

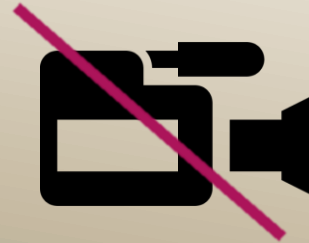
Fruit of the Earth:

Using Deeds to Uncover Your Ancestors, Part II

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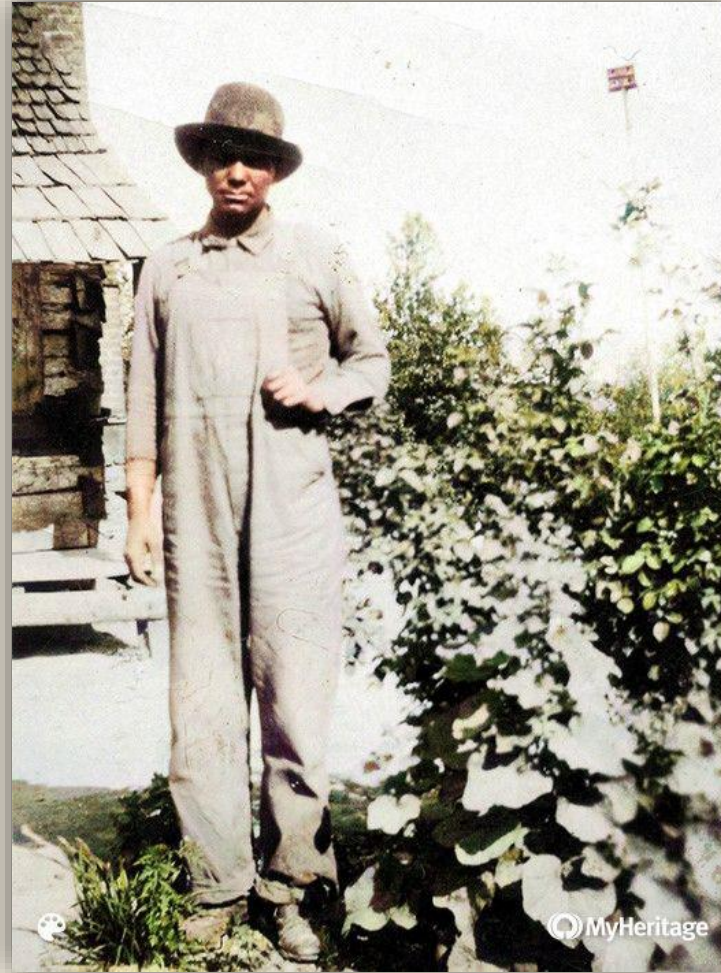
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OVERVIEW

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Joseph Harbour

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UNCOVERING RELATIONSHIPS

SIBLING & SPOUSE NAMES

- “For the love and affection for our son and brother, Samuel V. Holt”
- “we, Lucy Davy and William Davy, J.W. Holt and wife Ila, Anna Crowder and husband David, Mattie May and husband George, and Joe Doran do convey the following land...”



John W. and Ila Holt

MAIDEN NAMES/ORIGINS

- “...Thomas Anderson...and John Paschell and his wife Eliza, formerly Eliza Anderson, all of the State of South Carolina, Abbeville District, appoint Daniel Anderson as their attorney..”.



TRACT PLAT

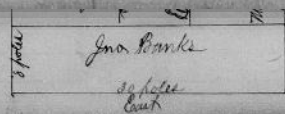
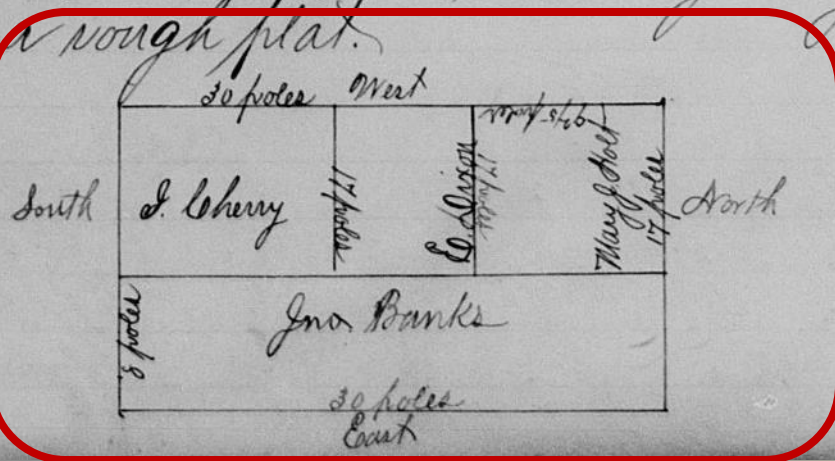
Balty Merryman and wife
Do 3 Deed

Elija Dixon
Deed Mch. 26th 1888
at 10 o'clock

For and in consideration of the sum of
Twenty Five Dollars, one half of which
\$12 50 to me in hand paid the other half
\$12 50 to be paid December 25th 1888
Balty Merryman and wife Martha Merryman
have this day conveyed sold and by these

tract of paper
County Tenn
Said Chas
The whole be
black oak on
runs North
this in the
East 23 p
S.W. corner
black oak p
to the begin
tract a flat
J. Holt con
Beginning a
East 17 poles
in the begin
with Jno. B.
B. line the
land thence
boundary of
the beginning
the 1/2 acre
transferred
Beginning
runs East 1
South with
by running
A² 13, and
following is

boundary of said Lat A² 13. thence North with the same to
the beginning, Now the lot I mean to convey by this is
the 1/2 acre lying immediately on the South of said lot
transferred to Mary J. Holt. and bounded as follows.
Beginning on the S.W. corner of said lot sold to Mary J. Holt,
runs East 17 poles to the W. B. line of the Banks lot, thence
South with Banks W. B. line far enough to include 1/2 acre
by running a due West line to the original W. B. line of Lat
A² 13, and with said W. B. line to the beginning of which the
following is a rough plat.



INHERITANCE, 1927

Eddie Holt

TRUST DEED		State of Tennessee, Hardin County
To <i>Hardin County Bank</i>	FILED <i>12</i> DAY OF <i>Feb</i> , 1927	KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:
AT <i>3</i> O'CLOCK <i>P.</i> M.		In consideration of the sum of
		One Dollar, to me paid, the other consideration hereafter mentioned,
I, <i>Eddie Holt</i> , have this day bargained and sold, and by these presents sell and convey unto <i>W.R. Garey</i> , as trustee,		
<i>My undivided interest in my father George Holt, deceased, land 1/4 of 250 acres, and bounded on the north by Wm Dany land, East by Joe Shulls land, South by Wm Dany land, West by Wm Dany land, Also one other tract of land bought from Joe Shull, and bounded on north by Joe Shull, East by Wm Dany South by Wm Dany and West by Joe Shull containing 3 acres - 20 acres of cotton to be cultivated on Joe Shull land and 10 acres of peas and if I cant get peas 10 acres of corn on my land Also one black mare mule 8 yrs old 16 hands high, and one bay horse mule 15 hands high 8 yrs old bought from J.A. Bowen one 2 3/4 Wagon bought from Torbet Bros. one Walking Cultivator bought from Torbet Bros. and one 2 horse plow bought from Torbet Bros.</i>		

Hardin County, TN, Eddie Holt to Hardin County Bank, Trust Deeds Vol. UU: 66

- "...I Eddie Holt, convey to WR Garey, trustee, my undivided interest in my father George Holt deceased land 1/4 of 250 acres....and 10 acres of peas and if I can't get peas, 10 acres of corn, also one black mare mule and one bay horse, one wagon, one walking cultivator, and one 2 horse plow..."

WHEN A DEED HAS



UNDIVIDED INTEREST

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Implies shared
ownership of property!

THE BUSINESS OF FARMING

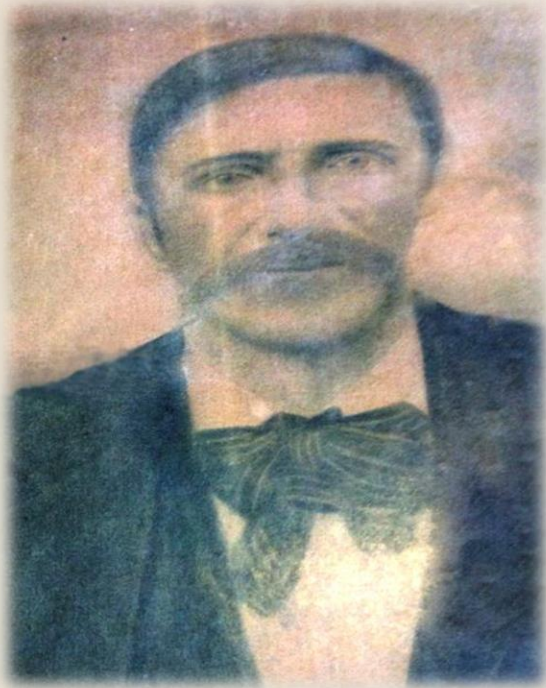
Sharecropper

- Typically, did not own land, home, tools, seed, or animals
- Often had more supervision

Tenant Farmer

- Rents land
- Often owns tools & animals
- Worked independently





Green Barnes Deeds

Date	Vol/ Page	To/Date Due	Date Due	Type	Description/Notes	Debt
3 May 1879	C/32-3	Wm Dodds	15 Nov 1879	TD	16 acres cotton & 15 acres corn on Wm Dodd's land, 2 mules. Signed by mark.	\$200
25 May 1880	C/354	JJ Williams	25 Dec 1880	Lien	[Note for \$50] 15 acres cotton on Dodds land, subject to landlords lien. Signed by mark.	\$129.99
6 May 1881	D/29-30	Parham & Dodds	25 Dec 1881	TD	12 acres cotton "On my farm," 2 mules. Signed by mark.	\$250
28 July 1882	D/282-3	Wm Dodds & Co.	15 Nov 1882	TD	15 acres cotton "On my farm," 15 acres corn on Dodds Land. Signed by mark.	\$200
9 June 1883	E/22-3	Wm Dodds & Co.	15 Nov 1884	TD	¾ interest in 18 acres corn and ¾ interest in 20 acres cotton on Dodds farm, ½ interest in 10 acres cotton on GJ Moffitt's land, 10 acres wheat on my farm, 3 mules. Signed by mark.	\$467
8 Aug 1883	E/75-6	Wm Dodds & Co.	15 Nov 1883	TD	5 acres cotton on my farm, ¼ interest in 10 acres cotton on George Perry's farm. Signed by mark.	\$126
26 May 1884	E/164-5	RD Davy	25 Dec 1884	TD	16 acres cotton on my farm, 8 acres on river farm of RD Davy, 16 acres of corn in river bottom, 2 mules. Signed by mark.	\$202.50
19 May 1885	E/571	SC Holt	25 Dec 1885	TD	15 acres cotton on my farm, 1 mule. Signed by mark.	\$135
18 July 1885	F/15-16	Cravens & Wilkerson	15 Nov 1885	TD	With Chas Shotwell, 3 acres cotton on my land, 6 acres cotton & 4 acres corn on Jeff Vickery's land. Signed by mark.	\$70
Sept 1886	W/125-6	AT Ayers	N/A	War.	12 acres of land near Sol Bradley & Ward Meeks, 12 acres. Signed by mark w/wife Rena.	\$90
4 Jan 1887	F/430	SC and JW Holt	1887, 1888	TD	100 acres. Signed by mark w/wife Rena.	\$145, \$175
4 Jan 1887	F/431	Sol Bradley	15 Nov 1887	TD	1 bay mule 14 years old. Indebted to Andy BolenSigned by mark.	\$90

GREEN BARNES DEED TABLE

JAMES M. HOLT TO NED HAYES, 1915

- “...This land...has been owned and occupied by N.H.[Ned] Hayes for 25 or 30 years...”
- “J.M. Holt and wife Mintha sold the land...but **the deed was misplaced** & this is to replace it.”
- “Said Mintha Holt...**has since died** and **said Harriet E. Holt...is the present wife of said J.M. Holt.**”

J.M. Holt wife Mintha and in Consideration
 of 300 Dollars hereafter mentioned we
 J.M. Holt and wife Harriet
 filed July 17 1915 E. Holt have this day bar-
 at 11:45 O'Clock A.M. gained and sold and do
 hereby sell and convey unto
 N.H. Hayes his heirs and assigns the follow-
 ing described tract parcel or piece of land
 lying and being in the Eighth Civil Dis-
 trict of Hardin County Tennessee and the
 same being the tract of land owned and
 occupied by said N.H. Hayes for twenty five
 or thirty years and further described and
 bounded as follows to-wit:
 Beginning on a Hickory on the north
 west corner of said land; thence North
 64 poles to a post Oak and hickory pointer
 thence east 64 poles to a white oak and
 hickory and post Oak pointers; thence north
 44 poles to a Spanish Oak and Spanish oak
 pointers; thence east 64 to a post Oak white
 Oak pointers; thence north 32 poles to a black
 Oak and Oak pointers; thence west 25 poles
 to a black Oak and white Oak pointers; thence
 north 32 poles to a hickory black Oak pointers;
 thence west 30 poles to a black Oak; thence
 south 16 poles to a black Oak and black
 Oak pointers; thence west 47 poles to the be-
 ginning. To have and to hold to him the
 said N.H. Hayes, his heirs and assigns forever
 with all appurtenances and interests thereto
 belonging. And we covenant with the said
 N.H. Hayes and his heirs and assigns that
 before making the conveyance to said N.H. Hayes
 we were lawfully seized and possessed of said
 land and that we had a good and lawful
 right to convey the same. And it was not
 incumbent upon that we will defend the
 title to same against all persons whomsoever.
 The Grantor herein J.M. Holt and his wife Mintha
 A. Holt at that time conveyed this same tract
 of land to said N.H. Hayes about twenty or

State of Indiana
County of Vanderburgh
Personally appeared before me, John H. Wilson, a Notary Public in and for said County and State, the within named persons with whom I am personally acquainted and who acknowledged that he executed the within instrument for the purposes therein contained.
And Harriet C. Holt, wife of the said J.M. Holt, having appeared before me privately and apart from her husband the said J.M. Holt acknowledged the execution of said instrument to have been done by her freely, voluntarily and understandingly without compulsion or constraint from her said husband and for the purposes therein expressed.
Witness my hand and seal of office at Evansville Indiana, on this the 4 day of March 1915
John H. Wilson
Notary Public
(Seal) My Commission expires in the month of Sept. 2, 1917



Migration

ISAAC FOUNTAIN, 1923

DEED. # THIS DEED, made this 24th day of April, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, by Daniel G. Waters and Beatrice Waters, his wife, of Laurel, Delaware, and Samuel J. Waters and Julia O. Waters, his wife, of Maryland, witnesseth, that in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars paid by Isaac Fountain, of Somerset County, Maryland, the said Daniel G. Waters and Beatrice Waters, his wife, and Samuel J. Waters and Julia O. Waters, his wife, hereinafter called the grantors, hereby grant and convey unto the said Isaac Fountain, his heirs and assigns, all that lot or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Westover Election District, Somerset County, Maryland, on the westerly side of a road leading from the road from Westover to Fairmount to Workington, described as follows: Beginning at the south corner of the lot formerly owned by George Curtis, thence running south 47 degrees 45 minutes west by and with the north-west side of a private road 16 $\frac{1}{10}$ perches to a post at the east corner of Maria Curtis lot, thence north 80 degrees 15 minutes west by and with the said Maria Curtis 14 $\frac{7}{10}$ perches to a post set up on the east side of another private road leading into the woods, thence by and with the east side of said private road the two following courses and distances; North 15 degrees 45 minutes west 24 perches, thence North 10 degrees 30 minutes west 16

State of Delaware, Sussex County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 24th day of April, 1923, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Delaware, in and for Sussex County, aforesaid, personally appeared Daniel G. Waters and Beatrice Waters, his wife, two of the grantors named in the foregoing deed, and duly acknowledged the foregoing deed to be their respective act and deed, and I further certify that said grantors signed said deed in my presence,

James D. Spicer, and that I witnessed their signatures to the same.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Notarial Seal the day and year aforesaid.

SEAL
OF
NOTARY.

James D. Spicer, Notary Public.

*Samuel J. Waters
and wife live in Talbot
Co., MD*

*Daniel G. Waters and wife
live in Sussex Co., DE*

State of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit:

I hereby certify that on this 24 day of April, 1923, before me, the subscriber, a Notary Public of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot County aforesaid, personally appeared Samuel J. Waters and Julia O. Waters, his wife, two of the grantors named in the foregoing deed, and duly acknowledged the foregoing deed to be their respective act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix my Notarial Seal the day and year aforesaid.

SEAL
OF
NOTARY.

Geo. B. Taylor, Notary Public.

Received for Record May 5, 1923, and recorded in Liber W. J. S. No. 87, folio 126 &c. One of the land records of Somerset County.

Per: *Leferance Sterling*, Clerk.

WATERS TO FOUNTAIN DEED

\$400



Land: “...in Westover Election District,
Somerset Co., MD...”

“beginning at the south corner of lot
formerly owned by George Curtis...to the
east corner of the Maria Curtis lot....”



WATERS TO FOUNTAIN DEED

\$400



“...the land conveyed being all the land which descended to the said Daniel G. Waters and Samuel J. Waters, deceased; as the only children and heirs at law of Mollie Waters being the same land conveyed to Emerson Curtis and Mollie Waters by Henry T. Davy by deed, 24 August 1892

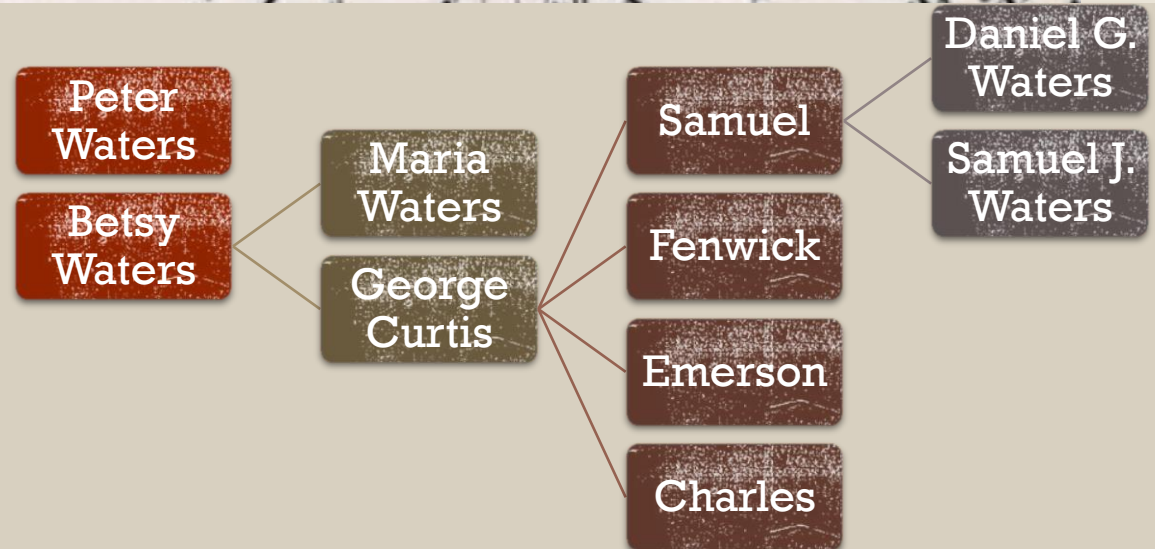


Curtis Family Deeds

Written	Rec	From	To	Book/Page	Price/Land	Witnesses	Comments
31 August 1852	31 August 1852	John W. Crisfield & wife	Betty Waters, "fn" (thru Levin Colbert)	LW 1, 309	\$100, Wilson' S Lot, 6 ¼ acres	Theo G Dashiell, John Miller	In Potato Neck, mentions John Tull's land, on the road to Jamestown
8 Oct. 1868	8 Oct 1868	Betty Waters	George Curtis "negro" (her son in law)	LW 11, 237	\$50, 1 acre	W. Cook Richard E. Landon	Near Jamestown in Potato Neck. Side of W. Cook's road, and Richard E. Landon. "EX and Del to Chas Curtis 7/18/16"
1 July 1881	2 July 1881	Jesse M. and Catherine G. Cook	George, Charles and Fenerick Curtis	BFL 3, 703	\$150, 3 acres (1/3 has been paid)	John V. Ladder?	"road leading from Jesse M. Cook to Jamestown"
1 May 1882	1 May 1882	Elizabeth Waters	Maria Curtis	BFL 4, 639	\$20, 1 acre	JW Carroll	Fairmount, called Wilson's Lot, near Gustavus A. Maddox, "on a line of a piece of land surveyed for George, Fenwick and Charles Curtis"
1 May 1882	12 May 1882	Elizabeth Waters	Henry Davy	BFL 4, 654	\$237.50, 4 ½ acres	JW Carroll	A parcel of land called Wilson's Lot-in Fairmount,-corner of George Curtis lot, and Maria Curtis lot
3 Sep 1889	17 Sep 1889	(mortgage) John Grope Waters /w Maria	H. Clay Tull	HFL 7, 298	\$93.37, 3 ½ acres	Thos W. Landon, JP	Fairmount, near Upper Fairmount, bound by Sallie Dashiell, Littleton Waters, Isaac J. Waters. Must pay on or before 3 Oct 1889
24 Aug 1892	13 Dec 1892	Henry T Davy	Emerson and Mollie Curtis, "servants"	HFL 11, 591	\$75, 4 ¾ acres	Leo E Ballard, EJ Davy	Wilson Lot, corner of George Curtis, Maria Curtis,
24 Aug 1892	26 Dec 1892	Emerson and Mollie Curtis (m)	Henry T. Davy	HFL 12, 37	\$225, 3 yrs payment	WW Sullivan, Frank Curtis	"Land conveyed by Betsy Waters to Henry Davy called Wilsons Lot"-calls them "brothers and sisters"
2 April 1909	5 April 1909	Mrs. Mollie Curtis	Rena B. Cox	SFD 50, 484	\$10, 12 acres!?	Thos. W. Landon	Fairmount, road near LW Cox's Oyster House, same land surveyed 9 May 1904 by Albert Sudler?
6 Sep 1909	16 Sep 1909	Emerson Curtis & wife Margaret	Mollie Waters	SFD 52, 409	\$5, 4 ¾ acres	James W. Robertson	"their ½ interest in Wilson's Lot", in Westover district. Emerson and Margaret proved from New Castle, DE



DEEDS HELP
PROVE 4
GENERATIONS!



“...Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, Maryland, in Equity...wherein Mamie J. Prather is complainant and Maria V. Howard et al are defendants, No. 3196 Equity” (1916)



At the request of Maria V. Howard the following Deed was recorded May 10th A. D. 1916 at 1:05 o'clock P. M. to wit:-

ward, This Deed, made this 28th day of April, in the year nineteen hundred and sixteen, by Frank Higgins, of Montgomery County, in the State of Maryland, trustee as hereinafter set forth,

Whereas by a decree of the Circuit Court of Montgomery County, in Equity, dated the 28th day of January, 1916, and passed in a cause in said Court depending, wherein Mamie J. Prather is complainant and Maria V. Howard et al are defendants, No. 3196 Equity, the above named Frank Higgins was duly appointed Trustee, with authority to sell the real estate in the proceedings in said cause mentioned.

- Nehemiah Henry died between 1910 and 1920, according to census records

Vernon S. Bradley, et al.	Nehemiah	17 April 1913	\$5	Deed	WLR 5	725
Nehemiah & wife Annie, & Edward Bayly, mortgagee	Edward S. Phillips	22 July 1914 (sale and release of land from lien)	\$5	Mortgage and Release	WLR-7	717
Emerson C. Harrington	Nehemiah & wife Annie	21 September 1915 (loan from Emerson, to be repaid in 1 yr. Lien on Dobson land conveyed in CL-25, 629))	\$1476.50	Mortgage	DHL-1-	684
Emerson C. Harrington, et al	Annie. L. Henry, widow	11 September 1918	\$800	Deed	WHM 5	631
Emerson Harrington	Annie Henry, widow	23 December 1918 (indebted for balance. She conveyed land, see CL-18-10, 3504 Chancery Court)	\$475	Mortgage	WHM-5-	321

[Henry coupon ad], The Daily Banner, 10 Jan 1913), Newspapers.com

**Present This Coupon at
NEHEMIAH HENRY'S
Groceries and Provisions, Pine St.,
opp. Cedar St., and you will re-
ceive 10 Yellow Trading Stamps
absolutely free on a purchase of
25c. or over, in addition to all
regular stamps.**

JAMES BELL, ADMIN FOR IDA BELL, 1938



- “...Ida sold her surviving brothers and sisters all her interest in this land but died before recording it...”
- “this land belonged to her father, Marshall Prather and mother Amanda. This land passed through... two deceased siblings, Joseph (unmarried) and Hamilton (widow Sarah)”

1876

Rezin Prather buys
2 acres of land from
Vachel Duffie &
wife

1880

Rezin Prather sells
the same **2 acres of
land** to his wife
Albina

1905

Lucy J. Prather, Ida V.
Bell & Zachariah, Rezin
S. Prather & Ellen,
Wilbert and Irene
Prather, James T. and
Arie Prather convey
the same **2 acres of
land**

MACKABEE TO PRATHER, 1897

Montgomery Co., MD, Deeds, Liber JA 58: 22-23, Nicholas and Harriet Mackabee
to Martha J. Prather, 22 Feb 1897, Mdandrec.net

⁴⁵At ³¹⁸the request of Martha J. Prather, the following Deed
was recorded February 26th 1897. To wit:
This Deed, made this Twenty second day of Feb-
ruary in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and
ninety seven by Nicholas Mackabee and Harriet L.
Mackabee his wife of Montgomery County in the State
of Maryland, Witnesseth that for and in considera-
tion of the payment of the sum of Two Hundred dol-
lars, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, the
said Nicholas Mackabee and Harriet L. Mackabee
his wife do grant bargain and sell to Martha J. Pra-
ther, of the County and State aforesaid, in fee simple,

“Nicholas Mackabee and Harriet L.
Mackabee his wife..in
consideration...of \$200...do grant,
bargain and sell to Martha J.
Prather....a tract of
land...containing ten acres of
land...”

Harriet Mackabee was Martha's sister!

1923 PRATHER GIFT DEED

Montgomery Co., MD, Deeds, Liber PBR 338: 198-99, Harriet L. and Lucy E. Prather to Idella Diggs, Mamie Jane and Ruth Prather, 28 Aug 1923, Mdlandrec.net

AT the request of Idella E. Diggs and Mamie Jane Prather and Ruth L. Prather the following deed was recorded August 28th A.D.

1923 at 5:01 o'clock P.M. to wit:-

This deed made this 28th day of August in the year nineteen hundred and twenty three by Harriet L. Prather and Lucy E. Prather, both unmarried of Montgomery County in the State of Maryland.

Witnesseth that for and in consideration of the Natural Love and affection we bear our sisters hereinafter named and for and in consideration of the sum of five dollars to us in hand paid, we, the said Harriet L. Prather and Lucy E. Prather do grant and convey unto Idella E. Diggs, Mamie Jane Prather and Ruth L. Prather a three -fifths undivided interest in all that tract piece or parcel

“For and in consideration of the Natural Love and affection we bear our sisters..we..Harriet L. Prather and Lucy Prather do grant...unto Idella E. Diggs, Mamie Jane Prather and Ruth L. Prather a $\frac{3}{5}$ undivided interest in all that tract piece...”



- **October 1945** deed, Beulah Johnson and others to Emma Maddox, Herbert Gillis and Almira Waters, 3 and 1/4 acres, for \$10
- “...the property descended **to the said grantors and grantees as the only heirs at law of the said Arthur Gillis, deceased....”**

- Beulah and Christopher Johnson (Worcester Co.)
- Otto and Lula Maddox (Somerset Co.)
- Ella and James Green (Philadelphia)
- Mildred and Warren Spain (Philadelphia)
- Hodson and Annie Waters (Philadelphia)
- Theodore and Louise Waters (Philadelphia)
- Elizabeth Gillis (Philadelphia)
- Helen and Robert Harris (Philadelphia)
- Cornelius and Anna Gillis (Kent Co., DE)
- Abigail Gillis (NY)
- Henry and Estella Gillis (NY)
- John Gillis (NY)
- Joseph and Ida Gillis (NY)



ARTHUR'S
“HEIRS
AT LAW”

E. J. Carter & others. The E. J. Carter and A. J. Carter and
To S. C. Holt. Rubin Reddin & Sarah Jane Reddin wife
of Robin Reddin have this day bargained
and sold and do hereby transfer and convey
to S. C. Holt and his heirs forever for the
April 4/1881 at 3 PM Consideration of Thirty two dollars and
fifty cents to each of us paid our accidental interest in a certain
tract of land in the state of Tennessee County of Hardin District No. 12
it being our tenth interest to each of us descended to us from
William Carter, containing by estimation 150 acres be the same more

1880
DEED

S.C. Holt purchased 1/10 interest from EJ Carter and wife Mary, AJ Carter, Rubin Reddin & wife Sarah in 150 acres called the William Carter land...for \$32.50 each

State of Georgia, Know all men by these presents
Jasper County that we John S. Drew & Mason his wife
of the County of Jasper & State of Georgia for and
in consideration ^{of the sum} of five hundred & forty dollars
lawful money of the United States to us in hand
paid by Sterling H. Gee & Charles J. Gee, of the County
of Wilcox & State of Alabama, the receipt whereof
is hereby acknowledged, have given, granted, bargained,
promised, released & forever quit claim & do by these
presents give, grant, bargain, promise, release & forever
quit claim to the said Sterling H. Gee & Charles J. Gee
their heirs & assigns ^{forever} all our right, title, interest & claim
whatsoever to the Estate both real & personal of whatsoever
claim or nature soever which we now have, or may have had
or which we may hereafter have, to the Estate of the late
Joseph Gee of the County of Wilcox & State of Alabama

“John S. Drew & wife
Mason...for \$540...quit
claim..to Sterling H. Gee
and Charles J. Gee...all
our right & claim to the
estate of the late Joseph
Gee of Wilcox County,
Alabama...”

1827 QUIT CLAIM

ION THIS DEED Made this 21st day of November

WHEREAS, the said JOHN FLETCHER WATERS died intestate June 25, 1932, seized and possessed of the land herein described leaving the following heirs at law: MARY FRANCES WATERS, his widow, who died intestate February 4, 1952 leaving her children and grandchildren herein named as her only heirs at

1983 KIDD DEED

- Samuel G. Waters devised land to his son Joseph, Joseph devised the land to son John, son John died 1932 intestate.
- Includes 27 heirs over three generations and
- *17 exact death dates!*



DEEDS: SLAVERY

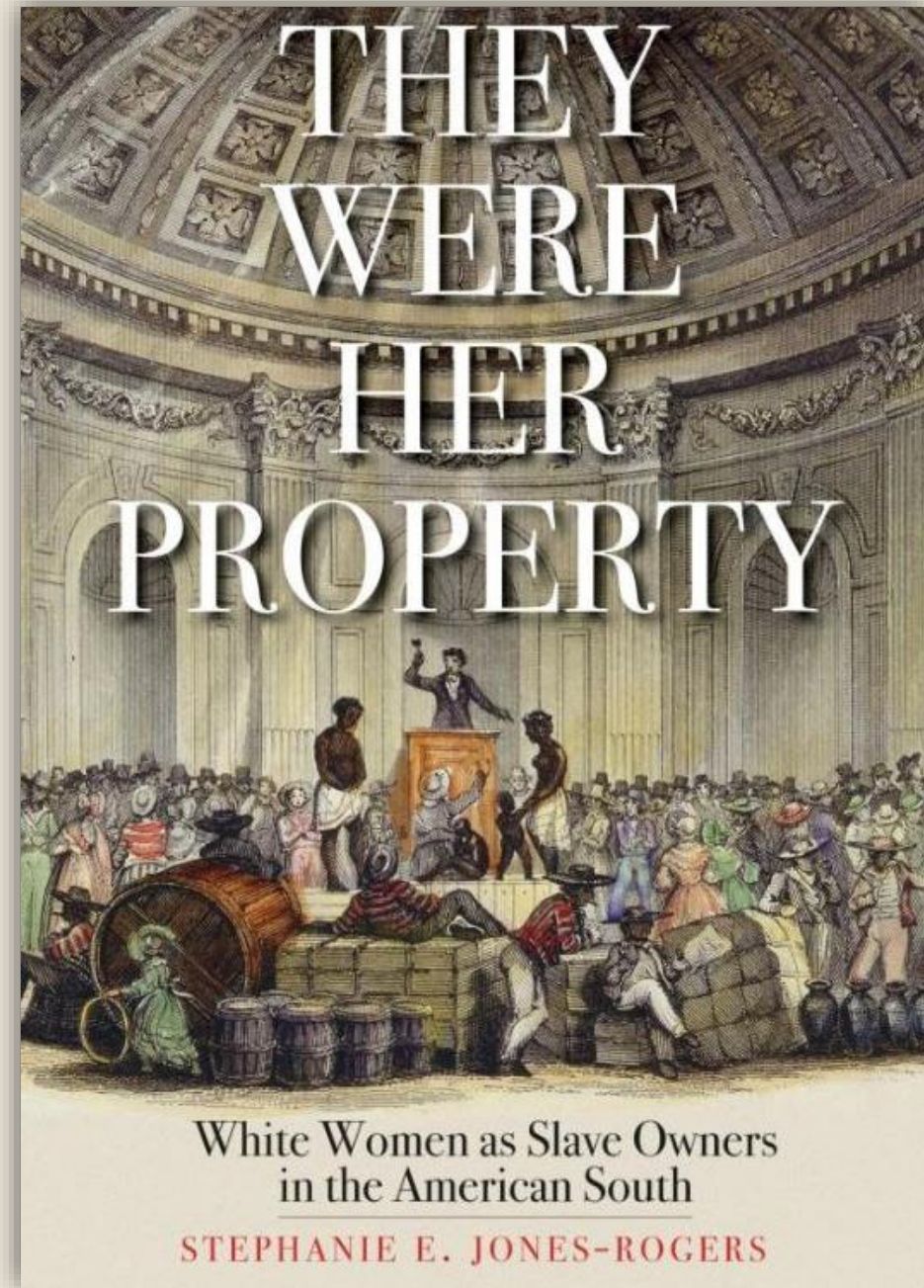


COVERTURE

- Husband and wife were considered one person—

The husband!

- Women could not own property unless a premarital contract secured it before marriage, or
- She was widowed and her husband left her property



- 1850, Maria Porter, Lawrence County, Tennessee
- “Maria...owns and is possessed ...of certain property to wit, **four slaves one named Jesse, 17, Major, 15, Amanda Jane, 7 and Martha Caroline, 5..**”



- “...the said Maria shall have ..the following slaves and their increase...to her sole and separate use during her natural life free from the disposal and sale of the said Richard Polk...at the death of said Maria, all land and slaves and their increase is to go to the heirs of her body.”



1843 GIFT DEEDS (TN)

- “Samuel Perkins to his daughter Amanda Perkins, a slave named Caroline and her child Malinda...”



BILLS OF SALE

Hardin Co., TN, Deed Book G: 154, Giles Holt to D.P. Holt,
10 Dec 1843; FHL microfilm 904,949

Know all men by these presents that I Giles Holt of Hardin
County and State of Tennessee have this bargained and
sold unto Dauphin P. Holt of said County and State
thirteen Negroes Slaves for life named as follows Susan Malinda
Juda Marga Awry Sam Mark Tom Daniel Mose Frank Henry
Phillip for and in consideration of the sum of three thousand dollars
in hand paid to the said Giles Holt and the said Giles Holt doth forever
defence the title of said Negroes against all claims whatsoever this the
10th day of November 1843
Giles Holt
John Martin James & Martin

- “...Giles Holt ... sold unto Dauphin P. Holt ..thirteen negroes Slaves for life named as follows Susan, Malinda, Juda, Marga, Awry, Sam, Mark, Tom, Daniel, Mose, Frank, Henry, [and] Phillip for ...three thousand dollars ...”

1852 DEED SELLS INTEREST

337
L. H. Broyles by
Bill of Sale
L. H. Broyles, by
Filed for registration the
5th March 1852 at 5
o'clock P. M.

Whereas Joseph S. Aron by deed dated the
27th day of May 1850 bargained Sold & Conveyed
to me in trust his undivided interest in Certain
Slaves whose names & ages are mentioned in said
Deed in trust in the following words (to wit) Esther
Aged about Thirty nine Years, Frank aged about
Eleven, Jane aged about Nine Years, Elizabeth
aged three Years & William aged about eighteen months, which was
made to secure the payment of a debt for two hundred & eighty nine
Dollars & Eighty eight Cents by note under seal due the 27th day of

“Whereas Joseph L. Doran...sold...to me his undivided interest in slaves...Esther...39...Frank...11...Jane...9...Elizabeth...3....William...18 months...to secure a debt...which was not paid... we have proceeded to sell the said slaves at public auction...”

Origins

“...William Sloane and his wife appoint Lee Sullivan ...to represent them in the estate of John Ellis of Amherst County, VA, ..as heirs of Edy Gillum deceased who was a daughter of Susanna (Bickle), also deceased, our grandmother.....”



I Susan Waters
Died of manumission of negro Joshua
known that I Susan Waters of Somerset
County in the State of Maryland for divers
good Causes and Considerations in the sum
of twenty Dollars current money to me in hand paid have released from Slavery liberated
manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby
release and Slavery liberate manumit and set free my
negro man named Joshua being of the age of Forty three years and
able to work and give a sufficient hold for his maintenance

Manumissions

“I Susan Waters...for divers good causes and....consideration of twenty dollars...have released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free...my negro man named Joshua being of the age of forty three years old....”



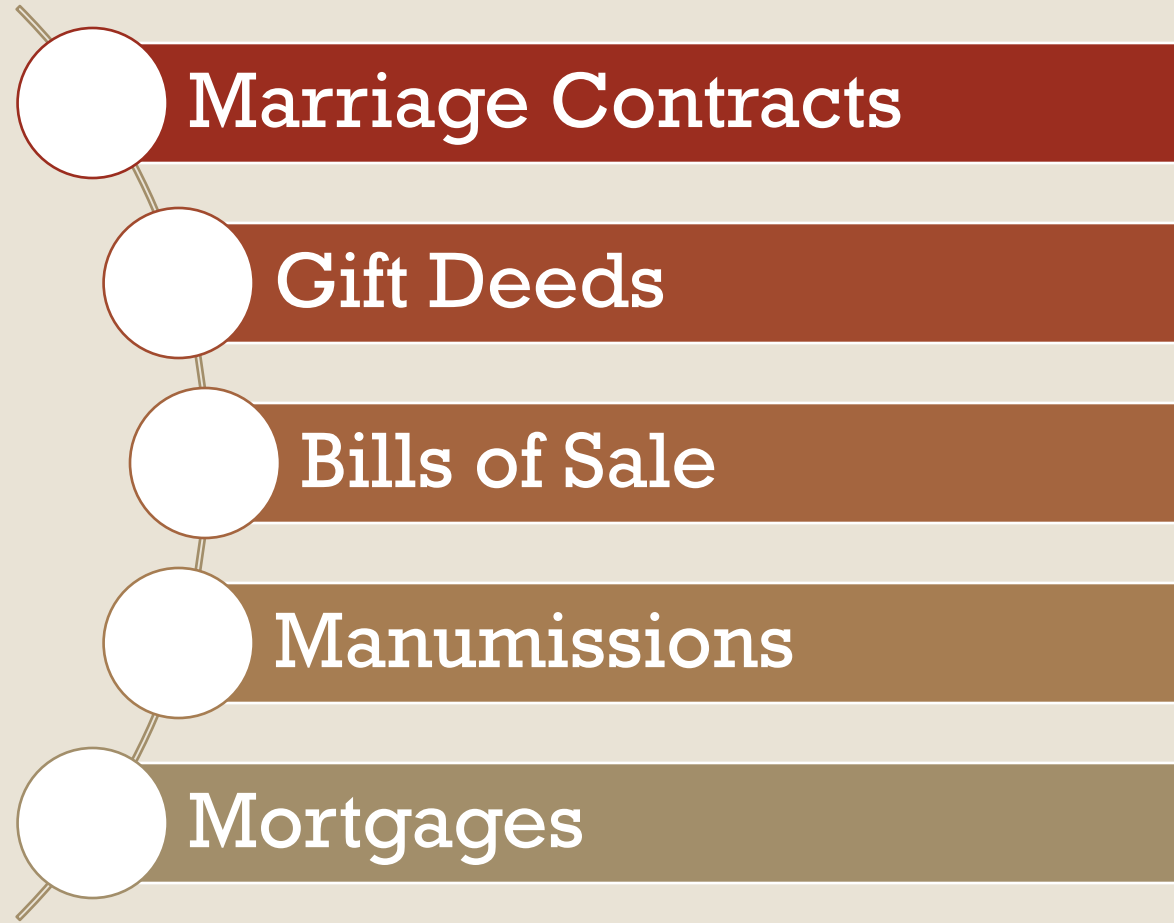
“Black” Rachel
[children]
Andrew,
Daniel,
Clayton,
Joseph,
Felix



“Yellow Rachel”
husband Mason
[children] Lucy,
Alexander
Mary, Franklin
Ellen, George
William, Anna

- William W. Garrard mortgaged his enslaved property **at least 11 times!**
- One court case about them reached the TN Supreme Court
- 8 of those documents **detail Mason and Rachel and their families**

SLAVERY-RELATED DEEDS

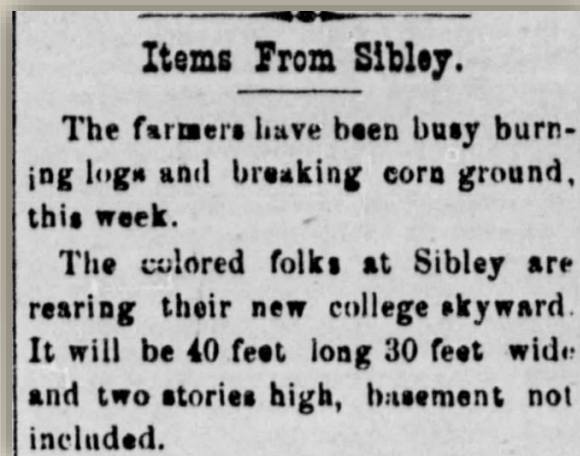




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SCHOOLHOUSE, 1889

- "...We, Sol Bradley, James Bradley and Thomas Lacy for and in consideration of \$1...do hereby convey to James Tall, Green Barnes and A.T. Ayers as trustees of Sibley Academy...2 acres of land"



NEW ZEAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 1880

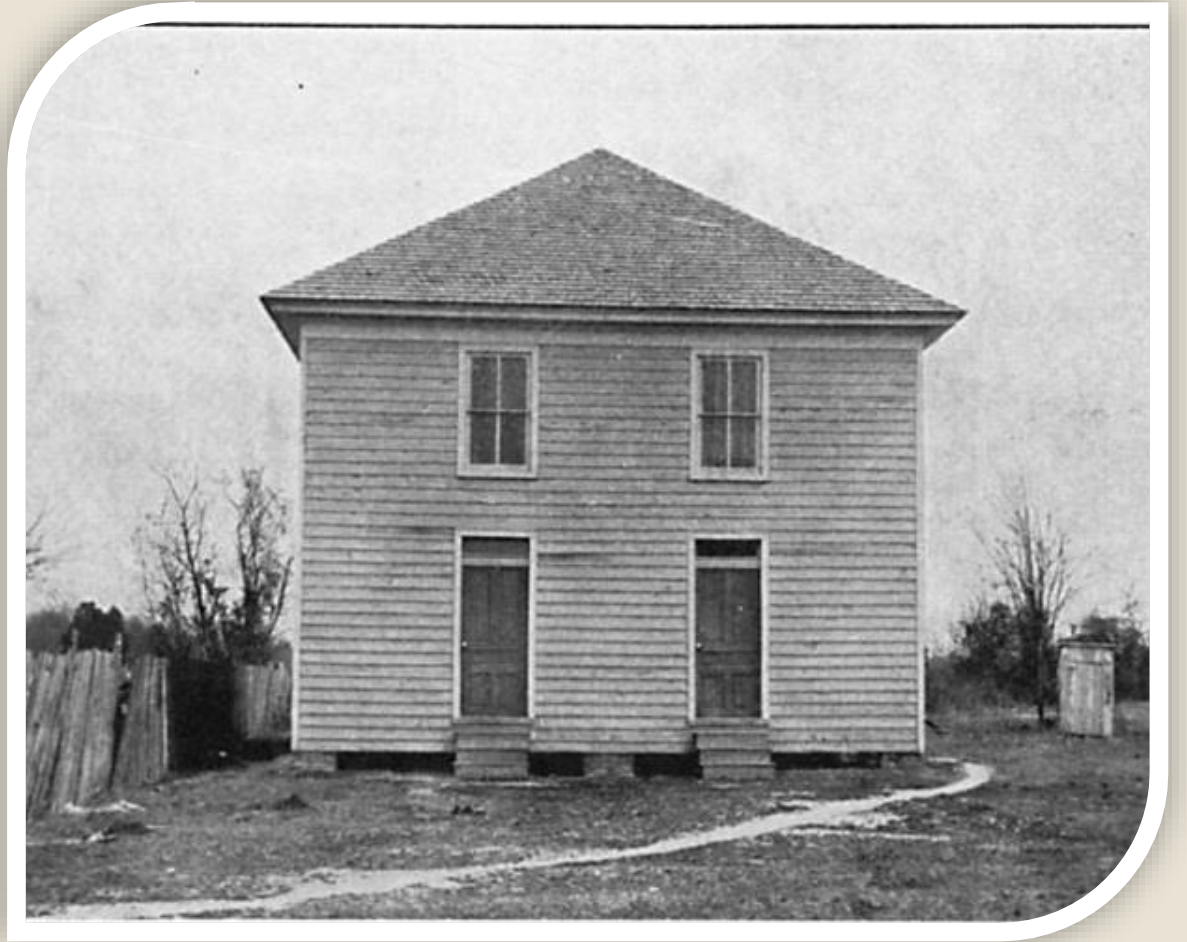
- “...We, S.C. Holt and wife Lucy Holt do hereby transfer to the Missionary Baptist Church worshipping at New Zeal .. land containing two acres...”



Can reveal which families donated land for churches

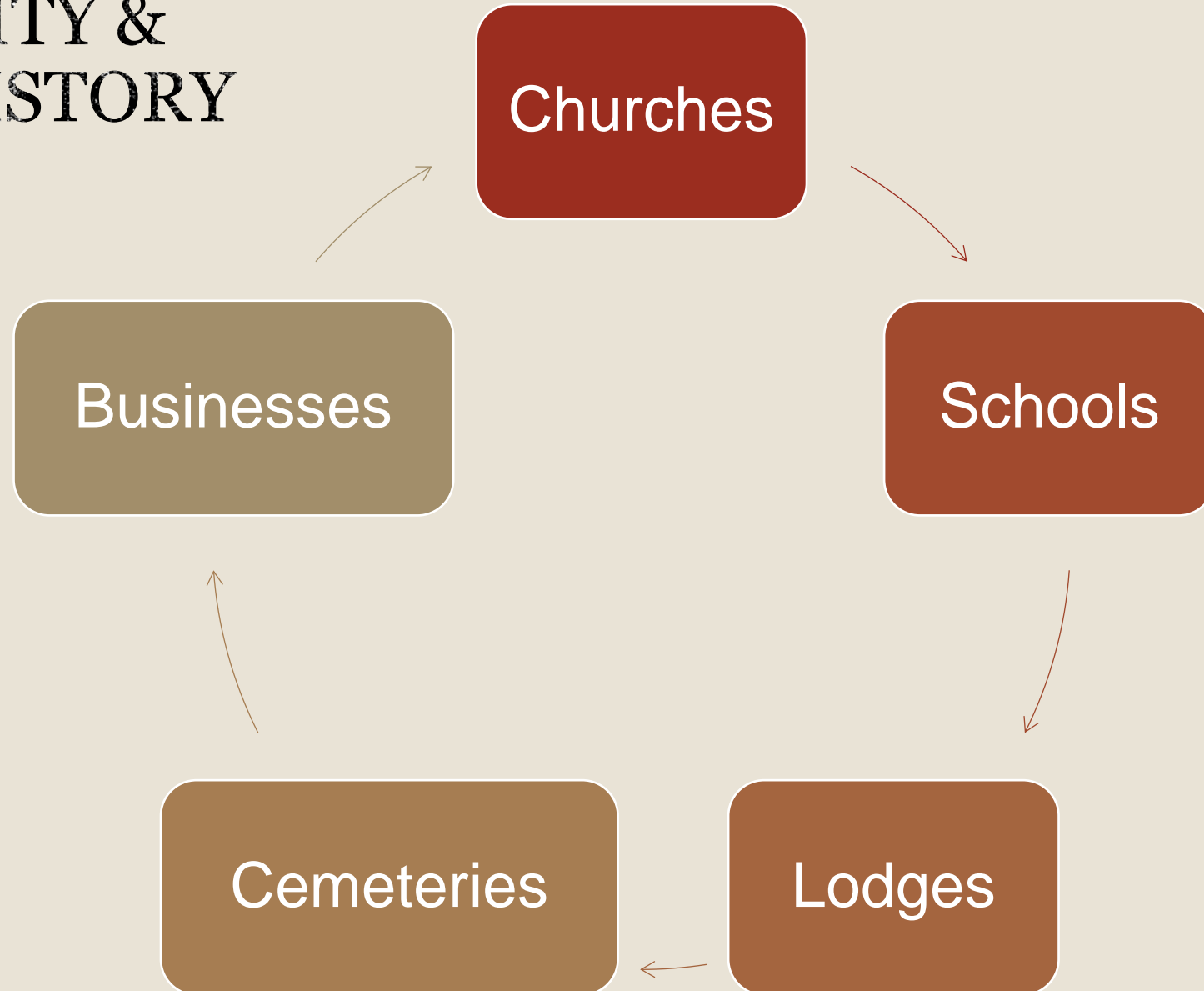
LODGES & OTHER SOCIAL GROUPS

“...trustees of Brooke Grove Lodge #12...Charles Diggs, George Praither, James Ross, Henry King and Jeremiah Frazier...Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria..”



1915, Titustown Lodge Hall, NYPL Digital Collections

COMMUNITY & SOCIAL HISTORY





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WRAP UP

Siblings, Spouses, Parents

Migration and Place of Origin

Maiden Names/Marriage

Land History and Inheritance

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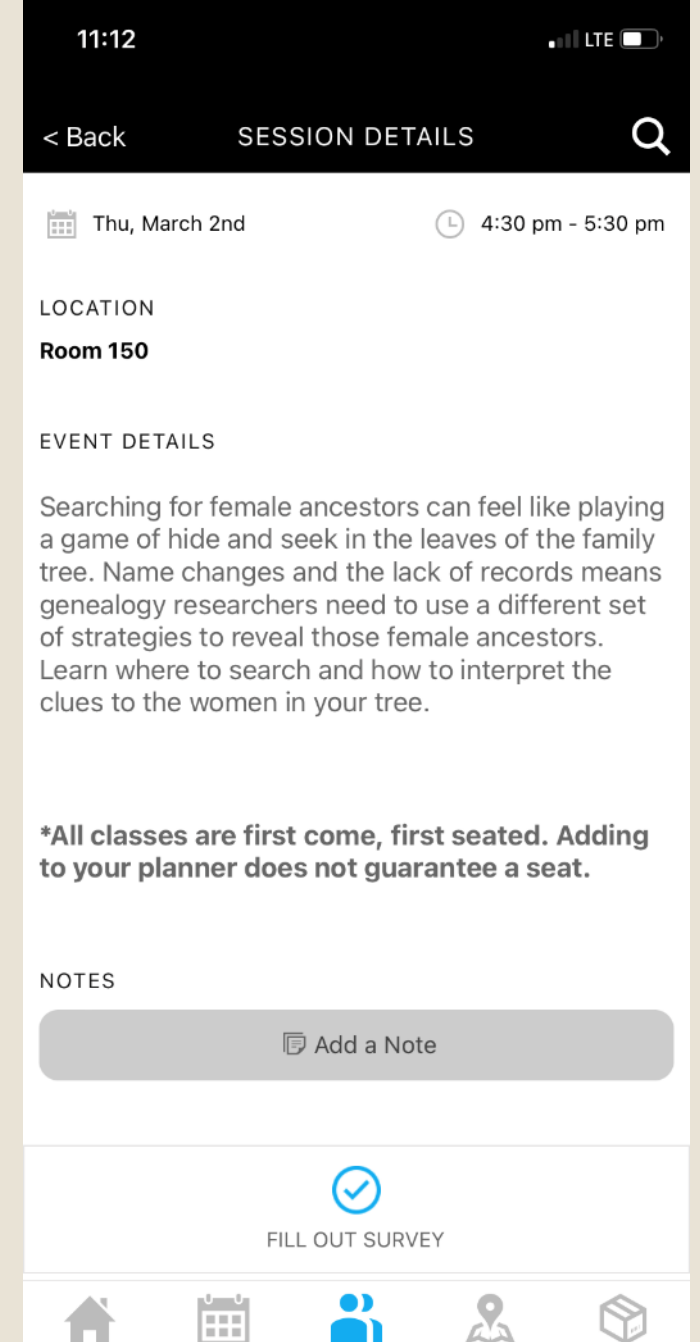
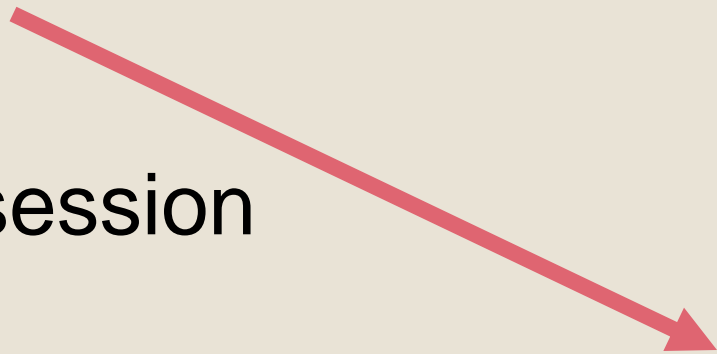
- Copy the entire deed!
- Scrutinize witnesses and neighbors
- Correlate with other sources
- “Undivided interest” often means land was inherited
- Create a deed table & transcribe critical deeds
- Use to research enslavers
- Use to uncover the community & social history



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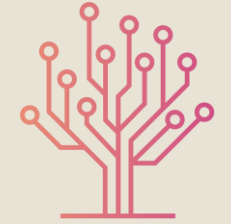
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