

UPTON FAMILY

1. Mary Upton, born say 1740, was presented by the Charles County court on 13 November 1759 for bearing a "Molatto" child by information of Constable Notley Dutton [Court Record 1759-60, 358]. She was probably the mother of

i. William, "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 3 "other free" in 1790.

VALENTINE FAMILY

The Valentine family of Delaware and Maryland may have descended from the Virginia family of that name.

1. Caesar² Valentine, born say 1740, was taxable in Little Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, in 1764, 1766, and a "N." (Negro) taxable in 1770 [Kent County Assessments RG3535, 1764-67, frames 398, 509, 521; 1770-1773, frame 66]. He may have been the father of

i. Thomas¹, born say 1760, head of a St. Mary's County, Maryland household of 4 "other free" and a white woman in 1790. He may have been the Thomas Valentine, "mulatto," who broke jail in St. Mary's County, Maryland, and was thought to be in Alexandria according to the 4 August 1785 issue of the Virginia Journal and Alexandria Advertiser [Headley, *18th Century Virginia Newspapers*, 347].

ii. Abraham, a delinquent taxable in Little Creek, Sussex County, Delaware, in 1790, perhaps the A. Valentine who was head of a Kent County, Delaware household in 1810 [DE:161]. His wife may have been Jance Valentine, head of a Little Creek, Sussex County household of 2 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:214].

VERDIN FAMILY

1. Anthony Verdin, born say 1770, was head of a Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 6 "other free" in 1800 [DE:118]. He may have been the father of

i. Nancy, married Silas **Lewis**, "Mulatoes," on 21 December 1800 in Sussex County, Delaware [Records of the United Presbyterian Churches of Lewes, Indian River and Cool Spring, Delaware 1756-1855, 316].

ii. James, head of an Indian River, Sussex County household of 7 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:208].

WALKER FAMILY

1. Mary Walker, born say 1683, was living in Somerset County, Maryland, in 1701 when she confessed to having a "Mulatto" child by a slave named Lawrence [Judicial Record 1698-1701, 508]. She may have been the ancestor of

i. Daniel, "Free Mulatto" head of a Queen Anne's County, Maryland household of 3 "other free" in 1790 and 3 in 1800 [MD:385].

WALLACE FAMILY

Members of the Wallace family of Maryland and Delaware were

i. Richard, head of a Talbot County household of 4 "other free" and a slave in 1790 and head of a Mispillion Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 3 "other free" in 1800 [DE:103].

ii. Prince, head of a Kent County, Maryland household of 6 "other free" and a slave in 1800 [MD:168].

iii. Roger, head of a Murderkill Hundred, Delaware household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [DE:121].

iv. Isaac, head of a Murderkill Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [DE:129] and 5 in 1810 [DE:50].

v. Briscoe, head of a Kent County, Maryland household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

vi. Rachel, born about 1785, obtained a certificate of freedom in Anne Arundel County on 12 April 1813: *dark complexion, about twenty eight years of age ... free born* [Certificates of Freedom 1810-31, 33].

vii. Robert, born about 1790, obtained a certificate of freedom in Somerset County on 21 June 1825: *born free in Somerset County ... black*

Complexion ... thirty five years of age [Certificates of Freedom 1821-32, 50].

WANSEY FAMILY

1. Peter Wanssey, born say 1630, a "free man" of Dorchester County, Maryland, left a 22 June 1674 will, proved 15 June 1682 in Kent County, Delaware. He named "free Negross" Sheery and Freegift Wansey [Kent County General Court Records 1680-1725, 73]. He was probably the father of

i. Sheery.

ii. Freegift.

They were apparently the ancestors of

2 i. Charles, born say 1745.

ii. Peter, born say 1750, taxable in Little Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware, in 1771 and 1773 and head of a Kent County household of 6 "other free" in 1810 [DE:43].

2. Charles Wansey, born say 1745, was living in Kent County, Delaware, on 20 March 1790 when Bancroft Woodcock advertised a reward in the Delaware Gazette for the return of Charles' "mulatto" son Elijah Wansey who was apprenticed to Woodcock [Wright, *Delaware Newspaper Abstracts*, 12]. His child was

i. Elijah, born say 1770.

WARD FAMILY

1. Anne Ward, born say 1710, was the servant of Joseph Young on 17 March 1729/30 when she admitted in Kent County, Maryland Court that she had a "Mullatto" child by a "Negroe." The court ordered that she be sold for seven years and sold her child to Joseph Young until the age of thirty-one [Criminal Proceedings 1728-34, 107]. She was probably the ancestor of

- i. Honorio, convicted of adultery with a "Mulatto" person by the Talbot County court in March 1744/5. Anthony Guy, planter, was security for payment of her fine of three pounds [Judgment Record 1744-5, 231].
- ii. Mole, a "Negro" head of a Kent County household of 3 "other free" in 1790.
- iii. Peggy, head of a Baltimore City household of 9 "other free" in 1800 [MD:391].
- iv. Sarah, head of an Anne Arundel County household of 3 "other free" in 1800 [MD:113].
- v. Nancy, head of an Anne Arundel County household of 2 "other free" in 1800 [MD:116].
- vi. Ann, head of an Anne Arundel County household of 2 "other free" in 1800 [MD:116].

WATERS FAMILY

Members of the Waters family were

- 1 i. George¹, born say 1750.
 - 2 ii. Nace, born say 1760.
 - iii. Ephraim, head of an Anne Arundel County, Maryland household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:93].
 - 3 iv. William, born say 1765.
1. George¹ Waters, born say 1750, was head of a Talbot County, Maryland household of 11 "other free" in 1800 [MD:510-1/2]. He may have been the father of
- i. Rachel, born about 1792, obtained a certificate of freedom in Talbot County on 8 May 1816: *a Black woman ... about 24 years of age, 4 feet 11 Inches high* [Certificates of Freedom 1815-28, 30].

2. Nace Waters, born say 1760, was head of a Baltimore City, Maryland household of 10 "other free" in 1800 [MD:387]. Nace may have been the parent of

i. Charlotte, born about 1784, a 15 or 16 year old "free mulatto" who was baptized at St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore on 30 December 1790 [Reamy, *Records of St. Paul's Parish*, vol. I, 135].

3. William Waters, born say 1765, was head of a Kent County, Delaware household of 7 "other free" in 1800 [DE:64]. Perhaps his widow was Elizabeth Waters, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Kent County household of 4 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:22]. Their children were most likely

i. George², born 1776-1794, head of a Dover Hundred, Kent County household of 11 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:22].

ii. Samuel, born 1776-1794, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Kent County household of 4 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:20].

WATSON FAMILY

1. Elizabeth Watson, born say 1716, confessed to the Anne Arundel County court in March 1735/6 that she had an illegitimate child which the court adjudged to be a "begot by some Negro." The court bound her five-week-old daughter Sabrina to Richard Watts until the age of thirty-one [Judgment Record 1734-6, 451]. They may have been the ancestors of

i. Thomas, head of a Philadelphia County, Pennsylvania household of 2 "other free" in 1790.

ii. Mary, head of a North Millford, Cecil County household of 1 "other free" in 1790.

iii. C., head of a Frederick County household of 6 "other free" in 1810 [MD:615].

WEBSTER FAMILY

Members of the Webster family were

i. Thomas, born say 1745, presented by the Charles County court in August 1772 for failing to list as a tithable his wife who was a slave hired to him. He was fined 500 pounds for the offense in November 1772 [Court Records 1772-3, 2, 171]. He was a "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 3 "other free" in 1790.

ii. Daniel, born about 1752, head of a Prince William County, Virginia household of 6 "other free" in 1810 [VA:501], a sixty-year-old "free Negro," living in Prince William County in 1812 when he petitioned the legislature to allow him to free his wife and children who were his slaves [Petitions, Prince William County, 1812, cited by Russell, *The Free Negro in Virginia*, 92]. He and his wife Lucy were residing at Accoquan Mills in Prince William County on 28 September 1821 when their son William **Armstead** Webster registered in the Court of the District of Columbia in Alexandria: *free born, twenty-three years of age, a bright mulatto* [Arlington County Register of Free Negroes, 1797-1861, no. 89, p.65].

iii. John, head of a Talbot County household of 8 "other free" in 1800 [MD:549].

iv. Joseph, head of a Baltimore City household of 6 "other free" in 1800 [MD:391].

WEDGE FAMILY

1. Mary Wedge, born say 1709, a white servant woman of St. Barnard's Parish, Patuxent Hundred, Prince George's County, was presented by the court in March 1727 for having a "Mulatto" child. In June 1727 she admitted that the father of her child was Robert Tyler's slave named Daniel. The court bound her daughter Violetta to her master Thomas Harwood until the age of thirty-one. She had at least four more children who were sold until the age of thirty-one: William, born 8 February 1732/3, sold to Dr. Thomas Boswell; Ned, born about 1734; a child who died before June 1735 when the case came to trial; a child born in 1736 and sold to Robert **Perle**; a girl, born 9 June 1737, sold to Henry Boteler; and Samuel, born 31 October 1738, sold to her master, Thomas Harwood [Court Records 1726-7, 230, 358-9; 1732-4, 164, 297-8; 1734-5, 108, 351, 410; 1736-8, 15, 46, 60-1, 504; 1738-40, 192]. She was the mother of

i. Violetta, born before March 1727.

2 ii. ?Eleanor, born say 1729.

iii. William, born 8 February 1732/3, head of a Montgomery County, Pennsylvania household of 4 "other free" in 1790.

- iv. Ned, born about 1734.
 - v. a child, born in 1736 who was sold to Robert **Perle**.
 - vi. a girl, born 9 June 1737.
- 3 vii. Samuel, born 31 October 1738.
2. Eleanor Wedge, born say 1729, a "free woman of colour" of Prince George's County, was the mother of
- i. Elijah, born about 1748, registered as a free Negro in Prince George's County on 30 November 1822: *a colored man, about 74 years old ... dark complexion ... raised in the neighborhood of Dr. Thomas Marshall ... son of Eleanor Wedge, a free woman of colour* [Provine, *Registrations of Free Negroes*, 44].
 - ii. ?George, "free Negro" head of a Prince George's County household of 11 "other free" in 1800 [MD:278] and 14 in 1810 [MD:21].
3. Samuel Wedge, born 31 October 1738, was bound to Thomas Harwood until the age of thirty-one. He and his wife Jean (no race indicated) petitioned the Frederick County, Maryland Court on 15 November 1763 to have one of their children bound to Battis Trout. The same court ordered that Anthony Wedge, a three-year-old "Molatto Child," be bound apprentice to Battis Trout at the request of his unnamed father [Judgment Record 1763-6, 126, 143; Court Minutes 1763-8, November 1763, n.p.]. He was the father of
- i. Anthony, born 20 September 1760, bound apprentice to Battis Trout until the age of twenty-one.

WELSH FAMILY

1. Mary¹ Welsh, born say 1690, was a convict servant who married a slave named Bankka. They had four daughters: Mary, Katherine, Esther, and Jemima. Some of her children adopted the name **Banneker** [Barnes, *Baltimore County Families, 1659-1759*; Bedini, *Life of Benjamin Banneker*, 19]. They were the parents of
- 2 i. Mary, born say 1710.

ii. Katherine, born say 1714, married James **Boston**, "Negroes," on 22 May 1735 in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore.

iii. Esther, born say 1716, married William **Black**, 22 September 1744 in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore [Reamy, *Records of St. Paul's Parish*, I:32, 36].

iv. Jemima, born say 1720, married **Hendon**. She had a son named John **Hendon** who was in charge of the Ellicott & Company Stables and was still living in 1836 when he was interviewed by Martha Tyson, the author of *Banneker, the Afric-American Astronomer* [Bedini, *Life of Benjamin Banneker*, 24].

2. Mary² Welch, born say 1710, was the servant of Thomas Harwood on 13 November 1728 when she admitted to the Prince George's County, Maryland Court that she had a "Malatto" child. The court bound her for an additional seven years and bound her two-month-old son Henry to her master until the age of thirty-one [Court Records 1728-9, 346-7]. She was married to a former slave named Robert and they were using the name **Banneker** by March 1736 when the Baltimore County court declared that they were levy free during the lifetime of their "crippled mulatto" daughter Julian [Barnes, *Baltimore County Families*, 1659-1759]. On 10 March 1737 Robert purchased 100 acres in Patapsco Upper Hundred, Baltimore County, called "Stout," for 7,000 pounds of tobacco, listing his six-year-old son Benjamin as co-owner [Land Records HWS #IA, ff. 58-9]. He had also acquired 25 acres, called "Timber Point," before 1737 when he was taxable on both tracts [Debt Book, Baltimore County, Calvert Papers No. 904, p.69 in the Maryland Historical Society, cited by Bedini, *Life of Benjamin Banneker*, 29, 347]. Robert was called "Robert Banakey, a Negro free," on 1 November 1743 when the Baltimore County court ordered that his daughters be levy free for the future [Proceedings 1743-6, 78]. Robert died on 10 July 1759 according to the entry in his family bible. He had daughters Molly, who married a member of the **Morten** family, and Minta who married a member of the **Black** family [Bedini, *Life of Benjamin Banneker*, 46-7]. Mary, widow of Robert **Bannaker**, was still living on 19 April 1774 when she deposed that Benjamin was the true and lawful son of Robert **Banneker**, deceased [Baltimore Chattel Records 4:98]. Mary and Robert were the parents of

3 i. ?Henry Welch, born 28 September 1728.

ii. Molly, born say 1730, married a member of the **Morton** family, perhaps identical to Samuel **Morton** who was listed in the Ledger of Ellicott & Company between September 1774 and July 1775. They were the parents of Greenbury **Morten** who was employed at Ellicott's Lower Mills [Bedini, *Life of Benjamin Banneker*, 62]. Greenbury was head of a Patapsco Hundred, Baltimore County household of 7 "other free" in 1810 [MD:644]. Another member of the **Morton** family was Deb. **Morton**,

head of a Baltimore City household of 6 "other free" in 1810 [MD:280], perhaps identical to the Deb **Morton** who was counted in Baltimore City with 8 "other free" in 1810 [MD:300].

iii. Benjamin Banneker, born 9 November 1731, taxable as a bachelor owning 100-300 pounds in St. Paul's Parish, Baltimore sometime between 1756 and 1762 [Wright, *Inhabitants of Baltimore County 1692-1763*, 75]. He sold 20 acres of his land to Greenbury **Morten** on 20 December 1785, and 10 acres to his neighbor, John **Barton** on 2 April 1792 [Land Records WQ# Y, ff. 653-4; WG #HH. ff. 341-2]. This was land his father had purchased in 1737. John **Barton** was head of a Patapsco Upper Hundred, Baltimore County household of 5 "other free" in 1810 [MD:639]. He also sold two acres to Edward **Shugar** on 10 December 1794 [Land Records WG #PP:606-8]. Edward was head of a Patapsco Upper Hundred household of 5 "other free" in 1810 [MD:641].

iv. Julian, born say 1733, the "crippled" daughter of Robert and Mary **Banneker**.

v. a daughter, married a member of the **Black** family.

vi. a daughter, perhaps Ursula Banninger who was presented by the Prince George's County court in 1768 for having a "Malatto" child on information of the constable of Rock Creek Hundred [Court Records 1766-8, 574; 1768-70, 477]. She may have been the wife of William **Hubbard/ Hubert**, head of a Patapsco Upper Hundred, Baltimore County household of 5 "other free" in 1810 [MD:639]. William was the father of Henry and Charles **Hubbard** who obtained certificates of freedom in Loudoun County on 24 December 1795: *son of a free woman and grandson of Robert Banneker, whose wife was also a free woman. Robert Banneker lived in Baltimore County about two and a half miles from Ellicott's Mills* [Certificates of Freedom in *Journal of the AAHGS* 11:123].

3. Henry Welch, born 28 September 1728, son of Mary Welch, may have been the father of

i. Thomas, head of a Kent County, Maryland household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:168].

ii. James, head of a Charles Town, Cecil County household of 1 "other free" in 1790.

iii. Rebecca, head of a Loudoun County, Virginia household of 3 "other free" in 1810 [VA:291].

iv. Clary, head of a Stafford County, Virginia household of 2 "other free" in 1810.

WILKINS FAMILY

1. Susanna Wilkins, born say 1683, was the servant of Richard Marsham on 10 December 1703 when she was presented by the Prince George's County court for having an illegitimate child, "the begetter thereof supposed to be an Ethiopian Dye or Couler." She confessed to having an illegitimate child but identified a white man named Henry Crumpton as the father. On 28 March 1705 the court agreed with Crumpton that both he and the mother had fair complexions and the child was a "Perfect Malatta." However, there was still some doubt, so the court ruled that her master should keep her and the child for twelve months and then deliver both up to court for further judgment [Court Record 1699-1705, 338, 358]. She may have been the ancestor of

i. Chester, head of a Kent County household of 7 "other free" in 1800 [MD:179].

ii. Catherine, head of a Kent County household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:178].

WILKINSON FAMILY

1. Margaret Wilkinson, born say 1712, the servant of John Howard, was the mother of a "Molatto" girl, born 4 October 1731, who was bound by the Anne Arundel County court to her master in June 1735 until the age of thirty-one. She confessed her guilt, but the court delayed their ruling because they were undecided as to whether the child was "begot by an Indian or Negro." On 9 August 1748 the court bound her daughter Moll to Ruth Todd until the age of thirty-one, the child "being adjudged by the Court to be a Mulatto begot by a Negro man" [Judgment Record 1734-6, 238, 241; 1748-51, 74]. Margaret was probably the ancestor of

i. Jacob, head of a Baltimore Town household of 3 "other free" in 1790.

ii. John, head of a Baltimore City household of 8 "other free" in 1800 [MD:387] and 3 in 1810 [MD:379].

iii. Samuel, head of a Baltimore City household of 4 "other free" in 1810 [MD:10].

iv. Robert, head of a Baltimore City household of 4 "other free" in 1810 [MD:216].

v. Mrs., head of a Baltimore City household of 1 "other free" in 1810 [MD:158].

WILLIAMS FAMILY

Anne Arundel County

1. Guy Williams, born say 1678, a "Negroe planter," was sued in Anne Arundel County court on 11 March 1711/2 by Michael Moore for a debt of two thousand pounds of tobacco which he had promised to pay in October 1710 Judgment Record 1708-12, 433-4]. He was probably the father of

i. Mark, born say 1698, identified as the father of an illegitimate "Mollatto" child by Sarah Empy (**Impey**) in Anne Arundel County court in June 1717 [Judgment Record 1717-19, 10-11].

ii. Sarah¹, born say 1712, married Anthony **Hill** on 18 December 1732 in All Hollow's Parish, Anne Arundel County [Wright, *Anne Arundel County Church Records*, 46].

iii. Catherine, mother of Moses Williams, born 31 October 1740, and John Williams ("mulato"), born 25 January 1742, whose births were registered in All Hollow's Parish [Wright, *Anne Arundel County Church Records*, 51]. John may have been identical to John Williams, "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 1 "other free" in 1790.

iv. Elizabeth, born say 1724, called Eliza, Anthony Hill's Daughter in Law" in August 1741 when she was charged with bastardy by the Anne Arundel County court. However, the charges against her were dismissed because she was a "free Negro woman." On 11 June 1745 she was called Elizabeth Williams when she was presented by the court for assaulting Elizabeth Jacobs. Anthony **Hill** was security for her appearance in court. She was found guilty in August 1745 and fined twenty shillings [Judgment 1740-3, 248-9; 1744-5, 322].

v. Sarah², born say 1725, mother of Anna Williams, a "malatto" born in St. Margaret' Westminster Parish, Anne Arundel County, on 13 June 1746 [Wright, *Anne Arundel County Church Records*, 121]. She was the servant of Joseph Crouch in August 1746 when she confessed to the Anne Arundel County court that she had an illegitimate child which the court adjudged to be a "Molatto." She was ordered to serve seven years, and her daughter Ann was bound to her master until the age of thirty-one. Crouch purchased her seven year term for four pounds, five shillings in March 1748/9. She had another child named Sarah who was bound to Crouch in

August 1750 until the age of sixteen [Judgment Record 1746-8, 216; 1748-51, 197, 629].

Another Williams family in Anne Arundel County:

i. Sarah Williams, born say 1725, the servant of Joseph Brewer, confessed to the Anne Arundel County court in August 1746 that she had a "Molatto" child. The court bound her five-month-old daughter Ruth to her master until the age of thirty-one. She was ordered to serve for seven years and indicted for perjury for charging a white man named Charles Hanshaw with being the father [Judgment Record 1746-8, 214].

Prince George's County

1. Richard Williams, born about 1713, was freed by order of the Prince George's County court on 28 August 1744 on the petition of Elizabeth Palmer against his master Philip Mason. Elizabeth testified that he was a "Molatto" bound to Rebecca Hunter until the age of thirty-one-years and that his time was then expired [Court Record 1743-4, 515]. He may have been the ancestor of

i. Abraham, "free negro" head of a Prince George's County household of 6 "other free" in 1800 [MD:262] and 6 in 1810 [MD:262].

ii. Robert, head of a Frederick County household of 3 "other free" in 1800 [MD:853] and 5 in Anne Arundel County in 1810 [MD:56].

iii. Liddy, born about 1794, obtained a certificate of freedom in Frederick County on 6 May 1814: *a mulatto woman ... 20 years old* [Certificates of Freedom 1808-42, 44].

iv. Sidney, head of a Baltimore Town household of 5 "other free" in 1790.

Talbot County

1. Elizabeth Williams, born say 1711, the servant of Risdon Bozeman of St. Michael's Parish, confessed to the Talbot County court in August 1731 that she had a child by a "Negroe." The court bound her son to her master until the age of thirty-one [Judgment Record 1731-3, 446]. She may have been the ancestor of

- i. Levin, head of a Talbot County household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:528].
- ii. Thomas, head of a Kent County household of 2 "other free" in 1790 and 3 in 1800 [MD:168].
- iii. Chester, "Negro" head of a Kent County household of 2 "other free" in 1790.
- iv. William, head of a Kent County household of 8 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].
- v. Duke, head of a Kent County household of 7 "other free" in 1810 [MD:852].

WILLIS FAMILY

1. Ann Willis, born say 1690, was the mother of a "Mallato ... a small Child" who was brought before the Charles County court on 10 November 1710 by Kenett Mackenzey who stated that Ann had left the child at his home. The court bound the child to him [Court Records 1711-5, 321]. Ann may have been the ancestor of

- i. Henry, head of a Queen Anne's County household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:387].

WILSON FAMILY

1. Sophia Wilson alias Jane Smith, born say 1735, was the mother of two "Mulatto" children, Elizabeth and Aquilla, who were sold to William Rogers by the Baltimore County court in March 1754 [Liber BB#A, 15, 20, 26, cited by Barnes, *Baltimore County Families*, 1659-1759, 698]. She was the mother of

- i. Elizabeth, born say 1751.
- ii. Aquilla, born say 1753.

They may have been the ancestors of members of the Wilson family in Baltimore County:

- i. Abraham, head of a Baltimore County household of 8 "other free" in 1810 [MD:461].
- ii. Rachel, head of a Baltimore County household of 8 "other free" in 1810 [MD:479].
- iii. Elen, head of a Baltimore County household of 3 "other free" in 1810 [MD:697].

Members of the Wilson family on the Eastern Shore of Maryland were

- i. William, head of a Queen Anne's County household of 10 "other free" in 1790 and 11 in 1800 [MD:385].
- ii. Solomon, "F.M." head of a Queen Anne's County household of 9 "other free" in 1790 and 11 in 1800 [MD:385].
- iii. Robert, "F.M." head of a Queen Anne's County household of 8 "other free" in 1790 and 6 in Baltimore City in 1800 [MD:388].
- iv. David, born say 1760, a man of color who enlisted at Chestertown in the 5th Maryland Regiment in June 1778. He was living with his unnamed wife and young son in Washington County in 1818 when he applied for a pension [National Archives pension file 535119 cited by NSDAR, *African American Patriots*, 121]. He was head of a Queen Anne's County household of 4 "other free" in 1790.
- v. Thomas¹, "F.M." head of a Queen Anne's County household of 3 "other free" in 1790 and 8 in 1800 [MD:385].
- vi. Thomas², head of a Queen Anne's County household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:383].
- vii. James, head of a Queen Anne's County household of 9 "other free" in 1790 and 12 in 1800 [MD:383].
- viii. Samuel, "F.M." head of a Queen Anne's County household of 3 "other free" and a white woman in 1790 and 3 "other free" in Kent County in 1800 [MD:684].
- ix. Richard, head of a Queen Anne's County household of 4 "other free" in 1790.

WISE FAMILY

1. Mary Wise, born say 1714, was the servant of Robert Wells on 21 August 1732 when she appeared in Prince George's County, Maryland Court and admitted that she had given birth to an illegitimate "Malatto" child. The court bound her nine-week-old child Becky to serve for thirty-one years and sold her and the child to her master for 1,500 pounds of tobacco [Court Records 1732-4, 14]. She was the mother of

i. Becky, born in June 1732.

They may have been the ancestors of

i. Agnes, head of an Accomack County, Virginia household of 4 "other free" and 2 slaves in 1800 and 11 "other free" in 1810 [VA:35].

ii. Thomas, head of an Elizabeth City County, Virginia household of 5 "other free" and a slave in 1810 [VA:185].

iii. Peter, head of a Norfolk County household of 6 "other free" in 1810 [VA:839], perhaps the Peter Wise, born before 1776, who was head of a Dagsboro Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware household of 4 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:380].

WISEMAN FAMILY

Members of the Wiseman family were

i. James, "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 1 "other free" in 1790 and 2 "other free" and 3 slaves in 1810 [MD:325].

ii. Zachariah, "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 1 "other free" in 1790.

iii. John, head of a Charles County household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:562] and 9 in 1810 [MD:319].

iv. William, head of a Charles County household of 4 "other free," a white woman 26-45 years old, and two slaves in 1810 [MD:321].

v. Robert, head of a Charles County household of 1 "other free," a white woman 26-45 years old, and 2 slaves in 1810 [MD:343].

vi. Thomas, married to Sarah in 1819 when their daughter Mary Ann, born 27 August 1819, was baptized in St. Mary's Mattawoman Parish, Charles County. Elizabeth **Butler** was the godmother.

vii. Smith, married to Anne on 23 April 1826 when their daughter Catherine Anne was baptized in St. Mary's Mattawoman Parish. Elizabeth **Proctor** was the sponsor [Colonial Dames of America, *Records of St. Mary's Parish, 1793-1861*, 26, 122].

WOOD FAMILY

1. Margaret Wood, born say 1718, a spinster living in Saint Paul's Parish, confessed to the Kent County, Maryland Court on 14 November 1738 that she had a "Mollatto" by a "Negro" [Criminal Proceedings 1738-9, 36, 81-2, 110-1]. She may have been the ancestor of

i. Charles, head of a St. Mary's County household of 7 "other free" in 1790.

ii. Jane, "Mulatto" head of a Charles County household of 5 "other free" in 1790.

iii. Henrietta, head of a St. Mary's County household of 2 "other free" in 1790.

iv. Henry, born about 1787, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 28 March 1809: *aged 22 years or thereabouts ... Complexion Yellowish, hair is short & woolly ... born free.*

v. John **Curtis** Wood, born about 1780, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 12 March 1810: *aged thirty years or thereabouts ... complexion Dark, hair Short ... born free* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 4, 8].

WOODLAND FAMILY

Members of the Woodland family were

1 i. Luke, born say 1740.

ii. Sarah¹, head of a St. Mary's County household of 10 "other free" in 1800 [MD:427].

iii. Abraham, head of a Kent County household of 8 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

iv. Thomas, head of a Kent County household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

v. Margarete, head of a Kent County household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

vi. Thomas, born about 1775, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 26 July 1816: *aged thirty nine years ... complexion bright yellow - hair long & woolly ... raised in Saint Mary's County, born free* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 27].

vii. Cato, head of a Kent County household of 2 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

viii. Rose, head of a Kent County household of 2 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

ix. Jacob, head of a Queen Anne's County household of 1 "other free" and 5 slaves in 1800 [MD:385].

x. Mary, born about 1787, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 24 August 1809: *aged twenty two years ... complexion bright ... born free.*

xi. Charles, born about 1789, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 30 May 1809: *aged twenty years or thereabouts ... Complexion rather dark ... born free* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 5, 7].

1. Luke Woodland, born say 1740, was head of a St. Mary's County household of 7 "other free" in 1790 and 2 in 1800 [MD:407]. He may have been the father of

2 i. Sarah², born say 1770.

ii. Thomas, born about 1775, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 26 July 1816: *aged thirty nine years ... complexion bright yellow - hair long & woolly ... raised in Saint Mary's County, born free* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 27].

3 iii. Jane¹, born say 1776.

2. Sarah² Woodland, born say 1770, was head of a St. Mary's County household of 8 "other free" in 1800 [MD:412]. She was the mother of

i. Harry, born about 1795, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 12 September 1829: *aged about 34 years ... dark complexion son of Sarah Woodland* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 81].

3. Jane¹ Woodland, born say 1776, was head of a St. Mary's County household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [MD:406]. She was the mother of

i. Celia, born about 1795, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 12 August 1829: *daughter of Jenney Woodland, aged about 34 years ... dark complexion ... long woolly hair.*

ii. Verlinda, born about 1800, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 1 September 1824: *aged twenty four years .. light complexion, long hair ... born free, being the daughter of Jane Woodland.*

iii. Ellen **Wilson**, born about 1804, obtained a certificate of freedom in Prince George's County on 2 November 1827: *a bright mulatto woman, about 23 years old, and 4 feet 10-1/2 inches tall ... born free in Saint Mary's County ... daughter of Jane Woodland.*

iv. Jane², born about 1805, obtained a certificate of freedom in St. Mary's County on 12 November 1822: *Daughter of Jinny Woodland .. about 17 years of age and is of a bright complexion ... free born* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-64, 60, 67, 72, 81]. She was twenty-two when she registered on 22 October 1827 in Washington, D.C. [Provine, *District of Columbia Free Negro Registers*, 87].

Perhaps one of their descendants was

i. John Woodlin, born 1776-1794, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware household of 5 "other free" in 1810 [DE:311] and 9 "free colored" in 1820 [DE:410].

WOODWARD FAMILY

1. Thomas Woodward, born say 1730, was presented by the Prince George's County court on 24 August 1756 for failing to list his "Molatto" wife as a taxable in Prince Frederick Hundred [Court Record 1754-8, 307]. He was probably the father of

i. Bazel Woodard, head of an Anne Arundel County household of 5 "other free" in 1790.

ii. Ann, born say 1755, was the servant of Archibald Allen in November 1777 when she confessed to the Montgomery County court that she had an illegitimate child by a "Negro." The court ordered that she be sold for seven years and that her child be sold to until the age of thirty-one [Proceedings 1777-81, 33-4].

iii. ?Neptune Woodyard, "F.N." head of a Back River, Baltimore Town household of 3 "other free" in 1790.

WRIGHT FAMILY

Members of the Wright family in Maryland were

i. Sarah, born say 1724, charged with "Molatto Bastardy" in Anne Arundel County court on 9 August 1748 but acquitted when it was shown that she was a married woman [Judgment Record 1748-51, 81].

1 ii. Stephen, born say 1750.

1. Stephen Wright, born say 1750, was taxable on 150 acres, called "Friends Folly," in Rewastico, Somerset County, in 1783 [MSA S1161-9-10, p.60] and head of a Somerset County household of 7 "other free" in 1800 [MD:459]. He may have been the father of

i. Easley, a spinster (no race indicated) who was living in Coventry Parish on 16 June 1767 when she confessed to the Somerset County court that she had a child by Stephen **Dutton** [Judicial Record 1766-7, 152].

ii. Nicholas, born say 1778, married Mary Wright, "free Mulattoes," on 21 November 1799 in Sussex County, Delaware [Records of the United Presbyterian Churches of Lewes, Indian River and Cool Spring, Delaware 1756-1855, 314]. He was head of a Dagsborough Hundred, Sussex County, Delaware household of 3 "other free" in 1800 [DE:425] and 6 in 1810 [DE:437].

iii. Daniel, head of a Sussex County household of 3 "other free" in 1810 [DE:353].

iv. Sarah, head of a Sussex County household of 4 "other free" in 1810 [DE:363].

Other members of the Wright family in Delaware and Maryland were

i. Margaret, head of a Kent County, Maryland household of 6 "other free" in 1800 [MD:156].

ii. George, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 6 "other free" in 1800 [DE:12].

iii. Ham, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 4 "other free" in 1800 [DE:40].

iv. Philip, head of a Little Creek Hundred, Kent County, Delaware household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [DE:40].

YOUNG FAMILY

Members of the Young family were

i. Grace, "Negro" head of a Kent County household of 5 "other free" and a slave in 1790.

ii. Stephen, head of a Talbot County household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:522].

iii. Frank, head of a Talbot County household of 2 "other free" and a slave in 1790.

iv. Jacob, head of a Frederick County household of 1 "other free" in 1800 [MD:861].

v. Polly, born about 1784, obtained a certificate of freedom in Dorchester County on 25 November 1829: *of a chesnut colour ... born free, raised in Dorchester County and is the Daughter of Alex Fitzgerald who was also born free, aged about 46 years* [Certificates of Freedom for Negroes 1806-64, 65].

YOUNGER FAMILY

1. Edward¹ Younger, born about 1763, obtained a certificate of freedom in Prince George's County on 8 September 1809: *about 45 years old ... dark complexion ... free by virtue of a deed of manumission from Overton Carr of Prince George's County* [Provine, *Registrations of Free Negroes*, 5]. He was head of a Frederick County, Maryland household of 5 "other free" in 1800 [MD:843]. He was married to Polly on 3 April 1812 when his son Edward obtained a certificate of freedom in Frederick County. Perhaps she was identical to Polly **Bentley** by whom he had a child named William **Bentley**. His children were

i. Edward², born about 1790, obtained a certificate of freedom in Frederick County on 3 April 1812: *a Dark Mulatto, about twenty two years of age, five feet five and three quarter Inches high ... issue of Edward Younger and Polly his Wife, free negroes, and that this same Mulatto Edward was born free as appears by the Affidavit of Mary Wandle.*

ii. ?William **Bentley**, born about 1792, registered in Frederick County on 22 April 1811: *Son of Edward Younger and Polly Bentley free negroes residing in Frederick Town ... aged about nineteen years, about five feet three inches high, of middling dark complexion ... as appears by the affidavit of Abraham Levy who obtained a judgment for his freedom from a certain P.H.N.B. Tot Bostrop in Frederick County Court at Novr. Term in the year 1796* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-27, 28, 71].

Other members of the Younger family were

i. Edward³, born about 1796, obtained a certificate of freedom in Frederick County on 3 April 1812: *a dark Mulatto Boy aged about Sixteen years, about Five feet four inches high ... was free born as appears by the affidavit of Mary Wandle.*

ii. Philip, born about 1799, obtained a certificate of freedom in Frederick County on 8 March 1815: *a dark mulatto boy, aged about sixteen years and seven month sold, about five feet two inches high ... is free born as appears by an affidavit of Mary Wandle* [Certificates of Freedom 1806-27, 36, 48].

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