

*The Negro Entry Book:
A Document of Lancaster City's
Antebellum Afro-American
Community*

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*I*n his *Heritage of Lancaster* (1978) John W. W. Loose refers to an ordinance that required all “free persons of color” to register with the Mayor’s Office.¹ Since this particular ordinance is not mentioned in any other standard local history, the search for its origin led to the Lancaster County Library’s microfilm newspaper collection and to the archives of the Lancaster County Courthouse. The May 13, 1820 edition of the *Lancaster Intelligencer & Weekly Examiner* reproduced the text of the ordinance as follows:²

An Ordinance
Prescribing Regulations concerning
free Persons of Color

BE it ordained and enacted, by the Citizens of Lancaster, in Select and Common Councils assembled, That, from and after the 1st day of June next, every free Person of Color, who shall then be within the said city, either as Residents, or intending to remain within the same, or who shall at any time thereafter come within the said city, shall, on the 1st day of June, or within 24 hours after such coming into the said city, appear

before the Mayor and enter their Names, together with the places of their abode, respectively, with the Names of their Family (if any) and the Inmates thereof; and the trade, calling, or occupation of them, or either of them; and in case of their removal from one house or place, within the city, to any other house of place therein, in like manner to enter the same with the said Mayor, whose duty it shall be to register the same, and to give a certificate thereof to the Person registered; for which he shall receive from such Person 12½ cents. And in case any such Person of Color shall neglect or refuse to comply with this Ordinance, he or she shall forfeit and pay 1 dollar for every 24 hours he or she shall so neglect or refuse; to be recovered as other penalties are directed to be recovered by any other Ordinance of the city.

Sec. 2 And be it further ordained, That all Innkeepers and other Persons, resident in the city, to whose house any free Person of Color shall come, and shall have continued there for the space of 24 hours; such Person shall, under the penalty of 1 dollar, make report thereof to the Mayor, or to one of the City Constables who shall immediately require said person to register himself or herself, agreeably to the directions contained in this Ordinance.

Sec. 3 And be it further ordained, That it shall be the duty of the Constables of the said city, in case any strange Person of Color shall be found therein, or shall lurk or be concealed therein, not having complied with this Ordinance, to take him or her forthwith before the Mayor of the said city, to be dealt with according to Law, and in such manner as is directed with respect to Vagrants and idle or disorderly Persons.

Ordained and enacted into a Law, the 9th day of May A.D. 1820

EML. Reigart, President of the Common Council

WM. Kirkpatrick, President of the Select Council

Attest

Geo. Weitzel, Clerk of the Common Council

T.R. Davis, Clerk of the Select Council

The final piece of the puzzle was located in the library of the Lancaster County Historical Society. An anonymous donor had given the Historical Society an old ledger which was shown to the author as a document of some relevance to local Black history. Upon closer examination, the ledger, entitled *Negro Entry Book*, proved to be a register of those "free persons of color" who had complied with directives contained in the above ordinance. The outline of a project became clear. The Historical Society was gracious enough to provide a copy of the *Entry Book* for annotation, thus making the following essay possible.

In the following the origins of the ordinance, the significance of the *Entry Book* as an historical document, and the *Entry Book's* demographic information will be analyzed. The *Negro Entry Book* is not only a significant historical document but also the most important source document of local Afro-American history that has surfaced to date. Essentially a Lancaster city directory for the period 1820-1849, it is a unique local document because no other city directory exists for the period prior to 1843. More importantly, however, the

Entry Book is an invaluable guide to Lancaster City's Antebellum Black population.

To understand the conditions that led to the issuance of the ordinance it is necessary to sketch briefly race relations in Lancaster City prior to 1820. Slavery had been terminated in Pennsylvania by the Gradual Abolition Act of 1780 but the labor supply it had provided was kept relatively inexpensive for another generation by the stipulation that slave offspring born after March 1, 1780 had to be indentured servants until they attained their twenty-eighth year. According to the first federal census, in 1790 there were 545 free Blacks and 348 slaves living within the present-day boundaries of Lancaster County. Of this number, 39 free Blacks and 57 slaves resided in Lancaster Borough. A total Afro-American population of 96 gave the Borough the third largest concentration of Blacks in the County after Earl and Salisbury Townships (157 and 106, resp.).

The 1810 Census indicates that Lancaster Borough's Black population had increased by 126% to 217 (210 free Blacks and 7 slaves). The non-black population during the same period had increased ca. 43%, or from 3,773 in 1790 to 5,405 in 1810. By 1820 the Lancaster City's non-black population was to increase an additional 17% to 6,325 while the Black population increased 41.9% to 308. During the Post-Revolutionary War Period then, Lancaster City's Black population increased at a rate almost uniformly three times that of the majority population.

Such a rate of increase in the Black population was bound to have a detrimental impact on race relations,³ especially since the dominant mood in White-Black relations in Colonial Pennsylvania was fear and animosity. Blacks in Colonial Pennsylvania were the objects of restrictive and discriminatory regulations which can be compared to the black codes of the Post-Reconstruction South. The noted Philadelphia jurist, A. Leon Higginbotham, Jr., presents an excellent documentation and analysis of these laws in his *In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process. The Colonial Period* (1978).

Higginbotham's study debunks some cherished myths about race relations in Colonial Pennsylvania. Instead of being the object of general benevolence, as is usually supposed, Blacks were not only hated and feared but vigorously suppressed by Colonial Pennsylvanians. Being Black in eighteenth century Pennsylvania meant having one's civil rights abrogated. Very little differentiation was made between slave and free Blacks. Both were apparently elements that the general society deemed necessary to keep under control. Free Blacks had a limited right of assembly, the vote was generally denied

them, their choice of marital partner was regulated (miscegenation was illegal), their access to education was not popularly supported, and they were subject to a separate judicial system that was designed to punish rather than protect them.⁴

Fear of slave revolt whether real or imagined can only partially explain the inferior social status of Blacks in Colonial Pennsylvania. It seems improbable that a fear which could generate such repressive laws could sustain itself for roughly eighty years only to disappear ostensibly in 1780 when the Gradual Abolition Act nullified all the colonial Black codes. A more cogent explanation is an inexplicable ambivalence to Blacks that subsumed diametrically opposite stances of rejection and benevolent paternalism. At the heart of this ambivalence is an ideologically-oriented racism that alternately viewed Blacks as parasitic malefactors and salvageable mischievous primitives. The rapid increase in the Black population during the post-Revolutionary War Period apparently exacerbated the extremes in the response to the Black presence. Lancaster was certainly not immune to this development.

As the census figures cited above indicate the slave population declined steadily while the free Black population increased. Racial tension also probably increased but information on such occurrences is scarce. The only documented local Black "revolt" was the so-called "Negro Conspiracy" of nearby York in 1803. Allegedly the Black community there used a series of fires throughout the borough to vent their outrage over the harsh punishment (4 years in the penitentiary) imposed upon a Black serving woman who allegedly attempted to poison her mistress and her mistress' daughter. The plot set York in a panic. Contemporary newspaper accounts indicate that the local press followed the developments with interest, if from afar. Lancaster was the capitol of Pennsylvania in 1803 and the governor's offering of a \$300 reward for information leading to the capture of the arsonists and his dispatching of state militia to York must have had some effect on Lancaster residents, just what kind of impact it had can only be speculated.

York's "Negro Conspiracy" and especially the reaction it elicited seems to document/substantiate latent animosities to Blacks which lay below the surface waiting to erupt. The outcome of the plot in York did parallel somewhat Lancaster's later ordinance. The following notice appeared in the York newspaper and was reprinted in the April 2, 1803 *Lancaster Journal*:

To the Inhabitants of the Borough of York and its vicinity, to the distance of 10 miles.

YOU are hereby notified, that such of you as have negroes or people of colour, to keep them at home under strict discipline and watch; so they may be under your eye at all times. You are not to let them come into the borough of York on any pretence whatever without a written pass, and to whom his errand is directed, and not to converse with any person, and that they depart out of said borough at least one hour before sun down, on pain of being imprisoned or at the risk of their lives. *And it is required that all free negroes or people of colour in said borough or its vicinity, to get a pass from a justice of the peace, in order that they may not be restrained from their daily labor.*

Given under the hands of the justices and burgesses of said borough, this 21st day of March 1803.

George L. Liffler, Justices of the Peace

John Forsyth,

Peter Mundorf, Burgesses

Rudolf Spangler

(italics mine)

Blacks were obviously an element which had to be controlled. The May 31, 1803 *Intelligencer & Weekly Examiner* reprinted an article on the punishment of the York conspirators which contains an interesting paragraph:

The conduct of the Members of the Abolition Society in this Borough is, in our opinion, inimical to the peace and happiness of the Town. We do not call in question the purity of the motives that gave rise to this Society; but we think it is, like other good Institutions, liable to be abused, and has been abused by some of its Members in this Town; in consequence of which it has afforded an asylum for many vile, worthless, Black people, Fugitives from a neighbouring State.

Implicitly, good Blacks are local people. The troublemakers are imported from elsewhere. The paternalism behind such a perception is symptomatic of a racism which, upon the pretext of public safety, suspends or restricts the rights of a given group.

A similar undercurrent of paternalism is found in the announcement of the decision to found what was to become Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church (Lancaster). In the June 27, 1817 edition of the *Intelligencer & Weekly Examiner* an interesting document of local race relations and societal power relationships was reprinted. The article announced that "people of colour" in Lancaster Borough had met on June 10, 1817 and had delegated a committee consisting of James Clendening, Edward Burgess, and Jeremiah Bulaw to "obtain advice from some of the respectable Citizens, as our Colored Brethren have done in other neighboring towns." A committee of "respectable citizens" was chosen which included Walter Franklin, Robert Coleman, William Kirkpatrick, Charles Smith, William Jenkins, Adam Reigart and George L. Mayer—all well-established members of the Borough's and County's economic and political life.

This committee of respectables met at Col. Matthias Slough's house on June 23, 1817 to discuss the free Blacks' proposal to erect their own church. The project received their hearty support because:

(. . .) it will be highly useful to assemble the said People of Color, on the Sabbath Day, in one Religious Congregation, under a proper Head, or Religious Teacher, and (. . .) it may tend to introduce more order and moral conduct among all classes of them, than has heretofore been observed; and (. . .) a reformation in this respect, and a peaceable and orderly conduct at all times, will have the effect to make themselves respectable, and greatly contribute to their own present and future happiness.

The committee recommended the project to the public since "(. . .) in fixing a temporary place for their Public Worship, they are entitled to the assistance of the Citizens of the borough, as well as to their protection, when assembled for the purpose of Divine Worship." The tenor of this article and the manner in which the project was made public indicate that there was a need to give the undertaking not only credibility but also legitimacy.

*P*rior to 1817 local Blacks had worshipped in the churches of the majority community and were in fact members of the leading local churches, i.e. St. James Episcopal and Trinity Lutheran.⁵ As late as 1820 Blacks were still being buried in White cemeteries but there was some opposition to that practice.⁶ The committee's announcement indirectly documents this opposition and emphasizes Blacks' inferior social status in Lancaster by pointing out the practicality of assembling all the "people of colour" in one place. Reading between the lines one can interpret this practicality as the desire both to remove Blacks from the White churches as well as to assemble them where their actions can be observed. Otherwise, why stress that the construction of a separate Black church was not unique to Lancaster, that is, was accepted practice elsewhere; why stress that "respectable" (speak: local White) residents were supporting the undertaking; and why underline the fact that Blacks, *when* assembled for worship, are entitled to assistance *as well as* protection? Blacks emerge from this announcement as the stepchildren of the community. It is unlikely that any other group would have had to go to such lengths to receive public approbation for a supposedly non-threatening activity. Free men were asking here not only for money to build a church but also for permission.

Inferior social status and the innate volatility of race relations dominated by paternalism made social and political oppression a real possibility. Prior to 1820 local race relations were obviously based

on the total subordination of Blacks. Given the proper circumstances this social convention was easily convertible into legalized suppression. Newspaper accounts from early 1820 suggest a probable immediate cause for the restrictive ordinance that identified local Blacks as suspicious aliens.

During the entire nineteenth century there were many local fires. A significant number of those fires were the result of arson. While the memory of the "Negro Plot" in York had most likely dimmed by 1820, a catastrophe occurred in January of that year that dramatically made Lancastrians aware of the danger of fire. Savannah, Georgia was devastated by a fire that destroyed half of its buildings. Soon after an account of the calamity appeared in the January 29, 1820 edition of the *Intelligencer & Weekly Examiner*, a local effort was started to send money and goods to the homeless in Savannah. Even though the fire in Savannah was not arson, the enormity of the disaster must have made Lancastrians think about their own safety from fire. The March 24, 1820 edition of the *Lancaster Journal* inimated a connection between the Savannah fire, the formation of two local fire companies, and a rash of local fires of suspicious origin.

In February 1820, for example, a barn owned by William Kirkpatrick, Esq. and leased by W. C. Fraser, Esq. was destroyed by fire. A not very unusual event; except for the fact that in April of the same year the reconstructed barn was again destroyed by fire. This was too much of a coincidence for Fraser who advertised a reward of one hundred dollars for the capture of the arsonist. The editor of the *Lancaster Journal* commented: "A repetition of the act has established the general opinion that in both instances it was the work of an incendiary." After the passage of the ordinance the same *Journal* printed an article entitled "Caution" which, because of its relevance, I reprint in its entirety:⁸

Caution

A letter from a respectable citizen of Harrisburg had been received by Adam Reigart, Esq. of this city, in which it is stated that in consequence of the numerous fires which have lately taken place in different parts of the *union*, believed to be the acts of incendiaries, and the vast number of idle persons infecting the town; and in order to secure to the citizens their lives and property, a meeting was called a few evenings since, which meeting was almost unanimously in favor of a nightly patrol; that after two or three nights patrolling, eighteen blacks, supposed to be runaway, left Harrisburg, all directing their course for Lancaster. It therefore behoves our nightly watch and patrols to be vigilant, lest the depredations anticipated in Harrisburg should be fatally realized in our city.

By an ordinance lately passed, it is made the duty of every free black person on his or her coming into, the city, or within 24 hours from the time of such coming, to register his or her name in a book kept for this

purpose, by the Mayor. Although this ordinance is not to take effect until the first of June, yet, it is to be presumed, that our police officers, as a precautionary measure, will take before the Mayor every strange black person that may be found *lurking* about the city, and if such person cannot give a good account of himself or herself, the Mayor, we have no doubt, will do his duty, by committing them under the vagrant law.

In attempting to understand why the ordinance was issued and enforced, it is necessary to recognize that this ordinance was not a capricious or benevolent act intended to separate the innocent from the guilty. Repeated acts of arson or a contemporary campaign against immorality which culminated in "An Ordinance To prevent Vice and Immorality" (April 4, 1820) cannot fully explain why Blacks, of all local groups, were singled out for special treatment. The only logical conclusion is that Blacks were a primary target of local antipathies and as such were potential victims of social violence—as witness the Columbia Race Riot of 1834. The ordinance is thus not only a manifestation of social control mechanisms but also a harbinger of future violence.

Analysis of the Negro Entry Book Data

The Entry Book had 340 entries. 112 or 33% of these entries were made between May 29 and November 29, 1820; that amounts to 275 individuals identified in 1820 as City residents as well as 2 transients with a place of residence outside the City limits but who made frequent visits to the City. Federal census returns for 1820 indicate the Black population as follows:

Colored Males	136
Colored Females	172
Slaves	<u>1</u>
	309

Thus for 1820 the *Entry Book* provides data on 89.3% of the free Black population. Given such a wealth of information, it seems most appropriate to concentrate on 1820 for our analysis of early Antebellum Black Lancaster.

116 respondents were identified by age. The average age for these heads of household was 30+ years. More significant than age was their geographical distribution. Places of residences were rather equally divided among the borough's four quadrants:

Mussertown:	37	Water Street:	9
Prince Street:	37	Middle Street:	1
Adamstown:	9	E. King Street:	2

Orange Street:	18	Alley between W. King	
S. Queen Street:	17	& Orange Streets:	6
Spring Garden:	14	Alley behind Ober &	
Grovestown:	13	Klines:	3
Mulberry Street:	5	North Queen Street:	1

All four quadrants of the borough are represented. No trend to a racial ghetto as was prevalent in Lancaster from the Civil War until the late 1960's is apparent. Furthermore, in addition to the above residences, 30 individuals were listed as residing with:

Robert Coleman	William Montgomery, Esq. (3)
James Buchanan	John Hubley, Esq.
Adam Reigart	William Kirkpatrick
George Graeff (2)	Jacob Slough (4)
George Hambright (3)	Samuel Slaymaker (7)
Joseph Phillips	Walter Franklin
William Hamilton	Martin Foltz
Edward Coleman	Charles Smith, Esq.

Clearly these 30 individuals were domestic servants employed in the households of the above-cited prominent men.

Homeownership was apparently rare among Blacks. Few individuals were identified as having their own homes. Most were boarders or renters living in structures owned by others. The data implies a certain camaraderie in living arrangements that suggest free blacks shared living expenses and opened their homes to relatives and outsiders needing shelter. Such shared living arrangements hint at a sense of community and mutual protection.

*P*erhaps the most interesting facet of the *Entry Book* data is employment. In 1820 there was an interesting mixture of skilled and semi-skilled professions represented in the Black community. Blacks were not just restricted to the lower end of the employment ladder. Indeed there is indication of a small but thriving middle class that was beginning to establish itself. This trend is especially evident in the trade of chimney sweep.

As is well known, in 18th and 19th century America trades were commonly learned from tradesmen in on-the-job-training situations or apprenticeships. Tradesmen thus trained usually established themselves and then, if the opportunity presented itself, passed their skills on to the next generation. The end result was, of course, an expansion of skilled and semi-skilled labor pool. The *Entry Book* demonstrates that this process was well underway in Lancaster's Black community

in a trade that was very important to early 19th Century Lancaster: chimney sweep.

According to William F. Worner, early 19th century Lancaster had a shortage of chimney sweeps. Citing a November 1, 1811 advertisement in the local *Lancaster Journal* Warner extrapolates the scarcity of this tradesman by noting that it was necessary to advertise in Lancaster, Baltimore, and Philadelphia in the hope of attracting two young helpers for Lancaster's only chimney sweep.⁹ Obviously, obtaining sufficient manpower to clean the borough's many chimneys was a serious matter since soot-filled chimneys heightened the danger of fire—an all too frequent calamity of the early years.

Satisfying this very real community need not only became a profitable venture for Black Lancastrians it also revealed a (community) network within the Black community that brought available labor to locations where it was needed. For the period 1820-49 the *Entry Book* registers 28 individuals (8.2% of all the individuals registered) as either practising or apprenticed chimney sweeps. Not all were originally Lancaster residents. Some had come to Lancaster specifically to learn or practice that trade. Such outside links are documented by entries such as:

March 3, 1824: Negro Henry Johnson, lately from Philadelphia, aged nineteen years, again the first of April next, by occupation a chimney sweep, about five feet six inches high, stout build, resides with Oslen Bates of Colour, Tow Hill in the City of Lancaster, and is a single man without family.

or:

November 27, 1830: Peter Grimes, a mulatto boy aged 18 years, a sweep with Samuel Stewart in Prince Street, in Lancaster two months, from Columbia.

or finally:

October 3, 1832: Isaac Gilmore enters his hired boy—for sweeping chimneys, named Edward Morgan, came from Columbia, near 18 years of age.

The profession of chimney sweep could be the starting point of a profitable study of economic life in Antebellum Black Lancaster.

The *Entry Book* also has a very significant social dimension. One serious impediment to the study of Lancaster County's Black history has been the paucity of names. Who were the leaders in the Antebellum Period? Two names can be found—with some diligence on the part of the researcher: Stephen Smith and William Whipper.¹⁰ Both men are, however, normally associated with Columbia, which was demographically speaking the center of Lancaster County's Black

community before the Civil War.¹¹ Until now little has been known about Lancaster City's Antebellum Black population.

The *Entry Book* closes this lacunae admirably. It is a veritable storehouse of biographical source material. Using it as a starting point it is possible to backtrack through testate and intestate papers, grantor-grantee transactions, newspapers, court dockets, etc. and assemble an impressive array of data on local Black merchants, tradesmen, and community leaders. It is a tedious undertaking but a rewarding experience, especially when individuals such as Isaac Gilmore are discovered.

The name "Isaac Gilmore" appears in three different entries: as a resident of Water Street with a wife named Lydia and as the employer of three apprentice chimney sweeps. The identification of Gilmore as an employer is significant enough to examine him more closely but the real value of the *Entry Book* reveals itself in a comparison with other data sources. The result is a rather sketchy outline of an individual who was most certainly a pillar of his community but who has been totally forgotten by posterity. The reconstruction of Isaac Gilmore exemplifies the problems encountered and to be overcome in any attempt to resurrect Lancaster's Afro-American heritage.

Two Isaac Gilmores resided in Lancaster Borough/City. The 1800, 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 Censuses all contain the name "Isaac Gilmore" and the Grantee-Grantor Deed Index for Lancaster County lists five transactions under that name for the period 1799-1829. That there were two Isaac Gilmores is substantiated by two facts. First, three of the five real estate transactions under the name "Isaac Gilmore" were completed in 1799 and 1804 at a time when the Isaac Gilmore of the *Entry Book* would have been seven and twelve years old, respectively: he reported his age as "about twenty-eight" in 1820 which would suggest a birthdate sometime around 1792. Second, the Lancaster County Court Archives has on a deposit an original German will with an English translation which purports to be "Isaac Gilmore's Will and Testament". Obviously sometime between the writing of the will on August 29, 1806 and its filing on October 11, 1806 Isaac Gilmore died.

What is known about this early Gilmore? His age is unknown. The only census he appeared in was the 1800 Census. There he is reported to be the head of a household that included eleven free persons (presumably non-white). According to the Grantee-Grantor Index his wife was named Charlotte and his profession was that of

chimney sweep. He was apparently engaged as a chimney sweep to engage in land speculation. On August 8, 1799, for example, he purchased a lot on Water Street for 100 pounds in gold or silver coin.¹² Interestingly enough in that same month he also "purchased" lot #440 from William Hamilton only to sell it in 1804 to a certain Joseph Whitmore.

Conclusive evidence as to the exact relationship between the two Gilmores is provided by the baptismal records of St. James Episcopal Church. The August 31, 1800 entry reads:

Jacob—born August 23, 1787

Elizabeth—born June 30, 1789

Jonathan—born June 18, 1791

Isaac
Charlotte—twins born July 14, 1793

Joseph—born January 19, 1795

Charles—born December 5, 1796

David—born February 28, 1799

baptized August 31 in the Church, Lancaster

Parents Isaac Gilmore and Charlotte—Black people in all

The Gilmores were father and son—an interesting fact from the perspective of contemporary efforts to establish minority-owned businesses in Lancaster City. Today, at a time when most minority businesses are high-risk, marginal undertakings, it is interesting to speculate what sort of effort was required to maintain a business such as Gilmore's. Isaac, Sr. was, as noted above, identified in 1799 as a chimney sweep. The 1850 Census identifies Isaac, Jr. as a "Sweep Master." Through the *Entry Book* we are thus introduced to a family business that existed for over half a century.

Another element of the Gilmore family that is revealed by the *Entry Book* is community involvement. Not just successful businessmen, they were also involved in church life. The Black church was and continues to be one of the most, if not the most important institutions in the Black community. It is also a truism to underline the predominant role the Black church had played after the Revolutionary War Period in the organization, education, and mobilization of the Black community. From Rev. Richard Allen, organizer of the A.M.E. Church, and Rev. Absalom Jones, organizer of the African Episcopal Church, to the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the Black church has been in the vanguard of the struggle to secure basic American rights for Black Americans. The Gilmore family's interest in church life deserves therefore close scrutiny. The evidence is also quite sparse.

In 1827 Isaac Gilmore and Daniel Colsbury, a shoemaker from East Hempfield Township obtain lot #441 from the Hamilton Estates on Charlotte Street in Lancaster City. In 1829 they sold their right to the property to Charles Gilmore and Reah Gilmore who are identified as trustees of the "African Union Society." It is reasonable to speculate that Charles Gilmore was Isaac's younger brother and Reah was most probably his sister-in-law. There is no indication as to the activities conducted by the African Union Society on the lot but the ground rent records show that lot #441 was rented in 1841 by Isaac Gillmore (sic), in 1851 by three individuals named Hood, Gillmore (sic), and Walker, and again in 1860 by the Union African Church. Two other relevant facts can be found in the 1843 Lancaster City Directory and in the 1864 Atlas of Lancaster County.

The 1843 Directory lists two African churches in Lancaster City: St. James African on Regart's Lane near South Queen Street (today's Bethel A. M. E. Church, North and Strawberry Streets) and Isaac Gilmore's African Church near West James Street in Spring Garden. The significant fact that emerges is that there was a small black community in Lancaster's Northwest quadrant during the Nineteenth Century in and around an as yet undefined city subdivision called "Spring Garden". It is typical of Black History that Black presence in that area is traceable through churches. Isaac Gilmore's African Church is the first but as late as World War I Black churches existed in that city quadrant under names as diverse as African Union Church (1860-1875), African Union Meeting House (ca. 1857-ca. 1865), Antioch Mission Chapel (ca. ?-ca. 1895), African Methodist Episcopal Zion (ca. 1895-1907), and St. Paul A. U. M. E. (ca. 1909-). This development is, of course, deserving of in-depth study.

In summa: Isaac Gilmore's involvement with the development of independent Black churches in Lancaster suggests that Lancaster probably experienced a development parallel to that which had occurred in Philadelphia. Today's Bethel A. M. E. Church is the oldest Black church in Lancaster County. As we have noted its creation would have been impossible without the approbation and direct involvement of the majority community—a sign of the times. Isaac Gilmore's Church, the African Union Church, and the other Black congregations are symptomatic of a new era. Lancaster's Black community of the 1830's, 1840's, and 1850's had developed leadership and, possibly, some self-assurance through past successes and, therefore, was striking out on its own. Where are the beginnings of this new leadership element? They are detailed in the *Entry Book* and that is, in part, the importance of the book.

1820

1. May 29 James Clendenin a mulatto enters that he is about sixty-five years of age, resides in Mussertown in the City of Lancaster, is a householder, by occupation a Painter and Glazier, has a wife named Elizabeth but no children, has a bound mulatto boy named William Clendenin about 10 years of age, learning said trades, and a mulatto girl about seven years of age, named Hannah Clark.
2. May 29 Joseph Greene a negro, enters, that he is about fifty-two years of age, resides in Mrs. King's house in Musserstown in the City of Lancaster, is by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Hester, has three children but no living with him. That Charlotte a mullatto girl lives with him at present.
3. May 30 John Webster, negro, enters, that he is about sixty-eight years of age, resides in Prince Street in the City of Lancaster in his own house, is by occupation a basket-maker & labourer, has a wife named Dinah, but no children nor any person living with him.
4. May 30 Samuel Thompson, negro, enters that he is about forty seven years of age, resides in South Queen Street in a house belonging to Josiah Lockhart's estate, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Mary and one child named Priscilla, & a girl named Hannah a sister's child.
5. May 30 Mark Grubb, negro, enters that he is about thirty-one years of age resides with widow Curry in Musserstown in the City of Lancaster, is by occupation a labourer, has no family.
6. May 30 Thomas Staines, negro, enters, that he is eighty seven years of age, resides in John Lints House, has a wife named Christina and five children, Rebeca, Elizabeth, Joseph, Henry & Lydia, has no other persons in his family, is by occupation a well-digger.
- 6/11/1821 Thomas Staines reports that he is moved and now resides in the House of a Nancy King in middle Street in this City, his family not in our town.
7. May 30 Samuel Craig, mullatto, enters, that he is about 40 years of age, resides in a House of Adam Reigart's in Musserstown, has a wife named Amelia and three children, viz., Mary, Henry & an infant not yet named, by occupation a waiter & coach driver.
8. May 30 Benjamin David, mulatto, enters, that he is about 27 years of age, by occupation a carriage driver & waiter, resides with William Kirkpatrick in the City of Lancaster, has a wife named Margaret & two children named William & Benjamin, that his mother Jane Hart lives with him & his brother George dumb and lame, also David Rogers, labourer, & none others.
9. May 30 David Rogers, negro, enters that he is aged about 28 years, by occupation Hostler & wood-sawer, resides with Benjamin Davis in Musserstown, has no family.
10. May 30 Francis Anderson, negro, enters, that he is about thirty-three years of age, is by occupation a boot & shoe black, has a wife named Maria and one child named Caroline, he & his family reside with William Spanier (?) in N. Queen Street in the City of Lancaster.
removed to West King Street
11. May 30 Caleb J. Lewis, negro, enters, that he is about 39 years of age, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Hannah & four children, Benard (?), James, Lewis & Ann Jane, and his wife's mother Juliane

- Smith, lives with him, resides in an house situat on an alley between West King & Orange Streets, the property of Balsen Stertzler.
12. May 30 George Worthington, negro, enters, that he is about twenty eight years of age, by occupation a labourer, resides with Jacob Slough as hostler, has no family.
13. May 30 John Larrison, negro, enters, that he is about twenty nine years of age, by occupation a labourer, resides in a house of Dennis O'Donnels, in Adamstown, has a wife named Ann & no family nor inmates.
14. May 30 Abraham Camomile, negro, enters, that he is about the age of twenty seven years, by occupation a farmer, residing in a house of Dennis O'Donnel in Adamstown, has a wife named Emily but no children nor other family.
15. May 30 Charles Greer, negro, enters that he is about thirty nine years of age, by occupation a Post- and Rail fence maker, resides in Prince Street in a house of Samuel Brown, has a wife named Elizabeth but no children or other family.
- Removed from his former residence and now resides in the brick house of C. Shaffsus at the north end of Prince Street entered June 12, 1821.
16. May 30 Simon Waters, mulatto, enters that he is about thirty years of age, by occupation a Distiller, lives in a house of a Adam Metzgar, in Adamstown, has a wife named Margaret and four children, viz. Abraham, Hannah, Ellen & James.
17. May 31 David Gilmore, negro, enters, that he is about twenty one years of age, residing with mother Charlotte Gray in Water Street, by occupation a farmer, has no family.
18. May 31 Isaac Gilmore, negro, enters, that he is about twenty-eight years of age, residing in Water Street, by occupation a chimney sweep, has a wife named Lydia, but no other family.
19. May 31 John Viney, negro, enters, that he is about forty five years of age, residing in John Slater's house, in Musserstown, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Hannah but no other family.
20. May 31 Zadock Laws, negro, enters, that he is about thirty six years of age, residing in a House of David McDomuck in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has wife named Phebe & a step-daughter named Hetty, but no other family.
21. May 31 John Grayson alias Gracer, negro, enters, that he is aged about thirty six years, residing in Gilmore's house in Water Street, by occupation a shoemaker, has a wife named Charlotte and three children, viz. Charlotte, Ralph & Margaret, but no other family.
22. May 31 Joseph Preston, negro, enters, that he is about fifty two years of age, residing with Samuel Slaymaker, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Hannah, but no other family.
23. May 31 Cyrus Lee, mulatto, enters, that he is about thirty years of age, residing in Doctor Abm. Breneman's house in Orange Street, by occupation a farmer, has a wife named Lydia, & her mother named Sally & his wife's sister named Cassy, & no other family.
24. May 31 Dinah Lee, wife of Stephen Lee, enters, that she lives in Sam Brown's house in Prince Street, has five children, viz. George, Samuel, Mary, Kitty & William, who are all from home except George, who is sick.
25. May 31 Harriet Willis, negress, about 32 years of age, residing with Samuel Slaymaker, in Orange Street, by occupation a House servant, has no children or family. Entered by Mr. Slaymaker.
26. May 31 Margaret Richardson, negress, aged about sixty years, resides with Samuel Slaymaker in Orange Street, cook, has no children or family. Entered by Mr. Slaymaker.

27. May 31 Stephen Johnson negro, aged about 27 years, resides in a house of Adam Reigart, Esq. in Musserstown, is hired with Judge Franklin, by occupation, a house servant, has a wife named Hannah & two children, viz. Ellen & Harriet, has no other family.
28. May 31 James Johnson, negro, aged about fifty-two years, resides in John Martin's house in Mulberry Street, by occupation a wood-sawer & labourer, has a wife named Charlotte & three children, named Louisa, Mary Ann & George & no other family.
29. May 31 Julia Hopkins, a mulatto girl, aged twenty four years, residing with Walter Franklin, Esq., by occupation a cook, has no family. Entered by S.H. Franklin.
30. May 31 Joseph Aaron, a dark mulatto, aged about forty two years, residing in Spring Garden, in his own house, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Sally & no other family except Rosina Doge a white woman.
31. May 31 Philip Ramsey, a dark mulatto, aged about twenty years, residing with Peter Boston, by occupation a Shoe Black & Hostler, has no family.
32. May 31 Charles Butler, a bright mulatto, aged about forty seven years, residing in Orange Street in a house of the heirs of John Roberts dec., by occupation a waiter &, has a wife named Charity and six children at home, viz. Nancy, Mary, Henry, Jane, Fanny, Cecilia—and no other family.
33. May 31 Abraham Johnson a mulatto, aged about thirty five years, residing in David McDonnel's house in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Jane and two children at home, viz. Mary & Jacob Casy and an aunt named Sarah Bates.
34. June 1 Robert Jones, negro, aged about sixty five years, resides in Sam Brown's house in Prince Street, by occupation a Post & rail fence maker, has a wife named Rachel & four children, viz. Samuel, Nancy, Hetty & Rachel but has no other family.
35. June 1 Tilghman Truit, aged about 29 years, resides in brick house of Nancy Binkley in Adamstown, by occupation a waiter, has a wife named Ann & one child Anna Maria, and four children viz., Anna Maria Williams, May Ann Truly, Emeline Williams & Tilghman and a sister in law, named Elizabeth Gover.
36. June 1 Charles Gilmore, aged about 22 years, resides with his mother Charlotte Gray in Water Street, by occupation a Tanner, has no family.
37. June 1 Maria Johnson, negress, widow of William Johnson dec. aged 25 years, resides with Cyrus Lee, in Orange Street, has one child named John, follows washing &c.
38. June 1 Samuel Axford, negro, aged about forty seven years, resides with Martin Foltz, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
39. June 1 Benjamin Johnson, a dark mulatto, aged about forty four years rents a room of Matthais Hoke (family resides in Soudersburg) for the purpose of carrying on his trade of chimney sweep in the City of Lancaster, accompanied by his two sons Sam & Ben.
40. June 1 James Brown, negro, aged about thirty four years, resides in Doctor Breneman's house in Orange Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Nancy, and three children, viz. Andeline, Ellen & James.
41. June 1 Nancy Carter, negress, widow of Charles Carter dec., aged about fifty three years, resides in Mrs. Stockslager's house in Adamstown, washerwoman, has no family except her daughter Letitia Portland, who lately returned home and her son Charles, who is about to leave town, also Mary Carter her daughter about 7 years old.
42. June 1 Sally Patterson, a mulatto, aged about thirty three years, resides at

- Samuel Slaymaker, as Cook, has two children, living with Tilghman Truit, one named Mary Ann Truly & the other Emeline Williams.
43. June 1 Mary Ann Bates, negress, about 17 years of age, residing at Samuel Slaymaker's Kitchen servant.
44. June 1 Joseph Philips, negro, aged about forty five years, resides in a house of Jacob Ackerman in Orange Street, by occupation a farmer, has a wife named Ann and two children, viz. Mary Ann & George & no other family, a third child William resides in Adamstown's Sherman House
45. June 2 Letitia Portland, negress, aged about 24 years, wife of Peter Portland now in Chambersburg, resides with her mother in Mrs. Stockslager's house in Adamstown, washerwoman &, has three children residing with her, viz. Ann, Joseph & Abba, has no other family.
46. June 2 David Henderson also Anderson, negro, aged about twenty eight years, lives in Mrs. Stockslager's house in Adamstown, by occupation a Distiller, has a wife named Elizabeth & one child named Rebecca.
47. June 2 Jeremiah Maybury, a bright mulatto, aged about 21 years, lives with Col. Jacob Slauch, as waiter, has no family.
48. June 2 Simon Giles, negro, aged about forty nine years, lives with Col. Jacob Slauch as hostler, has a wife named Lurena.
49. June 2 Elizabeth Gover, negress, aged about 30 years, resides with Simon Waters in Nancy Binkley's house, by occupation a House servant, has a son named Tilghman. Entered by Tilghman Truit.
50. June 3 Benjamin McLean, negro, aged about forty years, residing with Hannah Williams in Spring Garden, by occupation a labourer, has no family & just now heard of the ordinance from the M. Constable.
51. June 3 Alexander Eddins, a bright mulatto, aged about twenty seven years, residing with Philip Fessee, in East King Street, by occupation a labourer, has no family; just now informed that he must enter.
52. June 3 Sophia Smith, mulatto, aged about twenty eight years, residing at James Parker's, in the alley back of Ober & Klines, by occupation a House-Servant, has no family.
53. June 3 Phebe Parker, wife of James Parker, negro, residing in the Alley at the back of Ober & Klines, said James by occupation a wood sawer—has no family except Sophia Smith who resides there at present. James is about 50 years of age.
54. June 3 John Brown, mulatto, about thirty five years of age, residing with Charles Smith, Esq., as a waiter, has no family.
55. June 3 Joseph Murry, by his wife Nelly Murry, enters, that he is a negro, aged about forty years, resides in Bard's house in Prince Street, by occupation a waggoner.
56. June 3 Hetty Butler, dark mulatto, widow of Solomon Butler dec. aged about 41 years, residing in Bard's house in Prince Street, by occupation a washerwoman, has two children, viz. Harriet & Isaac & no other family.
57. June 3 Sally Bates, negress, widow of Austin Bates, aged about forty years, residing with Abraham Johnson, in a house of David McDonnel, in Prince Street, by occupation a house servant, has three children, viz., Mary, Peggy & Patty.
58. June 3 James Cosey, negro, by his wife Ellen, residing in Spring Garden by occupation a farmer, has no children. Hannah Williams & her daughter Sally reside with them. Said James is about 26 years of age.
59. June 3 James Lee, mulatto, aged about thirty years, residing in Adam Metzgar's house in Adamstown, by occupation a cooper, has a wife named Emily, but no children.
60. June 3 Daniel Foreman, dark mulatto, enters that he is aged about forty

four years, resides in Jacob Demuth's house in Adamstown, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Vine & one child named Robert but no other family.

61. June 3 George Still, a dark mulatto, enters, that he is about 24 years of age, resides with Mr. Samuel Slaymaker, by occupation a waiter, has no wife or family.
62. June 3 Hannah Williams, a bright mulatto, widow of Benjamin Williams, aged about sixty six years, residing in Spring Garden, in Jim Cosey's house, by occupation a washerwoman, has a daughter Sally Williams & no other family.
63. June 3 Samuel Ewing, negro, aged about fifty years, resides in Groves town, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Elizabeth & seven children, viz. Robt. Jane, Saml., Elizabeth, Phebe, Joshua & John & one inmate Robt. Elliot & family & his mother in law Hannah Clinch (?).
64. June 3 Robert Elliot, a dark mulatto, aged about 44 years, resides in Grovestown, by occupation a farmer, has a wife named Sarah & one child named Elizabeth.
65. June 3 James Henry, a bright mulatto aged about twenty nine years resides with Robt. Coleman, Esq., a House servant, has no family.
66. June 3 Henry Wilkes, a bright mulatto, aged about thirty four years resides with James Buchanan, Esq., by occupation a waiter, has no other family.
67. June 5 Benjamin Galloway, mulatto, enters that he is aged about forty nine years, resides in his own house in Musserstown, has a wife named Hannah and two children viz. Benjamin learning the trade of Tanner with Ent. Reigart, one daughter Eliza Atlee, widow, both under the age of 21 and two grand-children viz. Eliza Brown & Constant Atlee. By occupation a glazier & has no other family. The reason why he did not enter was, that he was about.
68. June 5 Mary Johnson, mulatto, aged about 25 years resides with Adam Reigart Esq. by occupation a cook, has no family.
69. June 5 Samuel Mayberry, a bright mulatto, aged about 24 years, resides with George Graeff, by occupation a Hatter, has no family.
70. June 5 Thomas Gustin, negro, aged about forty nine years, resides in a house of Robt. Power, in South Queen Street, by occupation a labourer, has no family, lives with his mother Phillis, who keeps house for him & his brother John Gustin.
71. June 5 John Gustin, negro, aged about fifty one years, resides in a house of Robert Powers, in South Queen Street, as the last. has no family.
72. June 5 Phillis Gustin, widow, age not known, resides in a house of Robt. Powers, in South Queen Street. Keeps house for her two sons. Thomas & John—as above. Entered by her son.
73. June 5 Isaac Hardin, negro, entered by his wife as follows. That he is about thirty nine years, resides in Robt. Powers house in South Queen Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Elizabeth & one child named Elizabeth.
74. June 5 James Brown, a bright mulatto, aged about twenty eight years, in Culbertson's house in South Queen Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Hetty and two children living with him viz. William & James. His father also lives with him.
75. June 5 Isaac Haines, negro, aged about twenty four years, lives with his mother Hester Green in Musserstown, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
76. June 5 John Bowser, a bright mulatto, aged about 17 years, lives with George Hambright, Esq., by occupation a waiter, has no family.
77. June 5 Henry Murry, mulatto, aged about forty eight years, lives in Mrs.

- Britzius' house in Musserstown, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Flora, and three stepchildren, viz. Anne Jones, Harriet Jones, Julianne Jones, living with him, has no other family.
78. June 5 John Thompson, negro, by his wife Pegg, enters, that he is about 22 years of age, lives in Mrs. Kings house in Adamstown, by occupation a labourer, has one child named John & no other family.
79. June 5 Eliza Jones, negress, aged about twenty years, lives with Joseph Phillips in West Orange Street, by occupation a house servant, has no family.
80. June 5 Mary Ann Milburn, a bright mulatto, aged about 17 years, resides with Hannah Williams, in Spring Garden, by occupation a washerwoman, has no family.
81. June 5 Louisa Aitkins, negress, aged about twenty two years, resides with Mrs. Monters in Adamstown, by occupation a house servant, has one child named Charlotte Fessee.
82. June 5 Richard Ward, mulatto, aged about fifty eight years, resides at James Clendenin's in Musserstown, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
83. June 5 Ellen Curry, mulatto, widow aged about forty years, resides in Peter Biers' house in Adamstown, by occupation a washerwoman, has a child of David Lewis and another child boarding also (illegible) Pampatines boarding & no other family.
84. June 5 Dinah Vine, negress, aged about thirty years, resides with Joseph Aarons, in Spring Garden, by occupation a washerwoman, has no family.
85. June 5 Alice Peters, negress, aged about nineteen years, resides with Joseph Aaron in Spring Garden, by occupation a whitewasher & washerwoman, has no family.
86. June 5 Hannah Waltons, negress, aged about twenty years, resides at Joseph Aarons' in Spring Garden, by occupation a cook, has no family.
87. June 5 Tabitha Scott, negress, aged about thirty five years, resides with Thomas Staines in John Lindt's house, by occupation a washerwoman, has two children living with her, viz. Rosina & Nancy. one child named Charlotte Reily, living at Geo. Hambright's & a son named Sam lives at Geo. Graeffs. neither of them bound out.
88. June 6 Gardner Washington, negro, aged about 37 years, lives with Frederick Stone (?) over Witmer's Bridge, comes to Lancaster nearly every day to work, has no family.
89. June 7 Patience Stines, negress aged about seventy years. lives in John Lints' house with Thomas Stines, by occupation a washerwoman, has no family living with her.
90. June 7 Peter Bostion, negro, aged about forty two years, lives in a House of David McDonald's in Prince Street, by occupation a Boot & Shoe Black, has a wife named Catharine & no other family.
91. June 7 Julia Ann Carter, negress, aged about 25 or thirty years, lives with Hannah Williams in Spring Garden, follows washing & working in Gardens, has two children, named Flora & Louisa, the first lives with George Hambright waggoner the latter with its mother.
92. June 8 John Christy, a dark mulatto, aged about twenty two years, resides with Mrs. William Hamilton, by occupation a Printer and waiter, has no family.
93. June 8 Edward Burgess, a bright mulatto, aged about thirty four years, residing with Samuel Slaymaker, by occupation a waiter, has no family.
94. June 8 William Brown, mulatto, aged about twenty three years, residing with Edward Coleman, Esq. by occupation a waiter, has no family.
95. June 8 Nicholas Brown, mulatto, aged about thirty years, resides in John

Culbertson's house in South Queen Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Abba, but no other family.

96. June 9 Dinah Gillespy, negress, aged about twenty eight years, resides with William Montgomery, Esq., by occupation a house servant, has no family.
97. June 9 Lydia Profit, negress, about fifty nine years, resides at Wrightsville in York County, stops at Daniel Protzmans in Water Street when she comes to Lancaster which she often visits, when she comes to see her daughter who lives with Philip Ebermann—sometimes she stays a few days in the City, follows washing & spinning (?)
98. June 10 Aaron Night, negro, aged about thirty two years, resides with Thomas Lovet in East King Street, by occupation a farmer & has no family.
99. June 14 Hall Camphes, a dark mulatto boy, aged about sixteen years, just arrived from Philadelphia, by occupation a chimney sweep & waiter, is looking for work, has not yet found a place of residence in Lancaster.
100. June 14 Anthony Richardson, negro boy, aged about fifteen years, just arrived from Philadelphia, lives with Stephen Camphes in Filbert Street Philadelphia, by occupation a chimney sweep, sent by said Camphes to look for work, has not yet found a place of residence in Lancaster.
101. June 19 Benjamin Aaron, mulatto, aged about twenty four years, resides with Joseph Aaron, in Spring Garden, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
102. June 20 Jane Noble, mulatto, aged about eighteen years, resides with Abraham Camonile in Adamstown, house-servant, has no family.
103. June 24 Stephen Lee, a dark mulatto, aged about thirty eight years, resides with John Torrence in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Dinah and five children, viz. George, Sam, Mary, Bill & Kit, Sam & Mary are bound to Matt Graeff, George is bound to Joseph Jeffries in Columbia, Bill is living with Mrs. Frances Evans, Kit is out (?) boarding with Mrs. Butler in Prince Street, Said Lee & his wife live separate.
104. June 30 Thomas Johnson, mulatto, aged about twenty nine years, resides with William Montgomery, Esq., by occupation a house servant, has a wife named Maris Johnson who is also hired with Mr. Montgomery & has no other family.
105. July 21 Julian Moody, a bright mulatto, aged about 18 years, lives with his brother Isaac Moody in Petersburg, East Hempfield Township, intends to remain at Mrs. Hubley's in Orange Street, for a few days.
106. August 16 Charles Carter, negro, aged about 21 years, lives with his mother Nancy Carter, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
107. August 17 George Nettle, negro, aged about 28 years, resides with Nelly Curry, by occupation a painter & has no family.
108. September 18 John Levan, negro, about 73 years old, resides with John Webster in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Mary but no other family.
109. November 25 James Holled, negro, aged about 23 years, is about hiring with John Hubley, Esq., by occupation a waiter, has no family.
110. November 27 Adam Williams, negro, aged about 17 years, resides with Daniel Forman in the City of Lancaster, by occupation a chimney sweep, has no family.
111. November 28 James Moore, negro, aged about 21 years, resides with Thomas Lovet in the City of Lancaster, by occupation a waggoner & labourer, has no family.

112. November 29 William Burley, a bright mulatto, aged about 18 years, resides with Charles Butler, by occupation a waiter & labourer, has no family.

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113. January 4 John Johnson, negro, aged about 22 years, resides with Abraham Johnson in Ann McDonald's house in Prince Street, by occupation a chimney sweep, has a wife named Phebe but no other family.
114. January 4 Lot Stout, negro, aged about 24 years, resides in Ann McDonald's house in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Louisa but no other family.
115. January 4 Jacob Bell, negro, aged about 28 years, resides with Abraham Johnson in Ann McDonald's house in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has no other family residing with him, has a wife & child living with Abm. Camonile about a mile below Witmer's on the Phila. Turnpike Road.
116. January 15 Joseph Parker, negro, aged about forty years, resides with Zadack Laws in Prince Street, by occupation a labourer, has no family.
117. April 2 William Riley, mulatto, aged about twenty years, resides with Alexander Edings in Adamstown, by occupation a labourer, has no family, declares himself a free man, came from Brandywine, Chester County, West Bradford Township about five feet five or six inches high—well build.
118. April 12 Francis Davison, dark complexion about five feet eight or nine inches high, stout build, aged about thirty years, by occupation a labourer, has no further family than a wife, named Violet—late from outside (?) Easton Pennsylvania, resides with Saml. Brown in Prince Street in the City, he declaring himself a free man.
119. April 13 Tolby Winebery, negro, aged about fifty years by profession a labourer, resides in this City, boards with Daniel Thomas, has no family, about six feet high, black, and well made.
120. April 13 Stephen Gelbert, negro aged about 23 years, about six feet, well built, speaks the German language, lately from Cuxtown (?), Berks County, has no family.
121. April 13 William B. Harrison, negro, aged about 25 years about five feet two inch, lately from Reading, has a family there but not yet at Lancaster, by profession a Hair Dresser.
122. May 18 Lloyd Gooden, negro, aged about twenty one, resides with Edward Coleman in East King Street in the City of Lancaster, by profession a labourer, has no family, about five feet six inches high, stout made, dark complexion.
123. June 12 Jeremiah Halleger, a dark mulatto aged between twenty-one and twenty-two years, late from Little Britain Township, labourer by profession—is a single man, intends to live with and board at the house of William Prophet situate in north Prince Street in the City of Lancaster.
124. June 12 George Levan, negro, a single man aged about twenty eight years, late from Drumore Township, Lancaster County, resides with William Prophet in North Prince Street—has no family, by profession a weaver.
125. June 12 William Prophet, negro, aged about 40 years by occupation a labourer, has a wife named Lydia, resides in North Prince Street, in Jacob Dorwart's house.
126. June 12 Sam Marten, negro, aged about 69 years, by occupation a Hammer man—has no family, resides with Joseph Parker at the far end of North Prince Street in a house owned by Casper Shaffner Jur.
127. June 12 Alexander Irvan, negro, aged about 29 years by occupation a labourer, late from Franklin County, has no family, residing with George Wien Innkeeper within the City on the road leading to the Bridge generally called the new Bridge, the man Alexander declaring

- himself a freeman.
128. June 13 Aston Bates, negro aged upwards of sixty six as is supposed (he not knowing his age) late from Old Chester, Delaware County, intends to reside with his wife Sally, only, in the City, he being by occupation a labourer, resides with Robert Junes somewhere in Spring Garden, he is about taking a house for himself.
129. June 14 Elizabeth Howard, negro, aged thirty eight years or thereabouts, late from Charles Town Manor Township, single woman having no family, resides with Charles Gedear of Colour (?), in a house of Caspar Shaffner Jundt at the head of North Queen Street.
130. June 16 Charles Enser, negro, aged about twenty eight years, late from Baltimore County, State of Maryland declaring himself a freeman, by occupation a labourer, resides with his wife Mary Ann only, in a house belonging to the heirs of Gilmore in Water Street.
131. June 20 Thomas Peterson, negro, aged about 29 years, late from Chester County but had spent his time with William Hamilton of this County, a single man, resides with Joseph Philips in Adamstown in the house late of Thomas Sherman, has nobody but himself, by occupation a labourer, resides in Adamstown.
132. July 13 Perry Blackston, negro, aged about 25 years, late from Harrisburg, who had formerly served his time in the place of Delaware County—single man, boards at Lovets tavern, entered by himself.
133. July 17 Charles Green, mulatto, aged about twenty nine years, about five feet 11 inches high, late from Little Britain Township residing with Sam Brown in north Prince, as a single man entered therefore himself only, by occupation a labourer.
134. July 17 Solomon Johnson, negro, aged about 28 years, by occupation labourer, stout build, dark complexion about five feet 7 or 8 inches high. Single man, residing as a Boarder with Sam Brown in North Prince Street in the City of Lancaster, is lately from Colerain Township in the lower end of Lancaster County.
135. August — Henry Clark aged about 28 years, a negro and for his wife aged about 21 years and one child, a son aged about five years, the said Henry being a labourer by trade, resides in the same house with Joseph Aaron of Colour in the City of Lancaster in a place called Tow Hill. (N.B. Aaron entered as living in Spring Garden)
136. August 23 Ellen Robison, a mulatto aged about 16 years, single woman, lately from York, Pennsylvania, declares herself a free person and intends to make her residence in this City, resides in Prince Street with Saml. Brown of Colour—Hath served her term with Peter Smelt of York aforesaid, for the term of ten years, she being a stout build girl.
137. November 26 Maria Martin, mulatto, aged about 18 years married to Charles Gilmore who was born in this City, they not having taken a place to live in ()—Hath served her term at a place called Liverpool in York County. She being a stout build woman of (illegible) a fair complexion, by occupation a house maid.

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138. January 4 Negro, Lucinda Tadeller, aged about eighteen years, spinster a single woman, she being a short stout person, resides with Thomas Staines in the City of Lancaster, she being lately from Chester County and intends to remain in this City.
139. January 16 Negro Maria Case aged about seventeen years, house maid by trade and a single woman. She being some what lighter complexion than common of a Negress, about five feet high, somewhat hunch-backed—she resides in the same house with James Cosey in Toe Hill in this City. She is born in the City but had left it for some time

and lately returned with an intention to remain at this place for some time at least.

140. February 12 Negro Thomas Basset declaring himself a freeman, is a married man, his wife in jail is lately from Charlestown, Lancaster County where he has one child. Intends to reside in this City for some time at the house of Zadach Laws of Colour—aged about thirty one years, about five feet eight inches high, dark complexion, slim build.
141. February 20 Negro James Johnson age about 41 years by occupation a labourer of a dark complexion, about five feet eight inches, slim build resides with Peter Bandler.
142. March 2 Negro Hannah Moon aged about 22 years, slim build has complexion not very dark, resides with Francis Teneson in Lancaster, by occupation a housemaid, she being lately from Harrisburg, declaring herself to be a free woman, enters by herself.
143. March 2 Negro Francis Peroagee aged about 27 years, stout build about five feet 6 or 7 inches high of a dark complexion. Lives with Francis Tenesand in this City—late from upper Mascfeld (?) in the western part of this State, enters by himself, declares himself a free man.
144. March 30 Mullato, James Luney aged about between 25 years, about six feet high, slim build, he is lately from Shippensburg, Cumberland County, intends to reside in this City, he being a single man now lives with Peter Bauxleben (?) in Adamstown in Adam Metzger's house.
145. May 18 Negro, Peter Williams of dark complexion about five feet nine inches high, aged about 31 years of age, good countenance and single man declaring himself free, lately from Lebanon County, by occupation a labourer, lives as a hireling with Daniel C. Freeman (?) in this City.
146. June 30 Negro, Sarah Beaty aged about 22 years a short hunched woman of a dark complexion, lately from Philadelphia, residing with her mother Ostent Beaty in North Queen Street in this City.
147. July 13 Negro, John Trueman, declares himself a freeman, aged about 25 years lately from Pittsburgh, about six feet high, slender build, by profession a fitter, resides at the tavern house of Michael Metzger in North Queen Street in the City of Lancaster, by trade als (as) Labourer.
148. July 20 Mulatto William Holland, he declaring himself a freeman, about six feet high, slender build of a light yellow complexion—single man, now lives at Zadoch Laws in Musserstown, by trade a labourer from Harrisburg, having no family, aged about 21 years.
149. August 6 Negro, Peter Hains, who was an inhabitant of the City, a servant of Jasper Yates, Esq., who had been away and returned lives with Charles in Orange Street, wishes to live here for some time hath this day entered his name.
150. September 20 Negro, Joseph Jackson, about five feet five inches high, deep Black complexion, not very stout, aged between twenty two and three years, is a single man—keeps his home with Zadock Laws who resides in Adamstown, he declaring that he was born in Chester: free, came to the County of Lancaster nearly five years (ago?), is by profession a labourer.
151. September 20 Negro Andrew Smith aged about twenty eight, about five feet ten inches high of a light complexion, stern make, saith he is a freeman serving his term with Atty. Francis Boggs near Marietta—single man has no family, has his home at Benjamin Galloway in Adamstown by profession a labourer.
152. September 20 Negro Cyrus Treaber (Treaver) aged about thirty years, a single

man, dark complexion, slim make, about five feet ten or eleven inches high, saith he served his time with George Ross, Esq., in this City, boards at present with the Widow Gray alias Gilmore but intends to shift his lodgings and home, as soon as he can get a place—And further saith that he had been out of the City for twelve years and only returned a few say 8 days since, by occupation a waiter.

152. September 23 Mulatto, John Freeman aged about 29 years has no family, follows the occupation of blacking shoes and boots keeps his shop of the cellar of Benjamin Barzeland in West King Street of this City, lately from York, Pennsylvania, is about 5 feet 5 inches high, declares himself to be a free man.
153. September 23 Mulatto, John Freeman aged about 29 years has no family, follows the occupation of blacking shoes and boots keeps his shop of the cellar of Benjamin Barzel and in West King Street of this City, lately from York, Pennsylvania, is about 5 feet 5 inches high, declares himself to be a free man.
154. September 23 Negro, Philip Weating (index: Weadings), aged about 26 years about five feet five inches high, produces papers proving (?) that he is a freeman, hath hired with Mr. Yetz, Lancaster County, by occupation a Boot and Shoe black, has a family, lives in West King Street in this City.
155. October 19 Negro, Lloyd Johnson aged about twenty five years, five feet 8 or 9 inches high, slim made, apparently an active man—is not married, shows a paper declaring himself a freeman, hath this day applied for and obtained a certificate from the Mayor.
156. November 5 Mulatto, John Lyons aged about 20 years, about six feet high, strong build in proportion, lately from Coleman's tin works, where he had served his term, by occupation a labouring man, has this day obtained a certificate for himself and his wife named Sharlet, a mulatto, has no children.
157. December 20 nd Negro, Tower Hill aged about thirty two years, about five feet 8 inches high of dark complexion, intends to reside in this City with wife and six (?) children, lives in rear of Kings Taverns, lately from Columbia.
158. December 20 nd Negro, Joseph W. Gover aged about 25 years, about five feet 10 inches high, well proportioned, resides with James Sammos (Sammons?) in Adamstown, is a single man by occupation a trader.

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159. January 8 nd Negro, Lander, Woman, aged about 26 years, lately from Maryland, Baltimore County, about five feet 7 inches high, stout build, by occupation a labourer in Water Street in the City of Lancaster with one negro Philip as shoe blacker, arrived in this place in the evening of the fifth instant is a single man and has no family, his complexion not very dark.
160. February Negro, Abraham Burch and Maria his wife both aget (?) about 22 years each, both of a dark complexion, stout build Abraham is about five feet 8 inches high lately came from Chester County where he had served his time with a certain Amos Jeffers who resides in the said County of Chester, aforesaid, & the said Abraham is a labourer by occupation, now resides in North Water Street in the City of Lancaster—came to the place about 12 days since.
161. March 20 Mulatto, Rebeca Steward aged about twenty years is a single woman, lately from Wilmington is a free woman as she saith, boards with James Samons in Adamstown, intends to reside in this place for some time. She has an illegitimate child aged about nine weeks named James Thurman.

162. April 23 Negro, woman, Rachel Brown, aged about 23 years, short and stout build, declaring herself a free woman, is lately from Harrisburg, is boarding with Mr. Sammons of Colour residing in Spring Garden, she being a married woman and expects her husband to be here soon, whose name is John Brown.
163. April 23
nd Negro, Rachel Cousins this day entered her name, aged about nineteen years of age, lately from Harrisburg, declares herself a free person, by occupation a kitchen maid, resides in Spring Garden in the City of Lancaster, is a tall good looking wench.
164. April 23
nd Negro, Elizabeth Rodereik this day enters her name as a single woman aged about seventeen years of a dark complexion of small stature and delegate (sic) appearance, lately from Harrisburg, declaring herself a free person, by occupation a house maid.
165. May 31 Negro, John George lately from Chester County, stout build, aged about 32 years, keeps his home with Peter Paullim in Adamstown.
166. June 4 Mulatto, Samuel Alvers lately from Maryetto—where he lived for about nine years but was born in Wilmington, by occupation a labourer, residing now in Spring Garden in the City of Lancaster, a married man enters for himself, wife Ester (in the index: wife, Chela), son Charles and wife's Aunt Julianna Smith who resides with him.
167. June 7 Negro, Jacob Berry, aged about 25 years, stout build, five feet and 10 inches high, saith he was bourn in New lenden (?) Township in the County of Chester, came to this County about Eleven months since, is by occupation a labourer, is a single man, & resides with Peter Barretlens in this City.
168. July 14 Negro, Milly Dowsey, her age she cannot say, born in the Borough of York, Pennsylvania, she being a slim, middling tall woman, small visage, dark complexion, appearantly about thirty years of age, single woman, came to this place some time since, keeps her house with Samuel Elves some where near the campground in the City.
169. July 17 Negro, William Rockaway aged about 30 years, born in New Jersey, in Middlesex County, manumitted by his Master Isaac Amby, of a dark complexion, stout build, resides with John Pinkerton of this City.
170. July 21 Negro, David Lee from Maryland some time since but lately from Marteck Forge, aged about twenty six years, of a dark complexion, stout build, about five feet 8½ inches high, keeps his home at present at John Kauffman's in this City, is a single man has no family.
171. July/August Negro, John Long lately from Harrisburg aged about 19 years, by occupation a labourer, hath lived with Doctor Musselman but intends to change that place and live with William Cooper innkeeper in this City. Is of a dark complexion about five feet 8 inches high, stout build, has no family, enters this day for himself only.

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172. March 3 Negro, Henry Johnson, lately from Philadelphia aged nineteen years again the first of April next, by occupation a chimney sweep, about five feet six inches high, stout build, resides with Oslen Bates of Colour, Tow Hill in the City of Lancaster, and is a single man without a family.
173. March 29 Negro, James Barred, lately from Philadelphia, well made about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, by occupation a labourer, has this day got his name entered for himself and wife Rebecca, residing in a house belonging to Thomas R. Jordan situated in the Alley between Queen Street and Duke Street which said house he has rented & he being aged about 22 years and his wife about the same age.

174. March 31 Negro, Cato Turner lately from Philadelphia declaring himself a freeman, aged about twenty two years, small stature, a dark complexion about five feet 7 or 8 inches high, single man, lives with Patrack Reynolds in the City of Lancaster, by occupation a waiter.
175. June 14 Mulatto, John Peice lately from Philadelphia, aged about twenty years, by occupation a chimney sweep, about 5 feet four or five inches high (sic), slim build, he declaring that he was bound to Saml. Curtis of Colour a Chimney sweep, who died some time since, say about four or five weeks—the said John lives in this City with Charles Gilmore and works for him at the business of sweeping chimneys, is a single man.
176. July 19 Negro, William Black, who saith he is lately from Harrisburg, about 22 years of age, served his time with Amos Green, of Dauphin County about 9 miles from Harrisburg. That he is a freeman, has no family and by occupation labourer is about (sic) five feet 8 inches high, knock-kneed (sic), slim made, his complexion not very dark, he resides with Ross Simpson, innkeeper in East King Street.
177. August 28 Negro, Jacob Jackson, aged about thirty years, served his time with Capt. Howard in the City of Philadelphia, from when he arrived in this City a few days since, he is a single man about five feet eight or 9 inches high, slim made, dark complexion. He resides with William Rockaway on Tow Hill within the limits of the City of Lancaster, labourer.
178. October 12 Milia Jane Parker aged about nineteen years, she is a stout short build woman of a dark colour, lives at the House of Gilmores, she having been born in this place, has only been five years away since, she has been at Philadelphia, she being a single woman.
179. October 25 Negro, John Moses a small man who is lately from Pittsburgh Allegany County, has shown his certificate, is aged about thirty years, intends to remain in this city, has not yet found a permanent residence in this City, single man.
180. December 6 George Washington, Negro, aged 26 years and wife named Sarah Ann, and child named Eliza Ann Fairfax, wife age 24 years child's age about 3 years lives in Prince Street in the City of Lancaster, Labourer.
181. December 21 John McKim, Negro, aged about 37 years a Labourer, came from Baltimore a few days ago and resides with Joseph Preston, has no family.

1825

182. January 15 Gilbert Lewis, a mulatto man, age about 34 years, lives with Mr. Yeates as a waiter, a wife named Betsy aged about 28 years, lives in Middle Street in the City of Lancaster.
183. January 15 Henry Martin, negro man, boards with Gilbert Lewis in Middle Street, by profession a waiter looking for employ, came from Winchester, Virginia.
184. January 18 Thomas Johnson, labourer, boards with Samuel Brown in North Queen Street, age twenty four years, a single man.
185. January 20 Isaac Jordan, mulatto man aged 22 years, his occupation a waiter, lives with John Steman Innkeeper—came to Lancaster about 3 weeks ago.
186. January 28 Isaac Jones, Negro, lives at Martin Breneman's occasionally sojourns in the City, occupation a Labourer, age 30 years.
187. March 21 George Sprowl(e), a mulatto man, aged nineteen years, Labourer, came from Drumore Township about 2 months ago. Lives with Pompey Anderson in the City of Lancaster.
188. March 30 Masiac Wood, a negro man, aged about 23 years, Blacksmith by trade, lives with Timothy Galigher, Smith.

189. March 30 John Bird Glenford, a mulatto man, by occupation a waiter resides with Henry Slaymaker in the City of Lancaster aged about 40 years and wife named Mary Glenford and a child.
190. April 4 William Wilson, a mulatto man aged about 25 years, by occupation a shoe maker, wife named Elizabeth and one child—a little girl named Hanna Morris, live in Adamstown in John Light's house.
191. April 4 Eve Brown, a black woman aged about 22 years—and a little boy, about 5 years old named William Brown, live with the above named William Wilson.
192. April 6 Betsy Pierce, a mulatto woman, a spinster, about 25 years of age, spinster lives at Benjamin Galowsays, served her time with Judge Hamilton of Carlisle, came to Lancaster last October, married to George Pierce, who has left her.
193. April 7 Israel Williams, light coloured man aged about 33 years by profession a Hairdresser and Barber. Wife named Mary Ann and 5 children, live near the corner of King and Duke Streets.
194. April 11 Joseph Buckram, negro, aged about 25 years, residing at Benjamin Gallaway, by profession a labourer.
195. April 13 Abel Hugues, negro, aged about 50 years, occupation a labourer, lives in Water Street, wife named Delila about 40 years old—two daughters and one son.
196. April 13 Cyrus Mitchell, negro, about 50 years of age, occupation a labourer, lives on Toe Hill, wife named Hanna, about 40 years old and 4 children, William, Eliza, Lydia & James.
197. April 13 Robert Brisinton aged about 33 years by occupation Labourer, lives with Isaac Gilmore, wife named Hanna and a child.
198. April 15 Abraham Glasgow, negro, about 35 years of age, labourer, lives in Spring Garden, one child a boy about 7 years old named Edward.
199. April 22 Roger Chew, negro about the age of 21 years, labourer, lives at Charles Gilmore's in Lancaster, came to the City about 2 weeks ago.
200. April 22 William Taylor, mulatto about 32 years of age lives with John A. Landis, occupation, a waiter to Mr. Landis.
201. April 23 Cyrus Michel, negro about 21 years old, stays with his Father near Sheres Still house. Occupation Labourer.
202. May 18 Nicholas Simmons, negro aged 17 years intends to stay at George Porters now lives with Ephraim Black in the city of Lancaster.—Occupation a waiter.
203. June 28 John Jackson, negro aged 40 years, by occupation a labourer, and his wife Phoebe Jackson aged about 35 years, resides with Pompey Anderson in Water Street—came to Lancaster, Friday the 24th instant.
204. July 25 Margaret Johnson, a very light coloured woman aged 24 years, wife of Wm Johnson who deserted her, lives at Nancy King's in Adamstown, came to Lancaster about 2 weeks ago.—Spinster.
205. July 25 George Brown, yellow man, aged 24 years, lives with Gilbert Lewis in Middle Street, by occupation a Blacksmith, he follows waiting at present.
206. August 16 Hannah Stevenson, negro girl, about 21 years old. Maid at George Messenkop's, innkeeper, came to Lancaster last Wednesday.
207. August 20 Curry Taylor, mulatto man, about 25 years old. Waiter, lives with Doct. Atlee, came to Lancaster about 10 months ago.
208. September 7 Joseph Baltimore, negro, about 27 years of age, by profession a waiter, boards at Alexander Eddings—came to Lancaster on Friday last.—
209. November 9 David Dawsey, negro about 25 years of age, born in Maryland, a labourer, lives with Samuel Elvis in Mulberry Street, came to Lancaster last Monday a week.

210. November 29 Eliza Johnson (mulatto), single woman aged about 18 years, lives at Jacob Gerber's, colored man in Adamstown, by occupation a servant, came to Lancaster about 2 weeks ago.
211. November 29 Levi Baker, negro aged about 21 years, labourer, works with Peter Reed, this day discharged from him—came to Lancaster about 5 months ago. Born in Lancaster,—son of Isaac Baker.

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212. March 13 James Fortner, negro aged about 21 years, waiter, stays at present at Ross Simpsons, brought up at Kennet Square, Chester County with Jonathan Price—single man, came to Lancaster, Sunday March 12, 1826. Entered March 13, 1826.
213. April 20 James Williams, negro aged 25 years, a waiter in the employ of Doctor Nortons. Born in Franklin County. Single man. Stays at John Stehmans. Came to Lancaster about 2 weeks ago.
214. April 14 Evan Cato, negro, aged 26 years, a waiter, late in the employ of Samuel Slaymaker—single man—boards now at said Slaymakers—came to Lancaster on the 7th December 1825.
215. May 11 Henry Tilghman—negro aged 27 years, a labourer, lives with James Brown, single man, arrived in Lancaster this day with an intention of residing therein, served his time with David Witmer, Paradise, last from there.
216. May 11 Edward Smith, negro aged 29 years, a labourer, has a family, lives in Middle Street—last from the Gap at Manwels.
217. May 11 Moses Brown, negro, aged 19 years, a waiter, boards at Wm Wilsons Middle Street—came to Lancaster last April.
218. May 11 Thomas Lozier, negro—aged 33, a Labourer, lives with James Brown in Musserstown, arrived in Lancaster yesterday intends living in Lancaster, & came from East Jersey, born in Newark, brought up with a man named Lozier, have lived the last 5 years with Geo Eckart below Strasburg.
219. May 11 Robert Green, yellow man, aged 25 years, by profession a waiter, lives at Samuel Slaymaker.—came to Lancaster about 4 weeks ago—single man.
220. June 5 Sarah Jones, yellow woman, single, aged about 24 years, house-keeper—about 3 weeks ago from York, lives with Sophia Green in Adamstown.
221. July 8 Thomas Basset, negro, single man, aged about 34 years, sojourner at Thomas Lovets when in Lancaster—occupation Fiddler and labourer.
222. July 8 Peter Saddler, negro, single man aged about 38 years, sojourner at Lovets when in Lancaster. Occupation a barber & fiddler.
223. August 11 William Harrison, light-coloured mulatto, aged about 26 years, by profession a paper maker arrived in Lancaster yesterday, came from Pittsburgh.
224. August 19 Isaac Bonns, yellow man, in 20th year, by profession a sweep, came to Lancaster 17th inst.—lives with Ralph Gilmore Water Street. Lancaster.
225. September 4 William Henson, negro in 25th year, labourer & lives in Middle Street in the City of Lancaster, a wife named Sophia and one child, a boy.
226. October 7 Eben (Evan) Williams, negro, in 16th year, sweep lives with Charles Gilmore in Water Street.
227. November 1 James Smith, negro, in 25th year, hostler at Geo. Vandesmith, innkeeper in the City of Lancaster, in town about 10 days, from Chester County.
228. November 11 Moses Smith, Negro, in his 30th year, born in Maryland, raised in

Baltimore, a labourer, wife named Jane, resides in Adamstown in the City of Lancaster.

229. December 23 Henry D. Brown, in 16th year, born near Phila., a waiter at Edward Coleman's, light coloured mulatto.

1827

230. February 12 Mary Vandyke, the wife of Jacob Vandyke, half mulatto woman, age about 23 years, lives with Sophia Green in the City, came here about 3 months ago (a washerwoman).
231. February 17 Geo. Henson, negro, about 28 years of age born in East Shore of Maryland—lives at Sophia Green's, by occupation a waggoner—came to Lancaster about 2 weeks ago.
232. April 3 Levin Thomas, a negro man about 26 years of age, born & raised in Chester County, has a wife named Sarah—came to Lancaster last Fall, a labourer & waiter.
233. May 9 Robert Williams, a negro man, about 21 years of age, single man born in Chambersburg, a servant to Col. Findley, a waiter at Cochran C. Slaymaker.
234. June 16 Mayoh Marshall, a coloured man, born in Chester County, aged about 26 years, works with John (?) Powell Bricklayers as a labourer, wife named Phoebe—
235. July 24 Peter Woods, a negro man, about 23 years of age, came to Lancaster 4 weeks ago, labourer, born in Lancaster County.
236. July 24 Elisha Anderson, negro man, about 21 years of age, came to town 3 months ago, labourer, born in Lewistown.
237. October 8 John Dundegan, mulatto, aged about 38 years, labourer resides in Spring Garden, wife Priscilla, born in Caroline County, Maryland.
238. October 8 John Price, mulatto, aged 21 years. Sweep, lives with Levin Thomas, a negro man—came from Chambersburg—mother lives in Phila.
239. October 31 John Jackson, mulatto, aged 17 years, Sweep lives with Levin Thomas in Alley back of Shirers Stillhouse, came to Lancaster yesterday.
240. November 1 Bill Williams, light-coloured mulatto, aged about 36 years and lives with Mr. Lovet, the Tavern keeper, by occupation a hostler.
241. November 13 John Refude, negro man about 30 years of age, and William Refude, negro man about 23 years of age, nephews of Isaac Gilmore, by occupation sweep and residing with him in Water Street in the City of Lancaster. (Entered by Isaac Gilmore)

1828

242. January 10 Jacob Smith, yellow man, about 30 years of age, by occupation a hostler at Adam McPharens, came to Lancaster 2 weeks ago.
243. February 23 Samuel Morris, negro about 22 years of age—labourer, lives at Thomas Sharp & David Dausy in the City—resided in town some time.
244. April 17 William Bileston, free Negro man, aged about 28 years, resides at John Blanford's, came from Virginia, arrived in Lancaster 6 days ago, labourer.
245. April 20 Elijah Bileston—free Negro—aged about 26 years—resides at John Blanford's, came from Virginia—arrived in Lancaster 8 days ago. Labourer.
246. May 28 John Ranson, free Negro, aged about 30 years, resides in Middle Street—came to Lancaster about 9 months ago. Labourer.
247. June 19 Mary Basset, light-coloured mulatto, a widow, aged about 29 years, at Thomas Sharps in Adamstown.
248. November 7 Richard Ringold, negro man, about 55 years of age in Musserstown, a labourer—

249. November 8 Samuel Brown, mulatto, aged 44 years, a labourer, resides in Musserstown, in Jacob Shertz house.
250. November 24 Levin Coxen, negro, aged 26, a butcher by trade, resides in Adamstown, a wife & 3 children.
251. December 13 David Ralph, negro, aged about 22 years, labourer, resides in Adamstown with Levin Coxen, from Baltimore.
252. December 13 Benjamin Ralph(h), negro—aged about 23 years, labourer resides in Adamstown with Levin Coxen.

1829

253. April 23 John Mason, negro, aged 25 years, labourer, resides with Levin Coxen in East King Street.
254. June 3 Middleton Coley, light-cold, negro—aged 29, mason & plasterer, resides in North Queen Street, wife named Mary.

1830

255. January 9 John Westly Whipper, mulatto, aged 25 years, labourer, in Adamstown.
256. February 22 Henry Howard, negro, aged 23, labourer, in Middle Street—wife Polly and one child.
257. July 21 Samuel C. Hill, negro, aged 20 years, labourer, lives with John Viney in Adamstown.
258. September 1 Isaac Smotherlip, a light-cold, mulatto boy, about 22 years of age, resides with Isaac Gilmore in the City of Lancaster.
259. September 8 William Steward, a negro aged about 20 years, sweep, residence at Samuel Brown's in Prince Street.
260. September 8 Samuel Mathews, a negro aged about 56 years, wife Rosana about 40 years, three children living in town, 2 girls and 1 boy—residence Prince Street—labourer.
261. September 8 Samuel Steward, a negro aged 65 years, wife Sobina aged 47 years, resides in Prince Street by occupation a sweep.
262. November 27 Peter Grimes, a mulatto boy aged 18 years, a sweep with Samuel Stewart in Prince Street, in Lancaster two months, from Columbia.

1831

263. March 24 Nathan Foster, dark mulatto man, aged about (no entry) years of age, has a wife named Rebecca and two children—blacksmith by trade, lives in Water Street.
264. September 3 Nelson Jackson, black man, age about 20 or 21 single, lives (with) John Lyons—labourer—Lyons lives in North Prince Street.
265. September 3 Henry Young, black man near twenty two years of age, single man, lodges with John Lyons in North Prince Street.
266. September 5 Edward Brown, negro man, about 24 years of age, hostler & waiter, single man, lives with James Corey, innkeeper.
267. September 5 George Washington, negro, about 25 years of age, labourer, single man lives at James Coreys, innkeeper.
268. September 6 Samuel H. Clark, negro, about 21 years of age, hostler, single man, lives at William Taylor, at Reigart's Landing.
269. September 9 Daniel Jordan, yellow man, about 22 years of age, by occupation a labourer, lives with Philip Getz in Prince Street.
270. November 4 George Davis, black man, about 22 years of age, single man, occupation hostler, lives at E. Parkers, about 5 feet 6 or 8 inches high.
271. November 8 James Johnston, black man, aged about 73 years lives in Middle Street, has in his service as sweeps, his son George aged about 15 years, his son Ben aged 13 years and an apprentice named George Ellet aged about 15 years.
272. November 8 Peter Houston, yellow man, aged about 23 years, lives with Edward Parker, by occupation a waiter.

273. December 1 William Gray, black man, aged about 15 years, raised at Elkton in Maryland, lives at Mr. Parker's, by occupation waiter, single man.
274. December 1 John Denham, black man, age about 21 years, resides at Mr. Edward Parkers, by occupation a waiter. Single man.
275. December 5 William Milbern, dark mulatto, about 20 years of age, lives with George Capp as hostler, came from Little Britain Township.
276. December 5 William Anderson, black man, about 25 years of age, lives with George Capp, occupation waiter, single man.

1832

277. January 23 Aaron Varney, black man, about 32 years of age, born and raised in the state of Delaware, lives at David Miller's tavern, as waiter, single man.
278. January 24 Nelson Lee, black man, about 21 years of age, born and raised in Chester County, lives in Prince Street, labourer, single man. Came to the City the 23rd instant, about 5 feet 8 inches, blue-eyed.
279. April 4 Robert Oliver, dark mulatto, about 27 years, born in N. O. (?) raised in Maryland, waiter at Michael Metzger, lived in Town since 18th February—single.
280. April 4 Richard Lewis, black man, about 29 years of age, born in Lancaster, waiter.
281. April 30 Samuel Groves, black man, bald, aged fifty-two years, has a wife now in Philadelphia, lives at Mr. Parker's Hotel, coach driver & wardman man, came from Philadelphia and Harrisburg.
282. May 4 William H. Johnston, black man aged about 22 years, single man, raised in Chester County, lives with John Pile innkeeper, waggoner and hostler—came to Lancaster about 3 weeks ago.
283. May 7 Luke Fosset, bright negro, about 38 years of age, raised in Cumberland County, married to Louisa who is about 22 years of age, no children—labourer, lives in Adamstown, Middle Street.
284. May 10 Isaac Duffia, black man, about thirty nine years of age, raised in N. Jersey, single man, lives with James Johnston going to live with Simon Waters, Adamstown, labourer & cobler.
285. May 15 William Alexander Jackson, black man, about twenty eight years of age, raised in Selingsgrove, Penn.—single man—lives in the City—labourer—has no place of residence.
286. May 18 Samuel Barber, black man about 26 years of age, resides with Robert King. Innkeeper—single man has one male child of the age of five months named Samuel, by occupation hostler & waiter, born in Maryland & raised in this county.
287. May 23 Tower Hill, black man, forty five years of age—resides in Mulberry Street—his wife's name Rebecca—five children: John—William—Rebecca—Anna and Hester. Basket maker and trader.
288. July 27 Timothy Valentine, black man, about 23 years of age, single man, raised in Feyete County—at Dr. Moors, labourer.
289. August 27 Rheubin (index: Reubin) Koots, yellow man, about 29 years of age, has a wife and two children—shoemaker by trade—from Richmond, Virginia—boards at James Milborn's—
290. September 25 Isaac Gilmore enters his two apprentices to sweeping chimneys, the one named Jacob Patterson, yellow, 16 years of age, then Alexander Pompey, yellow, about 8 years of age.
291. October 3 Isaac Gilmore enters his hired boy—for sweeping chimneys, named Edward Morgan, came from Columbia, near 18 years of age.
292. October 20 Henry Jordan, black boy, aged about 20 years, apprentice to James Johnston to learn chimney sweeping, entered by his said Master.
293. October 20 John Price, dark mulatto, aged about 19 years—apprentice to Benjamin Johnston, chimney sweeper—entered by his said master.
294. December 3 John Brown, black boy aged about 19 years, raised in Chester

County, waiter, lives with Joshua Scott.

295. December 3 Charles Green, black boy about 16 years of age, raised in Chester County, waiter, lives with J.F. Franklin.
296. December 3 Alexander Bowman, black man, of the age of 24 years, raised in Wilmington, State of Delaware, lives with Benjamin Whirner, as a waiter.
297. December 5 John Price, yellow boy about 19 years of age, lives with Henry Hilliard—occupation, a sweep of chimneys.

1833

298. January 30 Robert Richards, yellow man, about 36 years of age, from Franklin County, has lived here about 4 months, Farmer and waggoner, resides in Mulberry Street, has a wife named Mary, no children.
299. March 6 Samuel Harris, black man about 24 years of age, from Baltimore, has a wife Matilda, no children, lives in Prince Street—is a labourer.
300. April 4 William Burly, black man about 23 years of age, from Columbia, Barber and waiter has just come to the City, and has not yet procured a place of residence—single man.
301. April 17 John Thompson, Jr., black boy about 18 years of age, born in the City, by profession a waiter.
302. May 22 James Johnston, black man about 39 years of age, born in Bucks County, hostler, with G. Diller. Came to Lancaster Tuesday last.
303. May 23 Israel Harris, black man, about 21 years, born in Baltimore—labourer works with Mr. Shoff, resides in Jordan House with his brother Samuel, single man.
304. June 20 Richard Hopkins, dark mulatto, about 22 years of age, came from York County, is a mason by trade lives or resides with Samuel Harris.
305. August 12 William Cato, black about 23 years of age, born in MD. came to Lancaster this summer, single man lives with Henry Hilliard—labourer.
306. December 21 Curry Taylor, mulatto, about 33 years of age, waiter and oysterman, came to Lancaster about 9 years ago, wife Elizabeth and two children resides in Center Square.

1834

307. January 30 Richard Wiser, dark mulatto, about 21 years of age—raised in York County, single man lives with Aaron Blader, Mulberry Street came to Lancaster in October last, labourer.
308. April 11 Samuel Dames, black man, aged about 35 years, wife named Hannah, ten children, 3 girls and 7 boys, lives in House of Dennis McManus in Mulberry Street, labourer—came to Lancaster 3rd instand. came from Salisbury Township.
309. April 21 Emmer Hughes, black man, aged eighteen years, lives at Aaron Bladens, labourer, came to Town about 2 weeks ago—raised in Little Britain Township and partly in Maryland—
310. May 30 Wesley Wane, black man, 24 years of age, five feet six inches in height, a waiter by occupation, served his time with E. Parker.
311. July 19 James Williams, black man aged 33 years, a boatman with W. Munson on the Penn. Canal, born in Franklin County, his wife Martha and two children, one aged nine years and the other seven, named Lucind(a) and William, to reside in Lancaster.
312. September 8 Luke Fossett has re-entered himself and Wife Louise, lives in Musserstown. Exit Certificate
313. September 8 William Smith, black boy, about 17 years of age, was born at Columbia. Waiter by trade, lives with Mr. Hull of Lancaster, came to Lancaster the 7th instant, recommended to Mr. Hull, says he lived with Mr. Barber at Columbia. Exit Certificate

314. September 8 James Lindsay, re-entered himself—single man aged about 33 years, yellow man—labourer, lives at John Ransoms in Adamstown.
315. September 8 James Semaynoran alias Brown, black man, married, wife left him, age about 25 years, labourer, lives at Jacob Metzger's Inn in South Queen Street.
316. September 8 John Boston, yellow man, aged about 54 years, wife Sally & children out for themselves, born in Lancaster County, lives in Downi(n?)'s house, labourer.
317. September 8 Samuel Scott, black man, about 22 years of age, born in Lancaster, Forgerman, Waiter at Mr. Parkers'.
318. September 8 James Randal, yellow Negro, about 17 years of age, born in Virginia, lived at Columbia about 14 years, came to the employ of Mr. Hull last evening; entered himself.
319. September 9 Charles Harley, yellow negro, about 63 years of age, born at New York, has a wife named Lidia, one son named John, lives in the house of Stephen Smith in the City of Lancaster.
320. September 9 Andrew Jonathan, black man about 35 years of age, lives in Doctor Humes' House in Musserstown, wife Sarah—labourer born in Franklin Pennsylvania.
321. September 8 Sally Butcher, black woman, single woman, 30 years of age, from her looks, lives at Samuel Brown's in Downys house washerwoman.
322. September 10 George Williams, black man about 50 years of age, lives in house of B. Lagens, wife Polly, four children, Emelia, Susan, Elinor and John, labourer came to Lancaster in April last.
323. September 11 Benjamin McCay, light mulatto, 35 years of age, single man lives at nd Samuel Browns, Tom Downeys home, labourer, has lived in Lancaster about 9 years.
324. September 11 John Ewing, dark mulatto, aged about 25 years, single man lives at Samuel Brown in Downeys house, laborer, born in this County—has lived in Lancaster about a year.
325. October 28 Isaac Thomas, black negro, aged about 23 years, single man, blacksmith, lives with Mr. Beach, Charlotte Street, came to Lancaster 1st June 1834, raised in Maryland.

1835

326. March 31 Jacob Molson, light coloured mulatto, about 5 feet 11 inches in height, 24 years of age, his occupation Forgerman, was raised and born in the County of Lancaster.

1836

327. July 26 Nelson Lewis, black man about 25 years of age, born and raised in John Hubley, Esq., family—waiter.

1837

328. March 29 Grafton H. Graham, black boy, aged 19 years, was born in nd Frederick, Maryland—resided in Lancaster about 7 years, occupation a waiter, lives with Mr. Bowman in East Orange Street.

1837-42?

329. Sarah Johnston, in house of K. Yeats, black woman, upwards of 50 years of age, raised in Frederick County, Maryland, resides in Lancaster since April last—two children called Henry Thomas Johnston, 19 years of age, Harriet Johnston, 28 years of age—grandchild 2 year old John Johnson, Jr. lives at K. Yeates—daughter lives at Mr. Dickerson's.
330. Elias Sharper, single man 21 years of age, born in Delaware, black man, labourer, lives at Samuel King.
331. Thomas Evans, black man—age 21 years the 19th August next, labourer, lives at Samuel King's, born in Delaware—single man.

1842

332. June 4
nd

Isaac James Whiterny, black man, aged about seventeen years, born in Virginia, came from Carlisle last Wednesday morning, labourer, resides with Henry Hoster, near the African Church—single man.

333. June 30

Lewis Freelan, black man, burley hair about 30 years of age, born in the State of Maryland, resident 5 years in this state, came from Gettysburg to Lancaster 12 days ago, labourer, resides at Henry Thos. Johnston, in East Orange Street—wife Mary Ann about 24 years of age.

1843

334. April 26

William Mulford, a mulatto man of bushy hair tall in stature—about 21 years of age—born in Bucks County, Penna. from whence he came to Lancaster about 8 days ago—follows type manufacturing, stays at Mrs. Petermans in this City.

335. May 1

William Johnston, black man, small stature about 48 years of age, born in the state of Delaware, resided 5 years in this city—came from Reading to Lancaster being a labourer—resides now in North Lemon Street in the house of Samuel Downay—has one child a son named Samuel Johnston—about 8 years of age.

1843?

336.

John Falls, a son of John Falls—a black boy about 5 feet 11 inches high, about 16 years of age, born in Little Britain Township, Lancaster County, resides now with Samuel King in the house of Samuel Downey at the corner of Lemon Street & Charlotte Street in said City.

1844

337. November 16

George Anderson, black man, bushy hair about 26 years of age, born in Mountjoy, Lancaster County, Penna., resides at Samuel Downey's house in the northly corner of West Lemon Street: wife Eliza Anderson about 22 years of age and his apprentice Isaac Steward aged about 15 years.

1845

338. May ?

William Johnston, a dark coloured man, of small stature, about 49 years of age, who was already registered on the 1st day of May 1845—and his son Samuel—and having lost his certificate—desired a new certificate—for himself, his son Moses aged about 11 years and his son Samuel aged about 9 years.

1847

339. May 6

Maria Nicholas a dark coloured woman of tall stature—about 21 years of age, had been in Lancaster City about 2 years—lived with Mrs. Dickerson—Daniel Fondersmith, Esq. and Mrs. Penrose and now resides with Samuel Harris of Colour in Church Street in the City of Lancaster.

1849

340. February 22

Washington Barker, a dark mulatto man, tall stature about 25 years of age, has been in Lancaster City about 1 year and now resides with John Kitch in Middle Street in the City of Lancaster.

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1. John Ward Willson Loose, *The Heritage of Lancaster*, Windsor Publications, Inc.: Woodland Hills, CA, 1978, p. 57.
2. Newspaper articles citation, unless otherwise noted, will be listed in the text.
3. cf. Edward Turner, *The Negro in Pennsylvania*, American Historical Association: Washington, D.C., 1911.
4. A. Leon Higginbotham, *In the Matter of Color: Race and the American Legal Process. The Colonial Period*,
5. The records of St. James' Church (Protestant Episcopal) and Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church contain numerous entries dealing with Blacks among birth, baptismal, and burial registers. Representative for such entries can be the following listings found in St. James' baptismal record for 1796 (Vol. II of St. James' Records):

	Baptism	Age	Parents
November 17	Nancy Carter	(a negro Adult who answered for herself)	
17	William	4 mon.	Charles & Nancy Carter
18	Juliana	10 mon.	Wm. & Phyllis Crabb (negroes)
18	Hannah	5 yrs. 6 mo.	John & Dinah Graves (negroes)
6. Rev. Joseph Clarkson, rector of St. James' Church from 1799-1830, seems to have had a differentiated view as to the role of Blacks in the St. James congregation. His entry (Book I of the *St. James Register*) of January 20, 1816 on the burial of Jasper Yeates' servant Voltaire contains the comment: "in our yard—very improperly—". Despite the obvious negative undertone of this comment, there are other entries about Blacks from Rev. Clarkson which show no hint of bias, e.g. "A black child of one John Atlee, coloured man, buried Monday February 12, 1816. Grandfather of the child named Galloway—somehow related to Clendenin, black man Painter."
7. April 28, 1820 edition of the *Lancaster Journal*.
8. *Ibid.*, May 19, 1820.
9. William F. Wornor, "A Chimney Sweep in Lancaster". *Papers Read Before the Lancaster County Historical Society*, vol. 32, p. 140.
10. Stephen Smith and William Whipper were not only prominent local businessmen but also important national leaders in the early struggle against slavery and for equal rights. During the period 1830-1860 their names are prominently listed among theorists and activists who helped organize and direct the energies of the Afro-American community in the cause of abolition. Despite their prominence as Lancaster County, Pennsylvanian and national leaders, neither man's life has been adequately researched. There are scattered references and articles on Whipper but Smith has been largely ignored by historiographers and biographers.
11. During the Antebellum Period (ca. 1820-1860) the Black population of Lancaster County never exceeded 3,500. At various times the Black population of Columbia fluctuated between 600-1,000. No other urban center of the time had more than 300

(not even Lancaster, the county seat) Blacks; clearly, Columbia was the demographic center of the Lancaster County's antebellum urban Black community.

12. *Grantee Index*, Series 1, G. 1729-1894, Book F, vol. 3, p. 119f.

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