</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: iC.1.109 Caleb Wilkins assignment of debt to George Williams [3rd March 1809].

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## 8. BIBLIOGRAPHY — LAND RECORDS: THE BURYING GROUND AND MEETING OF THE BLACKS

**On the 3<sup>rd</sup> September 1817,**

**Indenture,** Between John Brown of the City of Philadelphia, Silver Plater and Amy his Wife and Adam Konigmacher & William Fishbourne Emlen of the said City Merchants.

**Whereas** the said John Brown has become embarrassed in his Circumstances and unable at this time to make punctual payment of his Debts and is therefore desirous to make a general assignment of his property for the benefit of his Creditors. Now this Indenture Witnesseth for and in Consideration of the Premises and of One Dollar to him in hand paid — granted bargained sold aliened enfeoffed released and conformed assigned transferred and set over and do hereby bargain sell alien enfeoff release and confirm assign transfer and set over to the said Adam Konigmacher & William Fishbourne Emlen their Heirs Executors and administrators all his Estate real and personal and mixed of every nature and kind whatsoever To have and to hold the same to the said Adam Konigmacher and William Fishbourne Emlen their Heirs Executors and Administrators to the only proper Use and Behoof of the said Adam Konigmacher and William Fishbourne Emlen their heirs and assigns forever On Trust nevertheless that the said Adam Konigmacher and William Fishbourne Emlen their Heirs Executors and Administrators shall as speedily as may be sell and dispose of the same at public sale or private Sale as to them shall seem best and out of the proceeds thereof first pay and discharge the Debts and Cost now due and such as may become due and accrue on Two Certain several Judgments obtained in District Court for the City and County of Philadelphia...[Two Judgments in District Court Gershom W. Lambert, Arron Lambert & William D. Johns trading under the firm of G.W. Lambert, also Edward Thompson vs. John Brown in the September Term 1817]...<sup>138</sup>

**On the 30<sup>th</sup> September 1841,** William Fishbourne Emlen as well for and in Consideration of the Sum of fifty dollars to him in hand paid by James C. Watson, John R. Pride, Henderson Davis, James Hamilton & William Chase Jun., all of the borough of Frankford aforesaid, colored Men Trustees in trust...<sup>139</sup>

**The A.M.E Church Building Appears To Be On The Map Without Notation.**<sup>140</sup>



**Image No. 45: Ellet, Charles. *A Map of the County of Philadelphia: From Actual Survey*. Philadelphia: 1843.**

<sup>138</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: MR.16.229 John Brown assignment to Adam Konigmacher & William Fishbourne Emlen [3 September 1817].

<sup>139</sup> Philadelphia Deed Book: GWC.61.166 William Fishbourne Emlen to James C. Watson, Henderson Davis & others [30<sup>th</sup> Sept. 1841].

<sup>140</sup> Free Library of Philadelphia. Web. <<https://libwww.freelibrary.org/digital/item/zoom/11764>>. The AME Church edifice is not noted.



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## A LAWN PARTY IN A GRAVEYARD

SUNDAY MORNING,

THE TIMES SUNDAY SPECIAL

SEPTEMBER 19, 1897.

same do not allow transports to be pushed, they must be pulled—the train's special duties were clearly exemplified.

A screen of cavalry scouts having reported the line all clear, the train advanced, and emerging from a cutting caught sight of a battery of the enemy's artillery in the disadvantageous position of being in the act of limbering up, some two thousand yards away. In a trifle over five minutes five shots, discharging five imaginary 40-pound shells, had been dropped among them, and the gun was speeding back before a shot could be fired in return. On the return journey the train had to run the gauntlet of a heavy musketry fire directed from a bridge above, but the defenders were presumably safe in their bullet-proof coaches. In the military manoeuvres held in the South-eastern district last autumn the armored train gave further proof of its peculiar qualities for unexpected attack.

September 15 the general idea of the manoeuvres on that day was to the effect that an invading army, having landed at Rye, was advancing on London. To meet the enemy the defending force had been moved from

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A lawn party in a graveyard. Yes, and the promoters of the scheme didn't see anything unusual about it, either. A fairy story? Not much; a genuine fact, substantiated, aided and abetted by the press and public of Frankford, which, as all Philadelphians know, is not a hundred miles from where William Penn looks down from the City Hall tower. Church debts from the time the first church was built have caused as much trouble in the minds of sedate elders and weighty-brained trustees as the new bonnet worn by Sister Jones brewed in the brain of

question. Frankford does not abound in open, velvety moon spaces, suited to such a purpose, to hire a lot would mean an ex-



vain hopes of immediate riches. Consequently, there are no concealed motives for compliance. But amidst this general harmony there is a thorn. He smokes. She has always had a horror of the fumes—the very name of tobacco. He has several times attempted to argue the point with her, showing her the remarkable germicidal properties of the plant, telling her on the authority of various eminent physicians a whole category of diseases for which it is a positive cure. He thinks it is an absolutely foolish prejudice, and declares there is no finer perfume in the world than the scent of a good

The Times Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> September 1897

The above article was a mean-spirited satire, mocking a fundraiser held at Bethel A. M. E. Church of Frankford. Fundraisers and graveyard tours have since become mainstream events in Philadelphia communities today.



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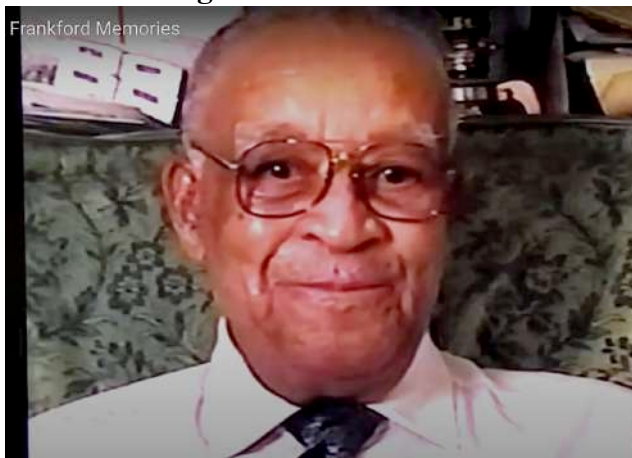
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**Frankford Memories – Interview.**

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