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slaves were all liberated when they came to be 21 years of age. The last survivor of them was old "Uncle Ham," who died a few years ago in North Branford, after he had attained a mellow old age, and when he died it was merely because he hadn't anything left in the line of flesh and bone to live upon. Uncle Ham was made a present by Ebenezer to his son Malachi.

*New Haven Register*, 15 Jul 1886:1

**PRIMUS, Ham, negro, b. June 7, 1787**

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Barbour Collection, Vital Records Branford, CT

Grandma Bond	Free White Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females	Free W Malachi 1811 females
Malachi Linsley	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

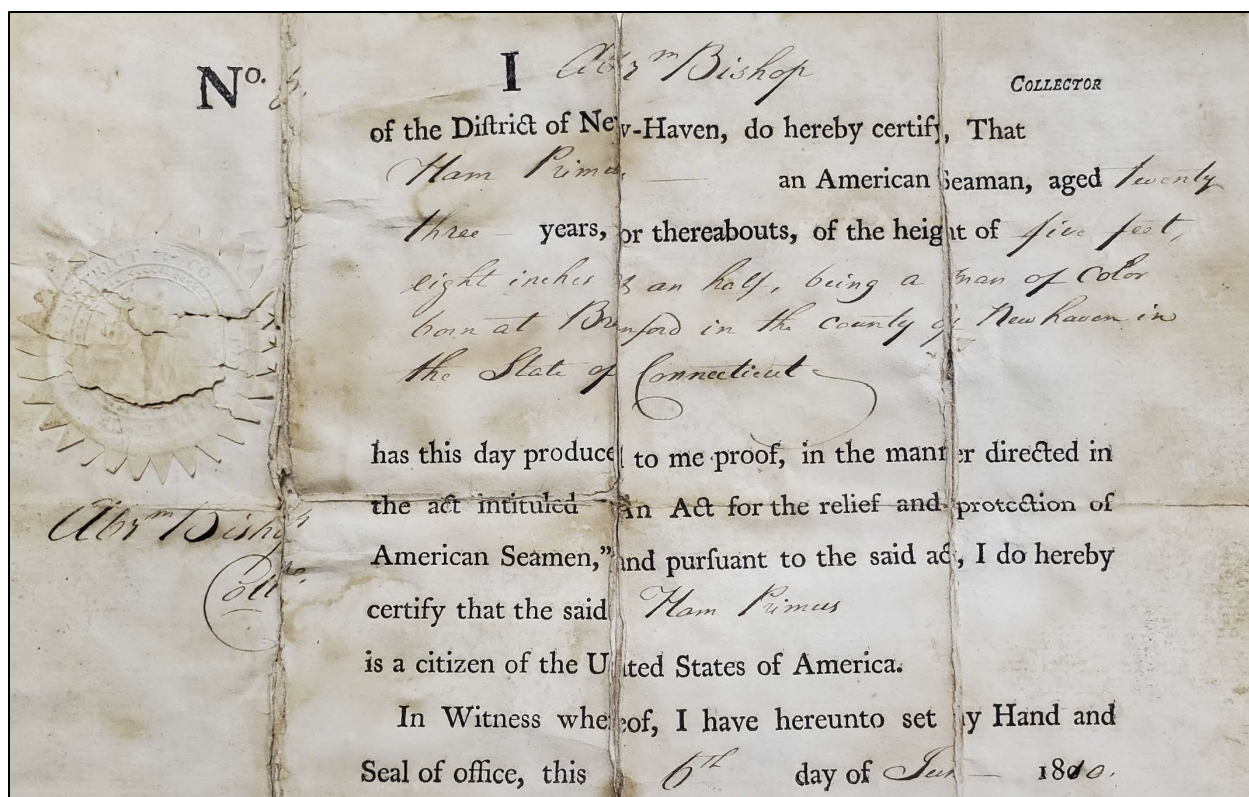
1790 census, Branford, CT (Malachi Linsley – 4 slaves)

Malachi Linsley	2	1	3	1	1	1	1	1
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1800 census, Branford, CT (Malachi Linsley – 1 slave)

Malachi Linsley	1	2	1	2	1	2	1	1
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1810 census, Branford, CT (Malachi Linsley – 1 free person)



Seaman's Protection Certificate, Ham Primus (6 Jun 1810) (Connecticut Museum of Culture and History)

Births in North Guilford		
1817.		
Jan, 3 <sup>6</sup> .	Oscar Dudley.	son of Augustus.
Mar, 4.	A daughter of	Henry Seranton.
" , 19.	Nelson Primus,	son of Ham (Col)

Births in North Guilford, CT, Elvira C. Rossiter Ledger, Guilford Free Library  
Nelson Primus, son of Ham (Col[ored]) (19 Mar 1817)

June 22 1817 Nelson Infant son of Ham & Jerry Primus

St. John's Episcopal Church records, North Guilford, CT - christening of Nelson Primus (22 Jun 1817)





Holdridge Primus Benjamin Baldwin } School  
District  
Com.  
On this 30th day of August A.D. 1823

1823 North Guilford School enumeration, Holdridge Primus (GKS box 60, GFL)

~~Oct 21~~ Sept 21 Gad Asher Inf son of Ham & Tempy Primus Bishop

St. John's Episcopal Church records, North Guilford, CT - christening of Gad Asher, son of Ham & Tempy Primus (21 Sep 1823)

Oct 13 1824 Gad Asher Son of Ham & Temperance Primus 1 year 9 mos.  
24 - - Nelson Son of Ham & Temperance Primus 7 yrs. 7 mos.

St. John's Episcopal Church records, North Guilford, CT  
death of Gad Asher Primus (13 Oct 1824; 1 yr, 9 mos.) & Nelson Primus (24 Oct 1824; 7 yrs., 7 mos.)

VOL. 28 Ham Primis, 47.  
To all People to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING:  
KNOW YE, That I David Chittenden of Guilford  
in the County of New Haven, in the State of Connecticut  
for the consideration of Forty five Dollars  
received to my  
full satisfaction of Ham Primis of Guilford in the County & State  
aforesaid do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Ham  
Primis, and to his heirs and Assigns forever one tract  
of Land, lying & being in Guilford aforesaid in the  
Parish of North Guilford near Quonipaug Pond, containing  
one Acre and a half be the same more or less, Bounded  
as follows (Viz) North on my own Land, East on Highway,  
and West on Stephen Bartlett's Land —

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*Horau Loper,*

To all People to whom these Presents shall come—GREETING :

**KNOW YE,** That *I Harri Primis of Guilford*  
*in the County of New Haven & State of Connecticut*

for the consideration of *One hundred & forty Dollars* —  
received to my  
full satisfaction of *Horau Loper* of said Guilford & County  
aforesaid do give, grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said *Horau*  
*Loper* and to his heirs & assigns forever one piece  
of Land lying in said Guilford, in the Parish of North  
Guilford, near *Quanipaug Pond*, containing One  
Acre & one half more or less Bounded Northerly  
on *David Chittenden's Land*, Easterly & Southerly  
on *Highway*, & Westerly on *Stephen Bartlett's Land*  
with the Dwelling House standing thereon —

*Harri Primis* *as at*  
*mark*

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*Cambridge Primus*

I hereby certify that I have carefully enumerated  
all persons between the ages of four and sixteen within the  
school district of which I am committee and do find that on  
the first Monday of August A. D. 1825 there were residing within  
said district and belonging thereto the number of fiftyeight  
persons between the ages aforesaid

*Richard Fowler School District Committee*

1825 Centre District School enumeration, North Guilford, CT, Cambridge Primus (GKS box 60, GFL)

John T. Bristol  
 David Benton  
 Holdridge Primus  
 I hereby certify that I have carefully  
 enumerated all persons between the ages of four and  
 sixteen within the School District of which I am  
 committee and do find that on the first Monday of  
 August A. 1825 there were residing within said district  
 and belonging thereto the number of Thirtysix persons  
 between the ages aforesaid.  
 Morace Norton School District [Committee]

1825 North Guilford School enumeration, Holdridge Primus (GKS box 60, GFL)

Lists of the names of persons over four years and  
 under sixteen from August 1826. North Guilford  
 Middle School District. Simon Anthony School Committee

Elizabeth Teet  
 Cambridge Primus  
 Allen

1826 North Guilford School enumeration, Cambridge Primus (GKS box 60, GFL)

PRIMUS, Margetta, child of Ham, bp. July  
 24, 1827 3 8

Christ Episcopal Church record, Guilford, CT  
 Margetta Primus, child of Ham, baptized 24 Jul 1827



From Malachi Linsley diary.

16Dec1828 Ham and his Farther Asher come and thrashed my rye for 3 days (Malachi Linsley diary, page 135)  
19Feb1829 Mal went to Northbranford to get Hams boy (diary, page 138)  
12Apr1829 Sunday Ham & his wife come here & brought thare Girl to Mals (diary, page 140)  
3Sept1829 Ham & Jim dorus dug Stons in rock orched (diary, page 147)  
4Sept1829 Mal drawd Ston for barn, Ham & Jim Dorus helpt him.  
5Sept1829 Ham & Jim quit.  
20Oct1829 I cleand our flaxseed 6 ½ bushels Ham P. thrashed.  
22Oct1829 Ham Primus thrashd 16 Shocks of Maslin in 2 days & Screand 15 ½ bushels & he went home (dairy, page 149)  
3Dec1829 Ham cum and Thrashed 10 Shoks of Rye; 4Dec Ham & James Dorus Thrashd 7 Shoks of Rye & Cleand up 17 bushels, & Carried in; 5Dec Ham & James Dorus thrashd 10 Shoks of Rye, & went home (dairy, page 151)  
4Dec1829 Ham & Jim Dorus thrashed 10 Shoks of Oats, & Cleand up 19 bushels of them all & thay thrashd 10 Shoks of Rye, & went home.  
7Dec1829- Han & Jonah thrashd 12 Shoks of Rye & finished all & we Cleand it, 21 bushels I paid Ham 6 bushels of Rye for trashing.  
19Aug1830 Hams Wife took Clarry home from Malachis (dairy, page 163)

1828-1830 entries from Malachi Linsley's diary transcribed by Jane Bouley, Branford Town Historian

Male (36-54) - 1 - Ham (43)  
Male (55-99) - 1 - Gad  
Female (under 10) - 2 (Marietta (5) and \_\_\_\_\_)  
Female (11-23) - 1 - Clara/Clary (11)  
Female (36-54) - 1 -Tempe (Ham's wife) (43)  
Female (55-99) - 1 -Temperance (Gad's wife) - she d. 1834  
Foreign - 1 - Gad  
Blind - 1 - Gad

1830 census index and inferred, North Branford, CT

In 1832 Gad sold approximately one half of his property to his Son-in-Law, Ham Primus. A transcription of the sale is given below:

"I, Gad Asher of North Branford in New Haven County for the consideration of ninety three dollars and seventy five cents received to my full satisfaction of Ham Primus of said town Do give grant, bargain, sell and confirm unto the said Ham Primus and unto his heirs and assigns forever one lot or piece of land situate in said North Branford, containing one acre and one half acre of land & is bounded East on highway South on Edward Mulford's land Westerly and North on Nathan Harrison's land.

August 22, 1832

Benjamin Page, Justice of the Peace

Transcription of North Branford Land Record (22 Aug 1832)

1 ½ acres of land purchased by Ham Primus from Gad Asher

And of a <sup>certain</sup> parcel of land situated in the town of North Branford  
Conn. containing 1 ½ acres more or less, bounded North by highway  
East by land of now or formerly owned by Mrs D. Ford. South by land  
of Nathan Harrison and West by land of the heirs of Gad Asher

1884 Probate record, Holdridge Primus, Hartford, CT  
(the same land formerly owned by his father, Ham Primus)



1868 Beers Ellis & Soule map, North Branford, CT

Ham Primus	63	M	B	Labore	250
Lydia	51	B	B		

1850 Census, North Branford, CT (Ham Primus with 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Lydia)

57	Jason Page	72	m	Farmer	\$3000	2000
	Morrey "	72	f			
	Nathaniel "	88	m	Farmer	\$900	40
58	Ham Primus	73	m B	De		
	Lydia "	60	f B			
59	Wm Ford	60	m	Farmer	\$7000	800

1860 Census, North Branford, CT (Ham Primus with 2<sup>nd</sup> wife, Lydia)

**PRIMUS**—In this city, Sept. 10, Ham Primus

Mortuary Notice, *Connecticut Courant* [Hartford, CT] 14 Sep 1867:3



1848			
Oct 2 <sup>nd</sup>	3 yrs	Emogene Augusta dau. John P. & Nancy W. Bunnell Langd	(con)
Nov 8 <sup>th</sup>	9 m <sup>th</sup>	infant of Mr. Frisbie's (at Perry Harrison's)	
" 12 <sup>th</sup>	59 yrs	Sally — wife of Sam <sup>l</sup> Baldwin	
" 24 <sup>th</sup>	8 "	James son Thomas & Lucretia Chidsey Plant. Scarlet	(fever)
" "	23.	Mrs Mary Hammond dau. of Ham Primus	(consumption)

Vital record, North Branford, CT, p. 155 (Mrs. Mary Hammond, dau. of Ham Primus (consumption))(24 Nov 1848, age 23 (aka: Margetta/Marietta))

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