

African Americans in Hartford (1638-1815)

A List of Those Who Are Most Likely Interred in The Ancient Burying Ground,
The Only Cemetery in Hartford from 1640 to 1801.

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Free People/ No Master Listed

April 1657	"Indians and Negroes" caused a fire which burned down the house of Elinor and Edward Howell
27 July 1696	Absalom's child (buried)
16 July 1699	James Secchary (bapt.), Sanford's boy
21 March 1702	Abigail (bapt.)
19 August 1711	Abigail (bapt.)
29 June 1712	Margery (bapt.)
8 May 1715	Andrew (bapt.)
8 May 1715	Robert (bapt.)
23 October 1720	Lydia (bapt.), daughter of Andrew and Tamar
18 May 1721	Tamar and Andrew (married)
27 January 1722	Thomas (bapt.)
10 August 1724	Isabella (bapt.), daughter of Andrew
(Connecticut Courant notice) 25 June 1735	"healthy active black girl, aged 11 years" for sale
12 September 1743	Kate sentenced to death for infanticide
12 September 1743	Jack sentenced to death for rape
25 March 1744	Priscilla (bapt.)
18 July 1753	Lemuel Haynes (born in home of John Haynes to Alice Fitch)
June 28, 1759	Caleb and Hannah Spencer (married)
8 July 1760	Neptune ("Squire Nep," justice of the peace and a barber) and wife Priscilla manumitted by Mary Olivey
1764	Cato, Paul, Prince, Zippora, Nanny manumitted by Ann Foster
28 January 1765	Prime (buried)
(Connecticut Courant notice) May 6, 1765	"Negro Boy, about 15 years of age, to be sold"
(Connecticut Courant notice) 15 December 1766	"To be sold . . . Negro BOY, about 14 Years old"
16 June 1770	Peter (buried)
September 1770	Peter (buried)
1771	Cato Negro, member of Second Church

1771 Prince Negro, member of Second Church

(Connecticut Courant notice) February 23, 1773 "A Likely Negro Girl, about 15 or 16 yrs. of age, to be sold"

(Connecticut Courant notice) 24 May 1773 "To be sold, a likely Negro Wench about 28 years of age . . . two negro boys (sons to the above wench) one about 4 yrs., the other about 3 months old"

(Connecticut Courant notice) December 4, 1773 "To be sold, a likely Negro Wench, about 20 yrs. of age"

20 April 1774 Boston, Governor of slaves in 1800, and wife Rose manumitted by Captain James Nichols; took the surname Nichols

(Connecticut Courant notice) January 3, 1775 "Negro Wench to be sold"

1776 Sharper involved in "Governor of the Niegros" incident

11 May 1776 Cuff resigned as "Governor of the Niegros"

11 May 1776 Quackow, Petter Wadsworth, Titows, Pomp Willis, John Jones, and Fraday witnessed resignation of "Governor of the Niegros"

(Connecticut Courant notice) 23 May 1776 Two "molattos and two Negro Boys" were injured in fireworks' explosion

September 1776 Bristow manumitted by Thomas Hart Hooker

8 November 1778 A soldier (buried), no age or name

6 September 1781 Jordan Freeman died at Battle of Groton Heights

20 December 1781 Silvia manumitted by George Wyllys

7 June 1782 Sally Cuff bought her freedom for 100 pounds from John Haynes Lord

(Connecticut Courant notice) 5 April 1783 "Good healthy Negro Wench, about 25 years of age" for sale

(Connecticut Courant notice) 22 April 1783 "To Be Sold A Likely Active, Healthy Negro Boy"

(Connecticut Courant notice) 5 August 1783 "Negro boy, about 15 yrs. of age, to be sold"

Census of 1790 Prince Hull and 2 others
 Aaron Cutas and 1 other
 Boston (Negro) and 3 others
 Junior Boston and 2 others
 Willobe Rose and 5 others
 Prince Sheldon and 5 others
 Dege (Negro) and 2 others
 Popp (Negro) and 1 other

July 1791 Betsey Curtiss (buried)

4 August 1792 Priscilla (died of consumption), aged 65, wife of Neptune

15 November 1792 Peleg Nott & wife Lucy manumitted by Jeremiah Wadsworth

8 June 1793 Child (died of canker), aged 4 mos., of Edward Dolphin

20 June 1794 Prime (buried), aged 56 years

24 September 1794 Child (buried), aged 6 weeks , daughter of Sarah

20 October 1794 Child (died), aged 4 mos., of Edward Dolphin

26 April 1795 Priscilla (died of "consumption"), aged 26 , wife of Eli

7 October 1795 Zipporah (died of "old age and dropsy"), aged 80 years

16 October 1795 Samuel Gibson (died of "fever"), aged 34

4 July 1796 Child (buried), aged 5 days, daughter of Sarah

15 November 1796 Neptune (died of "dropsy"), aged 74

1797 Fan manumitted by Joseph Pratt

1 January 1797 Sally (died of "consumption"), aged 2 years , daughter of Mark

23 July 1797 Sarah (died of "fever"), aged about 35 years

9 March 1798 Peggy (died of "dropsy"), aged 48 years

21 March 1798 Infant (buried), child of Jemimah

8 November 1798 Child (died of "fits"), aged 1 week, daughter of Juda and Boston

1799 Violet manumitted by John Morgan

25 September 1799 Simeon Edwards (died of "fever"), aged 35

13 October 1799 Dige (buried), aged 56 years

18 June 1800 Hamah Peter (died of "dropsy")

Slaves and Masters

<u>Slaves</u>	<u>Masters</u>	<u>Ancient Buying Ground Location:</u>
2 "negroes, a man and a woman" "Mr. Allyn's Negro" (d. 29 Dec. 1693)	Allyn, Lieutenant Colonel John (d. 1696) Secretary of Colony, Entrusted with Royal Charter of 1662; Magistrate (Judge)	#476
"servants" sold to M. Allyn in 1638	Allyn, Mathew Magistrate (Judge)	
8 slaves in 1800	Aquant, John M.	
"Negro" and "Negro child" (d. 1693); "Negro child" (d. 1697)	Ashley, Jonathan	
"a likely Negro Boy, about 14 Years old" (24 June 1765) (<u>Connecticut Cowant notice</u>)	Austin, Ebenezer	
Henrietta Freeman (1805)	Avery, John	
Racheal Dee (1805)	Babcock, Elisha (Babcock Street named for him)	
1 slave in 1800	Barnard, Cyprean	
Primus	Barnard, Joseph	
1 "negro boy" valued at 100 pounds	Beauchamp, John (d. 1740)	#218
Quanimio (1805)	Bigelow, Captain	
Sabina, age 24 (d. Dec. 1791); Jemima, Tutlin; 3 slaves in 1790	Boardman, Reverend Benjamin (d. 1802) Pastor of 2nd Church	#250
Jack (ran away 15 April 1812) aged about 12 or 13	Brown, Jeremiah	
2 slaves in 1790	Brumson, Isaac	
Cato, member of 2nd Church in 1771	Buckingham, Esquire	
Surralong, 12 years old, (sold by Caleb Bull on 5 September 1751)	Bull, Aaron	
1 slave in 1790	Bull, Amos	
1 slave in 1790	Bull, David	
1 slave in 1790	Bull, James (d. 1821)	# 10
"Indian and negro slaves" charged with "nightwalking" Nov. 1710	Bunce, Jonathan	
Peggy and Delira; 3 slaves in 1790	Butler, Jonathan	

Will(d. 6 May 1764)	Cadwell, Charles	
"Negro Boy" (ran away 25 Dec. 1777) about age 15; "Negro boy named Peter; ditto named Adam, ditto named Simon, 1 Negro girl named Rose"	Caldwell, John (d. 1734)	
William Wills (1805)	Chadwick, William	
London, Governor of the Slaves 1755	Chester, Colonel John	
"A Neager Maid"	Chester, Leonard (d. 1648)	
1 slave in 1790	Collins, Seth	
Pomp(d. 4 May 1767)	Collyer, Hepzibah (d. 1770)	# 307
1 slave in 1790	Colt, Peter	
"Negro" (worth 33 pounds)	Colton, Benjamin (1759 estate)	
Mark (sold at age 13 on 11 August 1788 to Freman Kilborn, sold later to Jeremiah Wadsworth)	Concklin, Benjamin	
Thomas (bapt. 1729); Heber (bapt. 1732)	Cooke, Joseph	
Priscilla(d. 1751)	Cooke, ye Wido	
William Browning and Richard Scott	Dodd, John	
Silva (bapt. 1758); her son Lysander (d. 20 September 1759); Sikey and Peter left in will	Dorr, Reverend Edward (d. 1772) Pastor of 1st Church	# 424
Quintus (d. 23 February 1760)	Drake, Sam	
Thomas Dyre; Silva	Dwight, Theodore	
Dick, Jethro, Mima, Betty	Edwards, Daniel, Esquire	
Venture Smith "pawned" for 10 pounds	Edwards, David	
[name unknown]	Edwards, Reverend Jonathan	
Nero (ran away 27 Feb. 1769) age 35	Farnsworth, Samuel	
Cato, Paul, Prince, Zippora, Nanny	Foster, Reverend Isaac (d. 1683) Pastor of 1st Church	# 423
Jemey Ebeau (1805)	Gallordet, Peter W.	
Prince(ran away May 1780) aged about 15	Gibbs, Josiah W.	
James, alias Eboe, accused of theft in 1697	Gilbert, Ebenezer	
Dic(d. 1766)	Gooden, William	

Lucy Johnston(1805)	Goodrich, Chauncey	
"infant negro servant" (d. 10 Jan.1753); "negro child" London (bapt. 1760)	Goodwin, Captain Daniel (d. 1772)	# 753
5 slaves in 1800	Gravnoe, John C.	
Luce (valued at 50 pounds)	Haynes, Mary (d. 1726)	#422
Flora Bartee (1805)	Hempsted, Doctor Joshua	#183
Peggy and unnamed child	Hopkins, Doctor Asa (d. 1805)	#205
"a Negor"	Hopkins, Honorable Edward (d. 1654) Governor of the Colony	
Peggy Primos (1805)	Hopkins, Daniel	
"Negro maid" (d. 1691)	Hooker, Mrs.	
Ishmeil, Quam, Betty	Hooker, Nathaniel, Esquire (d. 1711)	# 536
"Negro man, 1 boy"	Hooker, Captain Nathaniel (d. 1763)	# 528
Bristow	Hooker, Thomas Hart	
Jeams (sold on 29 April 1760) by . . .	Hooker, William	
"A Neigor man and neigor woman"	Hosmer, Deacon Stephen (d. 1693)	#672
James Dyre and Betsy Otis (1805)	Hudson, Henry	
5 slaves in 1790	Hunt, Alexander (d. 1790)	
1 slave in 1790	Janes, Jonathan	
Dinah (d. 7 Sept. 1760); "servant Negro infant female child" (d. 9 Apr. 1764); "servant Negro male child" (d. 29 Aug. 1767)	Jepson, Doctor William (d. 1783)	# 321
1 slave in 1790	Jones, Major Daniel (d. 1802)	# 93
1 slave in 1790	Jones, Pantry (d. 1796)	#248
Sam (d. 16 Sept. 1750); Salle; "servant Negro female child" (d. 21 July 1764)	Keith, Captain John	
1 slave in 1790	Keyes, Amasa	
Mark (age 13); see B. Concklin	Kilborn, Freman	
Phillys (d. 11 June 1766)	Lawrence, Capt. John (d. 1802) Treasurer of Colony & State	#209

London (ran away 28 February 1780) aged about 50	Ledlie, Captain Hugh (d. 1798)	
1 slave in 1800	Ledlie, Samuel	
Peter (ran away 9 Sept. 1810) age about 27	Le Roy, J. B.	
Thebe (ran away 5 August 1778)	Lloyd, John, Jr.	
3 "negro servants"	Lord, Elisha (d. 1725)	# 547
Dick (boy received as gift on 1 Jan. 1763)	Lord, George (d. 1765) and Sarah (d. 1764)	# 390
Hagar(d. 28 May 1760); Dego(d. 9 June 1756); Daniel(d. 28 May 1761); Dinah & Salle (bapt. 1768); Hagar (covenant 14 August 1768) Sally Cuff	Lord, John Haynes (d. 1796)	# 18
Andrew, Robin, Dego, Sibbella, Hannah, Cuffee, Hagar, Caesar, Zaccheus (son of Temperance & grandson of Jane, a Narragansett Indian); Jo (d. 14 June 1710); "Negro child" (d. 2 January 1696) "Girl called Combo, three boys named Mingo, Dick, and Jack" brought from Antigua, 1685/6 (co-owner Samuel Wyllys)	Lord, Richard, Esq. (d. 1711/12)	# 546
1 slave in 1790	Marsh, John, Esq. (d. 1744)	# 587
Gad(d. 9 March 1771)	Mattaacks, Samuel	
1 slave in 1790	Merrill, George	
Violet	Morgan, John	
Tony(d.23 January 1761)	Morison, Doctor Normand (d. 1761)	
Peter(d. 19 May 1751)	Nevius, Robert	
Dina Grey (1805)	Newbury, Henry	
Richard (bapt. 29 June 1740)	Nichols, Captain Cyprian (d. 1756)	# 432
Peter, Caesar were bapt. 1761; Tom (bapt. 20 June 1762); Mime (d. 1 July 1767); Lydia, (bapt.) 26 August 1764; Boston and wife Rose	Nichols, Captain James	
Pompand Susanna(married 15 November 1750); Sarah(d. 1 May 1752); "Negro boy" (d. 13 Oct. 1766); Julia Thomas	Nichols, Captain William	

"infant Negro child, servant" (d. 28 Dec. 1769) Racheal Dige, Hagar; 5 slaves in 1781	Olcott, Captain Samuel (d. 1781)	#454
Jack (ran away 31 July 1775)	Olcott, Daniel	
2 slaves in 1790	Olcott, Samuel	
Neptune and wife Priscilla	Olivey, Mary	
Louis Berbice, from Dutch Guiana, killed by his master in Nov. 1639	Opdyck, Gysbert, Commissary at Dutch Fort	
"servants"	Pantry, John (d. 1653)	#444
Tite (ran away 24 July 1779) Lyda Curtiss (1805)	Patten, Nathaniel	
1 slave in 1790	Perkins, Caleb	
Bill (ran away 10 July 1780), aged about 25 yrs.	Platt, Jeremiah	
2 slaves in 1790 Thomas Willson (1805)	Pomeroy, Ralph	
Fan, Dick (b. 14 July 1791)	Pratt, Joseph	
1 slave in 1800	Raphael, Fontaine	
"2 Negroes & a Malattoe"	Richards, James (d. 1680) Magistrate (Judge)	#545
Abda Jennings (sued for freedom in 1704)	Richards, Captain Thomas	
Child, aged 2 yrs. (d. 30 March 1799)	Robbins, Levi	
Cato and Bola Kent (1805)	Root, Ephraim	
1 slave in 1790	Root, Jesse, Esquire	
1 slave in 1790	Root, Jesse, Jr.	
"Boy"	Scott, Thomas (d. 1643)	
Jude (ran away 23 Jan. 1783), age 23	Sedgwick, Stephen	
Silvia Carney (1805)	Seymour, Henry	
Phillis Mumford, William Warren (1805)	Seymour, Thomas	
Ausula Finny, Samuel Seabury (1805)	Seymour, Thomas Y., Esquire (d. 1811)	#806
"Negro Wench"	Sheldon, Elizabeth (1760 estate)	
George, Cuffy, Susanna (children bapt. on 23 Aug. 1730)	Sheldon, Deacon Isaac (d. 1749)	#575

"Coff & his wife & child/ negro boy George [?] Coffe, Robbins, negro girl"	Sheldon, Captain John (1733 estate)	
Pomp, age 15 (died 31 May 1794 of epilepsy)	Sheldon, Joseph (d. 1794)	#120
John Anderson, Governor of Slaves	Skene, Philip Lieutenant Governor of Ticonderoga and Crown Point, imprisoned in Hartford	
2 slaves in 1790	Skinner, Daniel	
1 slave in 1790	Skinner, John	
2 slaves in 1800	Skinner, William	
Jube (ran away 4 September 1778), age 28	Smith, Captain George (d.1808)	#403
Abner	Stanly, Honorable Nathaniel, Esquire (d. 1755) Member of the Council and Treasurer of the Colony	#661
London and Easter Williams (1805)	Strong, Reverend Nathan Pastor of 1st Church	
Jupiter (willed by Gov. Talcott in 1741)	Talcott, Helena (married Rev. Dorr)(d. 1797)	#424
Lydia, a.k.a. Lillie (willed by Gov. Talcott in 1741)	Talcott, Jerusha	
2 "negroes, an Indian girl and an Indian boy"	Talcott, John (d. 1688) Trustee of Royal Charter; Magistrate (Judge)	
York (d. 18 January 1755)	Talcott, Captain John (d. 1771)	#419
Jupiter, Prince Rose, Lillie, York	Talcott, Governor Joseph (d. 1741) Governor of Colony; (Talcott Street named for him)	#413
1 slave in 1790	Talcott, Captain Joseph (d. 1799)	#100
Ziba (bapt. 4 May 1718)	Talcott, Major	
Prince (willed by Gov. Talcott in 1741)	Talcott, Matthew	
"Negro" (d. 4 June 1697)	Talcott, Mr.	
Sylvie (age 21) and Rose (14 mos.) bought on 24 January 1759; Candice (about 6 yrs. old) sold for 26 pounds on 30 September 1763; Prime (age 48) sold on 12 April 1786; Kitt Atis (age about 12) bought on 15 May 1789; 1 slave in 1790	Talcott, Samuel, Jr.	
"infant Negro child, servant" (d. 26 Oct. 1761)	Tiley, William	
Wealthy Carrington (1805)	Tisdale, Thomas	

Sylvia and Boston	Vastille, Peter (d. 1778)	# 399
Rose (willed by Gov. Talcott in 1741)	Wadsworth, Reverend Daniel (d. 1746) Pastor of 1st Church; Preached to the "negroes" in the school building	# 414
Mark; Peleg Nott, wife Lucy, son Peter daughter Peggy bought on 23 August 1787; 4 slaves in 1790	Wadsworth, Jeremiah, Esquire (d. 1804) Revolutionary hero; West Indies merchant; helped found Hartford's banking and insurance industries; Delegate to Continental Congress; Member of first U.S. Congress; Friend of George Washington; left an estate worth about \$7 million	# 384
1 female	Wadsworth, Captain Joseph. (d. 1729) Hid the Royal Charter; gave sanctuary to Abda	
3 slaves in 1790	Wadsworth, Samuel (d. 1832)	
Hagar Elliott (1805)	Ward, James	
Ransom and Cloe Halsey (1805)	Wells, Ashbel	
John Gashion (1805)	Wells, John	
"infant Negro child " (stillborn 25 Mar. 1762) and Phyllys (d. 4 April 1762)	White, Edward	
"Negro Wench . . . Negro Girl"	Whiting, Colonel John (1790 estate)	
Tom (age 13) bought from Rev. Woodbridge in 1723; gave to daughter Abigail Woodbridge, wife of Rev. W.	Wilson, Elizabeth (d. 1727)	# 832
Dinah (bapt. 3 Oct. 1732); Jacob (bapt. 22 July 1739); Candice (bapt. 28 June 1741)	Woodbridge, Abigail (d. 1754)	# 546
Tamar (died 1705), Cesar (bapt. 1717); Isabella (bapt. 1717); Thomas (bapt. 1722)	Woodbridge, Reverend Timothy (d. 1732) Pastor of 1st Church; taught a school for Native and African Americans	# 423
Silvia (age 23) bought on 2 September 1777; Quaw, the Slave Governor; Neptune; Isaac Jacklin (ran away before Rev. War)	Wyllys, George, Esquire (d. 1796) Secretary of Colony & State; (Wyllys St. named for family)	# 379
"Girl called Combo, three boys named Mingo, Dick, and Jack" brought from Antigua, 1685/6 (co-owner Richard Lord)	Wyllys, Samuel (d. 1709) Member of Governor's Council; Magistrate (Judge)	# 379
Cale Chirchibel (1805)	Wyllys, General Samuel (d. 1823) Secretary of State	# 379

Hartford, Connecticut, Census Records

Census of 1756	101 "Negroes"
Census of 1761	109 "Negroes"
Census of 1762	152 "Blacks"
Census of 1774	150 "Blacks"
Census of 1790	48 Slaves and 94 Free People
Census of 1800	149 Free "Blacks"

African Americans Interred in The Ancient Burying Ground

Documented	63
Extrapolated	300+

Hartford's Black Governors of Connecticut's Slaves

Year of Rule:	Name:
1755	London (owned by Colonel John Chester)
1760	Quaw (owned by Colonel George Wyllys)
1766-1776	Cuff
1776	John Anderson (owned by British Major Philip Skene)
1780-1800	Peleg Nott (manumitted by Colonel Jeremiah Wadsworth)
1800	Boston Nichols (manumitted by Captain James Nichols)(d. 1810)

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