

Birth: Branford Vital Records (Barbour) - Ham Primus b. 7 Jun 1787.

New Haven Register article 15 Jul 1886 p.1

1800 census - Malachi Linsley - 1 slave

1810 census - Malachi Linsley - 1 slave

Ham Primus - Seamans Certificate #86 (Mystic Seaport records)- 6 Jun 1810 (b. 1787)

Primus	Ham	23	Branford	Connecticut	New Haven	86	6/6/1810
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Marriage: North Branford Congregational Church Record, vol III p. 303.
 Ham Primus m. Henrietta Asher on 10 Apr 1811. Henrietta Asher (aka: Temperance Asher was the daughter of Gad Asher. Gad Asher was a slave who served for his master during the American Revolution.)

1811 Sept 23 - Peter Green & Phoebe Smith § 1.
 Nov - Harmon Byington to Abigail Moulthrop § 1.
 Feb - Ham Primus to Henrietta Asher, persons of color. 1
 April 10 - Meeting house § 2.

Some of his children were born (and died) in North Guilford, baptized at St. John's Church, and attended school.

Thomas Fitch book of records:

PRIMUS, Gad Asher, s. Ham, d. Oct. 13, 1824	34
Ham, his dau., b. Jan. 15, 1819	6
Ham, his child, b. Jan. 20, 1823	9
Nelson, s. Kain, b. Mar. 19, 1817	1
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Primus, Nelson, s. Ham, d. Oct. 24, 1824	34
-----, d. Jan. 18, 1822	32

St. John's Episcopal Church Records: baptism

Jan 22 1817 Nelson Infant son of Ham & Temperance Primus

St. John's Episcopal Church Records: Death

Jan 19 1822 Amelia Infant Daughter of Ham & Temperance Primus aged - 3 months

Nov 13 1824 Gad Asher Son of Ham & Temperance Primus 1 year 9 months
 24 Nelson Son of Ham & Temperance Primus 7 D. 7 1/2

1820 census - North Guilford

Ham Primus
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1822 school records (Guilford Keeping Society)

A List of the names of the children between
the ages of four & sixteen years who lived in the
Centre School district in the third Society of Guilford
on the 1st Monday of August 1822

Cambridge Primus
Nelson Primus

Ham removed to North Branford and worked for Malachi Linsley. From the diary of Malachi Linsley, transcribed by Jane Bouley, Branford Town Historian.

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)

Spouse and children



Temperance "Tempy" Asher

1787-1837



Cambridge Primus (aka: Cambridge Freeman)

1814-1834



Holdridge Primus

(<https://www.trincoll.edu/primus-project/>)

1815-1884



Nelson Primus (1820 census)

1817-1824



Clary (Clara) Primus (1820 census)

1819-1863



Amelia Primus

1821-1822



Gad Asher Primus (1820 census)

1823-1824



Margetta - Marietta "Mary" Primus (m. Mr. Hammond)

1825-1848

Spouse



Lydia (2nd wife of Ham Primus)

1803-1863

Ham's son, Holdridge Primus, was an organizing member/officer of Colored Free Masons in Hartford on 13 May 1859.

This shows a family that went from slavery to freedom to homeownership to prominence in Hartford. The term "uncle" was given to African Americans (and I've seen it also to Native Americans) as a term of endearment and respect.