

They Had Names:  
Bryan County, Georgia  
Deed Records  
Naming Enslaved People  
1795-1865  
Deed Books A-G

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## **PROJECT INFORMATION**

They Had Names is an award-winning digital humanities project dedicated to uncovering, preserving, and sharing information about the lives of enslaved and formerly enslaved people in coastal Georgia Liberty and Bryan Counties.

Drawing on probate records, court cases, deeds, church records, and other archival sources, the project makes these histories accessible through searchable abstracts and transcriptions, indexes, and interpretive essays.

By using digital tools to recover individual names and stories, They Had Names bridges archival research and public history, ensuring that voices often omitted from the historical record are visible to descendants, researchers, and the wider community.

Whether you're a descendant searching for family connections or a historian studying this community, They Had Names provides the tools to piece together lives that might otherwise remain hidden. Every name tells a story, and every person deserves to be remembered as an individual, not as property. The project includes abstracts or transcripts of every will, estate inventory and deed record naming enslaved people between 1786 and 1865, as well as many other types of records.

They Had Names started as a Wordpress.com blog, then transitioned in 2018 into a full website: <https://theyhadnames.net/>. It was created by Stacy Ashmore Cole, a descendant of an enslaving family of Liberty County, Georgia. Cathy Tarpley Dillon served as a dedicated transcription volunteer during 2019-2022. As of 2025, it included more than 40,000 references to named African Americans, enslaved and free.

In 2025, Stacy began assembling the data into free, downloadable books and articles to ensure its availability to future generations. That project includes this ebook.

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## INTRODUCTION

The They Had Names website is normally dedicated to Liberty County records. However, Bryan County neighbors Liberty County and throughout its history, there has been overlap in the population. Some people enslaved in Bryan County wound up in Liberty County, and vice versa. While Liberty County is rich in antebellum records, most antebellum records for Bryan County no longer exist.

The shining exception is the Bryan County Superior Court deed records, which name enslaved people in bills of sale, deeds of gift, marriage settlements, chattel mortgages, and occasionally estate inventories and wills. These records can be found on both Ancestry.com and FamilySearch.org. I have read through all these deed records starting from 1795 through 1865 (Deed Books A-G) and have created abstracts of any deeds that name enslaved people. You can find those abstracts below in order by date.

This ebook is fully indexed by the names of the enslavers, the enslaved people, and “plantation” names. The names are indexed as seen in the original records, so spellings vary. Be sure to check for all possible spellings of the name. For example, check “Feriby” and “Pheriby,” and “Charlott” and “Sharlott.” The names were sometimes difficult to read, so also consider possible mistranscriptions as you look through the index and in the abstracts. Each abstract cites the original record; check it for accuracy.

If you are researching Bryan County, you may also be interested in other deed records that do not name enslaved people. They are mostly about land. In 1929, Caroline P. Wilson created abstracts for Deed Books A-D for the Lachlan McIntosh Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution Savannah. These abstracts are now on the [Genealogy Trails page for Bryan County](#). Unfortunately, they do not give page numbers (and mostly do not name enslaved people) but are very useful for identifying that a deed of interest to you does exist.

# **BRYAN COUNTY, GEORGIA**

## **DEED RECORDS**

### **NAMING ENSLAVED PEOPLE**

BOOKS A-G  
1785-1865

#### **Enslaved People Named: Hector**

On April 1, 1795, George Cubbedge, planter of Chatham County, Georgia, used as collateral on a promissory note to Thomas Blacksell, planter of Chatham County, for 25 **pounds** two shillings sterling "a certain Negroe Slave named Hector." Witnessed by Alexander Forrester. The note was to be paid by January 1, 1796, with interest. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 7, 1796.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 20-21; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3DX>: 15 May 2024), image 19 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

#### **Enslaved People Named: Roderick Grant**

[Begin Transcript]

These are to certify that Andrew McLean Esqr of Augusta deceased, did appoint the Subscriber his only Executor to his last will & testament - that the said Andrew McLean, did in said Will leave the Bearer Roderick Grant his freedom whenever his said Executor should think most proper & as the said Roderick Grant is arrived at an age to act for himself & is desirous of ?tvling? to some parts of the United States he is at liberty to depart from this State whenever he thinks proper. Agreeable to the Will of the said Andrew McLean. Given under my hand & seal this 15[th] day of August 1795.

Wm. Clark

Bryan County, State of Georgia } Personally appeared before me John Pray one of the Justices assigned to keep the peace for said County Allen McKinzie, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith that he is well acquainted with handwriting of William Clark the subscriber to the above certificate and very believes the same to be his proper handwriting further the deponant saith not. February 5th 1796.

[Signed] Jno Pray J.P.

Allan McKinzie

Recorded 16th February 1796.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 22-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K385> : 15 May 2024), image 20 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sarah**

On December [blocked by tape], 1795, Henry Harn, of Bryan County, sold to Henry H. Harn, same place, “a Negro Wench named Sarah, being advertised for sale as the property of Thomas Harn dec’d, and sold by me the said Henry Harn, as Executor for the said Estate, at a Public sale, and bid off by the said Henry H. Harn...” Witnessed by Thomas Butler. Probated on May 9, 1797, by Thomas Butler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 10, 1797.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 48; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K34G> : 15 May 2024), image 46 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Charlotte, Hannah**

On March 10, 1795, Edward Harden, of St. Phillips [Parish], Bryan County, Georgia, sold to Rebecca White, same place, for 75 pounds ten shillings sterling “the two Negro slaves as named Charlotte and Hannah.” Witnessed by Paraclete Tew.

[NOTE: William Pray, clerk of the Bryan County Superior Court, stated on June 10, 1797, that Thomas Day had appeared before him at his [Pray's] office at the White Oak Plantation to swear that the above was in the handwriting of Edward Harden. In a document ending on the same page of Book A, Edward Harden had purchased White Oak Plantation on August 23, 1796.] Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 12, 1797.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 56; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3N9> : 15 May 2024), image 54 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sam, Smart, Rose, Candy, Mary, Betty**

[Begin Transcript] Rec'd of Frederic Rester, an Administrator of the Goods and chattles [sic] rights and credits which were of Frederic Rester Dec'd the following Negroes Sam, Smart, Rose Candy, Mary and Betty, and one third of the residue of the personal property of the said Frederic Rester, being my full portion, or one third part of the whole personal Estate of the said Frederic, and the administrators, are hereby discharged and released from all claims against the said personal Estate.

[Signed by mark] Margrat Rester

Personally appeared Frederic Rester who being sworn saith that he saw the within Margaret Rester sign the within Receipt. Sworn to before me this 27th day of July 1797.

[Signed] Fredrick Rester

Jesse McCall J.P.

Recorded [in Bryan County Superior Court] this 27th July 1797.

Wm. Pray C.S.C.C.B.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 62; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3WY> : 15 May 2024), image 60 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Esther [alt: Ester, Easter]**

[Begin Transcript]

State of Georgia, Bryan County } I John Wright of the State and County aforesaid do solemnly swear that I will stand to the verdict of Stephen Denmark, William Poole, Matthew Carter & William Mase in a certain Case between John Wright of the one part and John Dukes of the other in a certain Cause respecting a certain Negroe girl named Esther.

[Signed by mark] John Wright

The above sworn to before me this 19th December 1795.

John Albritton J.P.

State of Georgia, Bryan County } I John Dukes of the State and County aforesaid do solemnly swear that I will stand to the verdict of Stephen Denmark, William Poole, Matthew Carter & William Mase in a certain Case between John Wright of the one part and John Dukes of the other in a certain Cause respecting a certain Negroe girl named Esther.

John Dukes

The above sworn to before me this 19th December 1795.

John Albritton J.P.

Recorded [in Bryan County Superior Court] on November 19, 1797.

State of Georgia, Bryan County } Personally appeared before Jesse McCall one of the justices signed to keep the peace of said County. Shederick McGee who being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God saith that in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred & ninety three and on the third day of August he the said Shaderick McGee did in the presents [presence] of Jacob Ihily give and bequeath unto his daughter

Anne McGee then but now Ann Dukes to her only use and behoof a certain Negroe girl named Esther about six years old.

Shadereck McGee [signed by mark]

The above sworn to before me this 17th day of November 1795

Jesse McCall J.P.

State of Georgia, Effingham County } Personally appeared before me John G. Neidlinger  
Clerk of the Superior Court of sd County the above named Jacob Ihly who being duly  
sworn maketh oath & saith that he was (by particular request of the above named  
Shadrick McGee) present & saw the above named Negroe Girl named Ester given &  
delivered, by the above named Shadrick McGee to the above named Anne McGee now  
Ann Dukes to her only Use & behoof, sometime in the month of August in the Year of  
our Lord Seventeen hundred and ninety three.

Jacob Ihly

Sworn to this 24th Nov'r 1795 before me

Jno. G. Neidlinger C.S.C.C.C.

Recorded this 29th Nov'r 1797

We the arbitrators do agree in our Vardick [verdict] and say that John Dukes is to have the negro girl Easter [sic] now in dispute and the said John Dukes to pay unto John Wright five likely young cows and calves to be paid by the first day of June next.

Given under our hands this 19th December 1795

Stephen Denmark

William Pool

Matta. Carter

William Mace

[End Transcript]

Probated by Bryant Lane.

[NOTE: Spelling of names varied throughout the above documents and are transcribed as seen.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 64-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K38B>: 15 May 2024), image 62-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jamaica, Billy**

On January 3, 1797, Henry Harn, Senior, acting Executor for the estate of Thomas Harn, in Bryan County, sold to Alexander Dan'l Cuthbert for \$720 "two Negro men, one named Jamaica & the other Billy, late the property of Thomas Harn, deceased..." Witnessed by John Pray, J.P. Henry Harn added, "I do hereby certify that the within named Negro men were sold at Public vendue to satisfy the conditions of the within mentioned Thomas Harn deceased."

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 19, 1797.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 67; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3JX>: 15 May 2024), image 65 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Phoeba**

On July 8, 1797, Thomas Heyward, of St. Lukes Parish, Beaufort District, South Carolina, sold to Major Daniel Cuthbert of Georgia "a Negro Wench by the Name of Phoeba [alt: Phoebe, Phobe] with such issue & increase as she now hath or may hereafter have." Witness: Eliza (also referred to as Elizabeth) Heyward. Probated in Bryan County on January 2, 1798 by Joseph Clay Junior. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 4, 1798.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 68-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3J3>: 15 May 2024),

image 66-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Will, Rachel, Andrew, Lucey, Betty, Bob, Frank, Will, Nancy, Polidore, Jacob, Phebie, Hager, Old Hager**

[Begin Transcript] At the request of Mrs. Mary Maxwell we the undersigned appraised the above property as Stated say amounting to three thousand seven hundred and ten dollars.

Ben Maxwell

Edw'd Harden

Wm. Clark

Ogeechee 1st March 1797

Witness

Simon Maxwell

Will...Driver...\$350.00

Rachel.....300.00

Andrew.....450.00

Lucey.....350.00 [alt: Lucy]

Betty.....350.00

Bob.....325.00

Frank.....300.00

Will.....200.00

Nancy.....130.00

Polidore.....65.00 [alt: Polydore]

Jacob Lucey's child....150.00

Phebie.....365.00 [alt: Phoebe, Phebe]

Hager.....300.00 [alt: Hagar]

Old Hager.....75.00 [alt: Hagar]

[Total].....\$3710.00

Personally appeared before me John Pray one of the Justices for Bryan County Simon Maxwell Esq'r the subscribing witness of the within appraisement, who being duly sworn deposeth & saith he was present and saw Edw'd Harden, Ben Maxwell Wm. Clark sign the within. March 27th 1799.

Jno. Pray J.P.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), pg 104; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3HX> : 15 May 2024), image 96 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Tom**

On February 8, 1796, Joseph Bevan, planter of Bryan County, sold to Stephen Maxwell, planter of the same place, for \$250 “a certain negro man slave named Tom of the age of twenty four or thereabouts...” Witnessed by Jas. Taylor. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 21, 1799.

[NOTE: The deed record said it took place at Stonevale, Georgia. In the attached receipt, this was spelled Stoneville.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 102-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3Q1> : 17 May 2024), image 101-2 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bess, Persentia, Robbin, Betty, Bob, Frank, Will, Nancy, Polydore, Jacob**

[Begin Transcript]

Mrs. Mary Maxwell

To her children

To hire 4 negroes from 1 March 1787 to 1 March 1796 at L11 [L represents the symbol for “pounds”] p[er] annum is L396.0.0

To hire of the above 4 Negroes from 1st March 96 to 1st March 1799 a[t] L12 p[er] annum } 144.0.0

To hire wench Bess from 1st March 1787 to 1st [March] 1792 a[t] L11 p[er] annum 55.0.0

To hire fellow Persentia from 1st March 1787 to 1st July 1796 at L11 p[er] annum, there Died } 104.0.10

To hire fellow Robbin from 1st March 1787 to 1st May 1795 a[t] L11 p[34] annum 89.16.8

[Total] L 789.6.8

To Cash & Sundries received from Jas Mossman Esqr as p[er] his account 121.14.1

To ditto as p[er] ditto 67.15.9 3/4

[Total] L978.17.3

L 978.17.3 3/4 equal to 4195 (D) 21 (C)

Bryan County 9th March 1799

I do hereby certify that to my knowledge Mrs. Mary Maxwell did receive the above mentioned Negroes from the Executors of James McKay dec'd and to the best of my recollection they were delivered 1st March 1787 and I do further declare that I am of opinion they were worth p[er] annum agreeable to the above statement.

Simon Maxwell

Personally appeared before me Jno. [John] Pray Simon Maxwell the subscribing witness to the within acc't who upon oath saith that he saw John Pray sign the within acc't.

A. Gindrat C.S.C.C.B.

[NOTE: On the following deed book page, there was a conveyance deed in which Mary Maxwell of Bryan County sold to [Name] Elliott and Benjamin Maxwell at least Betty,

Bob, Frank, Will, Nancy, Polydore and Jacob. Unfortunately, the writing on the deed covered two facing pages, and only the left-hand page was microfilmed, so it is likely there were more enslaved people named. The rest of the deed mentioned “the benefit of the behoof of the said James and John” and referred to what would happen when they became 21, so this was apparently a trust with Elliott and Maxwell probably the trustees. Dated March 14, 1799. Witnessed by Paraclete Tew. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 27, 1799.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book A (1796-1799), page 103-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3DR>: 17 May 2024), image 102-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hannah, Lucinda, Isaac**

[Begin Transcript]

May 5th 1812

George Cubbedge Esq'r

Sir,

I demand of you the Negroes Hannah, Lucinda and Isaac the said Negroes being illegally detained by you.

Your Ob[edien]t S[ervan]t

Joseph Stillwell

I do certify I have this day served this notice on Mr. George Cubbedge Sheriff of Bryan County

Samuel W. Allen

5th May 1812

Personally appeared before me S.W. Allen who being duly sworn saith he did serve the within notice on George Cubbedge then acting Sheriff of Bryan County.

Sworn before me this 11th February 1814

Benjamin Burton J.P.

Personally appeared before me Mr. Samuel W. Allen who being duly sworn deposed and saith that he did by the request and in behalf of Joseph Stillwell present and tender to Luke Mann then Sheriff of Bryan County the full amount of all money for judgement with their interest and cost in his hands against said Stillwell which the said Sheriff refused giving no essential [sic] reason and the said Stillwell did then demand the Negroes that he had been sold to satisfy judgements in the Sheriff's hands of which the said Stillwell was the purchaser the above tender was within thirty days after the sale.

Samuel W. Allen

Sworn to before me

This 11th February 1814

Benjamin Burton J.P.

Recorded [in Bryan County Superior Court] this 15th December 1814.

Henry Harden

C.S.C.B.C.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K33B>: 18 May 2024), image 110 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ben**

On April 3, 1799, in Savannah, Ben. [Benjamin] Butler sold to William Clark and James Jones, executors for the estate of Robert Holms, for \$600 “a negro man Slave named Ben a cooper by trade valued by Robert Holm at one hundred guineas which will appear by the agreement and affidavit of Mr. James Kirk with the said Robert Holms..also three years and five months interest on the same making in the whole the above sum of six hundred dollars which I do hereby relinquish all claims, title and interest to the above

named negro man Ben.” Witnessed by Isaac Bennedix, G.M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 7, 1799.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 11; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3CS>: 18 May 2024), image 116 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John**

On April 10, 1798, “a certain negro boy named John about sixteen years of age the property of the said Mrs. Mary Maxwell” was sold at auction at the Court House at White Oak, Bryan County, “for the payment of her taxes for the years [1795, 6 & 7].” James Jones of Bryan County was the highest bidder at \$278. Witnessed by George M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 24, 1799 after signature of William Clark, Bryan County Tax Collector, on the document was probated by George M. Waters.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 14; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3HC>: 18 May 2024), image 118 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Tim, Joe, Simon, James, Nancy, Will, Peter, Nelly, July, Peter, Romia, Elsey, John, Boatwill, Jones, Rachel, Tenah, Doll, Old Tom, Old Beck**

[Begin Transcript]

To be sold agreeable to advertisement.

20 Negroes belonging to estate of William Harden Jun’r. The conditions, half cash, the remainder on a credit to the 1st of January next giving bonds bearing interest from the day of Sale with approved security the property not to be altered until the terms are comply’d with.

Edw’d [Edward] Harden Adm’r [Administrator]

[Enslaved Person's Name]	Dollars/Cts	[Sold to]
Tim	451	James Miles
Joe	497	John Pray
Simon	405	John Pray
James, Nancy, Will	1125	John Pray
Peter, Nelley, July, Peter, Romia	902	John Pray
Elsey, John	646	John Pray
Boatwill, Jones, Rachel, Tenah, Doll	1052	John Pray
Old Tom	150	David Bitterose
Old Beck	72	John Pray

John Pray

\$5200.00 - \$10 Deduct for Com's [Commission] = \$5290.00

Errors accepted 30th May 1799

[End Transcript]

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 29, 1799.

Added to this record was a document dated May 30, 1799 stating that Edward Harden, administrator of the estate of William Harden, Jr, both of Bryan County, Georgia, sold for \$4053 to John Pray, same place, "sixteen negro slaves, to wit, Joe, Simon, James, Nancy, Will, Peter, Nelly, July, Little Petter [alt: Peter], Romia, Boatwill, Jone, Rachel, June, Doll and Beck." Witnessed by Stephen J [or T] Maxwell, and Jesse McCall, J.P.

The next document was from John Pray turning over all his rights to the above individuals to Edward Harden in return for \$4069.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 23-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3DL> : 19 May 2024), image 123-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Murfy, Simon, Jack, Suckey, Hester, Sam, Joe, Cook, Tom, Tenor**

On December 31, 1799, William Clark, of Bryan County, Georgia, gifted to his niece Catharine Fyffe [alt: Fife] “five Negroes named ? Murfy ?, Simon, Jack, Suckey [alt: Sucky] and Hester and their future issue..” He added that he had already put Catharine Fyffe “in full possession by delivering to her one of the negroes named Hester at the time of the sealing and delivery of these present.” Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] Braly. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 25, 1800.

On the same day, William Clark gifted to his niece Elizabeth Fyffe “five negroes named Sam, Joe, Cook, Tom and Tenor [alt: Tenah] (Sam is a carpenter commonly called Bluff Sam).” Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] Braly. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 25, 1800.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 32-34; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3MG>: 18 May 2024), image 128-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hannah**

On April 19, 1800, Rebecca White of Bryan County, Georgia, gifted to her daughter Sarah White, same place, “one negro wench named Hannah about eighteen years of age with all of her future issue & increase of which before the signing of these presents, I have delivered; her the said Sarah White with my own hands.” Witnessed by Hamden Wilkins, Thomas Day. Thomas Day probated the signatures on May 5, 1800. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 18, 1800.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 34-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3QC>: 18 May 2024), image 129 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Frank, Harry**

In a 1799-1800 estate account for the estate of Jane Gray of Bryan County, presented by Dr. William Maxwell, reference was made to the appraised value of “negroes Frank & Harry” as being \$700.00, as well as \$150 for the “amt. of hire of negroes for one year in his possession,” dated June 20, 1799. Individuals named as receiving money and property from the estate: Thomas Young, Ann Forster, Wm. Michols’s children, Wm. Maxwell, Wm. Maxwell, Sr. Administrator was Thomas Young. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1800.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 39; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSBC>: 18 May 2024), image 131 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ned, Sally**

Location: Bryan County, Georgia

On May 31, 1800, Joseph Butler, Bryan County, Georgia, sold to Thomas Butler for \$330 “one negro fellow named Ned.” Witnessed by Henry Harn. Probated by Henry Harn on June 2, 1800. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 5, 1800.

On the same day, Henry Harn sold to Thomas Butler for \$350 “one negro girl named Sally.” Witnessed by Paraclete Tew. Probated by Paraclete Tew on June 2, 1800. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 5, 1800.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 41-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K336>: 18 May 2024), image 132-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Hannah, Myrbella**

On April 25, 1801, Hannah Goldsmith of Bryan County, Georgia, gifted to Sarah Rebecca Bond, “eldest daughter of Venables Bond esquire and Ann Bond, also of Bryan County,” “one negro girl named Hannah.” Witnessed by Henry Manly, who also probated Hannah Goldsmith’s signature on April 24, 1802. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court by May 26, 1802.

On the same day, Hannah Goldsmith gifted to Mary Elizabeth Bond, “second daughter of Venables Bond esquire and Ann Bond,” “a negro girl named Myrbella.” Witnessed by Henry Manly, who also probated Hannah Goldsmith’s signature on April 24, 1802. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court by May 26, 1802.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 53-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSBZ>: 18 May 2024), image 138-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Frank, Peg**

[Begin Transcript]

State of Georgia, Bryan County } Whereas my grandfather John Mann left me by will two negroes, viz. Frank and Peg his wife and their increase as also a tract of land in the County of Washington containing two hundred and eighty seven & 1/2 acres, which said negroes and increase & also said tract of land the directive by said will to be delivered up to me Thomas Mann on my attaining to the age of twenty one years, now know all men by these presents that I the said Thomas Mann having attained to the age aforesaid do hereby acknowledge to have received from Alexander Dicks qualified executor of Luke Mann deceased, the above named Negros Frank and Peg his wife and their children, as also the abovementioned tract of land, I do also acknowledge to have received from said Dicks as Executor aforesaid the sum of four hundred dollars in full of all bonds mortgages claim or claims or demands whatsoever against the estate of my Father up to

this date, on account of all the property of every description as left to me by my grandfather. For and in consideration of the before mentioned sum to me in hand paid by the said Dicks as Executor aforesaid before the sealing and delivering of these presents I do hereby relinquish all the right title, interest, claim or claims and demands whatsoever against the estate of my father, either in law or equity, unto such of my sisters and to their heirs and assigns forever as are entitled to the property both real and personal agreeable to the last will and testament of my father. I the said Thomas do also acknowledge to have received from said Dicks as executor one bay horse valued at one hundred and fifty dollars one feather bed left me by my father which I do acknowledge to be in full of all and every claim against said estate up to this date. With this ?acceptions? only as to the priviledge [sic] of planting at the Yamesee agreeable to the tenor of my father's will.

Witness my hand this twenty eight day of March eighteen hundred and one 1801.

[Signed] Thomas Mann

Witness Present

Jesse McCall J.I.C.

John Maxwell

P. Tew

Recorded [in Bryan County Superior Court] the ninth June 1802.

George M. Waters

C.S.C.B.C.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 55-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS1M>: 18 May 2024), image 139-40 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On June 1, 1801, Martha Mann, a “spinster” of Bryan County, made a marriage settlement with William A. Dunham, a merchant of McIntosh County, with John Pray and Thomas R.C. Hamilton, both of Georgia, as her trustees. The settlement put certain “real and personal estate” to which she was entitled under the will of Captain Luke Mann, deceased, her father, into a trust for her, noting that the details of the property were not known at the time. Included in the trust were “those tracts or parcels of land, lots, houses, and other real estate of what nature soever, situate and lying in the said state of Georgia, or elsewhere...and also all and every negro or other Slave, as well male as female, and all other goods chattels monies and debts of her the said Martha Mann wherever the same may be recovered or obtained...” Witnessed by James Montford, J.P. M.E. [or W.E.] Stuart. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 21, 1801.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 57-60; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3W3>: 18 May 2024), image 140-2 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Toney, Peggy, Tom, Hercules**

On January 3, 1803, Harriet Stephens, “spinster” of Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement with Hugh Ross, merchant of Savannah, with William Page of Bryan County as her trustee. They set up a trust, and into it they put “several negro slaves” who belonged to her: “the negro fellow Toney, his wife Peggy, their two children Tom and Hercules.” They were to be held for her separate use and benefit during her natural life and not to be subject to the debts of her intended husband. She was to be able to dispose of them “as though she were a femme sole.” After her death, they were to pass in trust to her husband, but if she survived him to remain with her. Witnessed by Thomas Beggs and Thomas P. Toomer, who probated the signatures in Glynn County before Justice of the Peace John Couper on June 14, 1803. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 25, 1803.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 36-38; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSBK>: 23 May 2024), image 155-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ned, Sam, Jacob, ?Pamouin?**

On January 1, 1803, Venable Bond, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to James Holms, merchant of Liberty County, for \$2834.71 “all those four negroes to wit, Ned, Sam, Jacob and ?Pamouin?, African negroes and purchased by me of Mr. Holms in July last.” Witnessed by Morris Miller, Nathan Dryer.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 136-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KST2> : 18 May 2024), image 182-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Judy, Gabo, Toby, Sharlott, Abraham**

On January 2, 1805, (, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on several promissory notes for \$1000 to Thomas Young Senior, of Chatham County, “the following negro slaves, to wit, Judy [or July], about thirty years of age, Gabo [or Yabo] about twenty years of age, Toby about thirty five years of age, Sharlott about thirty years of age, and Abraham about eighteen years of age, together with the future issue and increase of the said female slaves.” Witnessed by John Lawson, attorney of Savannah. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 9, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 139-41; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSGT>: 18 May 2024), image 183-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John, Cate, Trim, Caesar, Lila, Scipio, Molly, Ben, Israel, Tamer, Jack, Miley, Berwick, Hetty, Harry, Grace, P. Jack, Jim, Castilla, June, Cato**

On November 22, 1804, David Holms, son and one of the heirs of Robert Holms, deceased, used as collateral on a promissory note to John Pray and Elizabeth Holms, widow, “all those negroes herein before and after named to wit Lot No 3 John, Cate, Trim, Caesar, Lila, Scipio, Molly, Ben, Israel, Tamer, Jack, Miley, Berwick, Hetty, Harry,

Grace, P. Jack, Jim, Castilla, June, and Cato together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves.” Holms noted that he had applied to the Justices of the Court of Ordinary of Bryan County for a division of the personal estate of Robert Holms, and the Court had appointed appraisers and further ordered that to protect the estate’s creditors David Holms should give a mortgage “on the said Negros” to the administrator and administratrix of the estate for his part in any debts of the estate. The appraisers had divided the previously mentioned enslaved people into lot number 3, and this was apportioned to David Holms. To fulfill his obligation, he used them as collateral on the required mortgage to John Pray and Elizabeth Holms until all the estate’s debts were paid. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 10, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 142-44; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSJR>: 18 May 2024), image 185-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Josey, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Sharlot [Sharlot?], Affy [alt: Affey, Affee]**

On February 1, 1803, Simon Maxwell, of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note for \$1360.19 to Edward Stebbins of Savannah, Chatham County, “the following negro slaves viz Josey, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Sharlot [Sharlot?], Affy [alt: Affey, Affee], and the future issue and increase of the female slaves.” Witnessed by Richard M. Maxwell, William Caldwell. Probated by Richard M. Maxwell on January 17, 1805. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 19, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 145-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3SB>: 24 May 2024), image 186-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Cudjo, Hager**

On February 23, 1805, Morris Miller, attorney in Savannah, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$468 to John Lawson, also an attorney of Savannah, “two certain negro slaves called Cudjo and Hager [alt: Hagar] (which said slaves were purchased

some time ago as new negroes by said John Lawson from John Caig) together with the future issue and increase of said female slave.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 23, 1805. [NOTE: Morris Miller styled himself as being an attorney in Savannah, but his name is seen frequently in Bryan County Superior Court deed records and he is assumed to have had a residence there.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 156-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSBD>: 24 May 2024), image 192 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 202-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K39Q>: 26 May 2024), image 222-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sam, Peter, Satyra [alt: Satira], Cook, Sarah, Lucy, Pendar [alt: Pindar, Pender], Clo [alt: Cloe, Chloe], Sarah**

On December 22, 1804, Stephen J. Maxwell, of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$690.34 to Edward Stebbins, merchant of Savannah, “the following negro slaves that is to say Sam, Peter, Satyra [alt: Satira], Cook, Sarah, Lucy & her child Pendar [alt: Pindar, Pender], Clo [alt: Cloe, Chloe] & Sarah.” If Maxwell were to default, Stebbins was to have the right to take possession of the enslaved people and to sell or dispose of them as he pleased. Witnessed by Abraham Gindrat and probated by Gindrat on March 4, 1805. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 23, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 158-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3QJ>: 24 May 2024), image 192 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Adam, Flora, Affy, Cato, Rachael [alt: Rachel], Tom [or Sam], Bristol, Amey [alt: Amy]**

On February 1, 1805, Simon Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of 1577.82 to Edward Stebbins, Savannah, “the following negro slaves that is to say Adam, Flora, Affy, Cato, Rachael [alt: Rachel], Tom [or Sam], Bristol and Amey.” If Maxwell were to default, Stebbins was to have the right to take possession of the enslaved people and to sell or dispose of them as he pleased. Witnessed by Abraham Gindrat, who also probated it on March 4, 1805. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 26, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 161-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSBL>: 18 May 2024), image 194-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On April 21, 1804, John Stoops sold to Jonathan Robinson for \$400 “my negro Slave named [left blank] aged about twenty one years.” [NOTE: Unfortunately, the name of this enslaved individual was left blank in four separate places.] Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 21, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 181; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K37Y>: 18 May 2024), image 205 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Smart**

On June 18th 1804, Stephen Denmark noted the receipt from Jonathan Robinson of \$325 “in full for a negro man named Smart.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 20, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 182; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K37Y>: 18 May 2024), image 205 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Willy**

On May 1, 1805, Henry Manly, Bryan County, used as collateral on two promissory notes totaling \$103.12 to Thomas Young, Senior, Chatham County, “a certain male negro slave called Willy about twenty years of age.” Witnessed by John Lawson and probated by him in Chatham County on May 2, 1805. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 22, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 183-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3W6> : 18 May 2024), image 212 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On August 22, 1805, Susanna Mann, “daughter of Luke Mann esquire formerly of Bryan County spinster” and Samuel Lewis, “gentleman” of Liberty County, entered into a marriage settlement with John Pray of Bryan County and Joseph Jones as her trustees. As Susannah was “seized and possessed or of interested in or well and sufficiently entitled unto an estate consisting of lands & other personal estate & by virtue of the last will & testament of her deceased father Luke Mann in the state,” it was agreed to convey all of her property to the estate. When her father’s estate was divided, her portion was to be listed and annexed to the deed of marriage settlement. The “property” was to be for the use of Susannah and Samuel during their natural lives and then in trust for any child they might have to be equally divided among them. If no children, then the survivor was to take possession. They could also change the terms of the deed of settlement upon written application to the trustees with two witnesses. Witnessed by W.A. Dunham. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 10, 1805.

[NOTE: Although no list of property was attached to the above deed and none was described within the deed, reference was made twice to “increase” of the property, which normally referred to enslaved people’s children.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 194-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSKK>: 25 May 2024), image 218-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Peter, Rachel, Clarasa, Kate, Jupiter**

On August 16, 1805, William Maxwell, Bryan County, gifted to Sarah P. Maxwell, widow of his deceased son William Maxwell, “the following negros and their future increase viz Peter, Rachel, Clarasa [alt: Clarissa], Kate & Jupiter.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 10, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 197-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS2L>: 25 May 2024), image 220 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Nero, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Nero, Tamar, Sampson, Jemmy [or Jimmy], Jenny, Morris, George, Delia, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Abraham, Phillis, Jacob, Fanny, Abigail, Neptune, Grace, Mary, Wally, Mary, John, Kenty, Kate, Hannah, Harrington, Scipio, William, Pate, Phobe [alt: Phoebe, Phebe], Peter, Phillis, Nancy, Quallity [alt: Quality], Cretia, Major, Fanny, Aran, Harriot [alt: Harriet], Sylvia, Maryanne [alt: Mary anne], Geb, Nanny, Adam, Henry, Sue, Dick, Ben, Chloe, Kate, Moll, Fanny, Billy, Chance, Prince, Venus, Meddy**

On March 17, 1803, Abraham Gindrat, Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement with Barbara Clark, “widow of William Clark late of said county deceased,” with the Honorable Joseph Clay Junior of Bryan County as her trustee. Put into trust for her was “all that certain plantation, tract or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the County of Bryan, in the said State of Georgia, commonly called White Hall late the residence of William Clark esquire deceased.” [NOTE: Number of acres and boundaries

were left blank.] Added to the trust were “all the following negro Slaves to wit. Nero, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Nero, Tamar, Sampson, Jemmy [or Jimmy], Jenny, Morris, George, Delia, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Abraham, Phillis Jacob, Fanny, Abigail Neptune, Grace, Mary, Wally, Mary, John Kenty Kate, Hannah, Harrington, Scipio, William, Pate, Phobe [alt: Phoebe, Phebe], Peter, Phillis, Nancy, Quallity [alt: Quality], Cretia, Major, Fanny, Aran, Harriot [alt: Harriet], Sylvia Maryanne [alt: Mary anne], Geb, Nanny, Adam, Henry, Sue, Dick, Ben, Chloe, Kate, Moll, Fanny, Billy Chance Prince, Venus Meddy, being fifty seven in number,” with all their “issue and increase.” The trust was to be maintained for the use of Abraham Gindrat and his intended wife Barbara Clark jointly during their lives, then would pass to the survivor and his or her heirs. However, if their marriage was to produce children, then when the survivor died, the surviving children would inherit equally. Witnessed by John Maxwell, J.P. and Mary Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 10, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 198-200; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS2L>: 25 May 2024), image 220-1 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: March, Affe**

On August 1, 1799, in Charleston, South Carolina, Benj. [Benjamin] Ward sold to Elizabeth S. Ward for \$600 “two negros named March and Affe [alt: Affey, Affy] together with their future issue and increase.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 19, 1805.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 201-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K39Q>: 26 May 2024), image 110 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Toney, Dick, Sharlott**

On January 29, 1806, Richard M. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on promissory notes for \$1074.15 to John Bolton and the heirs of Robert Bolton “the

following negroes with their increase viz Toney Dick & Sharlott.” Witnessed by Charles Dicks. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 18, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 215-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSZ1> : 26 May 2024), image 229 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Pompey, Polydore, Ponso, Dick, Sambo, Jack, Biner [alt: Binah], Yankey, Sally, Dealyce [or Dealyer], Pinder**

On January 24, 1806, Henry Putnam, Chatham County, sold to Richard Thorp Keating, Bryan County, for \$4666 “the following negro slaves to wit Pompey, Polydore, Ponso, Dick, Sambo, Jack, Biner [alt: Binah], Yankey [alt: Yankee], Sally, Dealyce [or Dealyer] and Pinder.” Witnessed by Young Beckham, Henry Mash. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 21, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 223-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3W7>: 26 May 2024), image 233 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Judy, Moses, Jack, Nanny, Louisa, Jack, Stephen, Lucy, Sarah, David, Sandy**

On March 1, 1806, Richard M. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$2235.64 to Edward Stebbins, merchant of Savannah, “the following negro slaves to wit Judy & her four children Moses, Jack, Nanny & Louisa, and Jack, Stephen, Lucy, Sarah, David, & Sandy & the future issue of the female slaves.” Witnessed by Peter N. Borinsmade, John B. Gilbert. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 26, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 225-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSTK>: 26 May 2024),

image 234-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On March 10, 1806, Arthur M. Charlton, of Wilkes County, sold to John Pray, of Bryan County, for \$500 his 1/9th undivided share in “all the negros and their increase as also the one ninth part of all the stock & other personal estate of Luke Mann, deceased,” to which he was entitled through his wife Frances, formerly Frances Mann, Luke Mann’s daughter. Witnessed by Sarah Elbert. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 11, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 233-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3QT>: 26 May 2024), image 238-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sandy, Sullivan**

On February 25, 1806, Richard Moultrie Maxwell, of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$683.78 to Williamson & Cowling, merchants, and John P. Williamson, factor, in Savannah, “the following negro Slaves namely Sandy and Sullivan two males.” Witnessed by Benjamin Story, John Hunter. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 3, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 241-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSRQ>: 26 May 2024), image 242-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Marlick, Violet, July, Green, Lucy, Louisa, Norridge, Dembo, Jim, Hercules, Syke [alt: Psyche], Tenah, Jeffrey, Petty, Hester, Harrington, Hannah, Cork, Patty, Cotia, Rosetta, Mary, Paul, Violet, Sarah, Noble, Romia, Little Green**

Due to a lawsuit against the estate of Samuel Miller in the federal circuit court for the District of Georgia and a judgment for \$2334 pounds sterling (said to be equal to \$10361.91), the District Marshal seized “the following negro slaves named Marlick, Violet, July, Green, Lucy, Louisa, Norridge, Dembo, Jim, Hercules, Syke [alt: Psyche], Tenah, Jeffrey, Petty, Hester, Harrington, Hannah, Cork, Patty, Cotia, Rosetta, Mary, Paul, Violet, Sarah, Noble, Romia, Little Green.” He put them up at public auction and sold them on April 26, 1806, to the highest bidder, Charles Harris of Savannah. Witnessed by John Dan’l Lewis, William Jenkins. John Dan’l Lewis probated the signatures in Savannah on April 26, 1806, as witnessed by John Y. Noel, Mayor. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1806.

Charles Harris, identifying himself as an attorney of Savannah, then sold that same day for \$1477.68 to John Pray, esquire, of Bryan County, “the following negros to wit, July, Syke, Louisa, Tenah & Jim & the future issue of the female slaves and my right title or interest thereto.” Witnessed by Geo. Jones, “Judge of the Superior Court.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1806.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book B (1799-1807), page 245-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSP7> : 26 May 2024), image 244 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: David, Christmas, Bess, Mary, Sary, Pee, Well, Isabella, Mary, Sary**

On February 24, 1807, in Chatham County John Jackson Maxwell, attorney for William Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note for \$1761.22 to Carter Bolton & Company, merchant of Savannah, “all those six negro slaves herein after named & the property of the said William Maxwell namely, man David, aged about 28 years, man Christmas aged about 32 years, woman Bess aged about 30 years, woman Mary aged about 25 years, woman Sary aged about 23 years of age and Man Pee [as seen] aged about 24 years of age.” Witnessed by Jabez Y. Jackson, R’d Richardson. Jabez Y. Jackson probated the signatures on February 25, 1807.

On the same day and in the same place, John Jackson Maxwell, attorney for William Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note for \$479.02 to Robert

and John Bolton, merchants of Savannah, “all those four negroes Slaves herein after named and the property of the said William Maxwell as follows namely, man Well [or Will], aged about 38 years woman Isabella aged about 23 years, woman Mary Well’s wife aged about 38 years and woman Sary aged about 20 years of age.” Witnessed by Richard Richardson and J.Y. Jackson, who probated the signatures on February 25, 1807.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 9, 1807.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 1-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS1F>: 26 May 2024), image 265-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Buck, Stout, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Will [or Well], Manly, Boston, Charles, Cato, Hagar, Clarissa, Charlotte, Billy, Betty, Ben, Matty, Rose, Jack, Paris, Franklin, Lancaster, Abraham, Skip**

Due to a lawsuit against the estate of Samuel Miller in the federal circuit court for the District of Georgia and a judgment for \$2334 pounds sterling (said to be equal to \$10361.91), the District Marshal seized “the following negro slaves named Buck, Stout, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Will [or Well], Manly, Boston, Charles, Cato, Hagar, Clarissa, Charlotte, Billy, Betty, Ben, Matty, Rose, Jack, Paris, Franklin, Lancaster, Abraham and Skip.” He put them up at public auction and sold them on July 1, 1806, to the highest bidder, Morris Miller of Bryan County for \$5100. Witnessed by Charles Harris, Charles Cope. Charles Harris probated the signatures in Savannah on April 10, 1807. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 20, 1807.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 8-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSJD> : 26 May 2024), image 269 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Buck, Stout, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Will, Manly, Boston, Charles, Cato, Hagar, Clarissa, Billy, Charlotte, Betty, Ben, Matty, Rose, Jack, Paris, Franklin, Lancaster, Abraham, Skip**

On July 1, 1806, Morris Miller, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note totaling \$2646.60 to Mrs. Elizabeth Brailsford, widow of Samuel Brailsford, “all those negros following to wit. Buck, Stout, Elsey [alt: Elsy], Will, Manly, Boston, Charles, Cato, Hagar, Charissa, Billy, Charlotte, Betty, Ben, Matty, Rose, Jack, Paris, Franklin, Lancaster, Abraham and Skip and the future issue and increase of the female Slaves.” Witnessed by David Leion, Sampson Neyle. Probated in Savannah by David Leion on April 10, 1807. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 20, 1807.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 9-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSJD>: 26 May 2024), image 269-70 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Graci, David, Charles, Luke, Mary, Dye, Present, Little Tom, Big Tom, Jeny [or Jerry], Smart**

On March 27, 1807, James Butler, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1726.79 to Robert & John Bolton, merchants of Savannah, “the following negros to wit Graci aged about thirty years David about twenty five years, Charles about sixteen years Luke about fourteen years Mary about twelve years Dye about five years Present about thirty years, Little Tom about seven years Big Tom about thirty five years, Jeny [or Jerry] about forty years Smart about six years - three females and eight males.” Witnessed by James C. Scott, Thomas Glen, who probated the signatures on April 23, 1807. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 2, 1807.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page [obscured]; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSL4>: 26 May 2024), image 272-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Dina, Mary, Brutus, Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris, Silvey, Clarinda, Judy, Flora, little Morris, Rose, Satyra, Girl Flora, Tom, Fatimou, Phoby, Natt, Adam, Jupiter, Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah, Cupit, Nancy [or Naney], Isaac, New Mary, Sally, Jackson, Conny, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack, Louisa, Martha, Elsey, Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter, Doll**

Based on a writ of fieri facias obtained against the executors of the estate of James B. Maxwell in Bryan County Superior Court during the November term of 1807, a number of enslaved people were sold at Sheriff's Sale (auction) on November 6, 1807. George M. Waters was the highest bidder at \$8779 and received a bill of sale.

The list of enslaved people sold at this auction was repeated three times in the court record, slightly differently each time. Following are the three lists as seen (including punctuation):

“Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Dina Mary, Brutus, Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris, Silvey, Clarinda, Judy, Flora, little Morris Rose, Satyra, Girl Flora, Tom, Fatimou Phoby daughter to Elsey, Natt, Adam, Jupiter, Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah, Cupit, Nancy [or Naney] Isaac New Mary, Sally her child Jackson, Conny, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack Louisa, Martha, Elsey, Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter and Doll”

“Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Diana, Mary[,] Brutus, Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris, Silvey, Clarinda, Judy, Flora, little Morris, Sam, Rose Satyra, Girl Flora, Tom, Fatimou Phoby daughter to Elsey, Natt, Adam, Jupiter, Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah, Cupit, Nancy [or Naney], Isaac, New Mary, Sally, & her child Jackson, Conny, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack, Louisa, Martha, Elsey Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter & Doll”

“Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Diana, Mary, Brutus Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris Silvey, Clarinda, Judy, Flora, little Morris, Sam, Rose Satyra, girl Flora, Tom, Fatimou, Phoby daughter to Elsey, Natt, Adam, Jupiter, Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah, Cupit, Nancy [or Naney] Isaac, new Mary, Sally and her child Jackson, Conney, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack, Louisa, Martha, Elsey, Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter & Doll”

Signed by Stephen J. Maxwell. Witnessed by Thomas Savage, J.I.C.

Following this record was a record stating that John Pray bought of George M. Waters on October 20, 1807 for \$8979 “the following negros and future increase named Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Diana, Mary, Brutus, Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris, Silvey, Clarinda, Judy, Flora, little Morris, Sam, Rose, Satyra, Girl Flora Tom, Fatimou Phoby daughter to Elsey, Natt, Adam, Jupiter Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah, Cupid Naney [or Nancy], Isaac, New Mary, Sally, her child Jackson, Conney, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack Louisa, Martha Elsey, Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter & Doll.” The list was repeated again in this deed as “Thomas, Dinah, Clarissa, Elsey, Diana, Mary Brutus Medy, John, Mingo, Joe, Carpenter Morris, Silvey, Clarinda Judy, Flora, little Morris, Sam, Rose Satyra Girl Flora, Tom, Fatimou, Phoby daughter to Elsey, Natt, Adam, Jupiter, Hector, Toby, yellow Dinah Cupid, Nancy [or Naney], Isaac, New Mary, Sally her child Jackson, Conney, Rose, Paris, Tom, George, Jack Louisa, Martha, Elsey, Delia, Philada, Judy, Peter & Doll.” Witnessed by Richard Keating, J.I.C.

Both records recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 16, 1808, by George M. Waters, who at that time was the Clerk of the Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 39-40; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS61>: 26 May 2024), image 284-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Betty, Harriot [alt: Harriet]**

[Begin Transcript]

Georgia, Chatham } To all whom it may concern, be it known that I Ann Maria Maxwell widow and relict of Major James B. Maxwell late of Bryan County deceased do acknowledge and declare that I have this day received from John Pray one of the acting and qualified exors [executors] of the same James B. Maxwell his bond or obligation conditioned for the purchase of two negros namely girls Betty & Harriot said negros being part of the personal Estate of the said James B. Maxwell and now in the possession of the said Ann Maria Maxwell and to be sold at Sheriff's sales, and that I have received the said Bond for the purpose aforesaid, in full of all claims share or proportion which I am or may be entitled to, or which I can or could claim under & by

virtue of the will of my said late husband the same James B. Maxwell, either as a Legatee, Devisee, or in any other manner or way whatsoever and in consideration of the receipt of the said bond or obligation for the purpose aforesaid by me as aforesaid, I do hereby for myself my heirs Executors and administrators freely & absolutely renounce & release all claim of Dower, third, or other share which I may have claim, or be entitled unto either at Law or in Equity of in to, or out of any & all of the Lands Tenements & hereditaments which the said James B. Maxwell at any time in his life time, was seized or possessed or of such as he was seized & possessed of at the time of his death. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal

[signed] Anna Maria Maxwell

Taken & acknowledged & duly signed, sealed and delivered in presence of me this 9th day of Feb'y 1808. The word "all" first interlined.

[Signed] John Pooler, J.P.

Recorded [in Bryan County Superior Court] 16th March 1808

Geo. M. Waters

C.S.C.B.C.

[End Transcript]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 42; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K39S>; 26 May 2024), image 286 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

In June 1800, Jane Stephen, formerly Jane Stiles, and Benjamin Stiles signed a marriage settlement, with Samuel and Joseph Stiles as her trustees. In the agreement it was noted that Jane (as Jane Stiles) had previously had a marriage settlement dated March 29, 1792, with Alexander Stephen, and with Samuel and Joseph Stiles as her trustees. That original settlement apparently stated that the trust created by it would be

used for the benefit of both parties during their joint lives, and by the survivor during his or her life, with the remainder to their issue, and if the issue (children) should die during the life of the survivor, the entire estate, with its increase, would become the absolute property of the survivor, free from the trust.

Because Jane Stephen now intended to marry Benjamin Stiles, it was agreed between them that “the said rents, profits, produce and proceeds including the labour and the fruits of the labour of the slaves, making part of such personal estate,” both that she possessed at the time of the original settlement and that she had come to possess or be entitled to since that time, was to be “settled in a legal manner” in trust for the use of Jane and Benjamin during their joint lives, and with the same inheritance conditions as the previous settlement.

Signed by Jane Stephen, Benjamin Stiles, Samuel Stiles, and Joseph Stiles. Witnessed by Jos. Stiles and Sam’l S. Lighbourn. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 5, 1808.

[NOTE: No enslaved people were named in this document, though they were obviously included based on the wording. Also, it was not explicitly stated that Alexander Stephen had died, though it certainly seems likely.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 43-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K39S>: 26 May 2024), image 286-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lonnon [alt: London], Cloe [alt: Chloe], Peter, Bob, Charles, Flander, Clarinder [alt: Clarinda], Harriot, Peggy, blind Jimmy, Sharlo [alt: Sharlott], Allick**

Based on a writ of fieri facias obtained through a lawsuit by Joseph Davis against the executors of James B. Maxwell’s estate in Bryan County Superior Court in the April term of 1808, the following enslaved people were sold at a Sheriff’s Sale on March 1, 1808: “Lonnon [alt: London], Cloe [alt: Chloe], Peter, Bob, Charles, Flander, Clarinder [alt:

Clarinda], Harriot, Peggy, blind Jimmy, Sharlo [alt: Sharlott], and Allick. John Pray was the highest bidder at \$1895 and was given a bill of sale.

The list of names of the enslaved people was repeated three times in this deed record, each time identically. Also included was a list of the value of each person, which revealed that Lonnon and Cloe were married, and Peter, Bob, Charles, Flander and Clarinder were their children.

[Begin Transcript]

John Pray bought of Joseph Stillwell at Sheriff's sales March 1st 1808 the following negroes viz.

Lonnon

Cloe his wife

Peter their child

Bob ditto

Charles ditto

Flander ditto

Clarinder ditto

} for \$850.00

Harriot...\$350.00

Peggy and blind Jimmy...\$305.00

Sharlo...\$250.00

Allick...\$140.00

[Total] \$1895.00

[End Transcript]

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on Mary 20, 1808.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 49-50; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSKG>: 26 May 2024), image 289-90 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On January 13, 1808, Arthur M. Charlton, Wilkes County, Georgia, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, for \$600 his wife Frances' 9th part of the estate of Luke Mann Senior, Bryan County, consisting of her share in "several tracts or parcels of land adjoining each other, situate, lying and being in the County of Bryan aforesaid containing together five thousand acres, more or less, and by the names of Belmont and Yamesee, the late residence of the said Luke Mann bounded eastwardly by lands of Charles C. Pinckney's known as Sans Souci, westwardly on lands called Estate Dicks Land and Lands of Jacob Woods so called and northwardly on the river Canouchee as will more fully appear by the plats of the said several tracts or parcels of land." Witnessed by Geo. M. Waters, Alex. Dicks. Added to the deed was "It is understood by the parties that the deed is to comprehend all the lands belong[ing] to said Luke Mann's Estate which lay in Bryan County in case of and as to described boundaries." Frances Charlton, Arthur M. Charlton's wife, relinquished her dower right to the property in Wilkes County, February 19, 1808. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 26, 1808.

On January 30, 1809, Samuel Dowse of Liberty County, Georgia, sold to John Pray of Bryan County, Georgia, for \$400 his wife Harriot's 1/9th share of two plantations known as Belmont and the Yamasee, as well as several other tracts of land adjoining those two plantations and each other. The deed record noted that Harriot had inherited this property from her father Luke Mann Senior, late of Bryan County deceased, who had left his entire estate in his will to his children Mary Sleigh, Rebecca, Martha, Frances Jane, Susan & Harriot Mann, and also to Ann Pray and the children of Sarah Stewart, wife of Josiah Stewart and now the widow Grover. The land was described as being 5000 acres, more or less, in Bryan County, bounded east and north on lands of Charles C. Pinckney and known as Sans Souci, south and west by land called Dicks Land & land of unknown owner, and west on lands of Woods and lands called Eaton. Belmont, it said, was the residence of Luke Mann, and part of the Yamasee was cultivated by him, and since his death had been cultivated by his heirs. Witnessed by

Henry Harden, J.P. and Luke Mann. Harriot Dowse signed relinquishing her right of dower to the property. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 9, 1809.

On the same day, Samuel Dowse, Liberty County, Georgia, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, for \$400 all his rights (through his wife) to the 1/9th share of Rebecca Day, who was his wife Harriot's sister, in their father Luke Mann Senior's Belmont and Yamasee plantations.

On February 20, 1809, William A. Dunham, McIntosh County, sold to John Pray (S, Bryan County, for \$400 his wife Martha's 1/9th share of two plantations known as Belmont and the Yamasee, as well as several other tracts of land adjoining those two plantations and each other. The deed record noted that Martha had inherited this property from her father Luke Mann Senior, late of Bryan County deceased, who had left his entire estate in his will to his children Mary Sleigh, Rebecca, Martha, Frances Jane, Susan & Harriot Mann, and also to Ann Pray and the children of Sarah Stewart, wife of Josiah Stewart and now the widow Grover. Witnessed by George M. Waters, Jos. Stillwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 10, 1809.

On February 16, 1809, Luke Mann, "now of Bryan County," as a brother and heir of Rebecca Day, deceased of Bryan County, sold to John Pray of Bryan County for \$400 the 1/9 share that Rebecca had inherited from the estate of Luke Mann Senior of the Belmont and Yamasee plantations (as described above). Witnessed by Henry Harden, J.P., and Elisha P. Wilkins. Eliza Mann relinquished her dower rights. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 10, 1809.

On June 14, 1810, Samuel Lewis, Liberty County, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, for \$400 his "former wife" Susan's 1/9 share of the Belmont and Yamasee plantations and several other tracts, which she had inherited from her father Luke Mann Senior. Lewis also sold to Pray his wife's share of Rebecca Day's, deceased of Bryan County, 1/9 share in the same property. Witnessed by Robert Quarterman, J.P. and William Hines. Hines' current wife, Drusilla Lewis, relinquished her dower rights to the properties. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 29, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 154-60; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSSS>: 6 Jun 2024), image

342-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 84-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSV9>: 4 Jun 2024), image 307-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 73-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS8K>: 3 Jun 2024), image 302-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 55-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS87>: 26 May 2024), image 297-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 79-81; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSRW>: 3 Jun May 2024), image 305-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Pender, Venus, Dinah, Maria, Harry, Minty, Chloe, Mars, Tom, Lewis, William**

On October 3, 1808, Alexander Netherclift, Bryan County, created a trust for the maintenance of his wife Mary and any children she would have by him in the future. George M. Waters, Bryan County, was named as trustee, and the trust included certain named enslaved people and a lot he owned in the town of Hardwicke in Bryan County. The enslaved people were named as “Pender, Venus, Dinah, Maria, Harry, Minty, Chloe, Mars, Tom, Lewis & William,” and the lot was said to containing Netherclift’s dwelling

house and to have formerly been the property of Michael Burke, bought at a Sheriff's sale. [Note: the list of names of the enslaved people was repeated four times in this record, and each time their names were spelled identically except that once Chloe's name was misspelled Chole.] If no children survived Mary, Netherclift was to come to possess the enslaved people and the lot upon her death. Witnessed by Josiah Goodson and John Pray, J.I.C.

This deed record was accompanied by one showing the purchase of the Hardwicke lot by Alexander Netherclift at a Sheriff's sale.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 70-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSRB>: 26 May 2024), image 300-1 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Affy**

On September 19, 1808, Alexander Dicks and John Wells, both of Bryan County, confirmed that on September 6, 1808, they had witnessed an auction at the Bryan County Court House in which “a certain negro woman named Affy [alt: Affee]” was sold to Joseph Stillwell as the highest bidder at \$90. The auction was said to have been advertised in the Georgia Republican Gazette, as required by law. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 26, 1808.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 72; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSDH>: 26 May 2024), image 301 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Clarissa, James**

On November 9, 1805, in Bryan County, William Maxwell Senior, Bryan County, sold to John Lawson, attorney in Savannah, for \$550 “a certain mulatto female slave called Clarissa and her infant child about two years of age called James together with the future issue and increase of the said Clarissa.” Witnessed by James Lambright, who

probated the signature on November 19, 1808. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 4, 1809.

[NOTE: This was probably actually a chattel mortgage. A mock “Bill of Sale” was usually included in case the mortgage were defaulted on. Sometimes the two records were separated in the deed books and the bill of sale could be misinterpreted.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 87; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSJQ> : 4 Jun 2024), image 309 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: January, Jamaica, Paris, Couper, Casar [alt: Casear, Ceasar], Jack, Cretia, Moll, Cake Hagar, Affy, Bella, Nancy [or Naney], Lizzy**

On November 29, 1802, Elizabeth Ward, “spinster” of Savannah, and Morris Miller, attorney of Savannah, entered into a marriage settlement, with John Peter Ward, Benjamin Ward, planters, and Dr. Peter Ward, as her trustees. Because Elizabeth Ward was “entitled in her own right and as of her own private estate and property to certain negros,” the following people were put into the trust: “all those slaves herein after mentioned to wit, January, Jamaica, Paris, Couper, Casar [alt: Caesar, Ceasar], Jack, Cretia, Moll, Cake Hagar, Affy, Bella, Nancy [or Naney] and Lizzy together with all future issue and increase of the female slaves.” [NOTE: “Cake Hagar” seems odd, but there was no comma between the two words and the word looked like Cake. Possibly another name, like Cate?]

They were to be used for Elizabeth Ward’s benefit alone until the marriage took place, after which both Morris Miller and Elizabeth Ward were to receive the “issues profits income and yearly crops of the said negros and of the future issue of the female slaves” during their joint natural lives. This, however, was not to be subject to any debts of Morris Miller, but if there were such debts, then the “whole crops, profits and increase of the said negros” were to be only for the benefit of Elizabeth Ward and her children. If Morris Miller survived her, they were to be for his use during his life, and after his death were to go to any surviving children or, if none, to his heirs. Witnessed by Charles Harris and Catherine Harris. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 4, 1809.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 89-91; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS8B>: 26 May 2024), image 310-11 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sandy**

On April 4, 1809, John Pray purchased for \$371 “a certain negro man or fellow known by the name of Sandy,” being sold at a Sheriff’s Sale after being seized from William Camp based on a writ of fieri facias issued from the Bryan County Superior Court in its March term of 1807. Sandy had apparently been used as collateral on a mortgage to Edward Stebbins dated March 1, 1806, that had been foreclosed on. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 21, 1809.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 92-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSFC>: 5 Jun 2024), image 265 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jack, Judy, Moses, Nanny, Jack, Louisa**

On April 4, 1809, Paul H. Wilkins purchased for \$1300 “Jack, Judy, Moses, Nanny, Jack & Louisa,” who were being sold at a Bryan County Sheriff’s sale at the Bryan County Courthouse after a Bryan County court had issued a writ of fieri facias authorizing their seizure from Richard M. Maxwell, planter of Bryan County, due to his default on a mortgage to Edward Stebbins, merchant of Chatham County, on which he had used them as collateral. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 29, 1809.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 95; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSVL>: 5 Jun 2024), image 313 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Judy, Yabo, Toby, Charlott [alt: Sharlott], Abraham, Polydore, Sally**

On June 20, 1809, Richard Thorp Keating, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of 678.54 to Thomas Young, Chatham County, “the following negro slaves to wit Judy about thirty years of age, Yabo [or Gabo] about twenty years of age, Toby about thirty five years of age, Charlott about 30 years of age, Abraham about eighteen years of age, Polydore about twenty five & Sally about twenty two years of age.” Witnessed by Charles Harris Jr. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 18, 1809.

Written below this deed was the following: “Rec’d Savannah 10th Feby 1822 of Mr. R.T. Keating the full amount principal & interest of the bond referred to in the within mortgage. [Signed] Thos. Young.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 7, 1827.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 96-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSVL>: 5 Jun 2024), image 313-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Delia**

On November 21, 1809, Richard Thorp Keating, planter of Bryan County, sold to Mr. Henry Manly, also of Bryan County, for \$400 “a certain Negro wench named Delia, aged about twenty two years.” Witnessed by Reuben S. Saffold, Morris Miller. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 5, 1809.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 101-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSVV>: 5 Jun 2024), image 316 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hannah, Lucinda, Isaac, Affe, Rina, Charlotte**

On March 31, 1810, Joseph Stilwell, mechanic, gifted to his wife Sarah Stilwell for “the better securing to her and the heirs of her body by me begotten a support,” via her trustees Henry Harden and Harden White, planters, all of Bryan County, “the following Negroes, viz, Hannah and her two children Lucinda and Isaac, and Affe [alt: Affee, Affie] and her infant Rina [alt: Rhina] now at her breast, and a yellow wench called Charlotte,” as well as one acre of land on which he lived, purchased from the heirs of Thomas Day “opposite the Court House on the south west side of the main road leading from Great Ogechee [alt: Ogeechee] Bridge to Darien and a part of the Orange Grove tract.” He reserved for himself the free use of all the profits arising “from such aforesaid property.” Witnessed by Reuben S. Saffold, Charles E. Harden. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1810.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 122-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS2D>: 5 Jun 2024), image 326-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Andrew, Yabo, Harry, Silvey, Sue, Tayri, Cyrus, Lucy, Tobey, Charlotte, Abraham**

On May 3, 1808, Richard Thorp Keating purchased “one negro fellow named Andrew” for \$255 at a Sheriff’s sale in Bryan County. Keating was the highest bidder. Andrew had been seized and sold based on a writ of fieri facias issued by the Bryan County Inferior Court due to a lawsuit by the executors of James B. Maxwell against John Bealey & Richard Keating.

On the same day at the same sale, Richard Thorp Keating purchased “one negro boy named Yabo [alt: Gabo]” for \$104. Yabo had been seized and sold at auction for the same reason.

On January 1, 1809, Richard Thorp Keating purchased “two negroes Harry and Silvey for \$448 and “four negroes, Sue, Tayri, Cyrus and Lucy” for \$800 at a Sheriff’s sale in Bryan County. At the same sale, he also purchased “three negroes, Tobey, Charlotte and Abraham” for \$675. They had all been seized and sold based on a writ of fieri facias issued by the Bryan County Superior Court due to a lawsuit by John H. Deubell against Richard Keating “and sundry other executions.”

All sales recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 28, 1810.

[NOTE: It is possible that these enslaved individuals were being sold and purchased in family groups.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 145-49; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSZW>: 6 Jun 2024), image 338-40 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bellah, Rosella**

On August 4, 1810, Henry Harden and Charles Harden, Bryan County, sold for \$600 to Henry Manly, planter of Bryan County, “two negro wenches named Bellah and Rosella.” Witnessed by Harden White. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 10, 1810.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 151; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSB6>: 6 Jun 2024), image 341 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rose, Rinah, Chance, Rina, Adam**

On August 30, 1810, William Harn Senior, planter of Bryan County, gifted to his daughter Elizabeth Butler “the following property, to wit, one negro wench called Rose and her two children Rinah & Chance, together with the future increase of the said female slaves, also forty head of stock cattle together with their increase.” Witnessed by John McIver, Sandy Bandy. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 12, 1810.

On October 12, 1810, William Harn Senior, planter of Bryan County, gifted to his son John Harn “the following property, to wit, one Negro wench called Rina together with her future increase, and a boy called Adam.” Witnessed by Reuben S. Saffold, Jos. Stillwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 12, 1810.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 152; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSB6>: 6 Jun 2024), image 341 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: David**

On April 4, 1809, Hugh Ross purchased at a Bryan County Sheriff’s sale for \$430 “a negro man or fellow known by the name of David.” David had been seized from Richard M. Maxwell based on a writ of fieri facias issued by the Bryan County Superior Court in its March term of 1807 following a lawsuit by William Camp and others. David had been used by Maxwell as collateral on a mortgage to Edward Stebbins, which had been foreclosed on. Hugh Ross then sold David for \$430 to John Pray in Savannah on April 25, 1809. Pray also gave Ross \$20 “for my bargain for the within named fellow David.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 29, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 161-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSWX>: 6 Jun 2024), image 346 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lisset, Maria**

On June 9, 1810, William B. Johnson, “of the State of South Carolina but at present in the County of Bryan in the State of Georgia,” sold to John Pray, planter of Bryan County, for \$450 “the following negro slaves, to wit, Lisset and Maria being two girls composing a part of the negroes which fell to me in a division of the negroes which were recovered by myself and Joseph Pritchard from Ann Maxwell, together with the future issue of the aforesaid Lisset and Maria.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 30, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 164; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSH5>; 6 Jun 2024), image 347 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Harriot**

In Louisville (state not specified) on April 24, 1810, Anna Maria Maxwell sold to John Pray of Bryan County for \$450 “a certain negro woman or girl known by the name of Harriot formerly the property of the estate of James B. Maxwell, “late of Bryan County.” [NOTE: John Pray was one of the executors of James B. Maxwell’s estate.] Witnessed by John Berrien J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 30, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 165; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSNX>; 6 Jun 2024), image 349 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Satira, Joe, Patty, Sally, August, Bess, Nelly, Polly, Sam, Primus, Phobe [alt: Phoebe], Josiah, Dublin, Flora**

On June 7, 1810, Joseph P. Pritchard “of the City of Charleston in the State of South Carolina, but at present in the County of Bryan in the State of Georgia,” sold to John Pray, planter of Bryan County, for \$4400 “the following negro slaves, to wit, Satira, Joe, Patty, Sally, August, Bess, Nelly, Polly, Sam, Primus, Phobe [alt: Phoebe], Josiah, Dublin, and Flora.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] B. Bulloch, who also probated the deed on April 1, 1811. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 173-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSDJ>; 6 Jun 2024), image 353 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Dick, Hannah, [name covered by splotch], Peggy, Daphny, Daphny child Fillis [alt: Phyllis]**

On February 4, 1811, Thomas Mann, Bryan County, sold to John Pray, same place, for \$2250 “the following negro slaves, to wit, Dick, Hannah, [name covered by splotch], Peggy, Daphny, Daphny child Fillis [alt: Phyllis].” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 175-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSZP>: 6 Jun 2024), image 354 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On June 14, 1810, Samuel Lewis sold to John Pray for \$100 his late wife Susan’s 1/10 share in Rebecca Day’s undivided half share of the plantation known as Orange Grove, which had been Rebecca’s residence, in Bryan County bounded northwest on Laurel Hill Plantation, east on Great Ogechee Causeway, south on the White Oak plantation, west on Sandy Hill Plantation, with 500 acres. Rebecca Day was said to be a widow of Bryan County who had died intestate.

Witnessed by Robert Quarterman, J.P. and William Hines. Hines’ current wife, Drusilla Lewis, relinquished her dower rights to the properties. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 29, 1811.

On January 23, 1810, Samuel Dowse, Liberty County, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, for \$120 his late wife Harriot’s 1/10 share in an undivided half of the Orange Grove Plantation, inherited from her late sister Rebecca Day, wife of Thomas Day. Rebecca Day had died intestate in possession of that undivided half, where her residence was. Orange Grove was described as comprising 500 acres, with boundaries as described above in the previous record. Witnessed by Luke Mann. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 11, 1811.

On April 21, 1813, Luke Mann, Bryan County, sold to John Miller, Chatham County, his 1/10 share in an undivided half of the Orange Grove Plantation, inherited from his late sister Rebecca Day. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 20, 1813.

On January 24, 1813, Thomas Mann, Bryan County, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, his 1/10 share in an undivided half of the Orange Grove Plantation, inherited from his late sister Rebecca Day. Harriot Ann Mann, wife of Thomas Mann, relinquished her dower rights. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 17, 1813.

On May 13, 1813, William A. Dunham, McIntosh County, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, his late wife Martha's 1/10 share an undivided half of the Orange Grove Plantation, inherited from her late sister Rebecca Day. William Dunham's present wife, Susan C. Dunham, relinquished her dower rights. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 17, 1813.

On January 13, 1808, Arthur M. Charlton, Wilkes County, Georgia, sold to John Pray, Bryan County, for \$400 all his rights to the estate of Rebecca Day, who was his wife Frances's sister. This included "all the estate both real and personal and whatsoever the same may consist in, which the said Rebecca Day was possessed of or entitled to either in law or equity wheresoever the same may lay or be, either in lands, parts of lands, negros, goods & chattels of all and every descriptions, monies, produce, stock of all descriptions, or any part of parcel thereof with the appurtenances." Witnessed by Geo. [George] M. Waters, Alex. Dicks. Probated by George M. Waters on April 1, 1808, in Bryan County. Frances Charlton renounced her dower rights in Wilkes County on February 19, 1808. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 20, 1808.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 46-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSGN>: 26 May 2024), image 288 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 235-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K3SL>: 7 Jun 2024), image

386-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 232-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS4T>: 7 Jun 2024), image 384-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 287-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS39>: 7 Jun 2024), image 382-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 184-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS7D>: 6 Jun 2024), image 358-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 154-60; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSSS>: 6 Jun 2024), image 342-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Naney [or Nancy], Jack, William Die, Nan, Frank, Daniel, Phobe [alt: Phoebe], Rose, Bet, Smart, Scippio [alt: Scipio], Caty, Sary, Quamina, Cyrus, Peter, Pompey, Mary, Juno, Flora, Monimia, Nanny, Peggy**

On March 29, 1811, Thomas Mann, planter of Bryan County, set up a trust for his wife and children, using as trustee Luke Mann, also of Bryan County. He put into the trust “the following Negro slaves, to wit, Naney [or Nancy], Jack, William Die, Nan, Frank,

Daniel, Phobe [alt: Phoebe], Rose, Bet, Smart, Scippio [alt: Scipio], Caty, Sary, Quamina, Cyrus, Peter, Pompey, Mary, Juno, Flora, Monimia, Nanny and Peggy.” The record went on to specify that “Naney [or Nancy], her children Jack, William & Die, Nan her children Frank, Daniel, Phobe & Rose, Quamina, Cyrus & Pompey” were to be used for his two daughters by his former wife, Ann and Jane Mann, whereas “the said Negroes Bet her children Smart Scippio Caty & Sary, Mary her children Juno & Flora Fellow Peter, Monimia her children Nanny & Peggy” were to be used for his present wife Harriet Mann and the children he now had living by her and those they might have in the future. This trust was to be for Harriet during her natural life, and then after her death to any children he had with her.

The document also specified that Luke Mann “will annually allow to me the said Thomas Mann during my natural life an equal proportion of the profits arising from the labour of the said Negro slaves, with my said wife and children.”

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1811.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 199-200; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSCJ>: 5 Jun 2024), image 366 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jacob, Betty, Minto, Moses, Prince, Doll, Hester, Cato, Nancy, Sally, Joe, Jenny, Mary, Tenah, Mary, July, Minerva, Feby [alt: Phobe, Phoebe], Pompey, Doriah, Polly, Peter, Mary, Peter, Tenah, Benus [?], Flora, Brave boy, Beck, Fearnought, Dick, Sally, Moses, Joe, Chesso, Hester, Casar [alt: Caesar], Mary, Ned, Quau, Clarissa, Adam, Bob, Lydia, Betsey, Quamino Amos, Kate Jack, Jemmey, Jack, Billy, John, Jupiter, Lewis, Boatswain, Hector, ? Audren ?, Frank, Ishmael, Tom, George, Abraham, Mary, Kate, Judy, Tiro, Charlotte, Patty, Sukey**

On April 30, 1812, David Johnston, Chatham County, sold to James Johnston and James Dickson, Savannah, for \$50,000 “the following Slaves, Jacob, Betty, Minto, Moses, Prince, Doll, Hester, Cato, Nancy, Sally, Joe, Jenny, Mary, Tenah, Mary, July, Minerva, Feby [alt: Phobe, Phoebe], Pompey, Doriah, Polly, Peter, Mary, Peter, Tenah, Benus [?], Flora, Brave boy, Beck, Fearnought, Dick, Sally, Moses, Joe, Chesso, Hester,

Casar [alt: Caesar], Mary, Ned, Quau, Clarissa, Adam, Bob, Lydia, Betsey, Quamino Amos, Kate Jack, Jemmey and the following slaves on the Island of St. Catharine, Jack, Billy, John, Jupiter, Lewis, Boatswain, Hector, Andrew, Frank, Ishmael, Tom, George, Abraham, Mary, Kate, Judy, Tiro, Charlotte, Patty & Sukey. Included in the price were “all that plantation on the Island of Ossabaw, lately the property of Peter Henry Morel, called the Middle Plantation containing in one body eight hundred acres, more or less, bounded on the south by lands of the Estate of John Morel, on the West by Sunbury River, on the North by lands of Bryan Morel, and on the East by lands on the said Island not yet divided among the Proprietors, and reputed to contain fifteen hundred acres...also the whole of my interest in the said Island of Ossabaw.” Witnessed by Oliver Sturges, T.W. Roadman. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 27, 1812.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 212-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS67> : 7 Jun 2024), image 372-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Mingo, Major**

On April 26, 1810, David Crum, planter of Bryan County, gifted to his daughter Eliza Lidy Crum “two negroes the one named Mingo & the other Major...as her proper negroes.” Witnessed by John Fitzpatrick, Jas. McElveen, Abraham Crum. Abraham Crum probated the signatures on June 4, 1812. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 11, 1812.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 214; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSDK> : 7 Jun 2024), image 373 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sambo, Joe, Laura [?], Fatima**

On September 26, 1812, in Savannah, Morris Miller, of Chatham County, sold to Benjamin Ward, Bryan County, for \$4000 “the following four negro slaves, viz. Sambo, Joe, Laura [?] and Fatima, together with the future issue and increase of the above named female slave Fatima.” [NOTE: The third name looks like “Laura” but is evidently

not the name of a female, since Fatima is the only person explicitly identified as a female.] Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 18, 1812.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 216-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS6H>: 7 Jun 2024), image 374-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Cesar**

On November 30, 1812, at Bryan County Court House, James Bird, Bryan County, sold to Grenville Allen for \$220 “a negro man slave by name of Cesar [alt: Caesar], about twenty four or five years of age.” Witnessed by Levi Smith, who warranted on November 30, 1812, that he had seen Capt’n James Bird sign. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 11, 1812.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 218; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSZ2>: 7 Jun 2024), image 375 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Cain**

On June 28, 1813, in Woodvill [Woodville], Bryan County, William Butler sold for \$300 to Mrs. Sarah Allen “one negro boy slave by name of Cain, about the age of sixteen or thereabouts.” Witnessed by Josiah Cantey [or Canty], who also probated the deed on July 12, 1813. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 16, 1813.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 230-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSC6>: 7 Jun 2024), image 383-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Febey [alt: Feby, Phoebe, Phobe], Sharlot, Pondro, Pender**

On January 20, 1813, Richard Thorp Keating, Bryan County, sold to Sarah Keating for \$1600 “the following negro Slaves to wit, Febey [alt: Feby, Phoebe, Phobe], Sharlot, Pondro and Pender. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1815.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 259-62; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSQQ>: 7 Jun 2024), image 401 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lucy, Pender, Sary, Polly, Cook**

On June 13, 1815, Edward Stebbins, merchant of Savannah, sold to George M. Waters, planter of Bryan County, in trust for Elizabeth Maxwell, wife of Stephen J. Maxwell, and John Fyffe Maxwell, Barbara Ann Maxwell, and Eliza Mary Maxwell, children of Stephen J. Maxwell and Elizabeth Maxwell, “the following negro slaves namely Lucy & Pender her child, Sary and Polly her child, and Cook.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 17, 1815.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book C (1807-1815), page 265-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSQF>: 7 Jun 2024), image 404-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sandy, Moses, Balinda, Cyrus, Smart**

On June 3, 1815, Luke Mann, Bryan County, used as collateral on promissory notes of \$860.22 to Andrew Knox, Savannah, “the following Negros Slaves, to wit, Sandy Moses Balinda [alt: Belinda] and her two sons Cyrus and Smart. Witnessed by Nathaniel Law. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 9, 1815.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 4-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSPM>: 16 Jun 2024), image 414 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jesse**

On May 5, 1815, William Harvey and his wife Nancy, Bryan County, sold to Henry Haymans for \$150 “the certain negro boy the name of Jesse aged two years.” Witnessed by John Triggs, Cornelius Tison. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 14, 1815.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 9-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS7S>: 16 Jun 2024), image 416 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Phillis, Pumpkin**

On June 7, 1815, Richard Johnston, Barnwell District, South Carolina, sold to Josiah Goodson, Bryan County, Georgia, for \$400 “a certain negro woman named Phillis [alt: Phyllis] a remarkable scar on the back of her left hand about seventeen years of age with her male child named Pumpkin a light mulatto upwards of two years old, and her future issue.” Witnessed by Michael Brown, Obad’h Threlkeld, Andrew Knox. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 2, 1815.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 12; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS71>: 16 Jun 2024), image 418 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Toney, Mary, Venture, Sally, Sarah, Mary, Scipio, Charles, Toast, Nancy, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Henry, August, Affy [alt: Affee], Bicha, Ben, Lucy, April**

On January 1, 1816, Mary Martha Holms, spinster of Savannah, sold to George M. Waters, Bryan County, for \$4950 “the following eighteen negroes viz. Toney, Mary, Venture, Sally, Sarah, Mary, Scipio, Charles, Toast, Nancy, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Henry, August, Affy [alt: Affee], Bicha, Ben, Lucy, and April with the future increase of the females.” Witnessed by Rob’t [Robert] Taylor. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 15, 1816.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 13; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS71>; 16 Jun 2024), image 418 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Pee, Renty, Mary, Sarah B, Betsey, Matilda, young Sary, Will, Statira [alt: Satira], [name obscured], Old Will, Sam, Adam**

On January 8, 1816, Constant Maxwell, Bryan County, sold to John J. Maxwell, Bryan County, for \$4025 “the following Negroe Slaves, to wit, Pee, Renty, Mary, Sarah B, Betsey, Matilda, young Sary, Will, Statira [alt: Satira], [name obscured], Old Will, Sam and Adam. Witnessed by George M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 1, 1816.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 14; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSG3>; 16 Jun 2024), image 419 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Robert**

On June 4, 1816, Thomas Gribbin, Savannah, sold to James Bird for \$560 “a certain Negro Slave named Robert or Bob.” Witnessed by John T [or F] Gurim, D. Williford. Probated by Williford in Savannah on June 4, 1816. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 5, 1816.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 26; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSSF>: 16 Jun 2024), image 425 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Patty, Amelia**

On January 1, 1811, in Savannah, Francis Courvoisier sold to George Henry Shewman [alt: Shuman] for \$500 “a certain Negro wench named Patty and her girl child named Amelia.” Witnessed by John Haupt. On August 3, 1816, Courvoisier formally relinquished any claim to Patty and Amelia, acknowledging that he had sold them to George Henry Shewman. Witnessed by Wm. [William] B. Fox. Fox probated Courvoisier’s signature on December 18, 1816. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 17, 1817.

[NOTE: Another deed on the same page spelled George Henry’s surname as Shuman. Martin Shuman, planter of South Carolina, sold land to George Henry Shuman, planter of Georgia.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 32; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9G5>: 16 Jun 2024), image 428 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Elsy, Delpha, Tom, Rose**

On May 20, 1816, John Burnsides gifted to his daughter Lizza “a negro woman Elsy, one bed and the furniture belonging, and the one half of the household furniture.” He gave to his son John “a negro woman by the name of Delpha, four cows and calves, a bed and the furniture belonging and a yellow bay mare.” He gave to his son James “a bay horse named Plato, and one half of the stock of cattle.” He gave to his son Edmund “one bay mare and colt, all my land and all the stock of hogs.” He gave to his daughter Polly Slater “a negro man by the name of Tom.” He gave to his son William “one half of my stock of cattle and the black mare.” He gave to Cintha “a negro girl by the name of Rose, one bed and the furniture belonging a colt black colored and the cattle that she now claims say about ten head.” He gave to his wife “one half of the household furniture and one bed with the furniture belonging.” He gave to Edmund “my cart and all my plantation tools.”

Witnessed by Eleanor Bird, Andrew Bird, J.I.C. John Burnsides signed by mark.  
Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 7, 1818.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 48-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K915>: 16 Jun 2024), image 436 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Bristol, Sam, Nat, Osmond, Ben, Fanny, Minta, Prissa, Pompey, Hector, Toby, Clarissa, Kate, Rachael [alt: Rachel], Peter, Jupiter, Juda**

On February 4, 1806, Lee Blacksell, planter of Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement with Sarah Maxwell, widow of Bryan County, using Edward Stebbins and David B. Mitchell, gentlemen of Savannah, as her trustees. In order to provide for Sarah's maintenance and support if she should happen to survive Blacksell, a trust was created into which were put "all those five negro slaves namely Bristol, Sam, Nat, Osmond, and Ben, now the property of the said Lee Blacksell together with the following negro Slaves namely Fanny, Minta, Prissa, Pompey, Hector, Toby, Clarissa, Kate, Rachael [alt: Rachel], Peter, Jupiter and Juda with the future issue and increase of the females, which the said Sarah Maxwell is possessed of in her own right and the other real and personal property of whatever nature or description, which the said Sarah Maxwell is now possessed of or entitled unto." Sarah was to have the right to dispose of them by her will or otherwise, without the "control or interference" of Blacksell.  
Witnessed by David Rees, S. Wing.

On December 10, 1817, Mrs. Sarah Blacksell, formerly Sarah Maxwell, acknowledged her signature on the above. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 19, 1818.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 51-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS3H>: 16 Jun 2024), image 437-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Cudjoe, Hagar**

Based on a judgment for \$948.10 against Morris Miller obtained by Nathaniel Russel in the Federal Circuit Court for the District of Georgia, a writ of fieri facias resulted in the seizure and sale at auction of “the following negro slaves named Cudjoe and Hagar.” They were sold at the Courthouse in Savannah. Lee Blacksell, Bryan County, was the highest bidder at \$910 and thus received legal title to them on March 4, 1817. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 19, 1818.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 54-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K917>: 16 Jun 2024), image 439 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Boston, Ben, Lancaster, Billy, Will**

At a Sheriff's sale at the Bryan County courthouse on February 4, 1817, John J. Maxwell bought for \$1650 “the following Negroes Boston, Ben, Lancaster, Billy & Will.” They had been seized from the estate of Morris Miller, deceased, and sold to satisfy a judgment in favor of executrix Elizabeth Brailsford because of a foreclosed-upon mortgage.

At Belfast in Bryan County on February 26, 1817, John J. Maxwell signed over his ownership of Boston, Ben, Lancaster, Billy and Will to Mrs. Elizabeth Miller for \$1650. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 2, 1819.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 64-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS9K>: 16 Jun 2024), image 444 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sall, Moses, Juda, Sam, Peggy**

On June 1, 1818, Luke Mann, Bryan County, used as collateral on promissory notes of \$2500 to John Pray, also of Bryan County, “the five following Negroes viz. Sall [alt:

Sally], her children Moses & Juda, Sam and Peggy.” Witnessed by A. Netherclift. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 6, 1819.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 65-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS9K>: 16 Jun 2024), image 444-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: London, Mary, Joe, London, Sharlo, Clarisa, Sorrow, Nancy, Guller, Ceser, Louisa, Ben, Sharlott, Sally, Bellar, Sary, Sindr, Jimmy, Ginny, Rhyna, Toby, Bob, Lyda, Robert, Grace, Eve, Adam, Peggy, Andrew, Rose, Sarah**

On January 11, 1819, John S. Maxwell, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on 10 promissory notes totaling \$38880 to John Pray, planter of Bryan County, “the following Negroe Slaves and their future issue and increase, being negroes sold by John Pray to John S. Maxwell, viz London his wife Mary, new negroe Joe his child London, Sharlow [alt: Sharlo] his wife Clarasa [alt: Clarisa, Clarissa], Sorrow, Nancy her children Guller [alt: Gulla], Ceser [alt: Ceasar, Caesar] & Louisa, the latters children Ben & Sharlot [alt: Sharlott, Charlotte], new negroe Sally her children Bellar [alt: Bella] & Sary, Sinder [alt: Sinda] her children Jimmy, Ginny & Rhyna [alt: Rhina, Rina] the latter’s child Toby, Bob his wife Lyda her children Robert, Grace, Eve & Adam, new negro Peggy [alt: Peggy], Andrew his wife Rose, her child Sarah.” Also used was the Sedge field [alt: Sedgefield] tract of land, 300 acres in Bryan County, bounded north east and south by lands of William Savage, west by Mulberry Hill the property of the estate of Abraham Gindrat that was purchased by John Pray from Joseph and Benjamin Stiles and sold by John Pray to John J. Maxwell. Witnessed by Henry Haupt. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 5, 1819.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 73-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS91>: 16 Jun 2024), image 448-50 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: August**

On October 6, 1807, Josiah Goodson bought at a Bryan County Sheriff's sale for \$110 "a Negroe fellow named August." August had been seized from the estate of James B. Maxwell and sold a public auction after a suit brought by Edward Stebbins in Bryan County Superior Court in the November term of 1807. Goodson was the highest bidder. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 4, 1819.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 85-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KS75>: 16 Jun 2024), image 454-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Moses**

On December 16, 1820, Luke Mann, Bryan County, sold for \$500 to John J. Maxwell and George M. Waters, trustees of the late Mrs. Eliza Mann and children of the same place, "the following property [to] wit a negro fellow called Moses." Witnessed by A. Netherclift. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 28, 1821.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 110; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K95K>: 17 Jun 2024), image 467 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: July, Phillis, Juno, Maria, Hannah, Mars**

On January 1, 1821, Benjamin Ward, Bryan County, gifted to his wife, Mrs. Ann Ward, "the following negroes, viz. July, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Juno, Maria, Hannah & Mars." He specified that this was not to "affect any part of her share in the division of my property after my death." Witnessed by Richard Thorp Keating. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 21, 1821.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 111; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K95K>: 17 Jun 2024),

image 467 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Amey**

On September 30, 1821, John Clark, Bryan County, gifted to his daughter Sophia Clark “one negroe girl named Amey [alt: Amy].” If Sophia were to die without any “blood heirs,” Amey “will then return to the nearest blood kin or the rest of her brothers and sisters.” Witnessed by Timothy Hubbard, Wm. [William] Hill. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 24, 1822.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 123-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9TF>: 16 Jun 2024), image 473-4 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Tom, George**

On January 28, 1823, James Butler, Bryan County, used as collateral on promissory notes of \$420 to Benjamin S. Lamb “the following negroes to wit Tom aged about twenty five years, George about fourteen years.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] T. Mell, Jno. [John] B. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 26, 1823.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 131-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K92P>: 16 Jun 2024), image 477-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Patt, Isaac, Hester**

On January 2, 1817, John Ralston and Elizabeth Ralston used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1469 to Ebenezer Jenckes “three negroes names as follows Patt, Isaac, & Hester.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 29, 1823.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 137; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9T3>: 16 Jun 2024), image 480 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sall, Judy**

On May 6, 1823, Benjamin S. Lamb purchased at a Sheriff's sale in Bryan County for \$516 "negroes Sall and Judy." They had been seized from Luke Mann of Bryan County due to a judgement obtained against him in the Bryan County Superior Court by Gardner Tufts of Chatham County. Lamb was the highest bidder. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 22, 1823.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 167; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSC4> : 16 Jun 2024), image 495 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Beck, Moses, Peter, Mary**

At a Sheriff's sale at the Savannah courthouse on December 2, 1832, Henry Shuman purchased for \$750 "four negroes viz. Beck & her three children, Moses, Peter & Mary, which was levied on and sold as the property of the estate of Thomas S. Porter to satisfy a judgement in the Superior Court in favor of Henry Shuman." Shuman was the highest bidder. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 26, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 174-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9R8>: 16 Jun 2024), image 500 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Paid, Sue, Maria, Joff [or Jaff], Elcy [alt: Elsy], Hardtimes, Lucy, Old Joe, Cassander**

On January 19, 1824, Raymond Demere, Bryan County, sold to George W. McAllister, same place, for \$1600 “Paid, Sue, Maria, Joff [or Jaff], Elcy [alt: Elsy], Hardtimes, Lucy, Old Joe and Cassander [alt: Cassanda], together with the issue and increase of the said female slaves.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 6, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 177-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9G9>: 18 Jun 2024), image 501-2 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rose**

On February 18, 1824, William T. Mell, Bryan County, and Ann M. Gordon, same place, entered into a marriage settlement, with Benjamin S. Lamb, Bryan County, as her trustee. A trust was created, into which was put “a certain negro woman Slave named Rose, and her future issue and increase,” as well as articles of household furniture (a bureau, a dining table, 1 tea table, a bedstead, a dozen chairs, a bed & mattress with linen, 2 looking glasses, one dozen cups and saucers, etc). The property was to be held for her sole benefit during her natural life, and after her death for her child or children living at the time of her death. Witnessed by Lach’n [Lachlan] McIntosh Jr. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 6, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 178-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9LN>: 18 Jun 2024), image 502-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On May 22, 1823, Thomas B. Baker, Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract with Barbara Ann Maxwell, daughter of Stephen J. Maxwell, deceased, with John J. Maxwell, Richard H. Footman and George M. Waters, all of Bryan County, as her trustees. All of a “certain undivided property consisting of negroes together with all the future increase of the female slaves” was to continue to be her property and would be in trust for her and used for his and her benefit during their natural lives. At her decease “the said property above mentioned together with the increase of the slaves” was to be

inherited by any children she might have, or by Thomas B. Baker if she did not have children and he survived her. Witnessed by Raymond P. Demere, Edward Footman. On April 27, 1824, Raymond P. Demere probated this deed records. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 13, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 184-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9LB>: 20 Jun 2024), image 505-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Betty, Hysom, Jim**

On May 31, 1823, Richard Thorp Keating, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$604.63 to James Anderson & Co, merchants of Savannah, “three negroe slaves, named Betty and her child, Hysom, and fellow Jim and the future increase.” Witnessed by A. Netherclift, George M. Waters. Probated by George M. Waters on May 1, 1824. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 15, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 186-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9L4>: 20 Jun 2024), image 506-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: George**

On February 18, 1824, James Butler, Bryan County, sold to B.S. [probably Benjamin S.] Lamb for \$295 “a negroe boy named George, about fifteen years of age.” Butler stated “the said negroe boy George having been mortgaged by me to the said B.S. Lamb since the twenty eighth day of January [1823].” Witnessed by Jno. [John] B. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 189; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K911>: 20 Jun 2024),

image 507 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Bess, Paul, Sue, Maria, Taff, Elcy [alt: Elsy], Hardtimes, Lucy, Joe, Cassander**

On May 4, 1824, Raymond P. Demere, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1945.09 to James S. Bulloch and John Dunwoody “all that tract or parcell of land called Parnassus, on Bryan County Neck, containing three hundred twelve and a half acres, more or less, bounded N by lands belonging to Lee Blacksell, S by lands belonging to Mrs. Ann Bond called Fancy Hall, E by lands belonging to the estate of Stiles and W by Midway River, also the following negroe slaves, ten in number, Bess, Paul, Sue, Maria, Taff, Elcy [alt: Elsy], Hardtimes, Lucy, Joe and Cassander [alt: Cassanda] together with the issue and increase of the female slaves.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 190-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSWJ>: 20 Jun 2024), image 508-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Harrington, Suckey, Hagar, March**

On August 9, 1823, Raymond P. Demere, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$599.66 to Furman R. Whitwell, Liberty County, “the following negroe slaves, viz. Harrington, Suckey [alt: Sucky], Hagar, and March, together with the future issue and increase.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 11, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 192-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-KSH3>: 20 Jun 2024), image 509-10 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hector, Isaac, Nelly**

On March 4, 1823, “a negroe man, named Hector” was sold at a Sheriff’s sale at the Bryan County, Georgia, courthouse to Thomas B. Baker, who was the highest bidder at \$30. Hector had been seized from John Cubbedge based on a writ of fieri facias issued due to a judgment against Cubbedge obtained from the Bryan County Superior Court by “Jenkins and Footman.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 26, 1824.

On July 1, 1823, at a Sheriff’s sale at the Bryan County, Georgia, courthouse, Thomas B. Baker purchased “two negroes to wit a fellow named Isaac and a wench named Nelly” for \$100. Baker had been the highest bidder. They had been seized as the property of John Cubbage [as spelled] and sold to “satisfy two executions one in favor of John J. Jenkins and the other in favor of Jenkins & Footman.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 26, 1824.

Thomas B. Baker then gifted to George M. Waters, planter of Bryan County, in trust for Mrs. Sarah Cubbedge, Mary A., Margaret E., George S., Stephen JM, Jno [John] A.W. and Barbara C. Cubbedge [as spelled], children of John and Sarah Cubbedge, “and the future increase of the said Sarah Cubbedge by her present husband John Cubbedge” “the following negroes, viz. Hector Isaac & Nelly.” Baker noted that he had purchased “the fellow Hector” at a Sheriff’s sale on March 4, 1823 based on a judgment against John Cubbedge in favor of Jenkins & Footman, and Isaac and Nelly at a Sheriff’s sale on July 1, 1823, based on a judgment against John Cubbedge in favor of Jenkins and Jenkins & Footman.

Witnessed by George M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 26, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 195-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9TT>: 20 Jun 2024), image 510-1 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 196-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K95S>: 20 Jun 2024),

image 511-2 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hagar, Phebe, Charlotte, Cyrus, Sampson, Daniel**

On June 16, 1824, John B. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$500 to Benjamin S. Lamb, Bryan County, “six negroe slaves viz, Hagar, about forty years old, and her five children, Phebe [alt: Phoebe], about fifteen years old, Charlotte about thirteen years old, Cyrus about nine years old, Sampson about six years old, and Daniel about three years old.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] Thos. [Thomas] Mell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 28, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 202-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9TW>: 20 Jun 2024), image 514 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Bess, Paul, Sue, Maria, Taff, Elcy, Hardtimes, Lucy, Myrtila, Old Joe, Cassander**

On March 12, 1823, Raymond P. Demere, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1500 to George W. McAllister, Bryan County, “the following named negroe Slaves, viz. Bess, Paul, and Sue, Maria, Taff, Elcy [alt: Elsy] and Hardtimes, Lucy & Myrtila, Old Joe & Cassander [alt: Cassanda] together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves,” as well as the Parnassus plantation, containing 312 acres, bounded by “lands of Mrs. Ann Bond, the estate of Benjamin Stiles, and the estate of Morris Miller dec’d, and a marsh.” Susan Jefferson Demere, wife of Raymond P. Demere, relinquished her dower rights to the property on March 12, 1823. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 1, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 225-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9LR>: 21 Jun 2024), image 525-7 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Old Will, Sam, Sary, Will, Martha, Sam, Old Sam, Pee, Betsy, Matilda, Judy, Old Satira, Old Tom, Renty, George, July, Peter, Toney, Joe, Anthony, Clarinda, Rosetta, Diana, Harriet, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jupiter, Flora, Isaac, Rhina, Diannah, Brown, Boy, Molly, Nancy, Sally, Marcus, Mary, Natty, Die, “an infant Die’s child,” Johnny, Amelia, Herculas [alt: Hercules], Leah, Dick, Murriah, Hester, Catharine, Matthias**

On January 6, 1825, an appraisal and valuation was performed of 50 enslaved people belonging to John J. Maxwell of Bryan County, Georgia, in preparation for their sale to Constant Maxwell.

William Maxwell, Bryan County, had willed his Belfast plantation to his wife Constant Maxwell for her use during her lifetime. John J. Maxwell had been occupying and working Belfast as a cotton plantation for 17 years without an understanding between him and Constant Maxwell as to the amount of rent he should be paying. They agreed between themselves that their mutual friends George W. McAllister, George M. Waters and Joseph S. Pelot should estimate the amount of rent John J. Maxwell should have paid during those 17 years and that Constant Maxwell “shall take and receive such negroe property in full for the rent due as aforesaid, at such valuation and appraisement as the aforesaid George W. McAllister, George M. Waters and Joseph S. Pelot shall also affix and determine.” The amount of rent that had been determined he owed was \$5950.

He had also signed a promissory note dated January 8, 1816, made payable at the death of Constant Maxwell and made out to the legatees named in her will “for the purchase of certain negroe slaves from the said Constant Maxwell.” This bond was for \$4025, with interest from the first day of January, 1822, making the total amount due \$4991. He and Constant Maxwell had agreed that instead she would take “the negroe property,” as appraised by the three mutual friends, “in full satisfaction of said bond of obligation.”

Therefore, he sold the following individuals to Constant Maxwell to satisfy his debts to her: Old Will, Sam, Sary, Will, Martha, Sam, Old Sam, Pee, Betsy, Matilda, Judy, Old Satira, Old Tom, Renty, George, July, Peter, Toney, Joe, Anthony, Clarinda, Rosetta, Diana, Harriet, Elizabeth, Nancy, Jupiter, Flora, Isaac, Rhina, Diannah, Brown, Boy, Molly, Nancy, Sally, Marcus, Mary, Natty, Die, “an infant Die’s child,” Johnny, Amelia, Herculas [alt: Hercules], Leah, Dick, Murriah, Hester, Catharine and Matthias, “making in the whole fifty slaves.” [NOTE: It is not clear how many of these people, if any, were originally purchased from Constant Maxwell.]

Attached was a statement from the three appraisers estimating the amount of rent owed for the Belfast Plantation from January 1, 1808 to January 1, 1825, at \$350 annually for a total of \$5950 due. They described this as moderate rent.

Also attached was the following appraisal and valuation of “certain negroe property,” dated January 6, 1825 in Bryan County:

Names	Ages	Description	Value
Old Will	65	Dropsical	0
Sam	29	Prime fellow	350
Sary	38	Prime woman	300
Will	10	subject to fits, but smart	100
Martha	7	no defects	175
Sam	1	no defects	75
Old Sary	69	gardner	50
Pee	40	driver at Belfast	350
Betsy	45	Taskable but not prime	200
Matilda	13	a smart girl	300
Judy	8	healthy but not smart	175
Old Satira	70	assist in washing	0
Old Tom	55	crippled in the back & of little use	0
Renty	31	a prime fellow	350
George	33	a prime fellow	350
July	31	a prime waiting man	400
Peter	50	jobbing carpenter	275

Toney	44	prime fellow	300
Joe	68	jobbing carpenter & infirm	200
Anthony	46	prime fellow & driver at Sedefield [Sedgefield?]	350
Clarinda	42	cook for overseer & infirm	150
Rosetta	27	prime house servant	350
Diannah	25	prime woman & field hand	300
Harriet	19	taskable hand	300
Elizabeth	17	prime field hand	300
Nancy	14	prime girl	300
Jupiter	12	prime boy	250
Flora	8	a smart girl	200
Isaac	8	children of Rosetta	200
Rhina	6	children of Rosetta	150
Diannah	1	children of Rosetta	75
Brown	2	child of Clarinda	100
Boy	1	child of Diannah	75
Molly	4	child of Clarinda	150
Nancy	43	threatened with dropsy	200
Sally	10	children of Nancy	200
Marcus	7	children of Nancy	200
Mary	4	children of Nancy	150
Natty	20	prime fellow	350
Die	25	prime woman	300
an infant	1 week	child of Die	50

Johnny	53	Ruptured	75
Amelia	50	taskable & trusty	150
Herculus	34	prime field hand	350
Leah	30	prime woman	300
Dick	24	Ordinary but taskable	300
Murriah	13	very prime	300
Hester	48	prime of her age	300
Catharine	21	prime woman	300
Matthias	7	prime boy	200
Total Valuation			10925

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 25, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 228-34; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9KM>: 21 Jun 2024), image 527-30 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Will**

On December 11, 1824, Barbara McIntosh, of McIntosh County, sold to B.S. [probably Benjamin S.] Lamb for \$235 “a certain negroe man named Will about forty five years of age.” Witnessed by C.H. McIntosh, William R. McIntosh. William R. McIntosh probated the deed record on December 11, 1824, in McIntosh County. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 6, 1825. [NOTE: Benjamin S. Lamb has been noted in many other Bryan County records and presumably resided there.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 235; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9RX>: 21 Jun 2024),

image 530 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Chloe, Dublin, Jack, Maria**

On June 10, 1824, Thomas B. Baker, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of 287.86 to James Anderson, of Savannah, “a female negroe slave named Chloe and her three children named Dublin, Jack, and Maria, together with the future increase of the said female.” Witnessed by Geo. [George] M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 18, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 236-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9YV>: 21 Jun 2024), image 531 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Andrew**

On May 31, 1824, Richard T. Keating, Bryan County, sold to Messrs James Anderson & Co, merchants of Chatham County, “a certain negroe man called Andrew, about fifty years of age.” [NOTE: No record of a promissory note between these two was found, but often this kind of record would accompany a promissory note when one of the parties was a merchant. Although this record is of a sale, it may actually be part of a chattel mortgage, in which case the bill of sale would be null when the promissory note was repaid.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 238; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9V9>: 21 Jun 2024), image 532 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Manly, Sary, Polly, Primus, Nanny, Rose, Stephen**

On March 24, 1825, Alexander Netherclift entered into a marriage contract with Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell. John J. Maxwell, Thomas B. Baker and John Cubbedge, all of Bryan

County, were to be trustees for his intended wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Maxwell. A trust was created and into the trust were put “that certain property, consisting of the following negroes viz Manly, Sary, Polly, Primus, Nanny, Rose and Stephen, together with all the future increase of the female slaves, to be and continue the property of the said Elizabeth Maxwell.” All to be put in the trust was any property she then possessed or might obtain in the future.” She and Netherclift were to have the joint use of all the profits during their natural lives. When she died, they would go to her children, but if she died without children and he survived her, they were to become his property. Witnessed by George M. Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 18, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 238-40; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9V9>; 22 Jun 2024), image 532-3 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dianah, Binah, Minny, Sam, Cloe**

On January 13, 1825, Edward Footman, planter of Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement with Eliza Ann Ward, spinster of Bryan County, with Robert Habersham, John J. Maxwell, and Richard H. Footman as her trustees. At the time, Eliza Ann Ward was entitled to certain property, namely “a certain negro girl named Dianah, and also a certain tract of land situate in the County of Bryan with the improvements thereon, containing one hundred and twenty acres, formerly known as the north part of Tivoly [alt: Tivoli] Tract, and at present known as Milford, which said tract of land, with improvements on the same, was willed and bequeathed to her by her late Uncle Doctor Peter Ward, and said Elizabeth Ward is also entitled to certain negro slaves, and other personal property, now in possession of her mother, and belonging to the estate of her late father, Benjamin Ward of Bryan County deceased.”

It was agreed that Edward Footman would substitute four enslaved individuals he owned for the land, and thus the trust created through this deed record contained Dianah and “also four negroe slaves named Binah and her three children, Minny, Sam & Cloe [alt: Chloe] (which are made over in trust and in lieu and stead of the tract of land and improvements before named.” The trust was also to include any property Eliza Ann Ward would receive at the division of her father’s estate or that she might inherit “from her relations and friends” in the future.

The married couple was to receive the profit of “the said property” during their natural lives and during the life of the survivor, then to be divided among their children when both were deceased. They also had the right to sell any of “the property” with the agreement of a majority of the trustees.

Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] S. Clay, A.T. Holmes. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 20, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 242-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9KF>: 22 Jun 2024), image 534-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Colin, Maria, Rhody, Matilda, Andy, Tom**

On April 8, 1824, John M. Caldwell, of South Carolina, gifted to his friend Mary C. Footman, wife of Dr. R.H. Footman, of Bryan County, Georgia, and to their children (and any future children) “the following negro slaves to wit Colin and his wife, Maria, and their children, Rhody and Matilda, and two fellows Andy and Tom, together with the future increase of the females. They were to be held in trust for Mary C. Footman and her heirs by Richard H. Footman. Witnessed by Edward Stiles. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 20, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 245; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9L8>: 22 Jun 2024), image 535 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Prissy, Jacob, Sullivan**

On April 8, 1824, Constant Maxwell, Bryan County, gifted to her granddaughter Mary C. Footman and her children “the following negro slaves to wit, Prissy a mulatto woman about thirty five years of age and her two sons, Jacob about fourteen years old, and

Sullivan about seven years old.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 20, 1825.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 246; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9JB>: 22 Jun 2024), image 536 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Prince**

On January 1, 1825, James Butler, Bryan County, sold to George H. Shuman, Bryan County, for \$300 “my negro man Prince.” Witnessed by Luke Mann, Lewis Hines. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 25, 1826.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 250; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K96J>: 22 Jun 2024), image 538 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Patience, Lucy, Morris, Rachel, Phillis, Bellinder, Lina**

On April 1, 1826, John B. Maxwell used as collateral on a promissory note of \$618.25 to Benjamin S. Lamb, both of Bryan County, “seven negroe Slaves viz Patience about thirty five years old and her six children, Lucy about fifteen years old, Morris about twelve years old, Rachel about eight years old, Phillis [alt: Phyllis] about six years old, Bellinder [alt: Belinda] about four years old, and Lina about two years old.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] Fox, George C. Linder. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1826.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 255-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K92N>: 22 Jun 2024), image 540-1 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sam, Rachel, John, Pompey, Hector, Paul, Cudjoe, Hager [alt: Hagar], Clarissa, Ben, Peter, Fanny, Kate, Molly, Juliet, Minty, Christmas, Mary Ann**

On May 18, 1826, Charles Henry Starr, attorney at law of Savannah, entered into a marriage contract with Sarah Jane Blacksell, Bryan County, with John J. Maxwell and George M. Waters, both of Bryan County, as her trustees. A trust was created for her and into the trust were put “the following negroe Slaves to wit, Sam, Rachel, John, Pompey, Hector, Paul, Cudjoe, Hager [alt: Hagar], Clarissa, Ben, Peter, Fanny, Kate, Molly, Juliet, Minty, Christmas and Mary Ann,” as well as two horses, a riding chair, and 80 head of cattle. Also placed in the trust was a “tract of land in said County containing two hundred and fifty acres, known by the name of Silver Stream, and bounded on the South by salt marshes, on the East by lands of the late Morris Miller, on the west by Moonshine tract, and on the North by Golden Grove tract of land with their improvements, together with all the household and kitchen furniture that is at present in the house at Silver Stream.” The trust was to be for her benefit and that of her heirs, and if there should be no children, then Charles Henry Starr was to inherit. Witnessed by Edwd [Edward] H. Bond, Jas. [James] Cleland. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 26, 1826.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 260-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9KQ>: 22 Jun 2024), image 543 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Tom, Mary**

On March 24, 1827, London Dolly, planter of Bryan County, gifted to his nephew, James Dolly, planter of Bryan County, “two negroes namely, to wit, Tom about thirty years old, Mary about twenty five years old.” He also gifted to James Dolly the land on which he [London Dolly] resided in Bryan County, which adjoined land owned by Gibbons, on which the latter resided, and the south half part of lot no. 9 in Washington Ward of Savannah, which was subject to a ground rent.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 269-70; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9XT> : 22 Jun 2024), image 547-8 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Adam, Betty, Peter, Billy, Frankey, Clarissa, Abraham, Ruthy, Sharper, Phoetion, Eliza**

On April 27, 1827, John G. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$3780 to Eliza Gray Angel and Robert Angel, her husband “the following slaves, namely, Adam, Betty, Peter, Billy, Frankey, Clarissa, Abraham, Ruthy, Sharper, Phoetion [as seen] and Eliza.” The promissory note had been inherited by Eliza and Robert Angel from John Pray, to whom Maxwell had originally written the note on January 10, 1819, promising to pay it before January 10, 1825. Maxwell wrote out a new payment schedule to the Angels. Witnessed by Luke Mann, Gabriel Ratcliff. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1827.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 273-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9RG>: 22 Jun 2024), image 549-50 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Marcas, Mary**

On August 8, 1827, Lewis Hines sold to George H. Shuman for \$265 “a negroe boy Marcas [alt: Marcus} and a Negroe Girl Mary.” Witnessed by Gabriel Ratcliff. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 29, 1824.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 291; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9D1>: 22 Jun 2024), image 558 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Tamar, Joe, Adam**

On August 15, 1827, Lewis Hines, Bryan County, sold to Benjamin S. Lamb for \$575 “three Negroe Slaves, viz, Tamar about thirty five years of age, and her two children Joe and Adam, and the future increase of Tamar. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 24, 1827.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 294; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K96P>: 22 Jun 2024), image 560 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Fortune, Nanny, Sylina**

On June 13, 1826, Alicia G. Gordon and William James Berry, both of Chatham County, entered into a marriage contract, with Benjamin S. Lamb of Bryan County as her trustee. A trust was created, and into the trust was put “all those three negroe Slaves named Fortune, Nanny, Sylina [alt: Selina],” who were the possessions of Alicia G. Gordon in her own right. After the marriage, they were to be held in trust for the benefit of Alicia G. Gordon and William James Berry during their natural lives and during the life of the survivor, after which they would pass to their heirs. If Alicia were to have no children living at her death, then she was to have the authority to leave them to whomever she chose “as fully as if she were a feme [sic, femme] sole.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 2, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 305-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K966>: 22 Jun 2024), image 565-6 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dianna, Stephen, Charlotte, John**

On January 1, 1828, at a Sheriff's sale at the Bryan County courthouse, George Washington McAllister bought “two negroe slaves, Dianna & her son Stephen” for \$361, as the highest bidder. They had been seized from Duncan Graham after a writ of fieri facias was ordered based on a judgement in the Bryan County Superior Court against Graham for \$400 due to a lawsuit against him by Isaac Wells.

On the same day, at apparently the same sale, George Washington McAllister purchased “a negroe woman named Charlotte & her son John” for \$373, based on probably the same lawsuit.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 10, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 310-11; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9NQ>: 22 Jun 2024), image 568 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Isham**

On October 1, 1827, Onieasmus Futch, Bryan County, sold to Eli Futch, same place, for \$50 “a certain negro boy named Isham.” Witnessed by Isaac Futch. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 4, 1828. [NOTE: The name Onieasmus is spelled here as seen in the document. He signed by mark, indicating illiteracy. The name is more often seen spelled Onesimus.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 313-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9D5>: 22 Jun 2024), image 569-70 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Cyrus**

On March 18, 1828, George M. Waters sold to Margaret Mann, wife of Luke Mann, for \$105 “a certain boy called Cyrus, son of a woman in my possession called Balinda.” Waters specified that “in the event of the death of the said Margaret, her present child and future issue, then and in that case the above named negro Cyrus to go to the children of his (Luke Mann) first wife, viz Ferdinand C. Mann, John A. Mann, and Harriet A. Mann.”

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 328-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9VY>: 23 Jun 2024), image 577 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: John, Silvia, Old Jinny, Young Jinny, Stephen, Nancy, Edward, Punch, To?erhill, Chloe, Dublin, Jack, William**

On May 1, 1828, Thomas Blacksell Baker, planter of Bryan County, sold to George M. Waters, Bryan County, for \$3000 “the following Negroes viz. John, Silvia, Old Jinny, Young Jinny, Stephen, Nancy, Edward, Punch, To?erhill, Chloe, Dublin, Jack, & William.” Waters was acting in his capacity as trustee for Barbara Ann Baker, wife of Thomas Blacksell Baker), William Lee Baker, and Stephen Jackson Baker, and also any future children of Barbara Ann by Thomas Blacksell Baker. Witnessed by John J. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 2, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 331-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K988>: 23 Jun 2024), image 578-9 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: John, Phebea, Simon, Daniel, Emaly, Ceaser, Abigail, William, Amos, Ben, Stephen, Joe, Peggy, Sulpher, Sarah, Josiah, Henry**

On April 12, 1828, Lewis Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1500 to Benjamin S. Lamb, Bryan County, “all the following named Negroe slaves to wit, John & his wife Phebea [alt: Phoebe, Phebe], each about thirty years of age, and their four children Simon, Daniel, Emaly [alt: Emily] & Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Abigail about twenty eight years of age, and her three children William, Amos and [name omitted], Ben about forty five, Stephen twenty five years of age, Joe about twenty eight and his wife Peggy about thirty three years of age and their four children Sulpher [alt: Sulphur], Sarah, Josiah and Henry.” Witnessed by T.A. Mann, Luke Mann. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 2, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 332-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9F5>: 23 Jun 2024), image 579-80 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Baccus [alt: Bacchus], Flora, Amey [alt: Amy], Lucy, Venus, Didah [as seen, maybe Dinah?], Baccus, Davy, Moses, Sam, Phosiah, Hector, Rhina, Smart, Hagar, Cupit [alt: Cupid], Cuddy**

On April 1, 1828, at a Sheriff's sale at the Bryan County courthouse, Geo. [George] W. Owens bought for \$3125 "seventeen negroes, viz, Baccus [alt: Bacchus], Flora, Amey [alt: Amy], Lucy, Venus, Didah [as seen, maybe Dinah?], Baccus, Davy, Moses, Sam, Phosiah, Hector, Rhina, Smart, Hagar, Cupit [alt: Cupid] and Cuddy. They had been seized from the estate of Henry Harden to satisfy a judgement from the Superior Court in favor of John J. Jenkins and others and sold at auction. Owens was the highest bidder. Witnessed by James Butler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 2, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 336-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9KG> : 23 Jun 2024), image 581 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On September 27, 1827, Stephen Canady gifted to his son Stephen Canady Jr, who was blind, "all my property, personal and real estate, consisting of Negroes, land, stock of cattle, horses and hogs, with my kitchen and household furniture." He specified that the reason for the gift was "my son being blind, obedient and destitute, which induces me freely to impart this gift on and to him from me." He appointed Hampton Harris as the guardian for his son and property "and to see that this deed of gift be properly carried into effect, so soon as I shall depart this life." Canady signed by mark, indicating illiteracy. Witnessed by Benjamin Thompson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 30, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 338; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9XG>: 23 Jun 2024), image 582 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On November 17, 1827, the siblings of Mary Simons Maxwell, deceased of Bryan County, registered their approval of a bequest she had made in their presence. She had been entitled to 1/6th part of undivided property consisting of land in Bryan County on the Midway River known as the Waterford, Tiperara & Huse's Tracts, "also one sixth part of the Negroes, carriage & horses, stock of every description and household furniture, all of said property was vested at the time of the decease of sd [said] Mary in Mrs. Margaret Maxwell, and her four children, Mary S. Maxwell, Benjamin Maxwell, Eliza Maxwell, and John S. Maxwell, the widow and children of the late Moultrie Maxwell." Sarah, the eldest daughter, had received her dividend at her marriage to William Ward of Sunbury [in Liberty County]. "Whereas from the most affectionate, and worthy motives the sd [said] Mary S. Maxwell did in the presence of her sisters and brothers, give and bequeath unto her beloved mother, Margaret Maxwell, all and every part of the aforesaid property, both real and personal, to which she was entitled aforesaid to be entirely hers and at her sole use and disposal." The document was signed by William Ward, Eliza A. Maxwell, and B.C. Maxwell. Witnessed by Jno. [John] Stephens, Jos. E. Maxwell, James A. Screven. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 24, 1828.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 338; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9XG>: 23 Jun 2024), image 582 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Mentor, Peggy, Nanny, Nancy, Lucy, Cyrus, Celia**

On October 10, 1816, Sarah Manly, widow of Bryan County, and John Coleman, also of Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract, with Thomas Hutson Harden and William Feaster, also of Bryan County, as her trustees. It was agreed that her property "consisting of negroe slaves and household furniture" would be put into a trust for her maintenance and support "in case of casualties." These included "all those her the said

Sarah Manly's seven negroe slaves, named Mentor, Peggy, Nanny, Nancy & her three children, Lucy, Cyrus & Celia." They were to be maintained for the use and benefit of Sarah and John Coleman after their marriage during their natural lives and in trust for their children. If Sarah were to die without children, her will would take effect, but if she died without a will, John Coleman was to inherit. Witnessed by John Fulton, Jacob F [or T] Gould. Gould probated this record in Chatham County on January 14, 1829. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 16, 1829.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 342-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9DH>: 23 Jun 2024), image 584-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bob, Chance, Robert, Grace**

On April 8, 1829, Ferdinand C. Mann, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$616.42 to the firm of R&W King, factors of Savannah, "the following named Negro Slaves, four in number, to wit, Bob, Chance, Robert and Grace." Witnessed by Benjamin S. Lamb. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 20, 1829.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 356-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9VP>: 23 Jun 2024), image 591-2 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jane**

On August 25, 1828, Nathaniel Bacon, Bryan County, sold to Peter Strickland, also of Bryan County, for \$330 "a certain negroe girl slave named Jane." Witnessed by N.T. ?Stanaland?, David Strickland. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 11, 1829.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 360-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9NG>: 23 Jun 2024),

image 593 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On May 5, 1829, Beecroft Penny, of Savannah, and Jane Stiles, Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract with Alexander William Stephens and Benjamin Stiles as her trustees. As she was “entitled to and interested in a considerable estate both real and personal” and might at some point come into other property as well, a trust was created for the property she brought into the marriage and any future property. The property was not otherwise described. Detailed provisions were made for inheritance.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. A-D 1796-1829, Book D (1815-1829), page 361-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-K9NG>; 23 Jun 2024), image 593-5 of 600; microfilm #007899046, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John, Phebe, Simon, Daniel, Emily, Ceasar, Stephen, Ben, Joe, Peggy, Sulpher, Sarah, Josiah, Henry, Daphney, Charlotte, Jacob, Cato, Eliza, Sarah, Hagar**

On December 22, 1829, at Savannah, Lewis Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$3000 to Ralph & William King and Gandry & Legriell, Chatham County, at the Planters Bank of the State of Georgia at Savannah “the following negroe slaves viz John, Phebe and their four children Simon, Daniel, Emily, Ceasar [alt: Caesar], Stephen, Ben, Joe, Peggy and their four children Sulpher, Sarah, Josiah & Henry, Daphney and her six children Charlotte, Jacob, Cato, Eliza, Sarah & Hagar, together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves.” Witnessed by G.W. Owens.

“Satisfaction entered this 31 March 1841”

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 1-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK4-L>; 6 Jul 2024),

image 8-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Free Person of Color Named: James Dolly**

[Begin Transcript]

Georgia, Bryan County } Know all men by these presents that I John Harn of the County aforesaid, guardian of James Dolly a free person of colour for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred and eighty dollars to me in hand paid the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained sold and conveyed and do hereby bargain sell and convey to Richard J. Arnold of said County his heirs and assigns all that tract of land containing two hundred and forty five acres more or less situate lying and being in the County aforesaid, on the South side of Ogechee River the boundaries of which tract of land is more particularly described by the plat hereto annexed, and which is hereby incorporated in this deed, the same being a part of a two hundred & sixty three acre tract old survey and which was originally granted to John Waldron, by Warrant 3rd August 1789 & surveyed 2nd March 1790 the other part formerly owned by Benjamin James (the said tract hereby conveyed having been purchased by James Dolly from William Dickerson) together with all the appurtenances, to have and to hold the said tract of land with the appurtenances unto the said Richard J. Arnold his heirs and assigns forever. In witness whereof I have set my hand and seal this 29th April 1830.

Signed, sealed & delivered in presence of

Thos. S. Cloy

[End Transcript]

Signed by John Harn as guardian of James Dolly. James Dolly signed by mark signifying he had received the money on April 29, 1830.

Underneath the plat was a statement saying it was part of a 263-acre tract of land originally granted to John Waldron on April 12, 1791 and resurveyed at 174 acres, 112 acres of which was river swamp and 62 acres pine land.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 30, 1830.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 18-20; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK2-W>: 6 Jul 2024), image 17-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sedley, Frank**

On February 2, 1831, William C. Footman, Bryan County, used as collateral on two promissory notes of \$325 to Ann Gray, same place, “the two following male slaves viz Sedley and Frank.” Witnessed by Sarah M. Charlton, Catharine M. Waters. Probated by Catharine M. Waters on March 14, 1831. Total payment noted as \$325 plus interest of \$52. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 29, 1831. Witnessed by Robert M. Charlton. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 28, 1831.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 39-40; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK4-N>: 7 Jul 2024), image 27-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jack**

On April [date left blank], 1831, in Savannah, Michael Brown, Chatham County, sold for \$400 to Doctor Thomas J. Charlton, Bryan County, “a negro man slave, named Jack.” Witnessed by Geo. [George] M. Waters and Robert M. Charlton, notary public. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 29, 1831.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 40-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKW-R>: 7 Jul 2024), image 28 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Will, George**

On April 2, 1831, Benjamin S. Lamb, Bryan County, sold to Alexander M. Sandiford for \$825 “two negro men slaves (to wit) Will about fifty years of age, and George about twenty three years of age.” Witnessed by Isaac D’Lyon, Luke Mann. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 3, 1831.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 45; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK4-S>: 7 Jul 2024), image 30 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hagar, Johnny, Sampson, Henny, Polydore, Matilda, Binah, Tom, Mary**

On August 24, 1831, Edward Footman, planter of Bryan County, gifted to Mary C. Footman, the widow of his brother Richard H. Footman, a deceased doctor of medicine of Liberty County, “the negroes...Hagar and her children Johnny & Sampson, Henny & her children Polydore [alt: Polidore] & Matilda, Binah, Tom & Mary.” Edward Footman said he had purchased these individuals from Richard H. Footman for \$2520 on April 10, 1824, as recorded in Bryan County Clerk’s Office in Book D, page 208 on July 21, 1824.

Edward Footman noted that Richard H. Footman had died leaving his widow Mary “and the following children namely Elizabeth C. Footman, Richard H. Footman, Maria H. Footman, Margaret W. Footman & Mary W Footman” “in indigent circumstances” and stated that the gift was in trust for the use of Mary C. Footman while she remained single, and after her death or marriage in trust to be divided equally among the surviving children.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 8, 1831.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 50-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK7-N>: 8 Jul 2024), image 32-33 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: July, Lemster, Jim, Billy, Giney, Catharine, Nelly, Bess**

On September 8, 1831, Beecroft Penny, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$4000 to John Miller, Savannah, “the following negro slaves namely July aged about twenty two years, Lemster aged about nineteen years, Jim aged about sixteen years, Billy aged about twelve years, Giney aged about twenty years, Catharine aged about twenty five years, Nelly aged seventeen and Bess thirty years old.” Witnessed by Robert M. Charlton. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 28, 1831.

Marked as cancelled by John Miller [undated].

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 57-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKW-J>: 8 Jul 2024), image 36-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Nelly, Bess**

On September 8, 1831, Beecroft Penny, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$366 to John Miller, Chatham County, “two negro women slaves the one named Nelly aged about seventeen years old and the other named Bess aged about thirty years old.” Witnessed by Robert M. Charlton. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 28, 1831.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 60-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKQ-N>: 8 Jul 2024), image 37-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Isaac, Susannah, Dolly, Seymour, Melissa, Billy, Rinah, Tyra [alt: Tira], Bella, Sylvia, Marcus, Betty, Jenny, Aleck, Daphne, Sally, Dolly, Hazard, Old George, Little George, Lissey, Sally, Big Peter,**

**Sarah, Unity, Joe, Jacob, Tamar, Betty, Guy, John, Sam, Prince, Tenah, Cretia, Chloe, Tom**

On January 18, 1832, Bryan M. Morel, planter of Chatham County, used as collateral on promissory notes totaling \$8680 to Edmund Molyneux Junior, Savannah, Chatham County, “the following negro slaves named Isaac, Susannah, Dolly, Seymour, Melissa, Billy, Rinah, Tyra [alt: Tira], Bella, Sylvia, Marcus, Betty, Jenny, Aleck, Daphne, Sally, Dolly, Hazard, and an Infant, Old George, Little George, Lissey, Sally, Big Peter, Sarah, Unity, Joe, Jacob, Tamar, Betty, Guy, John, Sam, Prince, Tenah two children Cretia and Chloe, and Tom a bricklayer.” He also used as collateral a 500-acre tract of land on the north east end of Ossabaw Island in Bryan County, bounded on the south and west by land of Patrick Houston, east by the Atlantic Ocean and on the north and west by Ossabaw sound and the Great Ogechee River. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 14, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 66-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK3-1>: 8 Jul 2024), image 40-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Prince, Nanny, Matilda, Little Prince, Henrietta, Binah, Mary, Huxina [?], Malissa, George, Sarah, Phebe, Thomas, Harriet, Nelly, Caroline, Christmas, Chloe, Primus**

On March 5, 1832, William C. Footman, Bryan County, gifted to his wife, Mrs. Maria H. Footman, and her children Peter Oliver Footman, Mary Elizabeth and John Maxwell Footman, to be held in trust for them by Edward Footman, Bryan County, “the following negro slaves to wit, Prince, Nanny, and their children, Matilda, Little Prince, Henrietta, Binah and Mary, Huxina [?] and her children, Malissa, George, Sarah, Phebe, and Thomas, Harriet, Nelly & Caroline, Christmas, Chloe and Primus.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 11, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 74-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKQ-D>: 8 Jul 2024), image 44-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Mary, Clarissa, Lucy**

On April 3, 1832, Edward Footman, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$800 “for value received” to Robert Habersham, merchant of Savannah, “all the following named negro slaves to wit Mary, Clarissa, Lucy and her child, in number four.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 30, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 78-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKS-Y>: 8 Jul 2024), image 46-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Daphney, Laura**

On October 29, 1831, Mordecai Sheftall Junior, Savannah, sold for \$650 to John Harn, Bryan County, “the following named slaves, Daphney and her female child named Laura.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on Mary 9, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 80-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKQ-Q> : 8 Jul 2024), image 47-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dick, Benjamin**

On December 14, 1829, John Bradley, Liberty County, sold to Sarah Bird, Bryan County, for \$335 “a Negro boy named Dick which we suppose to be thirteen years of age which payment is in full for said boy.” Witnessed by Enoch Daniel, James N. Bird. James N. Bird probated the signature on May 29, 1832. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 31, 1832.

On May 23, 1832, John Bradley, Liberty County, sold to Israel Bird, Bryan County, for \$325 “a negro boy named Benjamin which we suppose to be ten years of age, which payment is in full for said boy.” Witnessed by Sarah Bird, James N. Bird. James N. Bird

probated the signature on May 29, 1832. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 31, 1832.

[Both deed records were recorded together on the same date and probated by the same person on the same day. Probably the earlier one was brought to be recorded when the later one was done. John Bradley signed both “by mark,” indicating illiteracy.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 81-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK3-9>: 8 Jul 2024), image 48 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On March 13, 1832, Charles Harper, Bryan County, and Eliza Bennet, widow of Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract, with Elias Perry, also of Bryan County, as her trustee. She put into the trust “all the estate both real and personal which she now possesses or may hereafter possess.” The trust was to be used for her benefit during her lifetime, and after her death to any surviving children. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 10, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 82-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK3-9>: 8 Jul 2024), image 48-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Catharine, Sylvan, Mary**

On May 22, 1832, Beecroft Penny [alt: Penney], Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$400 to James D. Huguenin, Chatham County, “three certain negro slaves named Catharine, Sylvan, and Mary.” On June 27, 1832, Huguenin transferred the mortgage to M.M. Prendergast “for value received.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 14, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 83-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKS-2>; 8 Jul 2024), image 49 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Simon**

On January 16, 1832, Clem Powers, Effingham County, sold to Henry W. Crum, Bryan County, for \$450 “a certain negro man slave called Simon about twenty four years of age.” Witnessed by Jas [or Jos] S. Crum, A.N. Sanford. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 15, 1832.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 90-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGB-5>; 8 Jul 2024), image 52-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Will**

On January 5, 1833, in Bryan County, Jekyl Shuman sold to Reuben English for \$345 “a certain negro boy about ten years of age, named Will.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 8, 1833.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 95; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGB-F> : 8 Jul 2024), image 55 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Glasgo, Mars**

On August 7, 1832, Alexander M. Sanford purchased “a negro man by the name of Glasgo [alt: Glasgow]” for \$305 as the highest bidder at a Sheriff’s sale at the Bryan County Court House. Glasgo had been seized from Thomas B. Baker based on a judgment against him in favor of Sanford by the Bryan County Superior Court.

On the same day, at the same sale, Sanford purchased “a negro man slave named Mars” for \$470, sold apparently based on the same judgment against Thomas B. Baker.

Both deeds witnessed by Wm. [William] Hill, James Butler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 8, 1833.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 95-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGB-F>: 9 Jul 2024), image 55 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dick**

On January 4, 1833, John Bradley and his wife Jane Bradley, Liberty County, sold to James N Bird, Bryan County, for \$350 “a certain negro slave named Dick about twelve years of age.” Witnessed by Enoch Daniel, Joseph G [or J] Smith. Smith probated the signatures on February 18, 1833. [NOTE: John Bradley signed “by mark,” indicating illiteracy. Jane Bradley did not.] Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 18, 1833.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 99-100; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGR-R>: 9 Jul 2024), image 57 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: George, Lucy, Grace, Penda, Mary, Hardtimes, Israel, Albert, Lucy, Emma**

On March 15, 1832, Charles A. Harden, Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement with Miss Eliza M. Maxwell, via her trustees Thomas B. Baker and John F. Maxwell, also of Bryan County. “The following negroes viz George, Lucy, Grace, Penda, Mary, Hardtimes, Israel, Albert, Lucy, and Emma” were put into a trust for her “to be and continue the property of the said Eliza M. Maxwell,” as well as any other property

she owned or would own in the future. Harden and Maxwell were to share the joint use of all the profit during their lifetimes, and when she died, they were to be inherited by her children. If she were to die without children, and be survived by Harden, he was to inherit. Witnessed by Geo. [George] M. Waters, Thomas G. Charlton. Probated by Charlton on December 12, 1833. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 5, 1833.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 101-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGB-1>: 9 Jul 2024), image 58 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On February 1, 1833, William King, factor of Savannah, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$4300 to the “Georgia Infirmary for the relief and protection of aged and of afflicted negroes” “the undivided two fifths parts of the turnpike road over Ogeechee Causeway with the tolls to arise therefrom and the right to receive the same, together with all the hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging...” King was to repay this amount with interest by February 1, 1834, or face foreclosure. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 5, 1833.

[NOTE: The institution mentioned in this deed record was established in Savannah by the Georgia General Assembly in 1832. For more information:  
[https://www.georgiahistory.com/ghmi\\_marker\\_updated/the-georgia-infirmary/.](https://www.georgiahistory.com/ghmi_marker_updated/the-georgia-infirmary/)]

The above mortgage was foreclosed upon by a judgment of the Bryan County Superior Court in its May 1843 term, and the 2/5 part of the turnpike road used as security was sold at public auction at the Bryan County courthouse on July 6, 1843. The “Georgia Infirmary for the relief and protection of aged and afflicted negroes” was the highest bidder at \$1000, and the Sheriff prepared the bill of sale that day. Witnessed by Joseph J. Smith, Solomon Smith, J.I.C. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 10, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 113-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGR-K>: 9 Jul 2024), image 59 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 259-61; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLS-Q>: 15 Sep 2024), image 386-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Hannah**

On November 26, 1830, in Savannah, Jesse Sanderlin, Savannah, Chatham County, sold to Mary Hodgins, same place for \$200 “a certain negro woman named Hannah.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 18, 1833. [NOTE: There was no indication as to why this was recorded in Bryan County.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 110-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGL-R>: 11 Jul 2024), image of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lucy, Hagar, Pussy, Isaac, Peggy, Fanny, Alexander, Augustus, Hester**

On April 23, 1833, William H. Cuyler, doctor of medicine of Savannah, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$4500 to Richard N. Cuyler, attorney at law of Savannah, “the following negro slaves to wit, Lucy, Hagar, Pussy, Isaac, Peggy, Fanny, Alexander, Augustus & Hester,” in addition to a 500-acre tract of land on the south end of Ossabaw Island, “adjoining lands late Rutherford now Shrines and lands late John Morel now said William H Cuyler’s.”

On the same day, Richard N. Cuyler signed over his interest in this promissory note and the property used as collateral to the Bank of the State of Georgia.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 9, 1833.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 116-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGP-5>: 11 Jul 2024), image 65-66 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Tom**

On August 5, 1834, at a Sheriff's sale at the Bryan County Courthouse, Thomas J. Charlton purchased "a negro man slave, named Tom" for \$250, as the highest bidder. Tom had been seized from Thomas B. Baker, administrator for the estate of Alexander Netherclift, based on a lawsuit against Baker by William English in Bryan County Superior Court. Witnessed by Solomon Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 27, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 135-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGP-W>: 11 Jul 2024), image 76 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sappo, George, Billy**

On September 5, 1833, John A. Mann, McIntosh County, released the executors of the estate of John Pray from any obligation to make any disbursements to him as a legatee as one of Luke Mann's children when the estate was divided, in view of his indebtedness to the estate of Ann Pray "for the hire of negroes" for the years 1831 (\$20), 1832 (\$143), and \$254 "jointly with T.O. Mann and for the present year for the hire of Fellows Sappo George and Billy, negroes belonging to said Est. two hundred and sixty five (265) dollars." He added that T.O. Mann "has sold Billy a fellow belonging to said estate and which I hired for the present year, and that it is apprehended that the Estate will loose [sic] said fellow." The estate executors were identified as John J. Maxwell, George M. Waters and Lewis Hines. Witnessed by Thomas Mann, Luke Mann.

Appended to this deed was a statement of T.O. Mann saying that he had received from Lewis Hines on January 18, 1834, “an order on Mr. Robert Habersham for fifty dollars to release me from great pecuniary embarrassment, and as the said Hines has frequently made advances of the same kind for my special relief, I do hereby authorise the said Hines as well as the other executors of the Est. of Mrs. Ann Pray to withhold the payment of any legacy that I am intitled [sic] to under the will of Mrs. Ann Pray as one of the children of Mr. Luke Mann.”

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 4, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 139-40; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGP-9>: 11 Jul 2024), image 78 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: John, Bella, Beck, Chloe, Samuel, Rachael, Tuesday, Tom, Bella, Kate**

On July 23, 1834, Alexander W. Stephen, planter of Bryan County, added to the trust he had created for his wife Cleminia when they married. He noted that the original trust deed was dated February 26, 1829, and was recorded in the Chatham County Superior Court’s office. The trustees were identified as William P. Bowen, Chatham County, and Beecroft Penny [alt: Penney], Bryan County.

Stephen said that part of a lot of land in the City of Savannah, part of the original trust, had been sold for \$2800, and that he had agreed to receive the \$2800 and convey certain property to the trust in its place: “the following negro Slaves to wit John, Bella, Beck, Chloe, Samuel, Rachael, Tuesday, Tom, Bella and Kate.”

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 5, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 141-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG5-C>: 11 Jul 2024),

image 79 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Becca**

On September 2, 1834, Thomas Williams, Chatham County, sold to Solomon Smith, Bryan County, for \$425 “a certain negro girl by the name of Becca aged about eighteen years of age and of yellow complexion.” Witnessed by James N Bird, Joseph J. Smith. Smith probated this record on September 6, 1834. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 8, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 143; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGB-K> : 11 Jul 2024), image 80 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Abby**

On November 25, 1834, Harriet King, Savannah, Chatham County, sold to Stouten Hayman, Bryan County, for \$380 “a certain negro girl aged about fourteen years and named Abby with her future issue.” Witnessed by Norman W. McCleoud, Wm. [William] Harn. Harn probated this document on December 1, 1834. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 2, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 150; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG5-K>: 11 Jul 2024), image 83 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Catharine, Flora, Billy, Jencis, Eliza, Laura, Mary, July, Lempster [alt: Lemster], Jim, Nelly, Sylvan**

On July 23, 1834, Beecroft Penney, planter of Bryan County, documented a change in a trust that had been created for his wife Jane, dated May 5, 1829. Part of the land in the trust — rice land on the Ogeechee River in Chatham County — had been sold for \$2733,

and Penney had agreed to take the money and in its place add to the trust “the following negro slaves, Catharine, Flora, Billy, Jencis, Eliza, Laura, Mary, July, Lempster [alt: Lemster], Jim, Nelly and Sylvan.” The trustees were identified as Alexander W. Stephen and Benjamin Stiles, both of Bryan County. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 11, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 151-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGG-X>: 14 Jul 2024), image 84 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jack, Sandy, Andrew, Boatswain, Bachus, Lewis, Charles, Hannah, Ruth, Tamar**

On June 18, 1834, at Savannah, Beecroft Penney, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1933,32 to Arthur G. Miller “the following negro slaves, viz Jack, Sandy, Andrew, Boatswain, Bachus, Lewis, Charles, Hannah, Ruth and Tamar.” Witnessed by James S. Wilkins. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 31, 1834.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 152-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGG-X>: 11 Jul 2024), image 84-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sci [or Sei]**

On March 27, 1834, William H. Vanbrackel, Bryan County, sold to A.M. Sanford for \$500 “a negro man Slave named Sci [or Sei] about twenty four years of age.” Witnessed by James Butler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1835.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 165-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGR-L>: 11 Jul 2024),

image 91 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Binah**

On June 10, 1834, in Savannah, M.C. Footman acknowledged receipt of \$200 from A.M. Sanford “in full pay for a negro woman named Binah.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1835.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 166; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGR-L>; 11 Jul 2024), image 91 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John, Will, Martha, Priscilla, Rachel, Sam, Amy, Edmund, Sib**

On February 28, 1835, George W. Galphin, physician of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1000 to Maria J. McIntosh “the following negro slaves to wit John, Will, Martha, Priscilla and child Rachel and child Sam Amy Edmund and Sib...” If he defaulted on the note, Maria J. McIntosh was to be able to take them into her possession and to sell them, returning any extra amount to him. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 6, 1835.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 189-90; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG2-1>; 16 Jul 2024), image 103 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On March 21, 1835, William P. Wilson, Chatham County, transferred his rights to a chattel mortgage “of ten negro slaves and their issue” to Joseph Bryan, Chatham County. The mortgage was from Beecroft Penney, Bryan County, for \$1360 and was dated May 13, 1834. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 27, 1835.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 196; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG2-P>: 16 Jul 2024), image 106 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John**

On July 3, 1835, Fathia Shuman gifted to her son James Shuman “a negro boy named John between ten and fourteen years of age.” [NOTE: Fathia Shuman signed by mark, indicating illiteracy.] Witnessed by William English. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 11, 1836.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 207-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGN-R>: 16 Jul 2024), image 112 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Frank, Isabella, Minda, Davy, Hannah, Miriam**

On February 16, 1836, Benjamin C. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$773.50 to Ralph King, William King and Bayard E. Hand, doing business as R & W King & Co, “six slaves named Frank, Isabella, Minda, Davy, Hannah and Miriam, with the future issue and increase of the females.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 21, 1836.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 212-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGJ-8>: 16 Jul 2024), image 114-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Chavus, Nelly, Patience, Handy, Nelson**

On an unstated date in Bryan County, Onesimus O. Futch gifted to his son Jesse Futch “a negro boy named Chavus.” Witnessed by Jacob Robertson (who signed by mark, indicating illiteracy) and Nathaniel Bacon, J.P.

On an unstated date in Bryan County, Onesimus Futch gifted to his daughter Judith Futch “the following negroes to wit Nelly, Patience and Handy.” Witnessed by Jacob Robertson (who signed by mark, indicating illiteracy).

On an unstated date in Bryan County, Onesimus Futch gifted to his son Joshua Futch “a certain negro boy named Nelson.” Witnessed by Jacob Robertson (who signed by mark, indicating illiteracy).

Onesimus O. Futch signed each deed by mark, indicating illiteracy.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 29, 1836.

[NOTE: Unfortunately these records were not dated, other than the date it was recorded in the Superior Court Clerk’s office. All three were recorded together and were witnessed by the same man and the same Justice of the Peace. Deed records could be recorded years after the original date of the record.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 214-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGJ-N>: 16 Jul 2024), image 115-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Marcus, Betty, Jinny, Alick [alt: Alleck], Daphne, Sally, Hazzard, Patty, Margaret, and her infant, Billy, Binah [or Dinah], Tira [alt: Tyra], Silvey, Bella, Jim, Dick, Fanny, Minty, Leah, Maria, Robert**

On March 10, 1836, Bryan M. Morel, planter of Chatham County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$8000 to William Patterson, merchant of Savannah and executor of the will of John David Mongin “the following negro slaves to wit, Marcus, Betty, Jinny,

Alick [alt: Alleck], Daphne, Sally, Hazzard, Patty, Margaret, and her infant, Billy, Binah [or Dinah], Tira [alt: Tyra], Silvey, Bella, Jim, Dick, Fanny, Minty, Leah, Maria and Robert.” Also used as collateral was a 1000-acre plantation on the north end of Ossabaw Island, in Bryan County, Georgia, bounded on the north and north east by the Great Ogechee [alt: Ogeechee] River, south by lands of Patrick Houston, east by the Atlanta Ocean and west by the Great Ogechee River’s marshes. Witnessed by G.B. Lamar. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 1, 1836.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 226-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGV-8>: 22 Jul 2024), image 130-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Larry, Jacob, Sam, Flora [?], Leah, Patty, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Anne, Little Sambo, Adam, Moses, Johnny, Chloe, Catharine, Isaac, Die [alt: Dye]**

On February 6, 1837, White E. Harden, Chatham County, sold for \$50 [essentially gifted] to Thomas B. Baker, Bryan County, in trust for his wife Ann E. Harden “the following negro slaves to wit Larry, Jacob, Sam, Flora [?], Leah, Patty, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Anne, Little Sambo, Adam, Moses, Johnny, Chloe, Catharine, Isaac and Die [alt: Dye]. Included in this transaction was a 500-acre tract of land in Bryan County called the Mount tract. The trust was for Ann E. Harden’s life, and after her death to any children she had by White E. Harden as tenants in common, not as joint tenants. Witnessed by John E. Ward, John M.B. Harden. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 6, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 233-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGD-Y>: 22 Jul 2024), image 136 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lizzy**

On November 29, 1836, George A. Ash, Chatham County, sold to Cleminia J. Stephen for \$700 “a certain negro wench slave named Lizzy aged thirty four years.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 21, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 242-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGN-Z>; 22 Jul 2024), image 140-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Fanny, Venus, Jenny, Hector, Abram, Lucy, Binah, Clarinda, Polly, Bella, Boston, Davy, Tom, Tyra [alt: Tira], Butcher, Primus, Ceasar, Ben, Wiltshire, Jacob, Delia, Hope, Sillah, Frederic, Hope, George, Delia**

On April 26, 1837, Eliza C. Clay, Bryan County, sold to Thomas S. Clay for \$2000 “the following property one undivided third of the following negro slaves Fanny, Venus, Jenny, Hector, Abram, Lucy, Binah, Clarinda, Polly, Bella, Boston, Davy, Tom, Tyra [alt: Tira], Butcher, Primus.”

On the same day, Anne Clay sold her undivided third of the same people to Thomas S. Clay for \$2000.

On that day, Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, sold to Ann Clay, of the same place, for \$2000 “the following property, the negro slaves Ceasar, Ben, Wiltshire, Jacob, Delia.”

He then sold to Eliza C. Clay for \$2000 “the following property, the negro slaves, Hope, Sillah, Frederic, Hope, George, Delia.”

All four deed records were witnessed by John Dunwoody, Frederic Gray. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 2, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 243-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGD-8>: 22 Jul 2024), image 141-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: July Louisa, Scilla**

On February 8, 1837, John F. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$663 to Ralph King, William King and Bayard D. Hand, doing business as R&W King & Co, “the following slaves, July, Louisa, Scilla.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 7, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 250-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGD-G>: 22 Jul 2024), image 145 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Billy, Judy, Sibby, Juba, Mary**

On February 8, 1837, John Pray Maxwell turned over to his wife’s trustees, John J. Maxwell and Edward J. Harden, Chatham County, “all the negro property which she the said Eliza [Mary Maxwell], would have held in her own right, as a distributee of the Estate of Thomas H. Harden of Bryan County, deceased, had she remained sole and unmarried...the following negro slaves to wit, Billy, Judy, Sibby, Juba and Mary.” The trust was to be for her separate use during her lifetime, and then to any of her children by John Pray Maxwell as tenants in common, not joint tenants. Witnessed by Jno. [John] S. Law, Jno. M. B. Harden, W.M. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 25, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 255-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG2-9>: 25 Jul 2024), image 146-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Adam, Venus, Caesar, Sary, Sandy, Isaac, Flora, Cate, Jacob, Eve, Lydia**

On September 28, 1837, William M. Maxwell, Bryan County, put in trust for his wife, Ann M. Maxwell, “the following negroe slaves to wit Adam, Venus, Caesar, Sary, Sandy, Isaac, Flora, Cate, Jacob, Eve and Lydia.” Her trustees were John P. Maxwell and George W. Galphin, also of Bryan County. The trust was to last for his wife’s lifetime, and then to be inherited by her children by him as tenants in common, not as joint tenants. Witnessed by A.W. Stephen, Jno [John] S. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 2, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 256-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG6-1>; 24 Jul 2024), image 147-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Quacco**

On September 15, 1837, Jemima English, Bryan County, gifted to her son George Waller, aged about 37, some real estate, “one negro man named Quacco, about twenty three years old,” a horse, 65 head of stock cattle, and household items. The land included 150 acres she lived on, granted to William Harvey, Senior, on November 1, 1814; one 400-acre tract granted to George ? Shuman on December 15, 1834; one 50-acre tract granted to George ? Shuman on November 25, 1831; one 150-acre tract granted to James Cook on November 27, 1820; one 200-acre tract granted to William English; one 40-acre lot in “the Gold Region” granted to Robert ?Partin?, lot 798 3rd quality 2nd District 1st section Cherokee. The first five tracts were said to be in Bryan County’s 19th District mainly on the Caney Branch. Witnessed by John M. To??ls” and Hiram Waller [the latter signed by mark]. Jemima English signed by mark.

On September 19, 1837, Jemima English also gifted land to Hiram Waller, identifying him as her brother. George Waller witnessed this deed as a Justice of the Peace.

On August 5, 1837, George Waller, planter of Bryan County, gifted to James Waller, Hiram Waller’s child, about 10 years old, 200 acres of land. This deed was witnessed by Hiram Waller and Nan. Waller [identified as a woman], who both signed by mark.

All recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 3, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 257-60; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGF-7>: 24 Jul 2024), image 148 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: John, Sally, Richard, Ellick, Chloe, Vicy, Ben, Ralph, Polly, Quamina, Nancy, Henry, Adam, Mary, Jupiter, Tamar, Doctor, Isaac, Friday, Lewey, Anna, Tabby, Mitchel, July, Lucy, old Harry, Anny [alt: Annie], Sylvia, Lisa, little Tamar, Lucy, Cumbah, Patty, Edward, Agrippa, Kate, Adam, Suckey, Phoebe, Grace, Eliza, Amos, Brister, Frederick, ? Rufa ?, Cilla, Charles, Caroline, Troup, old Sally, little Sally, old Suckey, Sue, Suckey, Clarinda, Cornelia, Clara, Dennis, Betsey, Betty, Dick, Phil, Suckey, London, Edward**

On October 2, 1835, Joseph T. Simmons and his wife Mary R. Simmons, previously Mary R. Shrine, of Washington County, entered into a marriage settlement creating a trust for her with her trustees, William Morel and Bryan Morel, of Chatham County, Nathaniel F. Harris, M.D., Washington County, and Charles J. Jenkins, Richmond County.

Mary R. Simmons had previously been entitled to a “large estate, both real and personal,” which came from several sources:

--her mother, the late Ann Rutherford, previously Ann Morel.

--property left her mother by her [Mary’s] maternal grandfather, the late John Morel of Chatham County, who had left property to his daughters.

—1/5 of her late husband, William A. Shrine’s estate

Mary inherited her mother’s property after she had already married William A. Shrine, as her mother’s only child. On November 27, 1823, William A. Shrine and Mary had entered into a marriage settlement via her trustees, Thomas N. Morel, John Morel, William Morel, Dr. Robert Coleman, and John G. Rutherford, putting all her property, both present and future, into trust for her and to be inherited by her children. Mary had

four children from her former husband, William A. Shrine, and they were still living: Alfred, John, Charles and Eugenia.

Since by virtue of their marriage Joseph T. Simmons had become possessed of Mary's property, he created this trust to turn the property back over to her.

Put into the current trust for Mary R. Simmons were several tracts of land on Ossabaw Island, having previously belonged to the late John Morel, described as lots 5, 6, 7 and part of lot 8. [NOTE: More details about the land were given.] There were also small parcels of land on Ossabaw Island, called Cabbage Garden Hammock, Bradley's Hammock, Horse Hammock, and Braddock's camp.

In addition, Joseph T. Simmons put into the trust for his wife: "the following negro slaves, to wit, John, Sally, Richard, Ellick, Chloe, Vicy, Ben, Ralph, Polly, Quamina, Nancy, Henry, Adam, Mary, Jupiter, Tamar, Doctor, Isaac, Friday, Lewey, Anna, Tabby, Mitchel, July, Lucy, old Harry, Anny [alt: Annie], Sylvia, Lisa, little Tamar, Lucy, Cumbah, Patty, Edward, Agrippa, Kate, Adam, Suckey, Phoebe, Grace, Eliza, Amos, Brister, Frederick, ? Rufa ?, Cilla, Charles, Caroline, Troup, old Sally, little Sally, old Suckey, Sue, Suckey, Clarinda, Cornelia, Clara, Dennis, Betsey, Betty, which are all the negroes and their increase set apart and divided from the estate of the said John Morel, deceased, by the partitioners thereof, as the part, share and portion of the said Nathaniel Green Rutherford and Ann his wife together with the future issue and increase of the above mentioned female slaves and also such equitable interest be the same more or less which the said Mary R may have in and to said property real and personal by reason of the aforesaid undertaking and agreement of the said William A. Shrine."

Joseph put into the trust "all that undivided fifth part or portion of the estate both real and personal (whether consisting of lands, tenements, negroes, credits or any other things whatsoever) of William A. Shrine late of said county deceased, to which the said Mary R. is or was at the time of her last marriage entitled, and which may hereafter be divided, allotted and set apart to her as her share...and also the following negro slaves, which have already been divided allotted and set apart to the said Mary R. as her share or portion of the negroes whereof her said late husband William A. died possessed to wit Dick, Phil, Suckey, London and Edward and the future issue and increase of the said female Suckey."

The trust was to be maintained for the mutual support of Joseph T. and Mary R. Simmons during their lives together. If he survived her, then the trust would be used for their surviving children, whether by her first husband or Joseph. At her death, his interest in the trust was to convey to her children. If Mary were to survive all her children, then all the property in the trust would be disposed of by her will.

Property in the trust could be sold or otherwise disposed of, and new property added to it, upon request by Joseph and Mary to the trustees.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 4, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 263-270; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGF-K>: 25 Jul 2024), image 151-155 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jim, Little Peter, Baynard, Hannibal, David, Atticus, Robert, Dick, Cato, July, Bull, Bob, Mann, Little Peter, Sam, Little Antrum, Big Antrum, Augusteen [alt: Augustine], Ceasar [alt: Caesar], Frankee [alt: Frankie], Morris, August, Jesse, Gabriel, Edward, Edmund, Quaco, Jackey [alt: Jackie], Aeneas, Cicero, Hector, Jacob, Tom, Jack, Kitt, Billy, Frederick, Paris, Mike, Ben, Johnny, Curtis, Cupid, Little Jim, Dingo, Jupiter, Lewis, Eve, Elbert, Beckey, Julia, Louisa, Betsey, Helen, Patsey, Amy, Delia, Rachel, Big Sally, old Sally, Young Sally, Hannah, Suckey, Clarissa, Sylvia, Diana, Black Betty, Yellow Betty, Maria, Peggy, Kizziah [?], Rosey [alt: Rosie], Sophia, Milly [or Miley], Orange, Stephen, Sandy, Oliver, Moses, Nelly, Dicy, Hagar, Adeline, Lucy, George, Richard, Annis, Phillis, Little Sylvia, Allen, Caroline, Mary, Henry, Dennis, Susan, Elisa, Scipio, Elizabeth or Juba, Fanny, Yorick**

On March 9, 1837, in Savannah, Pollard McCormick, planter of Bryan County, sold to Doctor Charles W. Rodgers, planter of McIntosh County, for \$70,000 certain tracts of land and 100 “slaves,” as follows:

-An 806-acre tract of land in Bryan County conveyed to George Hatton Davidson by James Benjamin Maxwell and his wife Anna Maria Maxwell by deed dated March 4, 1805, and then by George Hatton Davidson to the late David McCormick, father of Pollard McCormick, by deed dated December 22, 18014, bounded in 1805 by “lands of Patterson” to the north and on all other sides by land then owned by William Maxwell and James Benjamin Maxwell, which was a divided third part of the larger Egypt plantation, formerly the property of William Maxwell Sr by whom it was divided into three parts;

-An 1150-acre tract of land in Bryan County that was originally five separate tracts originally granted to John Davis and defined in a deed of conveyance from George Glen Esqr. to Pollard McCormick dated February 5, 1829;

-An 800-acre tract in Bryan County bounded east by land belonging to Pollard McCormick, south by land of William Fox and Pollard McCormick, west by land of William Fox, and north by land of Clark, which was conveyed by Susan Thompson, administratrix of William Thompson to Pollard McCormick by a deed dated May 6, 1835 when McCormick bought it at a administrator’s sale in front of the Liberty County courthouse;

-A 473-acre tract in Bryan County originally granted to the late David McCormick by a grant dated May 11, 1821, bounded east by lands of Pritchard and Clay, southeast by land of David McCormick, and northwest by lands of William Thompson, which might be subject to a survey in favor of Clay that might reduce its size and Pollard McCormick was not to be liable should that happen;

-A 200-acre tract in Bryan County lying north and west of the 1150-acre tract previously described, conveyed by Charles H. Starr to Pollard McCormick in 1830 that was part of land formerly known as Blacksells Land

-“All the following named negro slaves being as before said one hundred in number, to wit, Jim, Little Peter, Baynard, Hannibal, David, Atticus, Robert, Dick, Cato, July, Bull, Bob, Mann, Little Peter, Sam, Little Antrum, Big Antrum, Augusteen [alt: Augustine], Ceasar [alt: Caesar], Frankee [alt: Frankie], Morris, August, Jesse, Gabriel, Edward, Edmund, Quaco, Jackey [alt: Jackie], Aeneas, Cicero, Hector, Jacob, Tom, Jack, Kitt, Billy, Frederick, Paris, Mike, Ben, Johnny, Curtis, Cupid, Little Jim, Dingo, Jupiter, Lewis, Eve, Elbert, Beckey, Julia, Louisa, Betsey, Helen, Patsey, Amy, Delia, Rachel, Big Sally, old Sally, Young Sally, Hannah, Suckey, Clarissa, Sylvia, Diana, Black Betty, Yellow Betty, Maria, Peggy, Kizziah [?], Rosey [alt: Rosie], Sophia, Milly [or Miley], Orange, Stephen, Sandy, Oliver, Moses, Nelly, Dicy, Hagar, Adeline, Lucy, George, Richard, Annis, Phillis, Little Sylvia, Allen, Caroline, Mary, Henry, Dennis, Susan, Elisa, Scipio, Elizabeth or Juba, Fanny and Yorick.”

Witnessed by Joseph W. Jackson. Pollard McCormick signed acknowledging that he had received the \$70,000. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 10, 1837.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 274-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGJ-7> : 29 Jul 2024), image 156-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dolly**

On February 8, 1837, Mary Jane Maxwell, Savannah, and Thomas F. Williams, also of Savannah, entered into a marriage contract with her trustees, William M. Maxwell and John P. Maxwell, both of Bryan County. A trust was created, into which was put “a certain negro woman slave named Dolly,” who was owned by Mary Jane Maxwell, and any future property she might come to possess. The trust specified that Thomas F. Williams was not to have any rights or control over the trust property, and it was to be administered as a separate estate, to be inherited by their children. Witnessed by Jno. [John] M.B. Harden, Edward J. Harden, G.W. Galphin. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 8, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 296-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG6-4>: 30 Jul 2024), image 168-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Patty, Henry**

On July 20, 1837, Ann Constant Maxwell, Savannah, and Oliver Sturges Burroughs, Savannah, entered into a marriage contract with her trustees William McWhir Maxwell and John Pray Maxwell, Bryan County. A trust was created, into which was put “the following two negro slaves to wit, Patty and her child Henry,” and any future property she might come to possess. The trust specified that Oliver Sturges Burroughs was not to have any rights or control over the trust property, and it was to be administered as a separate estate, to be inherited by their children. Witnessed by Jno. [John] M.B. Harden, Edward J. Harden, G.W. Galphin. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 8, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 299-302; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG8-B>: 30 Jul 2024), image 170-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hester, Joe, Leah, Matilda, Lucy**

On January 19, 1838, Ann Maxwell, widow of Bryan County, gifted to her daughter Mary Ann Maxwell “the following negro slaves to wit Hester, Joe, Leah, and her two children Matilda & Lucy.” Ann Maxwell added, “I the said Ann Maxwell widow as aforesaid have put my said daughter Mary Ann in full possession by delivering to her one silver tumbler at the time of the sealing and delivery of these presents in the name of the whole premises hereby granted.” Witnessed by Charoes U. Starr, Thos. [Thomas] B. Baker. Probated by Starr on January 27, 1838. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 1, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 309-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGZ-7>: 30 Jul 2024), image 175 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Nelly**

On March 16, 1838, Elizabeth Shineman gifted to her nephew Horace Constantine Dasher “a negro girl about fourteen years of age, named Nelly, together with her bodily issue or increase.” Witnessed by Andrew Bird. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 4, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 311; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGC-V>: 30 Jul 2024), image 176 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Larry**

On March 12, 1838, Thomas B. Baker, Bryan County, sold to Thomas S. Clay and Anne Clay, also of Bryan County, for \$650 a “negro man slave named Larry.” Baker was acting as trustee for Ann C. Harden by virtue of a marriage settlement dated March 27, 1838 with the participation of her then intended husband White E. Harden. The marriage settlement, which had included a tract of land called the Mount Tract along with “certain negro slaves,” had contained a provision authorizing the sale of property contained in the trust if authorized by Ann C. Harden. Witnessed by Charles A. Harden. Ann C. Harden’s approval of this sale of Larry “one of the negroes settled upon me by White E. Harden and for which Thomas B. Baker is trustee” at Savannah on March 14, 1838. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 12, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 313-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGH-H>: 31 Jul 2024), image 177 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Luke, Molly, Andrew, Doll, Anthony, Judy, Paul, Nancy, Jinnett, Jim, Die [alt: Dye], little Nancy, William, Flora, Frank, Prince, Jack, Flanders, Antoinette, Tony, Maria, Cain, old Paul, Charlotte, Edward, Rose, Josephine, Sue, Chance**

On June 6, 1838, Lewis Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$6267.95 to “the trustees of the meeting house, on the Neck Road, near Hardwick in the County of Bryan,” “the following named slaves being twenty nine in number, viz Luke, Molly, Andrew, Doll, Anthony, Judy, Paul, Nancy, Jinnett, Jim, Die [alt: Dye], little Nancy, William, Flora, Frank, Prince, Jack, Flanders, Antoinette, Tony, Maria, Cain, old Paul, Charlotte, Edward, Rose, Josephine, Sue and Chance.” Witnessed by Mos. [Moses] Sheftall, Sen’r. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 28, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 320-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG7-L>: 31 Jul 2024), image 180-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rebecca, Riner**

On September 20, 1832 [or 1837], in Bulloch County, John Burnside, Bulloch County, sold to George Shuman, Bryan County, for \$425 “one negro woman named Rebecca about thirty five years of age, and her child named Riner [alt: Rina, Rhina], about eight months old.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 4, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 323; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG4-P>: 1 Aug 2024), image 182 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jim, Mariam, Cuffee, Nanny, Jim, Sue, Jack, Fanny, Morris, Nancy, Alick, Minda, Rhina, Minda, Judy, Julia, Frank, infant, Titus**

[Begin Transcript]

In conformity to the request in writing made me this day by the heirs at law of Mrs. Jane Stiles dec'd [deceased] a copy of which is hereunto annexed. I have seen the people and valued them as per memo below viz.

1	Jim	850	2	Mariam, his wife	600	\$1,450
3	Cuffee	800	4	Nanny	650	1450
5	Little Jim	650	6	Sue	500	1150
7	Jack	250	8	Fanny	300	550
9	Morris	900	10	Nancy	550	1450
11	Alick	750	12	Minda	550	1300
13	Rhina	725	14	Little Minda	550	1275
15	Judy	650	16	Julia	500	1150
17	Frank	750	18	her infant	75	825

19 Titus

Whole amount \$11,500

One only was bid for, and she was bought by Mrs Penney for \$795 his [sic, her] name is Nanny, valued above \$650

Difference to be added is \$145.00

[Amended total] \$11,645

Divided into four equal shares is to each share \$2911.25

Allotted to Mrs. Penney for her share, viz

Jim \$850 - Mariam \$600 - Cuffee \$800 - Nanny \$795 is \$3045.00

Allotted to Mr. Stephens for his share

Frank \$750 - her child \$75 - Jack \$250 - Fanny \$300

Minder \$550 - Little Minder \$550 - Sue \$500 - in all \$2975.00

Mr. Benj. [Benjamin] and Mr. Edward Stiles preferring to take together there was allotted to them the following negroes

Viz Morris \$900 - Nancy \$550 - Judy \$650 - Julia \$500

Alick \$750 - Rhina \$725 - Jim \$650 - Titus \$900 making in all

\$5625. Mr. Penney's share amounting to \$133.75 too much he to give his brothers the Messrs. Stiles his note for that sum payable January 1st 1839 with interest untill paid. Mr. Stephens share amounting to \$63.75 too much he is to give his brothers the Messrs Stiles his note for that amount payable in the same way. These two sums added to the \$5625 will make these two shares \$5822.50 which is \$2911.25 to each.

Hoping this division is satisfactory to all the parties I remain

Respectfully your friend

R.J. Arnold

(Copy)

Georgia, Bryan County }

We the undersigned heirs at law of the late Mrs. Jane Stiles do hereby agree that Richard J. Arnold shall be the sole appraiser of the property of said Estate with a clear understanding that each heir has the right if he pleases of bidding for any negroes or negro, he or they may be disposed to own, which highest bid shall be taken as the valuation made by said appraiser. We further obligate ourselves to pay each of us and respective proportions of any and all debts, which are now due and known to us, or may hereafter come to the knowledge of either of the parties. And in the division of said estate, when a ballance is due (reference being had to an equal division or as near equal as possible between us) notes shall be given made payable January first 1839 with interest until paid.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our names at Salina this sixth day of December 1838.

A.W. Stephen

Edward Stiles

B. Penney

Benj'n Stiles

Signed in presence of Richardson F. Akins

[End Transcript]

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 27, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 329-30; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGW-5>; 2 Aug 2024), image 185 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Anthony**

On March 23, 1839, Henry Harden, planter of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$214.27 to Richard J. Arnold "one young negro man by the name of

Anthony.” Witnessed by J.U. Sanford. Henry Harden probated this record on March 25, 1839. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 3, 1839.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 340-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG8-2>; 2 Aug 2024), image 190-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Cinder [alt: Cinda], Suky, Jackson, Ann Eliza**

**Enslaved People Named: Will, Grace, her infant child, Phenisa (?), Edy, Will, Ned, Nancy, Celia, Watty [or Matty], Geoffry, Binah, Mary, Primus, Tenah, Sandy, George, Maria, Isona (?), Billy, Bob, Rhody, Elsey, Robert, Richard, Jimmy, Tenah, Mitchell, Jane, Martha, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Jack, Cyrus, Andrew, Phillis, Eve, Titus, Harriet, Jeffry, Louisa, Isaac, Cynthia, Sam, Richard, Charles, Bing**

On April 8, 1839, Raymond Harris, Bryan County, used as collateral on promissory notes totalling \$12266.66 to Sarah G. Haig, Chatham County, via her agent Robert Habersham his Palermo Plantation, 740 acres, and an adjoining tract known as Success, 447 acres, both in Bryan County and bounded on the north by lands of G.W. McAllister and R.J. Arnold, on the west by lands of R.P. Demere and an area called the Park, on the south by lands of the estate of Dr. Charlton, and on the east by lands of the estate of Dr. Charlton and R.J. Arnold. Also used as collateral were “the following five negroes to wit Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Cinder [alt: Cinda], Suky, Jackson, and Ann Eliza.”

This record noted that Harris had previously used 46 enslaved people as collateral for these promissory notes but had added the land and additional five people because he had paid only the interest, none of the principal, of the notes. The 46 people were not named in this record.

The record stated this about the original mortgage: “on the same day [as the promissory notes were delivered] the said Raymond Harris made and delivered a mortgage of forty six slaves to said Robert Habersham agent as aforesaid and purchased from the said

Sarah G. Haig the better to secure the payment of the aforementioned notes.” It is possible that this was actually a sale of enslaved people by Haig to Harris and that the promissory notes were in order to pay off this purchase over time.

Witnessed by Thomas Tyson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 22, 1839. Marked as satisfied per Sarah G. Haig. (No date of satisfaction given.)

The original mortgage naming the 46 enslaved people was then found in Chatham County deed records.

On January 10, 1838, Raymond Harris, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$12266.66 with interest to Sarah G. Haig “the following named negro slaves being forty six in number, viz. Will, Grace and her infant child, Phenisa (?), Edy, Will, Ned, Nancy, Celia, Watty [or Matty], Geoffry, Binah, Mary, Primus, Tenah, Sandy, George, Maria, Isona (?), Billy, Bob, Rhody, Elsey, Robert, Richard, Jimmy, Tenah, Mitchell, Jane, Martha, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Jack, Cyrus, Andrew, Phillis, Eve, Titus, Harriet, Jeffry, Louisa, Isaac, Cynthia, Sam, Richard, Charles, and Bing.”

Marked as satisfied in full according to Robert Habersham, but no date given for that.

Witnessed by William Law. Recorded in Chatham County Superior Court on February 2, 1838.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 345-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGQ-5>; 2 Aug 2024), image 193 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Chatham County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, Volume 2V (1837-1838), page 397-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3Q5-WWF3>; 2 Aug 2024), image 212-3 of 601; microfilm #008564921, citing original records of Chatham County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lissett, Jane, Stephen, Levina, Washington, Dublin, Peter**

On March 25, 1839, Lewis Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$1000 to the Central [Bank] of Georgia endorsed by Elias Perry and George C. Linder, same place, “the following named negro slaves, Lissett and her children Jane, Stephen, Levina, Washington, Dublin and Peter.” The enslaved people were mortgaged to Perry and Linder to spare them (Perry/Linder) the risk of being endorsers. Witnessed by Isaac Perry. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 3, 1839.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 351-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG4-Y>: 2 Aug 2024), image 196 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Cyrus sen., Juno, Adam, Jack, Harry, Ann, Sophy sen., Hagar, Martha, Elvira, Louisa, Jane, Kit, Harriet, Israel**

On April 16, 1840, James O. Screven, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$4000 to Ralph King & William King, copartners under the name R&W King of Savannah, “the following slaves named Cyrus sen., Juno, Adam, Jack, Harry, Ann, Sophy (Sen) sen., Hagar, Martha, Elvira, Louisa, Jane, Kit, Harriet, Israel.” [NOTE: “sen” here is probably used as “Elder”].

Marked as satisfied in full in Savannah as of June 19, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 358-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG7-9>: 2 Aug 2024), image 199-200 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: John, Sally, Richard, Ellick, Cloe [alt: Chloe], Vicy, Ben, Ralph, Polly, Quanina [or Quanima], Nancy, Rensy [or Reney],**

**Adam, Mary, Jupiter, Doctor, Isaac [or Grace?], Friday, Lewcy [alt: Lucy?], Anna, Tubby, Mitchel, July, Lucy, Old Harry, Amy, Sophia, Lisa, Little Tamar, Lucy, Canibal, Patty, Edward, Agrippa, Kate, Adam, Suckey [or Luckey?], Phoebe, Elisa, Amos, Brister, Frederick, Russe, Cilla, Charles, Caroline, Troup, old Sally, Little Sally, old Suckey, Sue, Sukey, Clarinda, Cornelius, Clara, Dennis, Betsey**

On September 25, 1838, Quintillian Shrine, as administrator of William A. Shrine, late of Washington County, Georgia, turned over land in Bryan County and enslaved people to a trust, as ordered by the Washington County Superior Court sitting in equity. This was property to which Mary R. Simmons “was entitled and was seized and possessed [of] at the death of her mother Ann Rutherford by virtue of the last will and testament of her natural grand father the said John Morel, and the marriage settlement between her said mother and Nathaniel Green Rutherford, and all of which is now in the possession of the said Mary R. Simmons and her husband Joseph T. Simmons.”

Her trustees were Bryan M. Morel, Chatham County; Nathaniel F. Harris, Washington County; Charles J. Jenkins, Richmond County. The trust was to be maintained for the sole use of Mary R. Simmons during her lifetime and then in trust for any child or children she might have, to be equally divided among them when they turned 21 or married.

The land: On Ossabaw Island, lots 5, 6, 7 and part of no. 8, as well as certain hammocks. These were said to be part of the Island that belonged to “John Morel deceased the natural grand father of the said Mary R. Simmons...” and were said to be as described by metes and bounds in the deeds of the commissioners appointed to “divide the estate of said John Morel, assigned to Ann Rutherford (formerly Morel) the mother of the said Mary R.”

People: “Also the following negro slaves to wit, John, Sally, Richard, Ellick, Cloe [alt: Chloe], Vicy, Ben, Ralph, Polly, Quanina [or Quanima], Nancy, Rensy [or Reney], Adam, Mary, Jupiter, Doctor, Isaac [or Grace?], Friday, Lewcy [alt: Lucy?], Anna, Tubby, Mitchel, July, Lucy, Old Harry, Amy, Sophia, Lisa, Little Tamar, Lucy, Canibal, Patty, Edward, Agrippa, Kate, Adam, Suckey [or Luckey?], Phoebe, Elisa, Amos, Brister, Frederick, Russe, Cilla, Charles, Caroline, Troup, old Sally, Little Sally, old Suckey, Sue, Sukey, Clarinda, Cornelius, Clara, Dennis and Betsey.

Witnessed by R.W. Flournoy and John Shly, Judge of the Middle District Superior Courts, Georgia. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 8, 1839.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 363-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG3-W>: 3 Aug 2024), image 202-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Free People Named: Rebecca Savage Fleming, John Minot Savage, Elizabeth Savage**

[Transcriber's note: William Savage owned the Silk Hope Plantation in Bryan County, Georgia. In 1835 he apparently emancipated a number of people he was holding in slavery and sent them to Liberia. Among them was Rebecca Savage, age 45, John Savage, age 25, and Elizabeth Savage, age 13. They were sent on the ship Indiana to Edina, Grand Bassa County, Liberia, in 1835 by the American Colonization Society. The deed record below indicates that John and Elizabeth were William Savage's children by Rebecca. For more information, see [https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Silk Hope Plantation%2C Bryan County%2C Georgia.](https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Space:Silk_Hope_Plantation%2C_Bryan_County%2C_Georgia.)]

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Africa, Edina } Know all men by these presents that whereas William Savage, late of the County of Bryan in the State of Georgia, United States of America, deceased, did in and by his last will and testament bequeath to us the undersigned by the description and designation of his children and their mother, certain pecuniary bequests from the sale of his Estate, and legacies from money on hand, which we are advised by Robert Habersham Esqr. His Executor, will speedily be ready to be paid over to us, according to the provisions of said Will.

Now know ye that we Rebecca Savage, the mother, and John Minot Savage, and Elizabeth Savage, the children mentioned in said will, who reside in Edina in Africa aforesaid, have made, nominated, constituted and appointed and by these presents do make, nominate, constitute and appoint William N. Habersham of the City of Savannah in the State of Georgia aforesaid our and each of our true and lawful attorney, for us and each of us to ask demand and receive from the said Robert Habersham Executor as

aforesaid the said bequests and legacies and the respective portions of each one of us, or any part thereof, and for whatever may be received for us and each of us, and in our names, respectively, proper acquitances, releases and discharges and receipts for the same, or any part thereof to make sign and execute, giving and granting to our said attorney full power and authority in the premises and an attorney or attorneys under him to substitute and appoint, and again at pleasure to revoke and generally to do every other act, matter or thing as shall be requisite and necessary to be done for the better and more effectual obtaining and receiving the said bequests and legacies of us the said constituents in the premises in as full and ample a manner as we could or might do if personally present. Hereby ratifying, confirming and holding for valid whatsoever and said Attorney or his substitute or substitutes shall or may legally do in the premises.

In witness whereof we have hereunto subscribed our hands and affixed our Seals the twenty second day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of

David Lawrence, Justice of the Peace

[Signed]

Rebecca Fleming formerly Rebecca Savage [signed by mark]

John M. Savage

Elizabeth Savage

John M. Savage guardian of Elizabeth Savage

I hereby certify that David Lawrence is a regularly appointed and authorised Justice of the Peace for the Commonwealth of Liberia.

Bassa Cove in Liberty 22nd April 1839

Thos. [Thomas] Buchanan

Governor of Liberia

[End Transcript]

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 24, 1839.

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### **Enslaved People Named: Pomp**

On November 12, 1834, Martin Shuman, South Carolina, sold for \$400 to Phereba Sauls “a certain negro boy, named Pomp, aged about sixteen years.” Witnessed by Francies Barger [signed by mark]. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 30, 1839.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 390; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGM-Q>: 3 Aug 2024), image 215 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sally**

On June 5, 1838, Samuel Baker sold to Mrs. Phereba Sauls for \$600 “a certain negro girl by the name of Sally.” Witnessed by M.H. Shuman. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 30, 1839.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 391; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG9-Z>: 4 Aug 2024), image 216 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Beck, Lucaser**

On December 3, 1839, Thomas Harn, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$408.85 to Sarah Sandiford, Bryan County, “one negro woman named Beck, supposed to be aged twenty four years, also one negro girl supposed to be ten years old named Lucaser [alt: Lucasa].” Witnessed by E. Daniel, Newman Bradley. On January 15, 1840, Newman Bradley probated Harn’s and Daniel’s signatures in Liberty County. On the same day in Liberty County, Sarah Sandiford signed over her interest in the above mortgage deed and promissory note to Enoch Daniel. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 16, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 396-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSG9-H>: 4 Aug 2024), image 218-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Becky, Berry, Emily, Milley, Martha, Matilda, George, Mary, Margaret, Augustus, Matthew, Chloe**

On November 20, 1839, William Dearing, of Athens, Clark County, Georgia, put into trust for his daughter Margaret Ann Harden, formerly Dearing, wife of Thomas H. Harden, of Bryan County, “the following named twelve negroes, slaves, to wit, Becky, Berry and his daughter Emily, Milley and her child Martha, Matilda and her four children George, Mary, Margaret and Augustus, Matthew and his wife Chloe, together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves. Dearing noted that this was based on the March 29, 1836, marriage of Thomas H. Harden and Margaret Ann Dearing. The trustee named was Thomas H. Harden, and was to be used for Margaret Ann’s benefit and that of any children she had or was to have during Margaret and Thomas’ lifetimes. After her death, it was to be used for the benefit of any of their children alive at her death. Thomas H. Harden could sell or otherwise dispose of any of the enslaved people named, as long as the money from such sale was invested in property for the trust. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 17, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 407-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGM-H>: 4 Aug 2024), image 224 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Will, Grace, Maria, Rachel, Henry, Will, Ned, Nanny, Celia, Watty, Andrew, Cyrus, Primus, Eve, Clarissa, Harriet, Louisa, Isaac, Cinthia, Jeffry**

On January 10, 1840, Raymond Harris, physician of Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$3266.67 to Sarah G. Haig, Savannah, “the following twenty negroes viz Will, Grace, Maria, Rachel, Henry, Will, Ned, Nanny, Celia, Watty, Andrew, Cyrus, Primus, Eve, Clarissa, Harriet, Louisa, Isaac, Cinthia, Jeffry.” Included as collateral was also the 1187-acre Palermo Plantation, where Harris resided, in Bryan County, bounded south by salt marsh, north by lands of G.? McAllister and R.J. Arnold, east by R.J. Arnold and T.B. Baker’s lands, west by Lanine Creek and Raymond P. Demere.

This mortgage deed was marked as fully satisfied and paid as of May 26, 1852. Robert Habersham, identified as former executor of Sarah G. Haig’s estate, directed the clerk of court to so mark it.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 421-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGM-1>: 4 Aug 2024), image 231-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Phillis, Jim**

On October 17, 1839, at Savannah, Charles H. Starr, Bryan County, sold for \$400 to Edwin P. Starr, Charleston, South Carolina, “a negro woman slave named Phillis [alt: Phyllis],” while reserving to himself “the privilege of redeeming the said negro woman slave Phillis at any time whatever by paying unto the said Edwin P. Starr the above mentioned sum of four hundred dollars.” Witnessed by Robt. [Robert] Webb. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1840.

On the same day, in a separate deed record, Charles H. Starr sold to Edwin P. Starr for \$600 “a negro man slave named Jim,” under the same condition.

Both deeds witnessed by Robt. [Robert] Webb. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 427; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLT-G> : 4 Aug 2024), image 236 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sambo, Pussy**

On March 3, 1840, at Savannah, Peter G. Hyme used as collateral on a promissory bond of \$526 to George Waller, Bryan County, “two negro slaves viz Sambo & Pussy.” Waller had acted as security for Hyme on an appeal in Chatham County Superior Court in which Philip R. Douglass was the plaintiff and Hyme the defendant. If Waller were to have to pay money in this case as security, he would be able to sell Sambo and Pussy, keep the amount he had to pay, and return any overage to Hyme. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book E (1830-40), page 432-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLY-P>: 4 Aug 2024), image 238-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Harry, Rachel, Charlotte, David, Charity, Grace, Molly**

On January 5, 1839, the executors of the late Ann Pray’s will sold to Luke Mann, in his capacity as guardian and trustee of his minor child Sarah Eliza Mann of Bryan County, for \$2677.50 “the following named negro slaves...to wit Harry, Rachel, Charlotte, David, Charity, Grace, and Molly, being seven in number, together with the future issue and increase of the said female slaves.”

The executors—John J. Maxwell, Lewis Hines and George M. Waters of Bryan County— noted that Ann Pray’s September 20, 1826, will had called for the sale of some 90 “slaves” with the stipulation that “my qualified executors do dispose of them in two distinct gangs as they are at present worked in Bryan and Wilkes [counties]. This disposition is not to be made but to humane masters.” The will had added that after

appraisal, ten per cent of the appraised value was to be deducted from the sale price as “an inducement for the humanity of their future treatment.”

The executors stated in the deed record that the individuals who were to be sold had been appraised by George W. McAllister and Richard J. Arnold of Bryan County and Edward Bourquin of Chatham County, and they were valued as follows:

Harry - \$300

Rachel - \$275

Charlotte - \$750

David - \$400

Charity - \$275

Grace - \$225

Molly \$750

The total appraisal was \$2975, and the sale price of \$2677.50 was this amount minus the 10 per cent.

The record also stated that Luke Mann had been appointed Eliza’s guardian in July 1838 by the Bryan County Court of Ordinary and by the Bryan County Superior Court as also her trustee “of certain property bequeathed to the said minor by the said Ann Pray,” in place of Lewis Hines, who had declined to act in that role.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 1-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLT-K>: 7 Sep 2024), image 247-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Kate, Cinda, Harry, Doll, Cupid, Eliza, Mily [alt: Miley], Fanny**

On April 25, 1840, Mary Clay, Bryan County gifted to Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, "the following named negro slaves, Kate, Cinda, Harry, Doll, Cupid, Eliza, Mily [alt: Miley] and Fanny." She specified that they were to be held in trust for her grandson Joseph Clay for his maintenance and education until he turned 21, when they were to become his "absolute property." Witnessed by Anne Clay, Eliza C. Clay. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 8, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 4-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSGS-G>: 7 Sep 2024), image 249 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Amy, Polydore**

On June 3, 1840, Benjamin Stiles, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$676.24 to Mary E. Donaldson, of Georgia, "negro slaves Amy and Polydore." Witnessed by Francis S. Bartow. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 30, 1840.

Mortgage marked as satisfied as of April 4, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 10-12; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLT-4>: 7 Sep 2024), image 252-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Christmas, Florinda, Sambo, Dick, Glasgow, Patty, Richard, Henry, Rebecca, Jim, Stephen, Sylvia, Mary, William, Sylla [alt: Scylla], Susan, Jimmy, Byna [alt: Bina]**

On June 3, 1840, Benjamin Stiles, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$2000 to William H. Stiles "the following named negro slaves Christmas, Florinda,

Sambo, Dick, Glasgow, Patty, Richard, Henry, Rebecca, Jim, Stephen, Sylvia, Mary, William, Sylla [alt: Scylla], Susan, Jimmy and Byna [alt: Bina]." Witnessed by Francis S. Bartow. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 30, 1840.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 12-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL5-F>: 7 Sep 2024), image 253 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Matilda, Wiley**

On November 20, 1840, Elijah Mattox, Bryan County gifted to his son Hiram W. Mattox "two negro children, one female named Matilda, the male named Wiley." Also given were "seven certain tracts of land" in Bryan County on "the old Dublin Road," about 1000 acres all together, plus whatever stock of horses, cattle and hogs he had at his death. Witnessed by Sarah A. Bashlor, Elias Benton and James H. Bashlor, J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 3, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 42; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLL-Q>: 7 Sep 2024), image 269 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On May 29, 1841, Mary Martin, due to age and disability making her incapable of managing the estate left her by James Martin for her lifetime, gifted it to his and their children, trusting in their good will to care for her and to give her a child's portion of the estate. She named the heirs as Tabitha Ball, John Strickland (husband of her daughter Mercy), James Martin, Emanuel U. Martin, James Hayman (husband of her daughter Delila), Daniel E. Martin, John Martin, Daniel Darby (who married her daughter Mary), Levi Martin, Bryan Welsh (who married her daughter Sabry), Jesse Gieger (who married her daughter Tabitha), Deborah Baxter (widow of Israel Baxter).

She authorized the executors to divide the estate as though her life estate in it had never existed.

Witnessed by Eli Futch, David Gieger. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 28, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 46-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL5-D>: 8 Sep 2024), image 271 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lymas, Phoebe [alt: Phebe], Davy, Peter, Moses, Trim, Fileo, Aaron, Lizette, Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Cinder, Mary, Sully, Jackson, Anna, Elle, Betty, Joe, Rose, Sina, Beck**

On Mary 14, 1841, Raymond Harris, physician, Bryan County, used as collateral to secure a loan from the Bank of the State of Georgia that Noble A. Hardee, factor, Savannah, Chatham County had acted as security for: "the following named negro slaves, to wit, Lymas, Phoebe [alt: Phebe], Davy, Peter, Moses, Trim, Fileo, Aaron, Lizette, Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Cinder, Mary, Sully, Jackson, Anna, Elle, Betty, Joe, Rose, Sina and Beck." Witnessed by Joseph W. Jackson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 6, 1841.

This mortgage was marked as satisfied in 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 48-50; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLN-1>: 7 Sep 2024), image 272-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hagar, Judy, Mingo**

On June 1, 1841, John J. Maxwell, Chatham County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$638.97 to James D. Stephens, administrator of the estate of Dr. Paul H.

Wilkins, Liberty County, "the following named negro slaves, to wit, negro woman slave Hagar aged about fifty years, Judy daughter of Hagar, aged about sixteen years, and Mingo son of Hagar aged about thirteen years of age." Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] H. Harden. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 14, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 52-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLR-V>: 8 Sep 2024), image 275 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Coco, Cyrus, Juno, Peter, Ann, Henry, Adam, Sally, Mary, Charlotte, Hetty, Mentor, Patrick, Laurena, Susan, Charly, Watty, William, Kitt, Harriet, Israel, Kitt, Phillis, March, Elvira, Jack, Rose, Clarinda, Sophy, Hetty, Daphny, Joseph, Abraham, Molly, Allick, Eliza, John**

On May 31, 1841, George W. McAllister, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to James O. Screven, Bryan County, for \$10,000 "the following named negro slaves to wit (1) Coco (2) Cyrus (3) Juno (4) Peter (5) Ann (6) Henry (7) Adam (8) Sally (9) Mary (10) Charlotte (11) Hetty (12) Mentor (13) Patrick (14) Laurena (15) Susan (16) Charly [alt: Charlie] (17) Watty (18) William (19) Kitt (20) Harriet (21) Israel (22) Kitt (infant) (23) Phillis [alt: Phyllis] (24) March (25) Elvira (26) Jack (27) Rose (28) Clarinda (29) Sophy (30) Hetty (31) Daphny [alt: Daphne] (32) Joseph (33) Abraham (34) Molly (35) Allick (36) Eliza [or Elisa] (37) John." Witnessed by John N. Lewis, Charles S. Henry. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 31, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 55-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL5-T> : 8 Sep 2024), image 275-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Charlotte, Billy, Harrington, Bella, Phoebe, Hagar**

On May 10, 1841, at Savannah, John J. Maxwell, Chatham County, sold to Alexander M. Sanford, Bryan County, for \$1650 "the following named negro slaves, to wit, Charlotte and her children, Billy, Harrington, and Bella, also negro woman Phoebe, and her child

Hagar, in all six in number." Witnessed by Wm. C. Wylly, J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 15, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 62-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLG-8>: 8 Sep 2024), image 281 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sarah**

On July 15, 1841, in Effingham County, Thomas Harn, Bryan County, sold to Obadiah Moye, Effingham County, for \$395.25 "one certain negro woman slave by the name of Sarah about twenty years of age and her future issue and increase." Witnessed by S.L. Pittman, Charles Love. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 17, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 63-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLX-T>: 8 Sep 2024), image 281-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Franki, John, Sue, Minda, Glasgow, Fanny**

On August 28, 1841, Alexander W. Stephen, Bryan County, gifted to Charles A. Harden, trustee for Stephen's daughters Elizabeth J. Stephen and Anna M. Stephen, Bryan County, "the following named negro slaves being six in number to wit, Franki [alt: Frankie] and her child John, Sue, Minda, Glasgow, and Fanny." When the older of the two girls either reached the age of 21 or married, Harden was to divide the enslaved people into two groups, as equally as possible. Witnessed by A.M. Sanford. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 25, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 64-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLX-T>: 8 Sep 2024),

image 282-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lindy**

On December 8, 1841, Thomas Harn, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Obadiah Moye, Bryan County, for \$353.22 "a certain negro girl named Lindy aged about eleven years." Witnessed by Isaac Russell, J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 13, 1841.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 68-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLJ-Y>; 8 Sep 2024), image 284 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ben, Jim, Lucy, January**

On January 8, 1842, Solomon Smith, Bryan County, executor of the last will and testament of Godhulf Smith, sold at public auction "the following Negroes, viz, Ben, Jim, Lucy and January, belonging to the heirs of David Smith." The sale was based on permission from the Bryan County Court of Ordinary for the purpose of dividing the proceeds among the heirs of David Smith. The highest bidders for Ben were Eleanor E.C. Smith and Jeremiah Smith at \$260. He was said to be about 50 years old.

Eleanor E.C. Smith, in her capacity as the guardian for Eliza and Mary Ann Smith, was the highest bidder for the "negro girl Lucy," said to be about 15 years old, at \$400.

Israel Smith, Wm [William] H. Smith and Jacob Smith together were the highest bidders for Jim at \$505. Jim was said to be about 17 years old.

The above were three separate deeds of conveyance (sale). January's fate was not revealed.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 79-82; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLK-N>: 7 Sep 2024), image 289-91 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Amy**

On January 25, 1842, at Macon, Bibb County, Thomas H. Harden, Bibb County, sold to Eliza C. Clay, Bryan County, for 700 "a certain negro woman slave named Amy and her infant child, and the future issue and increase of said slaves." Witnessed by Edw. [Edward] ? Tracy. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 7, 1842.

Appended to this deed record was another one, created in Bryan County, noting that there was concern that Thomas H. Harden did not have at the time of the sale the power to make a "perfect title" to "said negroes." Matilda A. Harden said that, if that was the case, she did have the power and so ratified and confirmed what he had done. Witnessed by Daniel M. Harden and Charles A. Harden, J.P. of Bryan County.

[NOTE: By use of the plural when referring to their "future increase," it appears that Amy's unnamed infant child was a girl.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 83-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLJ-V>: 9 Sep 2024), image 291-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Ben (Carpenter), Robert (bricklayer), Guy, Minty, Lafitte [alt: Lafayette], Ellen, Anthony, Daphne, John, Sam, Smos, Smos, Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Little Peter, Grace, Daniel, Washington, Sukey, August, Dolly, Judy, Stephney, Old Amos, Sukey, Peter, Sary, Dick, Fanny, Leah, Robert, Henry, Anne, George, Cate, Madeline, Sydney, Celia, Edward, Felix, Lizzy, old Sally, Cope, Tom, Susannah, Melissa, William, Gloster [alt: Gloucester], Patty (cook), Tom, Prince**

On March 1, 1842, Bryan M. Morel, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to George W. Anderson and John W. Anderson, doing business in Savannah as George W. Anderson and Brother, Chatham County, for \$11,000 and \$4802 "the following negro slaves to wit, Ben (Carpenter), Robert (bricklayer), Guy, Minty, Lafitte [alt: Lafayette], Ellen, Anthony, Daphne, John, Sam, Amos, Amos, Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Little Peter, Grace, Daniel, Washington, Sukey, August, Dolly, Judy, Stephney, Old Amos, Sukey, Peter, Sary, Dick, Fanny, Leah, Robert, Henry, Anne, George, Cate, Madeline, Sydney, Celia, Edward, Felix, Lizzy, old Sally, Cope, Tom, Susannah, Melissa, William, Gloster [alt: Gloucester], Patty (cook), Tom and Prince." Witnessed by Oliver S. Felt. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 8, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 86-88; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLN-K>; 9 Sep 2024), image 293-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Billy, Davy**

On April 6, 1841, John G. Maxwell and Edward G. Harden sold "a certain negro man slave named Billy" to Silas Fulton of Chatham County for \$500. They were acting as trustees for Eliza Mary Maxwell, wife of John Pray Maxwell, who had transferred Billy and other enslaved people to a trust for her on February 8, 1837.

The trust had given the trustees the authority to sell any of the property in it at her request and with her approval. They had agreed with her on the sale and that the proceeds would be "applied to the purchase of other negro property equal in value to the said negro man slave named Billy...and whereas the said Eliza Mary Maxwell hath consented to the purchase by her said trustees of a certain negro man slave named Davy from the said John Pray Maxwell to be substituted in the place of the said negro man slave named Billy." This transaction was made on February 10, 1842, with the payment of \$500 to John Pray Maxwell. Davy was placed in the trust on the same conditions as previously, which was for Eliza Mary Maxwell's life and to her children by John Pray Maxwell at her death.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 8, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 89-90; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLN-K>: 1 Sep 2024), image 294-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sambo, Bob, Sally, Daphne, Moses**

On March 1, 1842, Noble A. Hardee, Savannah, purchased a 1/6th interest in an undivided tract of land in Bryan County known as Fancy Hall, a 1/6th interest in an undivided tract of land in Bryan County known as the Park, 25 acres of the Seringo tract also in Bryan County, the "following named negroes, slaves, Sambo, Bob, Sally, Daphne, and Moses," as well as other miscellaneous property (described in the deed) at a Sheriff's Sale in Bryan County for \$463.37. They had originally been seized from Thomas P. Bond based on a court order.

Witnessed by John H. Hull. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 8, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 92-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLP-B> : 9 Sep 2024), image 296-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On December 12, 1840, Martin Shuman, South Carolina, and Pherebe Sauls, of Bryan County, Georgia, entered into a marriage contract in which he agreed with her that all the property she brought into the marriage would continue to be hers. The property was described as "two negroes a man and a woman, two tracts of land consisting of five hundred acres, three head of horses, stock of cattles, and hogs, plantation tools, household and kitchen furniture." The enslaved people were not named. She was to be free to choose her own guardian(s) to manage her business as required, and had chosen Solomon Smith and Isaac Barker.

Witnessed by Andrew Sauls and Frances Barker, who both signed by mark. Martin Shuman signed his name, but Pherebe Sauls signed by mark. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 19, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 94-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLL-F>; 9 Sep 2024), image 297 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sally, Phillis [alt: Phyllis], Silvia [alt: Sylvia], Catharine, James, Luke, John, Patty, Bess, Molly, Jane**

On April 23, 1842, John P. Maxwell, Bryan County, sold to Dr. Charles W. Rogers for \$2046.76 "the following named negro slaves with their increase to wit, Sally, aged thirty seven years, Phillis aged nineteen years, Silvia, aged seventeen years, and her infant child, Catharine aged sixteen years, James aged fourteen years, Luke aged eleven years, John aged nine years, Patty aged six years, Bess aged twenty five years, Molly aged three years, and Jane aged fourteen years, with their future increase.." Witnessed by Henry Harden, Charles A. Harden, J.P. Bryan County. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 4, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 117-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLD-J>; 9 Sep 2024), image 308-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jane, Amelia, Elsey, Rose**

On March 1, 1842, John Baley, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Bank of the State of Georgia, Bryan County, for \$480 "the following negro slaves viz. Jane, Amelia, Elsey, and Rose." Witnessed by Joseph W. Jackson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 5, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 122-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

(<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLD-Q>: 12 Sep 2024), image 312-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Polydore, Amy, Dick**

On May 5, 1842, Benjamin Stiles, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to G.W. Anderson & Brother, Bryan County, for \$506.23 "the following negro slaves to wit, Polydore, Amy, and Dick." Witnessed by William H. Stiles, N.P.. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 16, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 126-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLV-P>: 12 Sep 2024), image 314-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Florinda, Glasgow**

On April 30, 1842, Benjamin Stiles, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to John Clark for \$404 "the following negro slaves to wit, Florinda, and Glasgow [alt: Glasgow]." Witnessed by William H. Stiles, N.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 16, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 130-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL4-F>: 14 Sep 2024), image 316 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Silvia, Susan, Judy**

On April 2, 1842, Benjamin Stiles, Bryan County, sold to Benjamin E. Stiles, guardian of Mary A.E. Donaldson, to hold in trust for her, for \$900 the following negro slaves to wit Silvia, Susan, and Judy." Witnessed by William Roser, N. Duncan. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 16, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 132; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLD-L>: 14 Sep 2024), image 317 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Clarinda, Lonon, Johnson, Lucy, Chloe, Reymond [alt: Raymond], Peney, Frances, Squire, Sylvia, Charles, Flora, Robin, Bob, Theresa, Sally, Charles, Elvira, Rufus, Flanders, Tamar, Darby, Caroline, Caller [or Coller], Cornelia, Hetty, Ben, Morris, Sam, John, Ben, Abby, William, Amas, Emmick, Lissett, Stephen, Washington, Dublin, Peter**

On May 17, 1842, John Pray Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$6260 to George W. McAllister, R.J. Arnold and Thomas S. Clay, the trustees of the "Meeting House on the Neck Road near Hardwick" in Bryan County, "the following negroe slaves together with the increase of the female slaves, viz, Clarinda (40) Lonon (18) Johnson (16) Lucy (14) Chloe (12) Reymond [alt: Raymond] (12) Peney (18) Frances (16) Squire (3) Sylvia (1) Charles (45) Flora (40) Robin (19) Bob (17) Theresa (14) Sally (11) Charles (6) Elvira (4) Rufus (2) Flanders (42) Tamar (46) Darby (21) Caroline (19) Caller [or Coller] (17) Cornelia (11) Hetty (4) Ben (23) Morris (20) Sam (28) John (40) Ben (45) Abby (45) William (22) Amos (17) Emmick (15) Lissett (49) Stephen (17) Washington (12) Dublin (8) Peter (5). Witnessed by Daniel Johnson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 24, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 133-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLD-L>: 6 Sep 2024), image 317-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Toney, Paul, Charlotte, Isaac, Edward, Harry, Jane, Lavina, Isaac**

On May 12, 1842, John P. Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Elias Perry, Bryan County, for \$1000 "the following named nine negro slaves, to wit, Toney, Paul, Charlotte, Isaac, Edward, Harry, Jane, Lavina and Isaac." Witnessed by Joseph W. Jackson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 24, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 135-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL6-P>: 14 Sep 2024), image 318-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Linda**

On April 15, 1842, James Shuman, Bryan County, sold to Jesse Futch, Bryan County, for \$400 a certain negro girl slave, named Linda thirteen years of age." Witnessed by Eli Futch. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 2, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 137-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLC-5>: 14 Sep 2024), image 319-20 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Becka, Louisa**

On June 18, 1842, Obadiah Moye, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Joshua Smith, administrator de bonis non of the Estate of Thomas Williams for \$300 "the following negro slaves to wit, Becka [alt: Becca] and Louisa, Becka about twenty seven years of age and Louisa about fourteen years of age." Witnessed by Isabel Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 20, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 142-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL8-J>: 14 Sep 2024), image 323-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Peggy, Agrippa, Tirah, Ambrose, Rachel, Jane, Henry**

On June 18, 1842, John J. Maxwell, Chatham County, added enslaved people as collateral to secure various promissory notes to Robert Habersham that he had

endorsed: “Peggy aged about 52 years, Agrippa aged about thirty five years, Tirah aged about thirty one years, young Ambrose aged about twenty one years, Rachel aged about six years, Jane aged about four years and Henry aged about two years.”

He also used as collateral a 600-acre tract of land known as Belfast, bounded on the east by Alexander W. Stephen, north by that same land, west by Dr. Charles W. Rogers, and south by a branch of the Midway River. Also used was a neighboring 800-acre tract known as the Hume tract, bounded east and north by land of Alexander W. Stephen known as Wampee, south by the Belfast tract, west by the Tipperary tract of land owned by John Stephens Maxwell.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 2, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 144-50; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLN-Z>: 6 Sep 2024), image 324-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Flora, Frank, Prince, Antoinette, Jack, Flanders, Daphne, Samson**

On May 20, 1842, John P. Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$405.96 to Sophia A. Linder, guardian of the minor children of William J. Harrison, “the following named eight negroe slaves to wit, Flora aged about thirty five years, Frank, aged about eighteen years, Prince aged about fifteen years, Antoinette aged about 12 years, Jack aged about nine years, Flanders aged about six years, Daphne aged about four years and Samson aged about one year.”

This mortgage was marked as satisfied as of February 15, 1843. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 6, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 150-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLX-9>: 6 Sep 2024),

image 327-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Joe**

On July 5, 1852, James S. Wilkins, trustee for Mrs. Susan J. Demere of Chatham County, purchased 1/3 interest in an undivided tract known as the Park tract containing 63 acres, "also one negro man slave named Joel," plus a carpet, a hearth rug, and other small items [described in the record] and stock at a Sheriff's Sale in Bryan County for \$148. They had originally been seized from Raymond P. Demere, an insolvent debtor, based on a court order. Witnessed by James R. Bird. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 24, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 159-62; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLZ-X> : 10 Sep 2024), image 331-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Hagar, Judy, Andrew**

On December 8, 1842, John J. Maxwell, Chatham County, sold to Alexander M. Sanford, Bryan County, for \$750 "a certain negro woman slave named Hagar, aged about fifty two years, and her two children, Judy aged about eighteen years and Andrew aged about eleven years together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves." Witnessed by Edward J. Harden, N.P.. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 184-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL7-T>: 10 Sep 2024), image 346 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Becca, Sarah, Rhody, Louisa, Caty, Welcome, Moses**

On January 16, 1843, Hardy C. Moye, Lowndes County, sold to Clem Powers, Effingham County, for \$3700 "the following negro slaves to wit, Becca, a female slave aged about thirty two years, Sarah, a female slave aged about twenty years, Rhody a female slave aged about eighteen years, Louisa a female slave aged about fourteen years, Caty a female slave aged about twelve years, Welcome a male slave aged about forty years, and Moses a child of the above named Sarah aged about eighteen months." Witnessed by Jno. [John] M. Clark, N.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 12, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 188-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL4-Z>: 10 Sep 2024), image 349 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: George, Phoebe [alt: Phebe], Derry, Deliah, Sarah, Prince, Ben, Sandy, Belah [alt: Bella], Sarah, Judy, Judge, Juno, Moses, Hester, Tiller, Casar [alt: Caesar, Ceasar], John, Comfort, Isaac, Salley, Amelia, Charles, Cresa [alt: Cretia], Sam, Charlotte, Lonon [alt: Lonnon, London], Tiria, Diana, Comiger, Abraham, Jane, Sam**

On January 7, 1843, William Patterson, Savannah, sold to James Mongin Smith, "trustee under the will of John David Mongin", for \$26,000 "the following negro slaves being thirty three in number, George, Phoebe [alt: Phebe], Derry, Deliah, Sarah, Prince, Ben, Sandy, Belah [alt: Bella], Sarah, Judy, Judge, Juno, Moses, Hester, Tiller, Casar [alt: Caesar, Ceasar], John, Comfort, Isaac, Salley, Amelia, Charles, Cresa [alt: Cretia], Sam, Charlotte, Lonon [alt: Lonnon, London], Tiria, Diana, Comiger, Abraham, Jane, Sam."

Included in the sale was the following land: a 150-acre rice plantation on the Ogeechee River in Chatham County, originally purchased in pieces (43 acres from Beacroft [Beecroft] Penney, 75 acres from A.W. Stephen, and 32 acres from A.W. Stephen and Benjamin Stiles, trustees for B. Penney and wife); and a 300-acre property in Bryan County known as Sterling Bluff, bounded by land of William Patterson, A.W. Stephen and Joseph Stiles.

Witnessed by G.G. Bulloch. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 22, 1842.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 189-91; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL7-G>: 10 Sep 2024), image 349-50 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sam**

On April 17, 1843, Richard Harvey, Bryan County, sold to Cyrus Bird, Bryan County, for \$750 "the following property, one negro boy by the name of Sam, about sixteen years old, also fifty head of cattle marked with an upper square in each ear, branded AH." Witnessed by Susan Barber, Isaac Barber, J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 2, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 199-200; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLH-H>: 10 Sep 2024), image 354-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jack, Samuel, Ovid, William, Jonas, Leah, Rose, Jenney**

On March 3, 1843, Charles A. Harden, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Robert Habersham and Son, merchants of Savannah, for \$856.71 "the following eight negro slaves to wit, Jack, Samuel, Ovid, William, Jonas, Leah, Rose and Jenney [alt: Jenny]." Witnessed by Edward J. Harden, N.P., Chatham County. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 10, 1843.

Harden had used Robert Habersham and Sons to write notes to various individuals without having to put up cash and used the collateral to secure them against his default: John Boston, E.F. Wood & Co, Robert M. Charlton as administrator of T.J. Charlton, Charlton & Ward, Messrs Millen & Pollack.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 200-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLV-Q>: 10 Sep 2024), image 355-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sandy**

On July 4, 1843, Robt [Robert] C. Grace purchased one grey mare and “negro man Sandy” at a Sheriff’s Sale at the Bryan County courthouse for \$17. They had originally been seized from Reuben English based on a court order. Witnessed by Wm. [William] H. Vanbrackel, J.I.C.B.C. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 7, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 215-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLH-X>: 10 Sep 2024), image 362-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Marcus**

On May 16, 1843, Samuel G. Shuman, Bryan County, sold to Israel Bird, Bryan County, for \$400 “a certain negro man or mulatto, named Marcus.” Witnessed by John A. Hendry, Jackson Bird. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 21, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 220-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL8-L>: 10 Sep 2024), image 365 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Clary, Hannah, Rina**

On September 5, 1843, John Harn, Bryan County gifted to William Harn, Bryan County, in trust for Abigail Elizabeth Harrison, John Harn’s daughter, during her lifetime “a certain negro woman slave named Clary and her two children, Hannah and Rina [alt:

Rhina], as well as a tract of land in Bryan County on the road from Canouchie River to Bryan County Courthouse." The land was bounded north by William Harn, southeast by Thomas S. Clay, and west by John Wells. Also included were 30 head of stock cattle, 30 stock hogs and one sorrel mare. The property was to pass to Abigail's heirs upon her death and was not to be subject to the debts of her present or any future husband. Witnessed by Z. Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 8, 1843.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 225-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLR-3>: 10 Sep 2024), image 367-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Daphney, Jane, Peggy, Rose, Becca**

On November 27, 1843, John Harn, Bryan County gifted to his son John Harn Junior, Bryan County, "one negro woman named Daphney and her four children viz Jane, Peggy, Rose and Becca [alt: Becca], as well as two tracts of land (one 50 acres originally granted to Sarah McKinly and one 200 acres originally granted to Elizabeth Harn, both in Bryan County), 30 head of stock cattle, 30 stock hogs and one sorrel mare about twelve years old." Witnessed by Wm. [William] Harn. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 12, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 235-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL9-B>: 11 Sep 2024), image 373-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

[Begin Transcript]

State of Georgia, Bryan County } Whereas Zachariah M. Winkler of Savannah in said State obtained a judgement in Bryan Superior Court against Benjamin Stiles and Alexander W. Stephen, who are the trustees of Mrs. Jane Penny, for the sum of thirteen hundred and eight dollars and thirty three cents exclusive of interest and costs, and also

an execution in foreclosure of mortgage upon Frugality Hall held by the said Benjamin Stiles and Alexander W. Stephen in trust for said Jane Penny and whereas the said Benjamin Stiles and Alexander W. Stephen are desirous of obtaining indulgence from the said Zachariah M. Winkler on said judgement and foreclosure, which the said Zachariah M. Winkler has agreed to grant upon one half of said debt and interest until the first day of January 1845 and on the other half till the first day of January 1846, in consideration of which, the said Jane Penny and Beacroft Penny her husband, do hereby consent and agree and do also hereby request and authorise the said Benjamin Stiles and Alexander W. Stephen, trustees under a certain deed bearing date the fifth day of May 1829 or either of them, to sell and dispose of such portion of said slaves mentioned in and conveyed by said deed, as will pay and satisfy the said demand of the said Zachariah M. Winkler, one moiety on the first day of January 1845 and the other moiety on the first day of January 1846, and for so doing this shall be there sufficient authority and evidence of consent given under our hands this 23rd day of December 1842.

Witness

Sam'l [Samuel] N. Harris

Charles A. Harden J.P.

[Signed by]

Jane Penny

B. Penny.

The undersigned trustee of Mrs. Jane Penny do hereby consent under the foregoing authority to comply with the request of said Jane Penny and Beacroft Penny and will carry the same into execution so as to meet the payments as they become due, December 23, 1843

A.W. Stephen

Benjamin Stiles

The amount payable on the 1st January 1845 is \$875.67 amount to be paid 1st Jany 1846 \$944.64 [total] \$1819.31

[End Transcript]

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 5, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 236-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLC-C>: 11 Sep 2024), image 374 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rachel**

On January 1, 1844, Matilda A. Harden, Bryan County, gifted to John M.B. Harden, Liberty County, "one female slave named Rachel." Witnessed by Wm. [William] S. Harden, Charles A. Harden, J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 11, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 246-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL3-6>: 15 Sep 2024), image 379 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Eve, Sullivan, Phoebe**

On February 2, 1844, Benjamin C. Maxwell, Liberty County, sold to John S. Maxwell, Bryan County, for \$400 "the following named slaves with the future issue and increase of the females to wit Eve and her children Sullivan and Phoebe." John S. Maxwell was to hold them in trust and for the use of Benjamin C. Maxwell's living children or any that would be born to him by his present wife, Rebecca. They were not to be subject to division during the lifetime of his present wife, Henrietta [SIC\*] and the children who married or reached the age of 21 in the future would not be entitled to the net proceeds, which were to be used for the maintenance and education of the unmarried and minor children. John S. Maxwell was to have the power to sell and dispose of Eve, Sullivan and Phoebe if he thought best, as long as the proceeds of the sale was reinvested in the trust. Witnessed by John P. Maxwell, Charles A. Harden J.P. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 11, 1844.

\* Referred to here as Henrietta but elsewhere as Rebecca.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 247-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL3-6>: 15 Sep 2024), image 379-80 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sampson, Hannah, Henry, Nancy, William, Margaret, Morace, Linder, Mary, John, Israel, Lisa [or Tira], Mily, Sary, Sam, Sip [alt: Scipio], Thomas, Adaline**

On January 25, 1844, John S. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Dr. C.W. Rogers, Bryan County, for \$2500 "the following negro slaves (Sampson, Hannah, Henry, Nancy, William, Margaret, Morace, Linder, Mary, John, Israel, Lisa [or Tira], Mily, Sary, Sam, Sip [alt: Scipio], Thomas, Adaline)." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 11, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 249-50; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2B-C>: 15 Sep 2024), image 380-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sylvia, Sucky, Scipio**

On May 1, 1844, Henry H. White and his wife Elizabeth used as collateral on two promissory notes "the three following named negroe slaves to wit Sylvia a female aged about fifty years Sucky a female aged about sixteen years and Scipio a male aged about eighteen years." The first promissory note was for 118.25 to Stephen Z. Collins, Alexander Mitchel and James J. Wye, merchants doing business as S.Z. Collins & Co. The second note was to H.W. Proudfoot for \$164.90.

Witnessed by Lachlan McIntosh. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 8, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 255-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS21-4>: 15 Sep 2024), image 384-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: July, Mary**

On April 25, 1844, John J. Maxwell, Chatham County, used as security on a debt to William Remshart, Bryan County: “the following named slaves with the issue of the females to wit my mulatto man July aged about forty five years and my negro woman Mary aged about twenty four years.” Maxwell had defaulted on an \$836 mortgage on a Bryan County property known as Hickory Hill and also owed court costs of \$7.62. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on Mary 8, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 258-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLS-Q>: 15 Sep 2024), image 387 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John, Rose, Paul**

On May 30, 1844, Elizabeth Netherclift, gifted to her grandchildren "the following named negro slaves, to wit, John aged about twenty one years, Rose aged about nineteen years, and Paul aged about twelve years." Elizabeth Netherclift noted that in her last will and testament, dated July 8, 1835, as a widow of Bryan County had in the second item left to her son John Fife Maxwell 1/3 of her entire property. She now wished to revoke that bequest and instead to give to his children, then living or to be born, “so much of my said property as I deem a fair equivalent for the said devise and bequest,” naming John, Rose and Paul and giving them to Raymond Harris as their trustee for the benefit of her grandchildren Henry Kollock Burroughs Maxwell, Stephen Jackson Maxwell, or any other children John F. Maxwell might have in the future. If any of the children died before marriage or majority, their share was to be held for the survivors. John, Rose, and Paul were not to be subject to any debts of John F. Maxwell.

Elizabeth Netherclift signed by mark.

Witnessed by William L. Baker. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 12, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 262-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLQ-J>: 15 Sep 2024), image 389-90 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Judy, Peter, Nanny, Braveboy, Brancer, Nelly, Emma, Nancy, Guy, Cretia, Nancy, Solomon, George, Cretia, Charles, Jean, George, Nanny, Susan, Betsy, Billa, Wannu, Middy, Susy, Mary Ann, Bess, Cato, Affy, Jacob, Elizabeth, Sylvia, Phillis, Webster, Lucy, Benjamin, Hannah, Caesar, Nancy, Gordon, Caesar, Judy, Isaac, Phebea, Hector, Cupid, Man, Peter, Hamit, Johnny, George, Scip, Nanny, Limus, Larry, Scip, Binah, Rose, Hagar, Harris, Molly, Pat, Judy, Margaret, Pat, Judy, Margaret, David, Judy, Warny, Pat, Fanny, Flora, Sue, Sandy, Shovey, Boston, Rachel, Betty, Simon, Dick, Tom, Frank, Yorick, Susan, William, Nanny, Affy, Amy, Tamar, Morris, Binah, Shovey**

On June 15, 1844, Mary Gray, Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts, sold to Thomas S. Clay, planter, and Eliza C. Clay, singlewoman, Bryan County, for \$6600 "the following slaves now in the state of Georgia aforesaid to wit, Judy 71 years old, Peter 50 years old, Nanny 50 years old, Braveboy 28 years old, Brancer 26 years old, Nelly 15 years old, Emma 6 months old, Nancy 67 years old, Guy 46 years old, Cretia 48 years old, Nancy 17 years old, Solomon 15 years old, George 13 years old, Cretia 9 years old, Charles 65 years old, Jean 51 years old, George 27 years old, Nanny 23 years old, Susan 5 years old, Betsy 1 year old, Bella 17 years old, Wannu 20 years old, Middy 42 years old, Susy 12 years old, Mary Ann 69 years old, Bess 45 years old, Cato 43 years old, Affy 40 years old, Jacob 37 years old, Elizabeth 25 years old, Sylvia 4 years old, Phillis 6 months old, Webster 16 years old, Lucy 14 years old, Benjamin 10 years old, Hannah 4 years old, Caesar 6 months old, Nancy 35 years old, Gordon 13 years old, Caesar 8 years old, Judy 4 years old, Isaac 3 years old, Phebea 1 1/2 years old, Hector 50 years old, Cupid 48 years old, Man 48 years old, Peter 21 years old, Hamit 19 years old, Johnny 16 years old, George 50 years old, Scip [alt: Scipio] 47 years old, Nanny 54 years old, Limus 34 years old, Larry 28 years old, Scip 25 years old, Binah 32 years old, Rose 9 years old, Hagar 6 years old,

Harris 2 years old, Molly 67 years old, Pat 45 years old, Judy 24 years old, Margaret 2 years old, David 8 years old, Judy 36 years old, Warny 14 years old, Pat 6 years old, Fanny 8 years old, Flora 2 years old, Sue 10 years old, Sandy 43 years old, Shovey 41 years old, Boston 36 years old, Rachel 40 years old, Betty 13 years old, Simon 2 years old, Dick 38 years old, Tom 35 years old, Frank 31 years old, Yorick 24 years old, Susan 27 years old, William 6 years old, Nanny 2 years old, Affy 37 years old, Amy 16 years old, Tamar 11 years old, Morris 8 years old, Binah 5 years old, Shovey 2 years old."

Mary Gray noted that this was her share as an heir of Mary Clay, deceased.

She also sold them a 498-acre tract of land in Bryan County called Richmond, formerly known as Dublin, including a small island that contained about seven acres, opposite the north east point of the tract, bounded on the south by William Patterson, north by Richard J. Arnold, east by the Great Ogeechee River and west by the public road leading to the Neck, and by lands belonging to Thomas S. And Eliza C. Clay, and on the south also by Sterling Creek. Also a tract of land called Transquiller, containing 2500 acres, bounded on the northwest by land of Watson formerly J. Clark's, northeast by land belonging to Dr. Barnard, east by Beacroft Penny and Edward Stiles, south by lands of John J. Maxwell and southwest by land of Dr. Charles W. Rogers and Jesse Ham. Plus another tract in Bryan County called Mann's Ford, 900 acres, bounded north by lands of James Butler, on the west by land of John Ham [or Harn], south and southeast by the Canouchie River and on the east by lands of Quarterman.

As well she sold them for \$954 personal property including 150 cattle, 1 carriage, 1 pair horses, 1400 bushels corn, 200 bushels rice, 5000 lbs fodder, lot poultry, 1 pair large mules, 1 pair small mules, 1 pair very old mules, 1 saddle horse, 1 plough horse, 1 flat boat & 2 canoes, 3 wagons, 1 cart, various farming tools, lot household furniture.

They mortgaged all the property back to her until paid off. These mortgages were all marked as paid off.

Witnessed by George Gray, Ellen Gray. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 26, 1844.

On January 15, 1845, Mary Gray, of Boston in Massachusetts, released to Thomas S. And Eliza C. Clay, Bryan County, Georgia, the mortgage on "George aged twenty eight years, Yorick aged twenty five years and Elizabeth aged twenty six years." Witnessed by Frederic Gray. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 4, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 319-20; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS25-S>: 19 Sep 2024), image 417-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 265-276; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL9-4>: 15 Sep 2024), image 391-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Nelson**

On October 3, 1844, Joshua Futch, Bryan County, sold to Jesse Futch, Bryan County, for \$403 "a certain negro boy slave named Nelson aged fourteen years." Witnessed by Samuel Waller. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 19, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 309-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS25-8>: 16 Sep 2024), image 412-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ben, Delia, Rinah, Barthshire**

On November 23, 1844, John Harn, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Robert Habersham, Savannah, for \$922.50 "the following four negro slaves, viz, Ben abt. twenty four years, Delia abt. twenty two years of age, Rinah over forty years of age & Barthshire about five or six years of age." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 311-14; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2Y-8>: 16 Sep 2024), image 413-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Yorick, Elizabeth**

On June [date blotted], 1845, Eliza C. Clay, Bryan County, sold to Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, for \$425 "the following slaves to wit Yorick and Elizabeth with all the increase of the female slave." She indicated this was her "interest as one of the heirs of Mary Clay deceased." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 314-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2T-S>: 17 Sep 2024), image 415 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lucy**

On January 6, 1845, Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, sold to John Winn, Bryan County, for \$400 "a certain negro woman slave, named Lucy." Witnessed by . Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 315-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2T-S>: 17 Sep 2024), image 415-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John**

On January 13, 1845, Thomas S. Clay, executor of the will of Anne Clay, Bryan County, sold to John Winn, Bryan County, for \$450 "a certain negro man slave named John." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 316; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2Y-3>: 19 Sep 2024), image 416 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Dick, Kate, Violet, Frank, Jim, Jane, Bob, Abraham, Peggy, Elic**

On March 1, 1845, James Johnson, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Charles W. Rogers, Bryan County, for \$1000 "the following property to wit ten negroe slaves as follows Dick aged twenty four years, Kate aged twenty three years and her two children Violet aged three years, and Frank aged fourteen months, Jim aged twenty six years, Jane aged thirty five years, Bob aged eighteen years Abraham aged seventeen years Peggy aged nineteen years and [hard to read - Elic or Erica?] aged fourteen years." Also used as collateral was "that well known plantation in said [Bryan] County, called the Cottage, containing one hundred acres more or less."

Witnessed by William L. Baker. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 12, 1845.

This mortgage was marked as satisfied as of November 24, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 328-30; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2B-G>: 20 Sep 2024), image 422-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On March 6, 1845, in Bryan County, Georgia, William Butler and Sophia A. Linder, a widow, entered into a marriage contract, with Jesse E. Ham and Nicholas J. Clark as her trustees. They put into a trust for her all the property she was bringing into the marriage or would ever possess afterward, to remain free from any debts of her intended

husband. Witnessed by Richard Clark. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 13, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 330-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2K-M>; 7 Sep 2024), image 423 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Hagar, Phoebe, Transquilla, Sally, Maria, Ann, Limus, Alick [alt: Ellick, Allick], Juno, Daniel**

[Begin Transcript]

Whereas Mary Clay, late of Bryan County, in the State of Georgia, widow, deceased, did, in her life time, give to her daughter Eliza C. Clay of said Bryan County, single woman, certain slaves, but executed no titles thereto to said Eliza C. and whereas the said Mary did die, without any last will and testament, leaving Mary Gray of Boston in the County of Suffolk, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts, widow, Thomas S. Clay, of said Bryan County, planter, and the said Eliza C. Clay, her children and heirs at law, and whereas the said Mary and Thomas S. are desirous that the said gift to said Eliza C. should take effect. Now know all men by these presents, that we the said Mary Gray and Thomas S. Clay, in consideration of the premises, and of one dollar to each of us paid by the said Eliza C. Clay, do hereby grant, release, and convey unto the said Eliza C. Clay, all our respective right, title and interest in and to the following slaves, all in said State of Georgia, to wit Hagar, and Phoebe and Tranquilla, children of said Hagar, Sally, and Maria, Ann, Limus, Alick [alt: Ellick, Allick], Juno, and Daniel, children of said Sally, with all the increase of the females above mentioned. To have and to hold said property, to the said Eliza C. Clay, her heirs and assigns, to her and their own proper use, benefit and behoof forever, in so far as we have any claim thereto, it being expressly declared, that we merely convey and release our right and interest thereto, without assuming any liability whatever.

In testimony whereof, the said Mary Gray, and the said Thomas S. Clay have hereunto set their hands and seals, this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and forty five.

[End Transcript]

Signed by Mary Gray and Thos. S. Clay

Witnessed by E/P. Gray, Frederic Gray, Rob Habersham, Wm Neyle Habersham

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 17, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 345-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2R-P>: 23 Sep 2024), image 430-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Patience, Adam, Peggy, Maria, Edmond, Dianna, Ginny, Rinah, Hagar, Israel, Grace, Billy, Little Rinah, Tom, Sunday**

On March 18, 1845, Odingsell W. Hart, planter, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to , Chatham County, for \$2000 "certain negro slaves, named Patience, Adam, Peggy, Maria, Edmond, Dianna, Ginny, Rinah, Hagar, Israel, Grace, Billy, Little Rinah, Tom, Sunday, fifteen in number." Witnessed by S.B. Williams. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 14, 1845.

Marked as satisfied as of March 15, 1850.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 347-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSLS-G>: 4 Oct 2024), image 431-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jack, Samuel, Ovid, William, Jonas, Jenny, Rose, Leah**

On June 1, 1845, Charles A. Harden, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Charles W. Rogers Senior, Bryan County, for \$1200 a tract of land known as Milford in Bryan County, 530 acres, plus lot \$129 in the 14th district of Cherokee County, 160 acres, and "also the following eight slaves to wit Jack, Samuel, Ovid, William, Jonas, Jenny, Rose and Leah." Witnessed by Andrew A. Wells. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 21, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 359-61; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSL3-9>: 4 Oct 2024), image 438-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Levina, Washington**

On July 21, 1845, Elias Perry, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Dr. Charles W. Rogers, Bryan County, for \$200 "for value received" "two negro slaves named Levina and her brother, Washington." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 11, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 364; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS25-W>: 4 Oct 2024), image 441 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Yorick**

On June 26, 1845, Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, sold to Eliza C. Clay, Bryan County, for \$450 "a certain negro man slave named Yorick." Witnessed by John Winn, Mary C. Winn.

She then sold Yorick back to Thomas S. Clay on the same day, but this time in his capacity as the executor for Anne Clay's estate and the trustee for Thomas S. Clay's minor children, Joseph Clay, Thomas C. Clay and Anne Clay. He was to hold Yorick "to his and their only proper use and behoof forever, as directed by the will of the aforesaid Anne Clay deceased." This record was also witnessed by John Winn and Mary C. Winn.

Both records contained an attestation by John Winn dated December 10, 1845 that he had witnessed the signatures.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 22, 1845.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 370-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS25-2>: 4 Oct 2024), image 444-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Charlotte, Beny, Stephen**

On January 3, 1846, Pheriba Shuman, Bryan County, made several gifts of enslaved people.

She gifted to Eliza Shuman, Bryan County, "one negro girl by the name of Charlotte, about seventeen years of age and her increase, and four head of stock cattle, with their increase from date, one bedstead, bed and furniture." The gift was to take place after Pheriba Shuman's death. Witnessed by Benjamin Willess.

Written on this deed was: "I revoke this will this 18th May 1854. In presence of E.H. Bacon" Signed by mark by Pheriba Shuman.

She gifted to Elias Calvin Shuman, also of Bryan County, "the following property (to be delivered at the decease of said Pheriba Shuman) viz one certain negro boy, by the name of Beny [or Bony or Bany] born in July eighteen hundred and forty five, and nine head of stock cattle, and their increase from date, one bedstead, ed and furniture and one mattress." Witnessed by Benjamin Willess [signed by mark], Eliza Shuman [signed by mark]. Pheriba Shuman also signed by mark.

She gifted to Henry Jackson Shuman, also of Bryan County, identifying him as her grandson, "the following property (to be delivered at the decease of said Pheriba Shuman) viz one negro boy by the name of Stephen, which was born on the seventh day of May eighteen hundred and forty five and six head of stock cattle, and their increase from date, one feather bed and furniture for the same, one bedstead and one three foot trunk." Witnessed by Benjamin Willess [signed by mark], Eliza Shuman [signed by mark]. Pheriba Shuman also signed by mark.

She also gifted to Eliza Shuman, Henry Jackson Shuman, and Elias Calvin Shuman, to be delivered after her death, “one hundred acres of land, being half of a two hundred acre tract, surveyed for Pheriba Sauls, containing the Plantation [name appears to begin with Houf]. It was to belong to Eliza Shuman while she remained single, and then to become the property of Henry J. and Elias C. Shuman. Witnessed by Benjamin Willess [signed by mark]. Pheriba Shuman also signed by mark.

All recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 10, 1846.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 378-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2V-9>: 6 Oct 2024), image 448 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 380-1; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2V-9>: 6 Oct 2024), image 448-49 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 379-80; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2J-G>: 6 Oct 2024), image 449 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 381-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2V-9>: 6 Oct 2024), image 449-50 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Linda**

On February 3, 1845, Paul Marlow, Effingham County, sold to John Harn Sr, Bryan County, for \$500 "a certain negro slave by the name of Linda about seventeen years of age." Witnessed by Lewis ? Grovenstine ?, Beal Edwards, William Blich. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 19, 1846.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 389; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS26-R>: 6 Oct 2024), image 453 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jemmy, Cicely, Diana, Lucy, Isaac, Nancy, Jenney, Elsy, ? Dornar ? [or Domar], Mia, Harry, Hagar, Oliver, Affy, Peggy, Moses, Ryna [alt: Rhina, Rina], Tyra, Daphne, Quacco, Molly, Tommy, Dandy, Bella, Mary Ann, Cuffy, Charles, Patience, ? Wye ?, Israel, July, Elizabeth, Josey, Priscilla, Peggy, Titus, Myrtila, Bess, Patience, Deal, Charles, Friday, Jacob, Molly, Sally, Murray, Chloe, Tom, Tyra, Rose and infant, Charles**

On January 5, 1846, James Mongin Smith, Camden County, sold to Thomas Pinkney Middleton, Chatham County, for \$15,000 "all that rice plantation situate lying and being on the River Ogeechee" in Chatham County, Georgia, containing 150 acres of tide swamp and a 300-acre property called Sterling Bluff in Bryan County. Middleton gave Smith his bond for \$15,000, to be paid in installments. To secure this mortgage, Middleton used as collateral the land and "the following negro slaves to wit Jemmy, Cicely, Diana, Lucy, Isaac, Nancy, Jenney, Elsy, ? Dornar ? [or Domar], Mia, Harry, Hagar, Oliver, Affy, Peggy, Moses, Ryna [alt: Rhina, Rina], Tyra, Daphne, Quacco, Molly, Tommy, Dandy, Bella, Mary Ann, Cuffy, Charles, Patience, ? Wye ?, Israel, July, Elizabeth, Josey, Priscilla, Peggy, Titus, Myrtila, Bess, Patience, Deal, Charles, Friday, Jacob, Molly, Sally, Murray, Chloe, Tom, Tyra, Rose and infant and Charles.

William Patterson had purchased the land as follows: 43 acres from Beecroft Penney, 75 acres from A.W. Stephen, and 32 acres from A.W. Stephen and Benjamin Stiles, trustees of Beecroft Penney and his wife. Included in the sale was also a 300-acre tract of land called Sterling Bluff in Bryan County, Georgia, bounded by William Patterson, A.W. Stephen and Joseph Stiles.

William Patterson had sold this property on January 7, 1843, to James Mongin Smith in his capacity as the trustee in the will of John David Mongin, and Smith had agreed, at the request of "the parties interested in the said lands under the said will," to sell it and invest the proceeds "in the bond and mortgage of the said Thomas Pinkney Middleton.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 29, 1846. The mortgage was marked as satisfied and cancelled as of March 2, 1864.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 372-400; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2J-F>: 8 Oct 2024), image 455-460 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lempeter, Catharine**

On January 29, 1846, at Savannah, Hiram Roberts, sold to Alexander W. Stephens and Benjamin Stiles, trustees of Jane Penney, wife of Beecroft Penney, , for \$749.24 "two certain negro slaves, to wit, Lempeter [or Lemsseter] a man, aged about thirty six years, and Catharine a woman, aged about forty years." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 25, 1846.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 415; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2G-H>: 8 Oct 2024), image 468 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Coko, Cyrus, Juno, Peter, Ann, Henry, Adam, Sally, May, Charlotte, Hetty, Mentor, Patrick, Laurens, Susan, Charly, Watty, William, Kit, Harriet, Israel, Kit, Phillis, March, Elvira, Jack, Rose, Clarinda, Sophy, Hetty, Daphna, Joseph, Abraham, Molly, Ellick, Eliza, John**

On December 28, 1840, James A. Screven, Bryan County, sold to George Washington McAllister, same place, for \$14,500 "the following named negro slaves, being thirty seven in number, that is to say, Coko [alt: Coco] about the age of thirty four years, Cyrus

about fifty five years, Juno about forty five, Peter about fourteen, Ann about ten, Henry about five, Adam about twenty years, Sally (old) Mary about nineteen years, Charlotte about fifteen years, Hetty about forty years Mentor about eighteen years, Patrick about fifteen years, Laurens about ten years, Susan about seven years, Charly [alt: Charley, Charlie] about five years, Watty about three years, William an infant Kit aged about twenty five years, Harriet about twenty four years, Israel about four years, Kit an infant, Phillis [alt: Phyllis] aged about twenty eight years, March about eleven years, Elvira about six years, Jack about eighteen years, Rose about three years, Clarinda an infant, Sophy aged about thirty years, Hetty aged about two years, Daphna [alt: Daphne] about twenty six, Joseph about six years, Abraham about one year, Molly about twenty one years, Ellick [alt: Allick, Aleck] about six years, Eliza about three years, and John about one year." Witnessed by Jno [John] B. Cox, G. L. McAllister. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 25, 1846.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 18-19; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2X-W>: 28 Dec 2024), image 494 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Cyrus, Juno [or June], Peter, Ann, Henry, Adam, Sally, Mary, Charlotte, Hetty, Mento, Patrick, Laurens, Susan, Charley, Watty, William, Kit**

On May 30, 1846, George W. McAllister, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Rev'd James A. Screven, Wayne County, for \$5000 "the following named negro slaves viz. Cyrus, Juno [or June], Peter, Ann, Henry, Adam, Sally, Mary, Charlotte, Hetty, Mento, Patrick, Laurens, Susan, Charley, Watty, William and Kit." Witnessed by C.E. McAllister. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 6, 1844.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 21-25; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2N-1>: 28 Dec 2024), image 495-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Rose, Abby, Peter**

On February 1, 1847, James Johnson, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Dr. Charles W. Rogers, Bryan County, for \$288 "a certain female slave named Rose aged ten years, a certain female slave named Abby aged nineteen years and her child Peter aged fourteen months, a stock of cattle consisting of fifty head more or less, also three hundred and forty acres of land more or less, being one half of all that tract or parcel of land called Oakland, situate lying and being in the said State and County." Witnessed by John M Egle. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 5, 1847.

This mortgage was marked as satisfied as of November 24, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book F (1840-46), page 37-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2J-8>: 28 Dec 2024), image 503-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Lany, Tenah, Thomas, Henry**

On February 23, 1847, Jeremiah Elder, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Obadiah Moye for \$570 "the following named negro slaves (to wit) Lany aged about thirty three years, and her three children Tenah about six years old, Thomas about four years old, and Henry about two years old." Witnessed by A.G. Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 25, 1847.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 41-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2D-S>: 28 Dec 2024), image 506-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Binah, John, Cuffee, Evelina, George, Sarah, Richard**

A series of bills of sale recorded in Bryan County in 1848 appeared to document the transfer of two enslaved people, Binah and her son John, from Sarah C. Davidson to Honoria McNish, then back to Davidson, then by Davidson to Cyrus Bird.

An enslaved man named Cuffee was also sold by Davidson to Aaron Champion, then by Champion to Joseph M. Cooper, then by Cooper to John J. Mitchell, then with four other enslaved individuals—Evelina, George, Sarah, and Richard—by Mitchell to Cyrus Bird.

Details:

On September 27, 1843, in Savannah, Sarah C. Davidson, Chatham County, sold to Honoria McNish, presumably of Bryan County, for \$500 "Binah and John to have and to hold the said Negro woman slave Binah and her son John with her future issue." Witnessed by J.W. Rabun, Samuel D. Corbit. Corbit later probated the deed on December 4, 1843. On May 8, 1846, McNish recorded that "for value received I do hereby sell assign transfer and deliver the within bill of sale with the within named negro slaves Binah and her son John with the future issue of the said female slave to Sarah C. Davidson and to her heirs and assigns forever."

On October 28, 1843, at Savannah, Sarah C. Davidson, Chatham County, sold to Aaron Champion Esquire for \$900 "a certain negro man slave named Cuffy aged about twenty eight years."

On the same page was recorded a bill of sale in which Aaron Champion sold Cuffy to Joseph M. Cooper on August 8, 1845, for "value received."

This was followed by a bill of sale in which Cuffee was sold by J.M. Cooper to J.J. Mitchell on March 24, 1846 in Houston County.

Appended was a set of documents involving Dr. J.J. Mitchell, the Central Bank of Georgia, and Sarah C. Davidson, presumably related to the circumstances that prompted Cuffee's sale.

Following was a bill of sale dated January 26, 1848, in Savannah, by John J. Mitchell to Cyrus Bird for \$2000 for “the following named five negro slaves to wit Cuffee, Evelina, George, Sarah and Richard.”

In a bill of sale dated January 26, 1848, Sarah C. Davidson sold to Cyrus Bird for \$800 “two certain negro slaves to wit Binah aged about thirty five years and her son John aged about twelve years.”

All these bills of sale were recorded in Bryan County on February 18, 1848.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 70-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2W-V>: 29 Dec 2024), image 523-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Laura, Bucksher, Flora, Frank, Affy, Henry**

On June 26, 1848, John Harn Sr, Bryan County, gifted to Thomas Harn Jr, Bryan County, a 950-acre compound of six tracts in Bryan County and "two negro slaves Laura and Bucksher [alt: Buckshire],” and 40 head of stock cattle.

On June 26, 1848, John Harn Sr, Bryan County gifted to Samuel Harn, Bryan County, three tracts of land in Bryan County and "two negro slaves Frank and Flora," a stallion named Joe and 40 head of stock cattle. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 27, 1848.

On June 26, 1848, John Harn Sr, Bryan County gifted to Levi S. D’Lyon of Chatham County as trustee for Mrs. Edith Rebecca Clark, the wife of William Clark of Bryan County, and any children she might have at her death a 750-acre tract in Bryan County bounded by Hines, Harn and ?Keller?, vacant land, and Canouchee River, that had been granted to John Butler on December 20, 1833, plus “two negro slaves Affy and her son Henry,” a sorrel mare, 50 head of stock cattle and 30 head of stock hogs.

Recorded in Superior Court on June 27 and 28, 1848.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 100-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2W-2> : 29 Dec 2024), image 540-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On January 15, 1841, James S. Wilkins, Liberty County, and Mary Jane Demere, Bryan County, entered into a marriage settlement, with Raymond P. Demere of Bryan County being her trustee. Because Mary Jane was “intitled and interested in a considerable Estate both real and personal and may at some future period become possessed of entitled to or interested in some other estate both real and personal,” it was agreed between them and James S. Wilkins would have no right to any part of the estate that she might have at the time of the marriage or become possessed of later. No property was described as it did not appear that she yet had any. Witnessed by Susan J. Demere, Morris M. Demere, F.H. Demere. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 18, 1848.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 122-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2M-T>: 12 Jan 2025), image 554-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lucy, Andrew**

On August 17, 1847, in Bryan County, Joseph I. Smith confirmed his receipt of his share of his wife Liza Jane Smith’s share in the sale of “Negro woman Lucy and her child Andrew, which was sold at Publick sale on the third day of this month at Bryan Court House.” The money was turned over to Smith by Mrs. Eleanor E.C. Smith, guardian of Eliza Jane and Mary Ann Smith. Witnessed by Robert P. Cooper. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 7, 1849.

On February 5, 1849, W.J. Harn acknowledged receipt of his wife's share of Lucy and Andrew's sale . He identified his wife as Mary Ann Harn, formerly Mary Ann Smith, and said he had received \$336.73 from Mrs. Eleanor E.C. Smith, guardian of Mary Ann Smith. Witnessed by Wm. U. Vanbrackel. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 7, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 137; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2M-W>: 12 Jan 2025), image 561 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: August**

On March 1, 1849, Ann E. Powers, Effingham County, sold to Joshua Smith, Bryan County, for \$450 "one certain negro man named August about forty seven or eight years old." Witnessed by William Cooper, Valeria Cooper. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 13, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 139-40; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS29-D>: 12 Jan 2025), image 562-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: June, Edward, Harry, Isaac**

On April 1849, John Baley, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$501 to Robert Habersham & Son, Chatham County, for \$501 "four negro Slaves namely, June a man aged twenty four years (24) Edward a man aged twenty five years (25) Harry a man aged twenty one years (21) and Isaac a man aged twenty years (20)." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 20, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 141-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS29-N>: 12 Jan 2025),

image 563-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rose**

On April 19, 1847, John M. Edwards, Bryan County, sold to Candace Mattox, Bryan County, for \$375 "a certain negro girl named Rose aged about twelve years." Witnessed by George M. Edwards, Edward Kennedy. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 10, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 145-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2Q-D> : 12 Jan 2025), image 565-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Ellen**

On June 5, 1849, Lewis Whitman of Effingham County, executor of the last will and testament of Mary C. Berman, sold "a certain negro girl named Ellen aged about seven years" to Elizabeth Carter, probably of Bryan County. Whitman needed to sell Ellen to pay out a legacy contained in the will, so he put the proper notice in "the Republican paper" of Savannah and then put her up for public auction in front of the Effingham County courthouse. Elizabeth Carter was the highest bidder at \$325.50. Appended to the Bryan County court record was a note in which L. Whitman certified that he had received the \$325 from Matthew Morgan on June 5, 1849. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 28, 1849.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 154-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK1-M>: 13 Jan 2025), image 570 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Mary, Abram, Amelia, Paul, Riley, Silva**

On January 15, 1850, Eleanor Bird, Bryan County, sold to John Swanston, Chatham County, for \$400 "the following property to wit, a certain negro woman named Mary about fourteen years of age of dark complexion, which negro woman I warrant to be sound and well in body and mind and to be a Slave for life." Witnessed by Sam'l [Samuel] J. Davis. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 24, 1850.

On the same day, the heirs to Andrew Bird's estate (Bryan County) quit-claimed their right to Mary so she could be sold to John Swanston. They were identified as Cyrus Bird, Jackson Bird, Ann G. Butler, Godliss (?) Dasher for his wife, James N. Simmons for his wife, and Cyrus Bird in his capacity as administrator of the estate of Andrew Bird Jr. Also witnessed by Sam'l J. Davis and Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 24, 1850.

On January 15, 1850, Cyrus Bird, administrator of the Estate of Andrew Bird, Bryan County, sold to John Swanston, Chatham County, for \$700 "the following property (to wit) a certain negro boy named Abram about thirty years of age." Witnessed by A.G. Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 28, 1850.

On January 16, 1850 in Bryan County, J. Bird confirmed receipt of \$200 from John Swanston "being the consideration money for a negro girl by the name of Amelia aged about 2 years." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 28, 1850.

NOTE: It seems likely that Mary, Abram, and Amelia had been owned by Andrew H. Bird (1772-1848), who is buried in the Bird-Smith Cemetery in Ellabell, Bryan County (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/73713445/andrew-hamil-bird>). In Chatham County probate records, Cyrus Bird, the administrator, stated that Andrew Bird had died without a will; Jackson Bird served as his security. In the appraisal of his estate conducted in Chatham County, he was said to have 160 acres of 1st quality land in Bryan County and 800 acres of pine timbered land there, along with 80 acres in Cherokee County. Also listed were "negro man Riley aged 22 valued at 800.00, negro man Paul aged 22, valued at 800.00, and negro girl Silva aged 11, valued at 400.00." These individuals were likely located in Chatham County. In September 1851, Cyrus Bird applied in Chatham County court to sell the remaining "lands & negros" belonging to Andrew Bird's estate as the estate was insolvent. He added that the heirs were a widow and two minor children, that the two children were now under his guardianship, and the widow had remarried to one Daniel T. Lefils. [To find these probate documents, visit this link: <https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8635/records/698240>. The

documents are from images 282 to 305. Unfortunately, the probate records for his Bryan County estate may no longer exist.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 165-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VS2M-F>: 14 Jan 2025), image 575-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Edward, Billy, Harriet, Eliza, Tyra, Eve, Aleck, Isaac, Thomas, Hardy, Bob, Henry, Margaret, Amarintha, Nanny, Ben, Joe, Moses, Thomas**

On April 18, 1850, Augustus Myddleton (alt: Middleton) of Chatham County, promised to pay Silas Fulton of Bryan County, \$4000 in installments as the purchase price for the Tipperary tract of land in Bryan County, 738 acres, bounded north by “lands supposed to belong to John J. Maxwell, east by lands of John J. Maxwell and William Remshart, South by Medway River and west by lands of William Remshart, plus the Bethesda tract in Chatham County, 125 acres, bounded north by Cedar Hammock, belonging to the Estate of Morel, south by “Buelah” belonging to C. ?Lamper?, east by marsh, and west by lands of the estate of Richard F. Williams.

Included in the sale were “the following negro slaves with the future increase of the females, slaves, Edward, Billy, Harriet, Eliza, Tyra [alt: Tira], Eve, Aleck [alt: Alleck, Allick], Isaac, Thomas, Hardy, Bob, Henry, Margaret, Amarintha, Nanny, Ben, Joe and Moses.

Another version of this document, dated the same day, named the enslaved people differently: Edward, Billy, Harriet, Eliza, Tyra, Eve, Alleck, Isaac and Thomas.

Witnessed by Henry M. Law. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 7, 1850.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 183-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKB-N>: 21 Jan 2025),

image 585-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 190-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK1-P>: 21 Jan 2025), image 589-90 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Morris, Glasgow, Cyrus, Harry, Jim, Sam, Joe, Jacob, George, Flander [Flanders], Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Ceaser, Ceaser, Ned, Adam, old Adam, Andrew, Flander, Jack, Rose, Suzy, Sucky [or Lucky], Susannah, Betsy, Lucy, Judy, Chloe, Sophy, Rachel, Cate, Charlotte, Clarinda, Lizzy, Celia, Ruth, Doll, Milo [or Mila], Amelia, Betty, Maria, Eliza, Rhina, Phillip [or Phillis], Elsy, Rose, Sally, Betsy, Jenny [or Jinny], Abby, Patience, old Clarinda, Dye [alt: Die], Jeny [alt: Jenny], Cate, Mila, Patty, Flora, Affy, Tom, Aleck [alt: Alleck], Bob, Sally, Romulus, William, Helen [or Ellen], Sophia, Louisa, Flora, William, Providence, Joe, Cato, Sarah, Charles, Venus, Billy, Nancy, Ben, Hannah, Tice, Sawney, Lukie [or Sukie], Patience, Abram, Moses, Phebe [alt: Phoebe], Scipio, Linder [alt: Linda], Sorrence, Jolly, Esau, Tamar, Dick, Margaret, Josiah, Judy, Andrew, Lucy, Celia, John, Kitty, Willis, Jennett, Bina [alt: Binah], Sophy [or Silphy], Logett, Fanny, Lono [or Lona], Amy, Abby, Henry, Delia, Georgiann [r Georgian], Janah [or Jonah, maybe Tenah?], Jenny [or Tenny or Zenny], Matilda, Rhena [or Rena]**

On December 31, 1850, Charles W. Rogers, executor of the last will and testament of the late Dr. Charles W. Rogers, deceased, Bryan County, sold to William M. Rogers, Bryan County, for \$28,000, to be paid installments, "the following named negro slaves to wit Morris, Glasgow, Cyrus, Harry, Jim, Sam, Joe, Jacob, George, Flander [Flanders], Ceaser [alt: Caesar], Ceaser, Ceaser, Ned, Adam, old Adam, Andrew, Flander, Jack, Rose, Suzy, Sucky [or Lucky], Susannah, Betsy, Lucy, Judy, Chloe, Sophy, Rachel, Cate, Charlotte, Clarinda, Livey [or Lizzy], Celia, Ruth, Doll, Milo [or Mila], Amelia, Betty, Maria, Eliza, Rhina, Phillip, Elsy, Rose, Sally, Betsy, Jenny [or Jinny], Abby, Patience, old Clarinda, Dye [alt: Die], Jeny [alt: Jenny], Cate, Mila, Patty, Flora, Affy, Tom, Aleck [alt: Alleck], Bob, Sally, Romulus, William, Helen [or Ellen], Sophia, Louisa, Flora, William, Providence, Joe, Cato, Sarah, Charles, Venus, Billy, Nancy, Ben, Hannah, Tice, Sawney, Lukie [or Sukie], Patience, Abram, Moses, Phebe [alt: Phoebe], Scipio, Linder

[alt: Linda], Sorrence, Jolly, Esau, Tamar, Dick, Margaret, Josiah, Judy, Andrew, Lucy, Celia, John, Kitty, Willis, Jennett, Bina [alt: Binah], Sophy [or Silphy], Logett, Fanny, Lono [or Lona], Amy, Abby, Henry, Delia, Georgiann [alt: Georgian], Janah [or Jonah], Jenny [or Tenny or Zenny], Matilda, and Rhena [or Rena], being one hundred and seventeen (117) in number.."

Also sold were tracts of land in Bryan County said to have been formerly the property of the late John H. Morel:

\* the Cottenham Plantation, 887 acres, bounded north by Redbud Creek, east by Bear River, south by lands of Wylly or Woodbridge and west by lands of Redbud plantation; [NOTE: Cottenham Plantation was previously owned by Charles W. Rogers]

\*Troup Plantation, 2500 acres, bounded north by Ogeechee River, east by lands of Houston now W M Rogers, south by lands of Cubbedge and west by lands of (formerly) Savage);

\*Holmes or Redbud, 1100 acres, bounded north by Redbud Creek, east by lands of Cottonham plantation, south by lands of Cubbedge and Wylly and est by lands of Houston now W M Rogers

Plus one half of a tract of land called Stone Vale, known as division number 1 of the Stone Vale tract, 354 1/2 acres, conveyed by Peter Henry Morel to Robert J. Houston, Boundaries were shown on a plat or resurvey signed and certified by John G. Underwood, surveyor.

Witnessed by S.S. Hart, G.R. Johnson. Probated by Smith S. Hart on January 3, 1851. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 4, 1851.

NOTE: Rogers was also spelled Rodgers in this document.

On page 245 of the same deed book was recorded the following:

“Mr. Joshua Smith

Dear Sir, you have on record in your office, as Clerk of Supr [Superior] Court of Bryan County, a mortgage on the Cottenham Plantation & Negroes, the property of David M. Rogers, Rev'd C.W. Rogers executor of Est. Of Dr. C.W. Rogers, having given said mortgage as Executor of said estate, this is to notify you that said debt, for which said mortgage was given, has been paid & said mortgage of no effect any longer.

W.M. Rogers this day the 5th July 1851

Mr. Smith, Dear Sir, be so good as to enter satisfaction on the mortgage by recording the above letter to you.

Recorded August 1st 1851

See mortgage recorded page 208 +

Yours respectfully

Savannah July 15th 1851

C.W. Rogers

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There are two versions of the above document but the names were rendered slightly differently. The three documents have compared and alternate versions of the names notated above: Bryan County, Georgia, (2) Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 229-32; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKJ-Q>: 21 Jan 2025), image 610-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court. (3) Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 295-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKD-N>: 23 Jan 2025),

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Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 245; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKG-W>: 21 Jan 2025), image 619 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Robert, Nathaniel**

As part of a transfer of guardianship, on September 24, 1849, Henry A. Smith, former guardian of Michael M. Mattox, transferred possession of “a negro man named Robert, valued at five hundred dollars and a mulatto boy, named Nathaniel valued at two hundred and seventy five dollars” to William M. Eason. These two enslaved men were the property belonging to Michael M. Mattox, as one of the minor heirs of Elijah Mattox, and were transferred by order of the Bryan County Court of Ordinary and the Tattnall Court of Ordinary transferring from the guardianship from Smith to Eason, along with two promissory notes for \$90 each, made by Jonathan B. Brewton. [Additional details of the promissory notes were included.] Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on on February 1, 1851.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 222-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKP-3>: 22 Jan 2025), image 607 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Delia**

On March 15, 1851, Samuel Harn, William Harn, John Harn, William Clark, Thomas Harn, John W. Harrison, and Sarah Harn, widow of the late John Harn of Bryan County (signed by mark) agreed among themselves in Bryan County as heirs of the late John Harn that his estate would be distributed without an administrator on the following terms: After all debts were paid, the balance of the estate to be equally divided among each of them, with the following provision: “the negro woman Delia to be the property

and remain in the possession of the above named Sarah Harn, during her natural life, and at her death to become the property of William Harn," who was to retain possession of her outside of his portion of the balance of the estate. Witnessed by Thomas Harn. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 1, 1851.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 228; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKJ-Q> : 22 Jan 2025), image 610 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: An??d, Mary Ann**

On March 21, 1851, in Bulloch County, Georgia, Isaac Barber sold to James Newman for \$900 "a negro woman, named An??d [looks like Anaed] about 25 years old and her child Mary Ann, about four years." Witnessed by Jessee Newman (signed by mark). Jessee Newman appeared before Alfred B. Smith, in Bryan County on October 11, 1851, to testify that he had seen Isaac Barber sign this deed. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 14, 1851.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 252; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKT-L>: 22 Jan 2025), image 624 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bucksheer**

On December 4, 1851, Thomas Harn, Bryan County, sold to Levi S. D'Lyon, trustee of Edith Rebecca Clark, wife of William Clark, Bryan County, for \$550 ""to the sole and separate use of the said Edith Rebecca Clark, and to such child or children, as she may leave at the time of her death, a certain negro man slave named Backsheer [alt: Buckshire or Bucksher] aged about twelve years, and upon the further trust of the said Edith Rebecca Clark, shall leave neither child or children at the time of her death, that the said negro man slave shall become the property of such of the children of John Harn Sen'r as may then be living share and share alike." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 16, 1851.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 260; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKK-T>: 22 Jan 2025), image 628 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jiny, Phoebe, Lizzy, Harriet, Jonas, Amanda, Peter, April, Susannah, Louisa, Scipio, Ellen, Charley, Polly, Charles, Peggy, Hannah, Morris, Sukey, Morris, Sarah, Charles**

On January 6, 1852, William Law, Savannah, Chatham County, used as collateral on a promissory note to John Stoddard, Savannah, Chatham County, for \$5956.04 "the following twenty two negro slaves to wit, Jiny, Phoebe [alt: Phebe], Lizzy, Harriet, Jonas, Amanda, Peter, April, Susannah, Louisa, Scipio, Ellen, Charley, Polly, Charles, Peggy, Hannah, Morris, Sukey, Morris, Sarah and Charles being the negroes this day purchased by the said Wm. Law at public sale at Darien from the Executors and trustees under the will of the late John David Mongin together with the future issue and increase of the said female slaves."

Included in the collateral (and in the purchase) was the Walton plantation, 800 acres of rice and swamp land plus about the same amount of high land, on the Great Ogeechee and Canouchie Rivers in Bryan County, bounded east by the Ogeechee Causeway, south by lands of Luke Mann, lands of Waters formerly now by ?Codys?, lands of John Hines and Arnold, west by lands of Arnold and "what is known as the tract containing Well's old field, and north by the Ogeechee and Canouchie Rivers. The plantation was comprised of the four tracts formerly known as the Holmes tract called Walton, the Laurel Hill tract, the Sandy Hill tract, and the White House tract all of which had been purchased by William Law and united under the name Walton.

Witnessed by John M. B. Lovell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 15, 1852.

This record was marked as satisfied and cancelled as of April 13, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 277-80; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKR-S>: 22 Jan 2025), image 636-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lucy, Tom**

On January 1, 1852, the estate of the late John G. Butler of Chatham County was distributed, according to records found in Bryan County. The estate totaled \$596.33. Ann G. Butler, administrator, received one third of the estate, and gave it to John G. Butler's son, John G. Butler as a gift. John G. Butler acknowledged receipt of his own part, which consisted of "a negro woman Lucy valued at \$2.00 and each \$192.67 cents from No 3 and from No 2 the sum of \$3.67 cents." [NOTE: This likely means that the estate was divided into three lots, which should have been equal but were not, so John G. Butler drew lot #1, consisting of Lucy, and the other heirs had to pay him to make the lots equal. Ann G. Butler appears to have given him her entire share, consisting of \$192.67.] John G. Butler signed by mark, indicating illiteracy.

A.J. Butler acknowledged receipt of his share, which consisted of "negro man Tom valued at \$600, out of which I am to pay to Lot No 1 the sum of \$3.67 and which has been allotted to me this day as one of the heirs of said Jno. G. Butler dec'd by commissioners appointed for that purpose."

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 29, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 280-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKK-9> : 22 Jan 2025), image 638-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sulpher, Charlotte, John, Ferdy**

On February 11, 1852, Benjamin T. Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Charlton Hines, Liberty County, for \$1000 "the following property to wit Sulpher a negro man about 35 years of age, Charlotte a negro woman about 40 years

of age, John about 17 years of age, Ferdy aged two years." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 29, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 297-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKF-L>; 23 Jan 2025), image 646-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court. “

### **Enslaved People Named: Daniel**

In 1852, an enslaved man named Daniel who had been part of the estate of Lewis Hines, Bryan County, was sold to one of the heirs, James C. Hines, by the other heirs.

On April 2, 1852, Ann M. Hines, Benjamin T. Hines, Lewis E. Hines, Thomas A. Hines and Georgia C. Hines, of Bryan County, each sold to James C. Hines of Chatham County for \$75.72 their right and title “a negro man named Daniel about twenty six years of age, five feet two or three inches high, and of dark yellow complexion, who is sold by Charlton Hines, executor of Estate of Lewis Hines, for the purpose of effecting a division among the heirs of said estate.” Witnessed by John P. Hines, J.I.C.

In a separate record dated April 12, 1852 in Newton County, John P. Mell, Newton County, sold to James C. Hines of Chatham County for \$72.72 “all the right title and interest acquired by my wife (formerly Mary J. Hines) in a certain negro man, named Daniel, about twenty six years of age and about five feet two or three inches high and of dark brown complexion, sold by Charlton Hines executor of Estate of Lewis Hines to effect a division among the heirs of said estate.”

Both records recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1852.

On March 6, 1852, Charlton Hines, executor for the estate of the late Lewis Hines of Bryan County, sold Daniel for \$298.88 to James C. Hines of Savannah, who was also one of the heirs, on behalf of the four minor heirs of the estate: Euterpe Hines, Victoria A. Hines, Edward H. Hines and Caroline Hines. Charlton Hines noted that “the interest in [Daniel] had never been divided between the heirs of said estate” and that it was

considered best to sell him in a private sale, with the approval of the adult heirs and based on a January 12, 1852, Liberty County Court of Ordinary decision.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 1, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 299; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKZ-N>: 23 Jan 2025), image 647 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 329-30; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKX-F>: 23 Jan 2025), image 663-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: William**

On March 12, 1852, William Law, Savannah, Chatham County, used as collateral on a promissory note of \$890 to John Stoddard, Savannah, Chatham County, "an 800-acre plantation consisting of river and swamp land about the same amount of high land in Bryan County on the Ogeechee River, bounded east by the Ogeechee Causeway and the Orange Grove tract belonging to Luke Mann, south by lands formerly Waters now Codys, by Hines and by Arnold's land, west by a tract known as Wells's old field, and north by the Ogeechee and Canouchie Rivers, known by the name of Walton, which said tract of land has heretofore to wit on the sixth of January of this present year been mortgaged to the said John Stoddard, and also one negro man slave a carpenter named William." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 21, 1852.

This deed was marked as satisfied as of July 15, 1862.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 303-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK6-6>: 23 Jan 2025),

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### **Enslaved People Named: Cassander**

On December 31, 1851, Isaac Barber, Bryan County, sold to James Newman, Bryan County, for \$362.50 "a negro girl named Cassander aged about seven years." Witnessed by John L. Dukes. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 12, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 315-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKF-W>: 23 Jan 2025), image 656-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Joe, Joe, Carlton, Affa, Hetta**

On September 7, 1852, T.C. Dutton, Bulloch County, sold to B.C. Cox, Bryan County, for \$2537 "Joe, a man fifty five years of age, dark complexion, Joe a boy aged 14 years, Carlton age twelve years of age [SIC], Affa [alt: Affee] a girl twelve years old, Hetta a girl age ten years all dark complexion." Witnessed by Erastus Waters. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 8, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 332-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKH-5>: 23 Jan 2025), image 665 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Betsey**

On July 12, 1852, in Savannah, Charles W. Fergerson [alt: Fergurson] gave a promissory note, due the next day, for \$150 to Joseph Lipperman. He also gave him a promissory note made out to him (Fergerson) from Thomas A. Hines for \$177 dated June 26, 1852, also due the following day. These promissory notes were in payment for "a negro woman named Betsey, said negro woman in bad health and not warranted sound." If the notes were not paid by January 15, 1853, then Betsey was to be put up at auction to the highest

bidder, and C.W. Ferguson was to make good any loss between the amount of the notes and the “price the woman may bring at auction.” Betsey was not to be considered as Ferguson’s property until paid for. Witnessed by B.W. Dasher. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 19, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 333-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKH-5>: 23 Jan 2025), image 665-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Milly, Stephen, Moses**

On January 1, 1849, in Bryan County, Henry M. McGillis, acknowledged receipt from James Shuman, guardian of the orphans of T.R. McGillis “a negro girl named Milly valued at three hundred dollars and the sum of four hundred and seventeen dollars which said negro Milly and money are in full of my part of the negro property and hire of the same agreeable to a division made by commissioners appointed to divide said property.

On April 6, 1849, Mary A. McGillis acknowledged receipt from James Shuman, guardian of the orphans of T.R. McGillis “my part of said estate in full of all demands which consists of a negro man named Stephen and fifty dollars and 35 cents.”

On April 6, 1849, Providence Lanier acknowledged receipt from James Shuman, guardian of the orphans of T.R. McGillis “negro man Moses and one hundred dollars in part payment of my part of said estate.”

On January 25, 1851, Providence Lanier, through Henry McGillis, acknowledged receipt from James Shuman, administrator of the estate of Lewis Lanier, \$100 as part of her share “drawn at a division of T.R. McGillis’s estate the first day of January 1849.”

[NOTE: her name was spelled Providence in one record, and Providence in another.]

The above documents were all recorded together in Bryan County Superior Court on December 29, 1852.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 338; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK8-B>: 23 Jan 2025), image 668 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Peggy, Jeffrey**

On August 28, 1852, John Baley, Bryan County, gifted to his daughter Malinda E. Calder, wife of George Calder, via her trustees William F. Law and Lewis T. Turner, both of Bryan County "a negro slave named Peggy and her child Jeffrey with the future issue and increase." Witnessed by Luke Mann. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 28, 1853.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 342-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKN-H> : 23 Jan 2025), image 670 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: George**

On August 26, 1852, Thomas A. Hines, Bryan County, and Mary R. Perry, also of Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract with William Butler, same place, as her trustee. Put into trust for her were a 250-acre tract of land in Liberty County, "one negro boy named George, aged eight years," five promissory notes made payable to John A. Perry as her guardian from S.W. Hill, G. J. Goodson, S.H. Perry, George C. Tippins, and John A. Perry, and all the property to which she might become entitled as one of the heirs of her deceased father, George C. Linder, or in any other way. The trust was to remain her separate property and estate and was not to be subject to her husband's debts or to be sold by him. However, the property could be used by Thomas Hines while they were married, with William Butler's consent. Witnessed by Benjamin Stiles. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 3, 1853.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 350-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSK7-T>: 23 Jan 2025), image 674-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Rachel, Sopha, Lydia, John**

On January 9, 1852, at Savannah, W. W. Johnston sold to Solomon Smith for \$1350 "my negro woman and her three children, viz Rachel, Sopha [alt: Sophia?], Lydia, and John, with their future increase, all sound on delivery except Rachel's eyes are inflamed from cold." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 16, 1853. [NOTE: The county of residence of either party was not specified. The fact that it was recorded in Bryan County, even though the sale took place in Savannah, suggests that Solomon S. Smith resided there.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 356-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKH-3>: 23 Jan 2025), image 677 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: John**

On May 3, 1853 Thomas Blicht, in charge of the estate of James Hunt of Effingham County, sold at auction "a certain man Slave named John about twenty years of age belonging to the estate of said James Hunt, dec'd." Blicht had received permission for the sale from the Effingham County Superior Court, sitting in Equity, during its March term, 1853, and had given legal notice of the sale in the Savannah Republican newspaper. Solomon Smith, Bryan County, was the highest bidder at \$910. Witnessed by Fred. Hinely, James Rahn. Thomas Blicht signed by mark (indicating illiteracy). Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 16, 1853.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. E-G 1830-1853, Book G (1846-53), page 357-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CS4K-VSKH-3>: 23 Jan 2025), image 677-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Mary**

In May, 1853, in Savannah, Patrick Cody, Chatham County, sold to James Cody, Bryan County, for \$500 "one certain negro female slave named Mary aged about twenty eight years together with her future issue and increase." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 8, 1853.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 6-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197Z-H>: 24 Jan 2025), image 9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Orilla, Godfrey, Jasper, Cyer, Hannah, Ella, Milton, Henry, Rufus, Robert**

On October 3, 1853, Joshua Smith, Bryan County gifted to Alfred Bird Smith and Albert Glenn Smith, his sons, same place, "the following negro slaves to wit Orilla [or Osilla] a negro woman aged twenty seven years and her three children viz Godfrey, Jasper and Cyer and a negro woman Hannah aged twenty one years and her child Ella to be equally and equitably divided between them." He also gave his son Alfred B. Smith "a certain negro boy named Milton, aged thirteen years, and to his son Albert G. Smith "a certain negro man named Henry, aged twenty three years and a certain negro boy named Rufus aged twelve years next December, my son Alfred having heretofore received from me a negro man Robert." Witnessed by E. A. Elarbee, ?ara Haney.

On January 7, 1854, Albert G. Smith then sold to his brother Alfred B. Smith "one half of my interest in negro man Henry described in the above transfer." Witnessed by F.S. Williams.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 20, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 40-41; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-Y>: 24 Jan 2025),

image 26 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bina**

On January 9, 1853, John Jones, Bryan County, sold to May Shuman, guardian of minors of Martin Shuman, deceased, Bryan County, for \$705 "a negro woman slave by name of Bina together with her future increase." Witnessed by Bryan C. Cox, Mrs. Blicht. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 10, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 43; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197C-M>; 25 Jan 2025), image 27 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Pompey, Rose**

On October 29, 1853, Feriby Shuman Senior, a widow, Bryan County, gifted to her son Elijah Shuman "the following two negro slaves viz Pompey, a man aged about thirty five years & Rose a girl aged about eight years." She reserved for herself, however, a life estate "in said negro slaves & am to have the undisturbed use & possession thereof during my natural life and at my death the said Slaves to be the property of the said Elijah Shuman & his heirs forever without & free from any claim or demand from my other heirs." She asserted that this was not to be considered "a testamentary paper but a deed transferring at once the title to said slaves to said Elijah Shuman & his heirs reserving to myself only the possession & use thereof during my natural life." Witnessed by C.M. Bashlor, V.A. Shuman. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 30, 1854. [According to the 1870 U.S. federal census of Bryan County, Georgia, Ways Station, enumerated on August 6, 1870, page 117, Fereby [alt: Ferebee] was still living and 100 years old that year.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 41-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-Y>; 24 Jan 2025), image 26-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sally, Luke**

On March 27, 1854, Phereby Shuman, Bryan County gifted to Wm. H. Shuman, son of Phereby Shuman, same place "the following slaves viz a negro woman by the name of Sally about thirty years of age of black complection [SIC] with the future issue also her son named Luke about three or four years of age. Phereby Shuman reserved for herself the right to keep and control these enslaved people for her own use during her natural life." Witnessed by William R. Lewis. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 4, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 49-50; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197H-N>: 25 Jan 2025), image 30-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Hetty**

On February 8, 1854, Isaac Perry, Bryan County, sold to Jno. [John] P. Hines, Bryan County, for \$800 "the following property to wit a negro woman named Hetty aged seventeen years of yellow complexion." Witnessed by Benj. P. Hines. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 25, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 58-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-9>: 27 Jan 2025), image 35 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Phoebe**

On March 30, 1853, John P. Mell, Newton County, sold to John P. Hines, Bryan County, for \$100 "a negro woman named Pheobea [alt: Phoebe, Phebe] fifty years of age of dark complexion which negro woman Phoebe I warrant to be a slave for life." Witnessed by Ransom Harwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 25, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 59; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-9>: 27 Jan 2025), image 35 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: William, Bella, Peggy, Sarah, Richard, Nancy, Edward, Carolina, Osborne, Lizzy, Julia, Peggy, Nelly, Daphney, Smart, Fortimer, Tom, Henry, Joe, Sarah, Betty, Tyra, Sally, Minder, Hector, Jemima**

On April 24, 1854, John P. Hines, Bryan County, used as collateral on three promissory notes to Wm. Crabtree, merchant, Savannah, Chatham County, for \$1050 each "the following named negro slaves to wit William aged about twenty four years Bella aged about thirty years Peggy aged about eight years Sarah aged about five years Richard aged about thirty years Nancy aged about thirty years Edward aged about two years Caroline aged about four years Osborne aged about three years Lizzy aged about one year Julia and infant Peggy aged about forty five years Nelly aged about twenty years Daphney aged about twenty five years Smart aged about twenty four years ? Fortimer ? aged about fifty years Tom aged about eighteen years Henry aged about sixteen years Joe aged about twelve years ? Sarah ? aged about twenty five years Betty [or Bettsy] aged about four years, Tyra [alt: Tira] aged about twenty two years Sally aged about one year ? Minder ? [alt: Minda] aged about thirty years Hector aged about twenty five years ? Jemima ? aged about forty years with the future issue and increase of the female slaves.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May ?, 1854.

This record was marked as cancelled as of April 8, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 61-64; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197H-Y>: 27 Jan 2025), image 36-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Rachael [alt: Rachel], Molly, Charity, Grace, Davy, Abraham, Joshua, Charlotte**

On December 22, 1853, Sarah Eliza Mann, “spinster” of Bryan County, and Lafayette Stewart Quarterman, of Liberty County, entered into a marriage contract with Luke Mann, Bryan County, and Lachlan McIntosh, McIntosh County, as her trustees. The “considerable property both real and personal” that Sarah was then possessed of and might come to possess in the future was put into trust for her. The property named in the contract was a tract of land she was living on, called Palermo, and “the following eight negro slaves to wit Rachael [alt: Rachel], Molly, Charity, Grace, Davy, Abraham, Joshua & Charlotte together with the future issue and increase of the female slaves.” At her death, all the trust property was to pass to any living children of hers, but if she were to die without living children, her property would be held in trust for her husband during his lifetime, and on his death to go to Margaret E. White. Witnessed by Charles ? [H or W?] Starr, Jno. [John] P. Hines, Thos. [Thomas] B. Butler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 9, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 61-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197C-9>: 30 Jan 2025), image 39-40 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Albert, Jane**

On March 7, 1853, in Chatham County, Henrietta S. Rogers, widow of David M. Rogers, relinquished to his sister Seamour A. Harden, wife of Dr. William S. Harden of Bryan County, his interest (now Henrietta’s) in their father Dr. Charles W. Rogers’ legacy to Seamour. Dr. Charles W. Rogers’s will had left to his wife, Mrs. Anna W. Rogers, during her lifetime the use of his summer residence in Bryan County known as Republican Hall and the adjoining land known as ? Wawpee ?, as well as the use of any of “his house servants she might desire.” At her death, this property was to fall into the residue of his estate. Dr. Rogers’ will had also left the dividends and interest on \$15,000 in bank stock to his daughter, Seamour A. Harden, during her lifetime, and at her death, to fall to the residue of his estate. Dr. Rogers had appointed his son David M. Rogers as his residuary legatee and devisee. [NOTE: those terms apparently mean that David would inherit all of that property after Seamour’s and Anna’s deaths when it came back into Dr. Rogers’ estate.]

Henrietta S. Rogers noted that David M. Rogers had intended to relinquish his interest in this residual estate to his sister Seamour but this had been prevented by his death. She therefore performed this action on his behalf and gave to Seamour David's (now hers) residual interest in all the property listed above, adding that the "house servants" involved were named Albert and Jane and were currently at the residence of Anna W. Rogers and Seamour A. Harden at their residence at Republican Hall. Seamour would thus inherit the land and enslaved people after Anna's death.

[NOTE: It was noted that Seamour's was "Seamour A. Lane, now Harden." According to the 1850 census, Ann W. Rogers was living with Semor A. Lane and probably her son Charles A. Lane. ]

Witnessed by C.W. Rogers. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 15, 1854.

[NOTE: This action apparently was designed to ensure that all the property would go into Seamour's estate at her death so could be left to her heirs.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 70-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-L> : 30 Jan 2025), image 41-2 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: August, Nanny, Patty, ? Petter ?**

On March 15, 1854, John Pray Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Aaron Champion for \$1240 "the following named negro slaves to wit August about (50) fifty years of age Nanny [or Nancy] about forty (40) years of age Patty about seventeen (17) years of age and ? Petter ? [Peter?] about forty eight (48) years of age." Witnessed by John E. Ward. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 25 , 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 79-81; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-C>: 31 Jan 2025),

image 45-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jane**

On August 1, 1854, Isaac Perry, Bryan County, and Little Berry [alt: Littleberry] Daniel and Nicholas J. Clark, Liberty County, as administrators of the estate of Elias Perry, late of Bryan County, sold at public auction to John P. Hines for \$455.50 "the following Negro woman - Jane aged about thirty three years of dark complexion belonging to the estate of the late Elias Perry which said negro woman were sold for a division amongst the heirs of said estate of said Elias Perry." The auction had been advertised in the newspaper as required by law.

Witnessed by William Butler, Charles W. Ferguson.

Immediately following this record was one in which John P. Hines sold Jane back to Isaac Perry for \$450 on the same day.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 1, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 97-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-X>; 31 Jan 2025), image 54-5 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Handy**

On March 24, 1851, H.A. Smith, Bryan County, sold to Jacob Sims, Bryan County, for \$1000 "a certain negro boy named Handy aged nineteen years." Witnessed by Simon Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 20, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 99; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197W-Y>; 3 Feb 2025),

image 55 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sophia**

On November 18, 1854, the heirs and distributees of the estate of Isaac Barber, Bryan County, agreed among themselves that “the negro child (of the woman Sophia) not mentioned in said will shall be considered as if devised with the other negroes and all together on the same footing and remain with them as the will directs.” This agreement was made because the will had not mentioned all of Barber’s property and provision needed to be paid for the unmentioned property. They also agreed that all other personal property left unprovided for in the will should be sold, mainly because the costs of administering a separate estate would be considerable. The heirs entrusted these actions to the will’s executors, Marshall Hart and Jesse L. Lanier. The heirs who signed the agreement were Obadiah Barber, Israel M. Barber, James H. Johnson, J. L. Lanier, R. B. Jones, M.D. M??y (Trustee), Frances Barber, Wm. [name]. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 24, 1854.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 109-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197H-T>: 14 Feb 2025), image 60-1 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Frank**

On September 23, 1854, William Oneal, Bryan County, used as security to Hiram W. Mattox, Bryan County, in return for acting as surety on a \$400 promissory note “one negro man slave named Frank about twenty years of age.” The debt was marked as settled as of January 1, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 116; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-H>: 14 Feb 2025), image 63 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On November 16, 1854, Isaac Lightsey and Caroline Barber, both of Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract with William Blich, same place, as her trustee. Put into trust for her were a tract of land in Bryan County and “her share or part of Negroes” or any personal property or real estate she was in possession of at the time of the marriage or that she should come to possess afterward. This property could be used by Isaac Lightsey for her benefit, but she was to have the right to sell or bequeath it/them to anyone she chose. [NOTE: No enslaved people were named in this document.] Witnessed by James ?Shuman ?, Thos. [Thomas] F. Alexander. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 9, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 117-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1974-3>: 17 Feb 2025), image 64 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Richard**

On March 18, 1854, John P. Mell, Cobb County, sold to James C. Hines, Chatham County, for \$350 "the following property to wit a negro boy named Richard six years of age of dark complexion." Witnessed by Henry H. ? Goby ?. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 9, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 156; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1971-2>: 18 Feb 2025), image 80 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Melissa, Esther, Jim**

On February 1, 1855, William A. Maxwell, Lee County, used as security on a promissory note to Mrs. Ann Maxwell, Bryan County, for an annual payment (annuity) of \$230 “for value received” "the following negro slaves to wit Melissa a woman about fifty years of age Esther a woman thirty seven years of age and Jim a boy seventeen years old,” plus “two undivided thirds of a tract of land situate lying and being in said state and county

and known and distinguished as the Golden Grove containing five hundred and seventy acres more or less." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 9, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 152-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1971-W>: 18 Feb 2025), image 81 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Clarisa, Jack, Cyrus, Samson, Silvy**

During Bryan County Superior Court's April term, 1855, Mary Wells, the complainant, as represented by her next friend John B. Dacosta, brought a case against her estranged husband, John V. Wells, and Isaac Perry, Littleberry Daniel, Nicholas J. Clark, as administrators of Elias Perry deceased. The case was heard in equity. The jury, led by foreman William M. Rogers, found that John V. Wells was holding Mary Wells' share of Elias Perry's estate, as one of the heirs, which consisted of "five negro slaves, to wit, Samson, Silvy, Clarissa, Jack and Cyrus, "beside their hire for about one year worth about one hundred dollars," and also about \$100 worth of money received by John V. Wells from Perry's estate on Mary Wells' behalf, and \$49 received by John V. Wells from the estate of the late John J. Snead. Perry's estate administrators were also said to be holding money for Mary Wells from the sale of estate assets. Noting that John V. Wells and Mary Wells had been separated for some time, the jury ordered that "the said negro slaves Clarissa, Jack and Cyrus, and the issue and increase of the female slaves," plus the other assets that comprised Mary Well's share of Perry's estate, should be turned over to John B. Dacosta as her trustee to become her sole and separate estate free from any obligations of her husband John V. Wells.

The jury decreed, however, that "the other two negro slaves Samson and Silvy" were the property of John V. Wells and and also that he should be released from liability for the other sums mentioned. The jury decided that a deed of separation should be drawn up between John V. Wells and Mary Wells, and that she should pay the costs of the suit. Any sums being held for her by Perry's administrators were to be paid to her solicitors.

In what appears to be the deed of separation, on April 19, 1855, John V. Wells, Bryan County, came to an agreement with his wife Mary and her "next friend," John B. Dacosta, after lengthy and litigated "disputes and unhappy differences" between John

and Mary. [NOTE: “next friend” (also called “prochain ami”) is a term for someone who could represent someone in court when they are not able to do so themselves. In this case, as a married woman, Mary could not represent herself.] Mary had been living separately from John, at her own expense. She and John B. Dacosta were said to have brought a suit in Bryan County Superior Court in equity against John V. Wells and other defendants. Following a court decree resulting from that suit, John V. Wells agreed to turn over to John B. Dacosta, as trustee, “all the estate goods chattles [SIC] and credits as aforesaid present and future and more especially the negro slaves Clarisa [alt: Clarissa] and her children Jack & Cyrus mentioned in the said decree.” The trust was to be administered for the benefit of Mary Wells. It was also agreed that Mary Wells could make contracts on her own behalf without any liability on the part of John V. Wells and that he would never in the future be liable for her “support, maintenance deeds or contracts.” She relinquished any claim of dower right to any present or future property of John Wells. Witnessed by Charles W. Ferguson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 21, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 155-160; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197Y-X>; 2 Mar 2025), image 82-85 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Superior Court Minutes, 1845-1861, digitized images contained in FamilySearch Library film #008628916, found online at <https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-C3H3-39VJ-W>, images 442-3.

### **Enslaved People Named: Delila**

On April 28, 1855, Phereby Shuman, Bryan County, gifted to her son Wm. [William] H. Shuman "a negro girl named Delila & her future issue and increase which said girl I have also named for him in my will (said girl ... is to remain in my possession during my life but the title to vest in him from the date of this instrument." Witnessed by J.H. Bashler, E.H. Bacon (N.P.). Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 28, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 163; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-N>; 3 Mar 2025),

image 86 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Susan**

On March 7, 1855, “a certain negro woman slave named Susan...aged about eighteen years” was put up for auction at the Chatham County Courthouse and sold to Richard Clark of Bryan County for \$745. Philologus H. Lond and Sarah E. Lond, his wife, had requested that their trustee Cail Epping sell Susan from the trust. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 28, 1855.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 169-70; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-6>: 3 Mar 2025), image 89-90 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sampson**

On July 16, 1855, Sarah Downs, Bryan County, sold to James E. Hagin, Bulloch County, for \$500 "one old negro man named Sampson aged about sixty five or seventy years of age." Witnessed by Isaiah B. Down and Nathaniel Milton. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 8, 1855.

[NOTE: On the previous page there was a deed record dated the same day in which Sarah sold to James E. Hagin for \$250 her one-sixth interest in the real estate of the late Barrett Downs of Bryan County. According to FindaGrave.com, Barrett Downs was Sarah’s husband, and Isaiah Downs was her son. Her daughter Elizabeth married James E. Hagin and her daughter Caroline married Nathaniel Milton. See: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/223494185/sarah-ann-downs>]. See also a deed record on the following page in which Emmett Downs and Sarah Downs turned over a piece of land in Bryan County to James E. Hagin to support a promissory note they had made to Cyrus Bird.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 198; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197Y-G>: 30 Mar 2025),

image 104 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sharlotte, Moe, Prince, Isaac**

On January 18, 1855, Phereby Shuman, Bryan County gifted to William Dickinson Gray, her grandson and the only son of her only daughter "now dead" "the following property namely /viz/ four negro slaves Sharlotte [alt: Charlotte Moe Prince & Isaac also one bed and bestead..." Phereby noted that she had already left him this property in her will and it was to be under his control and at his disposal once he reached 19, but if he were to die before that or die without children, then the property would revert to her if she were alive at his death, and if she were not to her estate. She added, "the said property is to remain in my possession and control during my life, the but the title is to be henceforth in my grand son." If she were to die before he turned 19, then the property was to be under the control and management of her son Wm. [William] H. Shuman and her friend Wm. Strickland, who she appointed as guardians "for said property." Witnessed by J.H. Bashler. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 15, 1855. Phereby Shuman signed by mark, indicating illiteracy. J.H. Bashler swore before E.H. Bacon, notary public, in Chatham County, that he had drawn up the document that she had asked him to do it so that if she chose at any time during her life she could "arrange it if she chose or words to that effect." The clerk added that the will referred to in was on record in the Bryan County Superior Court deed book J, page 378.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 206-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1971-6>: 30 Mar 2025), image 108 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Tom, Mary, Daniel**

April 14, 1856, Euterpe [or Euterpia] A. Hines, Carroll County, sold to John P. Hines, Bryan County, for \$1600 "the following property to wit Tom a slave aged fifteen years Mary a slave aged twenty two years and her child Daniel aged six months all of dark complexion and sound in health."

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 30, 1856.

[NOTE: Part of this deed record was left out when originally recorded. It was re-recorded with the whole record later in the same book, hence the two citations below.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 215; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-19WM-7>: 30 Mar 2025), image 112 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 232; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-J>: 30 Mar 2025), image 131 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: George**

On March 3, 1856, S. W. Bourquin, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Barbary A. Baker, Bryan County, for \$235.95 "a certain negro man named George aged thirty five years of dark complexion also two bay mules one [word] carriage one sorrel mare one two horse waggon." Witnessed by H. W. Mattox. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 17, 1856.

On the same day, Bourquin also gave her a \$300 promissory note using a 300-acre tract of land in Bryan County as collateral. The land was said to have been originally granted to Edward C??? on November 23, 1809.

Both notes were marked as having been cancelled by on November 29, 1856, by Thomas B. Baker acting for B.A. Baker.

[NOTE: Bourquin's name was spelled Bourgin in the record but his signature was recorded as having been Bourquin.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 220-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1971-G>: 30 Mar 2025), image 115-6 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Clarinda**

On April 1, 1856, Eliza C. Clay, executrix of Thomas S. Clay, Bryan County, sold to Euterpia A. Hines, Carol [Carroll] County, for \$650 "the following property - to wit a negro woman slave named Clarinda thirty two years of age and of dark complexion and of sound health." Witnessed by Wm. [William] F. Law, Jno. [John] P. Hines. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 233; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-J>: 3 Apr 2025), image 131 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Prince, Joe, Elsy, Rose**

On March 31, 1856, William Law, Chatham County, used as collateral to secure a loan of \$1260 to William Law by the Bank of the State of Georgia "the following named negro slaves now on the plantation of the said Wm. Law in Bryan County - viz Prince & Joe two prime men and Elsy & Rose two prime women with the issue and increase of the female slaves." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 234-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1971-R>: 3 Apr 2025), image 132-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: William, Bella, Peggy, Sarah, Dinah, Betsy, Tyra, Sally, Minda, Hector, Stephen, Dublin, Amos, Hetty, Petter, Emick, Grace, Jennette, Abney, Lizette, William, William, Bella, Peggy, Sarah, Richard,**

**Nancy, Edward, Caroline, Osborne, Lizzie, Julia, Aggy, Nelly, Daphne, Smart, Fortima, Tom, Henry, Joe, Dinah, Betsey, Juliett, Tyra, Salley, Minda, Hector, Jemima**

On April 8, 1856, in Chatham County, John. P. Hines, Bryan County, used the following named individuals to secure three promissory notes, each for \$4050, endorsed by William Crabtree, merchant of Savannah, Chatham County. Hines had made the notes for his purchase of “negro slave property of one William Ziegler and Crabtree had acted as security with the understanding that Hines would use these enslaved people to secure him against loss for doing so.

“The following named negro slaves to wit William aged about 24 years Bella aged about 30 years Peggy aged about 8 years Sarah aged about 5 years Dinah aged about 25 years Betsy aged about 4 years Tyra aged about 22 years Sally aged about 1 year Minda aged about 30 years Hector [or Hester] aged about 25 years Stephen aged about 26 years Dublin aged about 21 years Amos aged about 20 years Hetty aged about 18 years Petter [alt: Peter] aged about 19 years Emick aged about 26 years Grace about 1 year Jennette aged about 30 years Abney aged about 50 years Lizette aged about 50 years William aged about 32 years with the future issue and increase of the female slaves...”

This record was marked as “cancelled” in Savannah as of March 5, 1857.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on May 1, 1856.

The following record was found in Chatham County deed records:

On February 27, 1854, William Ziegler, Chatham County, sold to John P. Hines for \$16200 “the following negros to wit. William about twenty four years old, Bella about thirty Peggy about eight Sarah about three Richard about thirty four, Nancy about thirty, Edward about ten, Caroline about four, Osborne about three, Lizzie about one, Julia (mulatto) about six months, Aggy about forty five, Nelly about twenty, Daphne about twenty six, Smart about twenty Fortima about fifty Tom about eighteen Henry about sixteen Joe about twelve. Dinah about twenty five, Betsey about four, Juliett about three, Tyra about twenty two, Salley (mulatto) about one Minda about thirty Hector about twenty five and Jemima about forty years old, all of which I warrant sound and

healthy in body and mind.” Recorded in Chatham County Superior Court on April 21, 1854.

No other records were found in Chatham County deed records between William Ziegler and John P. Hines during this time period.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 377; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-3>: 4 Apr 2025), image 136-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

Chatham County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. 3M (1853-4) , page 242-6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLX-KSLD-S>: 4 Apr 2025), image 519 of 603; microfilm #008191846, citing original records of Chatham County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Silvia, Mary, Bob**

On November 4, 1848, Elizabeth Delegal, gifted to the lawful issue of Rebecca Bacon by her present husband Nathaniel Bacon "the three following negroes Silvia a negro woman slave aged forty three years, a negro girl slave named Mary five years of age a negro boy slave named Bob aged three years them and all their future issue to wit ." She named Nathaniel Bacon as guardian and trustee of this property for these children. Witnessed by David Gieger, Riley ?Gleser?. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on Mary 24, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 253-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-19WM-8>: 7 Apr 2025), image 141-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: August, Nancy, Peter, Catharine, Joe, Silvia, Samuel, Lucretia**

On May 31, 1856, John Pray Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Wm. [William] H. Burroughs, , for \$1856.66 "the following named negro slaves to wit August about fifty two (52) years of age, Nancy about forty two (42) years of age Peter about fifty (50) years of age Catharine about twenty nine (29) years of age Joe about twelve (12) years of age Silvia [alt: Sylvia] about nine (9) years of age Samuel about six (6) years of age and Lucretia about (4) four years of age with the future issue and increase of the female slaves." Witnessed by E.S. Law, S.S. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 1, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 263-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-19WM-W> : 7 Apr 2025), image 146-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Tom, Phillis, Sarah, Frank**

On January 1, 1856, Elijah Elarbee, Bryan County, sold to Benjamin Bragg, Bryan County, for \$2100 "the following property to wit four certain negroes one man Tom about fifty years old one woman Phillis [alt: Phyllis] about thirty years old and girl Sarah about four years old and boy Frank about one year old dark complexion which negroes I warrant to be well both in body and mind and to be slaves forever." Witnessed by Bedford Bragg, Thomas Tyson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 1, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 266-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197B-D>: 7 Apr 2025), image 147-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On July 16, 1856, Edward M. Bayly [alt: Baily], Bryan County, satisfied his \$2500 debt to the estate of John Bayly, late of Bryan County, by turning over the following to

Elizabeth Bayly, administrator of the estate: the land known as the old Court House, a “tract of land near the dividing line between the counties of Liberty & Bryan on or near the Road leading to Canouchee known as the Hen Cart Road; and also four negro slaves, and the interest of the said Edward M. Bayly in said Estate being an undivided third part.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] Law. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 10, 1856. [NOTE: Unfortunately, the enslaved people were not listed by name.]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 312-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-P>: 7 Apr 2025), image 168-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On August 6, 1856, John W. Baley, Bryan County, gifted to his mother, Elizabeth Baley, as well as for the sum of \$100, all his right to all the estate “consisting of lands, negro slaves, and plantation stock, and tools,” that he was entitled to as one of the heirs of his father John Baley, late of Bryan County, for the term of her natural life, and to revert to him after her death. [NOTE: Name also seen as Bayley, Bayly] Witnessed by J.C. Tyson, Wm. A. Wells. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 8, 1856.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 313-4, 323-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-L>: 7 Apr 2025), image 169, 174 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bess, Molly, Jackson, Billy, Peggy, Isaac, Catharine, Joe, Silvy, Samuel, Lucretia, August, Nanny**

On January 28, 1857, John P. Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Matilda A. Harden, Bryan County, for \$1500 “the following named Negro Slaves, to wit: Bess and her children Molly, Jackson, Billy Peggy and Isaac; Catharine and her children Joe, Silvy, Samuel and Lucretia; August and his wife Nanny, and the future issue and increase of the female slaves.” Witnessed by Edward J. Harden. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 17, 1857.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 340-2; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-7> : 8 Apr 2025), image 182-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sam**

On April 18, 1857, Matthew M. Morgan used “a certain Negro fellow named Sam of dark complexion about twenty seven years of age” to secure a set of 14 promissory notes totalling \$400 “made and delivered to Cyrus Bird said notes payable to John A. Sapp or Bearer...” Morgan made this bargain with Jackson Bird and AB & AG Smith, executors of Cyrus Bird’s estate. Witnessed by Solomon Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 23, 1857.

[NOTE: This record was marked as satisfied as of January 2, 1871.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 369-70; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-F>: 13 Apr 2025), image 197 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Patty**

On July 18, 1857, Israel Smith, Liberty County, sold to John Butler, Bryan County, for \$425 "the following property, to wit: (a certain Negro girl named Patty about eight years of age which Negro girl I warrant to be sound and well in body and mind, and to be a Slave for life.." Witnessed by B.J. Sims. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 20, 1857.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 375; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-P>: 16 Apr 2025),

image 200 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Caroline**

On October 17, 1857, Gordon J. Goodson, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Solomon Smith (Sr) for \$105 "the following property, to wit, a certain Negro Girl named Caroline of black complexion thirteen years of age." Witnessed by John V. Wells. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 20, 1857. This record marked as satisfied as of December 21, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 387-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197Y-S>: 16 Apr 2025), image 206 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Clarissa, Jack, Cyrus, Elizabeth**

On October 29, 1857, Mary Wells, Bryan County gifted to her daughter Emely E. Dacosta of Collington District, South Carolina, Bryan County, "all those four slaves now owned by the said Mary Wells to wit Clarissa a black coloured female aged about twenty four years Jack a male of yellow complexion aged about eight years old Cyrus a male boy of yellow complexion aged about six years of age Elizabeth of black colour female girl aged about three years of age." They were to be held in trust for her by Gordon J. Goodson, Bryan County, during her natural life, and she (Emely) was to be able to will them as she chose at her death, free from any control by her husband John B. Dacosta. May noted that, due to the trust Gordon Goodson had in May and John B. Dacosta, he was going to allow them to control and manage "said slaves during the life of May Wells & John B. Dacosta" for the use and benefit of Emely and her children. John B. Dacosta was to be given a sufficient allowance for his "trouble in management" of the enslaved people. Witnessed by E.A. Daniel. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 4, 1857.

[NOTE: It appears that John B. And Emilie Dacosta were living in Duval County, Florida, as of 1860. (U.S. Federal Census, 1860, Duval County, Florida, (outside Jacksonville), page 78 (handwritten), 319 (stamped).]

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 388-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197Y-S>: 16 Apr 2025), image 206-7 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Albert**

On December 1, 1857, Gordon J. Goodson, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to William Strickland, Bryan County, for \$252 "the following property - to wit a certain negro fellow named Albert of dark complexion about twenty seven years of age." Witnessed by H.J. Blitch. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 5, 1857.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 392-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-W>: 16 Apr 2025), image 208-9 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sam, Elsy**

On November 22, 1857, Mathew M. Morgan, Bryan County, gifted to his wife Mary Caroline Morgan and all his children, current and future, via her trustee Joseph J. Smith, the following property:

\* a 200-acre tract originally granted to George H. Shuman and bounded at the time of survey on all sides by vacant land

\* a 150-acre tract bounded at time of survey by land belonging to Morgan, Bird and Bird & Smith and E.R. Cox

\* a 200-acre tract originally granted to Mathew M. Morgan and bounded at time of survey by land belonging to Morgan, Bird & Smith & E.R. Cox

\* a 20-acre tract granted to Mathew M. Morgan and bounded at time of survey by land belonging to Christian Morgan, Mathew Morgan, Smith & E.R. Cox

\* “a certain negro man named Sam aged about thirty four years and a certain negro girl named Elsy aged about fifteen years”

\* two horses, 17 head of stock cattle, one buggy, one two-horse waggon and one cart

All the land listed above was in Bryan County. All the property was to be held in trust for Mary Caroline Morgan during her lifetime and to be distributed to her children after her death but controlled and managed by Mathew Morgan. He could also direct the trustee to sell any of the property. The property was to be free from any of his debts. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 23, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 409-11; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-8>: 17 Apr 2025), image 217-8 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Grace, William**

On November 26, 1857, Elizabeth Perry, Bryan County gifted to her son Isaac Perry, Bryan County, "all those two negroe slaves to wit Grace aged about thirty two years and her son William aged about fourteen years of age." Elizabeth Perry signed by mark, indicating illiteracy. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 28, 1857.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 413-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-W>: 17 Apr 2025), image 219 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lucy, Tamar, Collins, Adaline, Catharine**

On January 21, 1858, John V. Wells, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to John C. Ulmer, Bryan County, for \$693 "the following property - to wit five certain negroes named Lucy of yellow complexion about thirty years of age Tamar about eleven years of age of dark complexion Collins of yellow complexion about eleven years of age Adaline of yellow complexion about five years of age Catharine of yellow

complexion about two years of age." Witnessed by F.M. Best. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 9, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 414-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-W>: 17 Apr 2025), image 219-20 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Leah, Louisa, Dublin, July, Caesar**

On November 23, 1847, Stephen I. Baker, Bryan County gifted to "my two children Elizabeth and Mongin Baker" or any future children "the following negroe Slaves to wit Leah Louisa Dublin July and Ceasar [alt: Caesar]." Thomas G. Baker was to act as trustee. Witnessed by Fuller A. Barnard. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 12, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 417; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197P-3>: 22 Apr 2025), image 221 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Frank**

On March 15, 1858, Thomas I. Lyons, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Thomas F. Alexander and C.C. St??? copartners using the company name Alexander & S???, Bryan County, for \$2686.54:

- \* "ninety six acres of land, part of a tract granted to Cyrus Bird and the location of a store that was previously occupied by Thomas F. Alexander and C.C. State;
- \* a 190-acre tract granted to Thomas Lyons adjoining the previous tract;
- \* a 200-acre tract granted to Thomas I. Lyons;
- \* a 300-acre tract granted to Richard Harvey; a 50-acre tract granted to Hiram Waller;
- \* all the land held by Thomas I. Lyons in Bryan County except 71 acres where his residence was;

- \* "one negro boy by the name of Frank aged about twenty four (24) years;
- \* two brown mare mules; 50 head of stock cattle marked with staple swallow fork in one ear and smooth crop in the other ear branded with letter F; one two horse waggon and one sorrel horse mule and one sorrel mare mule; plus the merchandise now in the store formerly occupied by Alexander and State."

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 18, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 421-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-5>; 22 Apr 2025), image 223-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bob, Mariah, Liza, David**

On August 21, 1858, in Bulloch County, Wm. [William] E. McElveen, guardian of Moses I. McElveen, minor heir of James H. McElveen of Bryan County, deceased, acknowledged receipt of \$1446.60 "and the following negro slaves viz. Bob Mariah Liza & David," as well as his interest in his father's estate's land. This represented McElveen's final claim on his father's estate. Witnessed by Allen J. Gibson. Signed by Adam Jones. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 9, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 481; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-L>; 25 Apr 2025), image 243 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Leah, Grace**

On March 1, 1858, Charles A. Harden, Bryan County gifted to his son Thomas C. Harden, Bryan County, "a certain negro woman named Leah and her child named Grace." They were to be held in trust for Thomas by John F. Maxwell and Thomas B. Baker. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 7, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 482; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-L>: 25 Apr 2025), image 243 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Bob**

Based on an order by Judge W.B. Fleming in chambers on April 19, 1858, permission was given to the executors of the last will and testament of Nicholas J. Clark, late of Liberty County, to sell a “certain negro slave named Bob, belonging to the estate, at public or private sale, whichever might be more advantageous. On June 19, 1858, the executors, John Clark and Richard Clark, sold Bob for \$900 to John Harn, Bryan County. Bob was said to be 22 years old and was formerly owned by Nicholas J. Clark during his lifetime. The executors warranted him to be “sound in body and mind and a legal slave for life.” Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 23, 1858.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 495; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197R-J>: 27 Apr 2025), image 254 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Dorah, Dennis**

On May 27, 1858, John P. Ulmer, Effingham County, sold to John C. Ulmer for \$350 all his claim to the estate of Ann M. Ulmer, deceased, as follows, “one negro woman named Dorah about sixty years of age of yellow complexion, also one negro boy named Dennis to be slaves for life.” Witnessed by Wm. [William] Thomson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 3, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 508-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-G>: 27 Apr 2025), image 260-1 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Caroline, John, Grace, Louizer, William**

On April 26, 1859, Elizabeth Perry, Bryan County, sold to Henry E. Edwards, Effingham County, for \$1535 "the following property to wit two negroes named Caroline about thirty three years old John about nineteen years old which negroes I warrant to be sound and slaves." Witnessed by Isaac Perry. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 14, 1859. Appended was a statement saying "the transfer of the within property was made on the eighty day of February eighteen hundred and fifty four to which I have this day made a title is the same this 26th April 1859." Elizabeth Perry signed by mark, indicating illiteracy.

Also on April 26, 1859, Henry E. Edwards, Effingham County, sold to Elizabeth Perry for \$1535 "the following property to wit three negroes one named Grace a woman, aged about thirty four years old Louizer [alt: Louisa] about nineteen years old William about sixteen years old which negroes I warrant to be sound & to be slaves." Witnessed by Isaac Perry. Henry E. Edwards also appended a statement saying that the transfer of the "property" was made on February 8, 1854. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 14, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 548-10; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197P-2>: 27 Apr 2025), image 280-1 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Moses**

On January 22, 1858, Henry I. [or J] Shuman and James Futch, Bryan County, gifted to Providence Lanier, Bryan County, "all their interest or claim they have or entitled to as heirs of the estate of Lewis Lanier in a certain negro man named Moses about thirty five years of age" during her lifetime. Witnessed by Jas. L. Lanier, S.S. Lanier. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 29, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 552-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197T-C>: 27 Apr 2025), image 282-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Nero, Billy**

On May 10, 1859, in Chatham County, John Jackson Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to William H. Burroughs for \$659.08 "the following named negro slaves to wit, Nero about forty (40) years of age; and Billy about twenty three (23) years of age." Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] H. Maxwell. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 27, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 562-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197L-K>: 27 Apr 2025), image 287 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Catharine, Joe, Silvia, Samuel, Lucretia, Celest, Peter, August, Nanny, Sibby, Cato**

On April 9, 1859, in Chatham County, John Pray Maxwell, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to William H. Burroughs for \$3671.77 "the following named Negro Slaves to wit Catharine about fifty two (52) years of age; Joe about thirteen (13) years of age; Silvia [alt: Sylvia], about nine (9) years of age; Samuel, about seven (7) years of age; Lucretia, about five (5) years of age; Celest [Celeste] about two (2) years of age; Peter about fifty five (55) years of age; August, about fifty (50) years of age; Nanny about forty-five (45) years of age; Sibby [or Libby] about twenty six (26) years of age; and Cato about seventeen (17) years of age." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 27, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 564-5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197G-T>: 27 Apr 2025), image 288 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Harrington, Hercules, Miley, Matty, Grey, Delia, Nanny, Sandy, Peggy, Monday, Maria, Bobbett, Abel, Katy or Pupey, Alick, Edward, Cinder, Dye, Lizzy, Jinny, Isaac, Eve, Davia, Mary, Matt, Abram,**

**Tena, Hester, Auber, Hamilton, B. Ned, Tena, B. Phillis, Beck, Robert, Cretia, Jacob, Bob, January, Minty, Tom, Abby, Ned, Stephen, Old Martha, Jacob, Sarah, Caleb, Flora, Ausel, Catherine, Tena, Lucina, Leah, Scipio, Parish, Beck, Sambo, Tyra, Sibby, Martha, Chance, Grace, Cupid, Jacob, Cain, Jacob, Suckey, Judy, Jack, Sarah, Isaac, Eve, Dick, Doll, Juggy, Juba, Chloe, Toby, old Mary, Sandy, Nancy, Hannah, Washington, Elsey, Flora, Samson, Bob, Phillis, Lucy, Abby, Dick, Hales, Laura, Lancaster, Jack, Katy, E. Hannah, July, Sam, Delia, Juno, Pinkey, Tecumseh, Daniel, Tena, Dago, Banick, Phillis, Charlotte, Katy, Joe, Tilla, Bess, Old Harriet, Glasgow, Sarah (Banick's wife), Phillis, Cicero, Cumba, Harriet, Rolin, John, Polydore, old Pope, Betty, L. Monday, Matilda, Nelly, Maria, Eng. Hector, Louisa, Joe, Susan, Jane, Tony, Henry, Old Lydia, Chloe, Hary, Dick, Beck, Caesar, Doll, Andrew, Innocence, Hector, Mary, Old George, Llinder, Ben, Rachel, Linda, Rebecca, Jacob, Juliet, Ben, Kitty, George, Rina, Sarah, Hagar, Fanny, Esther, John, Rose, William, Rachel, Edward, Rachel**

On June 8, 1859, the trustees of John David Mongin, deceased, — James Mongin Smith, Marietta, Cobb County; John D. Mongin, Richmond County; William Patterson, Bryan County; John Stoddard, Savannah — sold to James P. Screven, Savannah, at private sale for \$188,655:

\* the Mifflin Plantation, 474.6 acres of rice land, in Chatham County on the Great Ogeechee River bounded on the north by land belonging to Dr. John Cheves and on all other sides by the river, including an island in the river containing 30.7 acres;

\* three other tracts in Bryan County known as the Pinkie House tract, the Triangle tract, and the Kinsale tract, part of the Mifflin Plantation containing in aggregate 687.6 acres

\* three other tracts in the town of Hardwicke, Bryan County, lots numbered 15, 20, and 22;

\* “the following named negro slaves one hundred and seventy three in all, upon the said Mifflin Plantation, viz; Harrington, about forty three years of age; Hercules, about seventeen years of age; Miley, about fifty-six years of age; Matty, about thirty four years of age; Grey [alt: Gray], about thirty-eight years of age; Delia, about thirty-six years of age; Nanny, about fifteen years of age; Sandy about twelve years of age; Peggy, about fifty eight years of age; Monday, about thirty eight years of age; Maria, about thirty three years of age; Bobbett, about sixteen years of age; Abel, about fourteen years of age; Katy or Pupey, about eleven years of age; Alick [alt: Alleck], about eight years of age; Edward, about three years of age; Cinder, about fifty five years of age; Dye [alt: Die], about forty three years of age; Lizzy [alt: Lizzie], about sixteen years of age; Jinny, about thirty-seven years of age; Isaac, about eighteen years of age; Eve, about fourteen years of age;

Davia, about eight years of age; Mary, about three years of age; Matt, about eight years of age; Abram, about thirty-six years old; Tena, about thirty one years old; Hester, about twelve years old; Auber (Katy) about four years old; Hamilton, about twenty-five years old; B. Ned, about forty-eight years old; Tena, about forty-three years old; B. Phillis [alt: Phyllis], about fifty-six years old; Beck, about thirty-one years old; Robert (carpenter), about twenty five years old; Cretia, about twenty-five years old; Jacob, about four years old; Bob, about two years old; January about thirty-eight years old; Minty, about twenty-eight years old; Tom, about eleven years old; Abby, about seven years old; Ned, about five years old; Stephen about [blank] months old; Old Martha, about seventy-six years old; Jacob, about fifty years old; Sarah, about forty-six years old; Caleb, about sixteen years old; Flora, about fifty-six years old; Ausel (carpenter), about thirty-eight years old; Catherine about thirty-eight years old; Tena, about twenty years old; Lucina, about sixteen years old; Leah, about fourteen years old; Scipio, about seven years old; Parish, about three years old; Beck (cook), about fifty-six years old; Sambo, about forty-three years old; Tyra about thirty five years old; Sibby, about sixteen years old; Martha, about thirteen years old; Chance, about one year old; Grace about thirty-eight years old; Cupid, about twenty years old; Jacob, about fifteen years old; Cain [65], about four years old; Jacob (carpenter), about forty-two years old; Suckey about thirty-three years old; Judy, about twelve years old; Jack, about forty years old; Sarah, about forty-six years old; Isaac, about twenty years old; Eve, about sixty six years old; Dick, about sixty-two years old; Doll, about fifty eight years old; Juggy, about thirty-eight years old; Juba (girl), about fifteen years old; Chloe, about twenty-eight years old; Toby about twenty-one years old; old Mary (cook) about sixty-two years old; Sandy, about thirty-seven years old; Nancy, about eleven years old; Hannah, about eight years old; Washington, about five years old; Elsy, about two years old; Flora, about thirty years old; Samson, about two years old; Bob, about thirty-one years old; Phillis [alt: Phyllis], about thirty one years old; Lucy, about eight years old; Abby, about four years old; Dick, about one year old; Hales, about forty-three years old; Laura, about forty-eight years old; Lancaster, about twenty-one years old; Jack, about fifty-two years old; Katy, about forty-two years old; E. Hannah, about fifty-three years old; July, about thirty years old; Sam, about twenty-three years old; Delia, about eighteen years old; Juno, about [blank] months old; Pinkey [alt: Pinky] about sixteen years old; Tecumseh, about fourteen years old; Daniel, about forty-eight years old; Tena, about forty-six years old; Dago, about twenty-two years old; Banick, about twenty years old; Phillis, about eighteen years old; Charlotte, about [blank] months old; Katy, about eight years old; Joe (carpenter), about twenty-nine years old; Tilla, about twenty-seven years old; Bess about three years old; Old Harriet about sixty-eight years old; Glasgow, about fifty-two years old; Sarah (Banick's wife) about forty-seven years old; Phillis, about twenty-three years old; Cicero, about forty-three years old; Cumba, about forty nine years old; Harriet, about twenty years old; Rolin, about fifteen years old; John, about three years old; Polydore, about forty-eight years old; old Pope, about sixteen years old; Betty, about fifty-three years

old; L. Monday about thirty-three years old; Matilda, about thirty-three years old; Nelly, about eight years old; Maria, about forty one years old; Eng. Hector about twenty-three years old; Louisa, about eighteen years old; Joe, about three years old; Susan, an infant; Jane about sixteen years old; Rachel, about fourteen years of age; Tom, about twelve years of age; Clarinda, about eight years of age; Tony, about three years old; Henry, about two years old; Old Lydia, about eighty-one years old; Chloe, about fifty-six years old; Hary [alt: Harry] about fifty-five years old; Dick (carpenter, about fifty-three years old; Beck, about forty-eight years old; Caesar, about seventeen years old; Doll, about fifty-five years old; Andrew, about twenty-six years old; Innocence, about twenty years old; Hector, about fifty-seven years old; Mary, about fifty-five years old; Old George, about seventy-one years old; Linder, about sixty-six years old; Ben, about forty-three years old; Rachel, about thirty-eight years old; Linda, about eighteen years old; Rebecca, about fourteen years old; Jacob, about thirteen years old; Juliet, about eleven years old; Ben, about seven years old; Kitty, about four years old; George about fifty-eight years old; Rina, about thirty three years old; Sarah, about twelve years old; Hagar, about four years old; Fanny, about one year old; Esther, about twenty-nine years old; John, about two years old; Rose, about thirty years old; William, about eleven years old; Rachel, about two years old; Edward about forty-three years old; and Rachel about forty-three years old

The sale from the estate had been authorized on June 6, 1859, during the Chatham County Superior Court term that began on the 2d Monday of that May, in a case that had been pending in the court on the equity side. The complainants in the case were Mary L. Stoddard, represented by her next friend Albert H. Stoddard; Mary Helen Stoddard and Isabelle Stoddard, John Irwin Stoddard and Henry Mongin Stoddard, “infants” [minors] under the age of 21, represented by Albert H. Stoddard also as their next friend. The defendants were the estate’s executors and trustees as listed above. A decree was issued authorizing the trustees to make the sale “a portion of the trust estate specified in the Complainants’ said bill of complaint” at public auction or private sale.

Witnessed by Andrew J. Hansell (witnessing the hand and seal of Jas. Mongin Smith, trustee)

A.R. Lawton (witnessing the hands and seals of John D. Mongin, Wm. Patterson and John Stoddard, executors & trustees)

\$600 was subtracted from the price because the “negro slave” named Matty, valued at \$600, had died before execution of the deed.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 4, 1859.

& Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 569-72; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-L>: 27 Apr 2025), image 290-2 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Jim, Merriam, Cuffy [alt: Cuffee], Watty, Nanny, Billy, Dolly, Rose, Julia, Aleck, China, Thomas, Laura, July, Patience, Lampster, Catherine, Eliza, Josephine, Nancy**

On November 23, 1859, Jane Penney, formerly Jane Stiles, of Bryan County, entered into a marriage contract with Catlett Campbell, of Merriwether County, Georgia, with Benjamin Stiles acting as her trustee. Put into trust for her were:

- \* a 600-acre tract of land in Bryan County known as Frugality Hall, bounded north and west by land belonging to the estate of Clay, east by land belonging to William Patterson, and south by land belonging to McAllister;
- \* “the following twenty Negro Slaves to wit - Jim, Merriam, Cuffy [alt: Cuffee], Watty, Nanny, Billy, Dolly, Rose, Julia, Aleck, China, Thomas, Laura, July, Patience, Lampster, Catherine, Eliza, Josephine, Nancy
- \* all other property to which she might become entitled in the future.

Witnessed by Geo. [George] W. Stiles. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 12, 1859.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 583-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197G-5>: 27 Apr 2025), image 297-8 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: None**

On January 9, 1860, in Bryan County, W.W. Shuman acknowledged receipt from Wm. [William] Strickland and C.M. Bashler, former guardians of the minor heirs of George H. Shuman, of \$514 in notes, twelve dollars in money, and “two negro slaves valued at \$1,200.00 dollars,” for a total of \$1733.70, “the same being the part or portion coming to James E. Shuman and of said minors & who I have this day been appointed guardian...”

On the same day, John Butler acknowledged receipt from the same people of \$444.35 in money and “three negro slaves valued at \$1400.00” as the portion coming to Francis B. Shuman, one of the minor heirs, for whom he was acting as guardian.

John Butler also acknowledged receipt of \$906.56 in notes, \$17.44 in money, and “one negro slave valued at \$800” as guardian of George Henry Shuman, one of the minor heirs.

James Butler, on the same day, acknowledged receipt of \$1014.99 in notes, \$8.11 in money, and “one negro slave valued at \$900.00” as guardian of ? Elrian ? Shuman, one of the minor heirs.

All recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on January 14, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 589; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-Q>: 27 Apr 2025), image 300 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: York, Nelly, Jim, Farley, Caesar, Sarah, Frank, Dianna, Liddy, Robin, Jim, Kate, Flora, Jim, Richard, Tyra, Bella, Hercules, Aimy, Monday, March, John, Prince, Joan, Tom, Mary, William, Charlotte, Annie, Sam**

On January 7, 1860, Jacob M. Middleton, Chatham County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Edward Padelford, Chatham County, for \$6500 "the following named negro slaves to wit: York, Nelly, Jim, Farley, Caesar, Sarah, Frank, Dianna,

Liddy, Robin, Jim, Kate, Flora, Jim, Richard, Tyra, Bella, Hercules, Aimy, Monday, March, John, Prince, Joan, Tom, Mary, William, Charlotte, Annie, Sam." Witnessed by Thos. [Thomas] E. Lloyd. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 8, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 591-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-H>: 27 Apr 2025), image 301-2 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: William**

On January 23, 1860, Gordon I. [or J] Goodson, Bryan County, sold to Henry E. Smith, Bryan County, for \$1200 "a certain negro fellow named William about thirty-three years of age, about five feet six inches high of dark complexion, which Negro fellow I warrant to be sound and well in body, in mind, and to be a slave for life." Witnessed by Wm. [William] Harn. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 24, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book H (1853-1860), page 598; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-W>: 27 Apr 2025), image 305 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: May**

On June 15, 1849, John Boothe, Tattnall County, sold to Martin Shuman, Bryan County, for \$600 "the following property: a certain negro girl named May [or Mary] aged sixteen years old dark complected." Witnessed by Wm. [William] Harn, Wm. H. Gray. William Harn swore on April 17, 1860 before the Superior Court clerk that he had signed as a witness and had witnessed Wm. H. Gray sign. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 17, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 5; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197L-D>: 4 May 2025),

image 318 of 668; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Jinny, David, Aggy, Frank**

On March 12, 1860, J.L. McAllister, Bryan County, sold to Benjamin Stiles, trustee for Mrs. Jane Campbell (under her marriage settlement made between Catlitt Campbell, Jane Penny and Benjamin Stiles on November 23, 1859), for \$2250 "the following property - one negro woman named Jinny and her three children to wit David Aggy and Frank." Witnessed by Lewis T ?Tumer?, Wm. [William] Patterson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 21, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 6; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197L-Y>: 4 May 2025), image 319 of 668; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: ?Feaner?, Elen, Peter, Edie**

On May 26, 1860, John Jones, Chatham County, gifted to John Nevills, as trustee of his wife Eliza Nevills and her children, Bryan County, "all those negroes named ?Feaner? aged about thirty-five years Elen [Ellen] about fourteen years of age, Peter about seven years of age, Edie about six years of age all of dark complexion." Witnessed by E.B. Sutton. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on June 15, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 19; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197G-P>: 4 May 2025), image 325 of 668; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Moses**

On September 19, 1859, S.B. Rustin acknowledged receipt from Providence Lanier, guardian of "the minors of L. Lanier," \$114.52, "it being the amount in full due H.J. Shuman and Emily P. Shuman as heirs of said estate except one heir's part in a Negro

man Moses at the Guardian's death, which amount or interest in said estate has been purchased by the undersigned." Signed by S.B. Rustin. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 10, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 25; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197P-L>; 6 May 2025), image 329 of 668; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Elbert, Richard, Albert**

On September 27, 1860, Thomas F. Linder, Liberty County, used as collateral on a promissory note to William Butler, Bryan County, for \$1000 "the following property, to wit: a certain negro woman named Elbert of dark complexion about twenty-two years of age and her two children, one named Richard two years old and Alfred seven months old; said negroes I warrant to be sound and well." Witnessed by Warren Shuman. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 26, 1860.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 28-29; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1975-V>; 6 May 2025), image 331 of 668; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Simon, Amelia**

On February 18, 1861, John V. Wells, Bryan County, used as collateral on a promissory note to Richard Clark, Bryan County, for \$400 "the following property, to wit: Two Negroes, one negro man named Simon of dark complexion twenty years of age about five feet high sound and well, and one negro girl named Amelia of yellow complexion about fifteen years of age, about four feet six inches high sound and well." Witnessed by Thomas E. Bourquine. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on March 10, 1861.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 42-3; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197L-M>; 6 May 2025),

image 338 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: 189 people [see tables below]**

On May 24, 1860, John Screven and Thomas F. Screven, Chatham County, executed a deed to quit-claim their right in part of their father James P. Screven's estate to George P. Screven, also of Chatham County. The residue of the estate had been left to be divided among them, all sons of James P. Screven, according to James P. Screven's will dated May 20, 1859, which had been admitted to probate and recorded at the Chatham County Court of Ordinary. The division had been performed by Thomas M. Forman, Wylly Woodbridge, and Richard F. Gibson, all of Chatham County, and the sons had agreed to the results of the division. The total value of the property quit-claimed to George Screven was \$289,973. It included 16 named enslaved people on the Brewton Hill plantation and 173 named enslaved people on the Mifflin Plantation. (See below for names, approximate ages, and "values".) Witnessed by George D. Smith. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on April 26, 1861.

[NOTE: James P. Screven purchased Mifflin Plantation and the 173 enslaved people on it on June 8, 1849, from the trustees of the late John David Mongin. See: <https://theyhadnames.net/2025/04/27/bryan-county-bill-of-sale-mongin-screven/>. This was recorded in Bryan County Superior County Book H, pages 569-72.]

The deed described the property divided to George P. Screven as follows:

- \* "Four hundred and forty-three (448)" [SIC] acres of prime rice land, valued at \$150 per acre;
- \* 30 acres prime rice land on an island, valued at \$150 per acre
- \* 687 3/4 acres of high ground, valued at \$20 per acre
- \* The threshing, mill, barns etc on these plantations valued at \$5000
- \* [Various furniture, utensils, stock, other plantation items - see original]
- \* 1/9th interest in the Savannah Steam Rice Mill, and wharf lots where it was situated, valued at \$5000
- \* A lot of land in Forsyth Ward in Savannah + 1/2 lot in the same ward

- \* A lot of land in Cobb County, Georgia
- \* One undivided third of Great Tybee Island, Chatham County
- \* One undivided third of the plantation on Wilmington Island, Chatham County, and of the “Betsy” tract on the same island
- \* 133 shares of stock of the Marine Bank of Georgia
- \* 17 shares of stock of the Atlantic and Gulf Rail Road company
- \* [Additional shares of stock described - see original - totalling \$37612 worth of stock]
- \* An undivided third of the “Brewton Hill” Plantation, Chatham County
- \* [More plantation tools, belongings, stock, etc - see original]
- \* One wharf lot east of the City of Savannah formerly belonging to Bibb’s

“Also, the following named Negro Slaves viz:

Sixteen (16) negroes on the “Brewton Hill” plantation, named and valued as follows:

Name	Approximate Age	Value (in dollars)
Chester	48	1200
Eve	42	450
Charles	13	300
An infant	1	150
Tony	60	300
Nancy	50	200
Harry	50	600
Friday	35	1200
Dinah	40	350
William	35	1000
Martha	20	1000

Betsey	45	300
Die [alt: Dye]	22	1000
George	43	150
Wiley	20	800
George	1	125

“One hundred and sevety-three (173) negroes on the “Mifflin” plantation, named and valued as follows:

Name	Approximate Age	Value
Harrington	43	800
Hercules	17	1100
Mily [alt: Miley]	56	300
Guy	38	950
Delia	36	500
Nancy	15	1000
Sandy	12	700
Peggy	58	75
Big Monday	38	750
Maria	33	700
Bobbitt	16	950
Abel	14	700
Pupy or Kate	11	400
Aleck	8	350

Edward	3	175
Judy	An infant	100
Cinda	55	50
Die [alt: Dye]	43	300
Lizzy	16	1000
Jenny	37	550
Moll [or Mott]	5 months	100
Isaac	38	1200
Eve	12	550
David	8	400
Mary	3	200
Abram	36	1100
Tenah	31	500
Hester	12	500
Auber	4	200
Hamilton	25	1200
Big Ned	48	400
Tenah	43	1
Big Phillis [alt: Phyllis]	56	350
Beck	31	400
Robert	25	1200
Cretia	25	1000
Jacob	4	175
Bob	2	150

*They Had Names: Bryan County Deed Records Naming Enslaved People (1795-1865)*

January	35	1200
Minty	28	1000
Tom	11	600
Abby	7	400
Ned	5	300
Rachel	2	175
Old Martha	76	1
Jacob	60	200
Sarah	45	200
Caleb	16	850
Flora	56	050 (?)
Ansel	38	1200
Catherine	38	100
Tenah	20	1000
Ismael	5 weeks	100
Lucina	16	1000
Leah	14	800
Scipio	7	350
Beck	56	75
Sambo	43	150
Tyra	35	900
Sibbee [alt: Sibby]	16	1000
Martha	13	700
Chance	1	150

*They Had Names: Bryan County Deed Records Naming Enslaved People (1795-1865)*

Grace	38	600
Cupid	20	1200
Jacob	15	700
Cain	4	225
Jacob	42	1000
Sukey	33	600
Judy	12	500
Jack	40	900
Sarah	46	350
Isaac	20	1100
Eve	66	1
Dick	70	1
Juggy	38	600
Juba	15	1000
Chloe	28	900
Toby	21	1200
Mary	62	20
Sandy	37	800
Elsy	2	150
Nancy	11	600
Hannah	8	350
Washington (Ben)	5	250
Young Flora	30	1000
Sampson	2	200

*They Had Names: Bryan County Deed Records Naming Enslaved People (1795-1865)*

Bob	26	1200
Phillis [alt: Phyllis]	31	900
Lucy	8	350
Abby	4	200
Dick	1	150
Hales	47	600
Laura	48	400
Edward	43	750
Rachel	43	400
Lancaster	21	1200
Rose	21	1000
Jack	52	1100
Katy	42	400
E. Hannah	58	200
July	30	1200
Sam	23	1200
Delia	18	1000
Juno	An infant	100
Pinkie	16	1000
Tecumseh	14	750
Daniel	48	500
Tenah	46	400
Dago	22	1200
Pannick [alt: Banick]	20	1400

*They Had Names: Bryan County Deed Records Naming Enslaved People (1795-1865)*

Phillis	18	1000
Katy	8	300
Joe	29	1500
Tillah	27	1000
Bess	3	200
Old Harriet	68	150
Glasgow	52	500
Sarah	50	300
Phillis	32	1000
Charlotte	8 months	100
Cicero	43	900
Cumba	49	300
Harriet	20	1000
Robin	15	1000
John	3	225
Polydore	48	400
Pope	61	1
Betty	53	100
Little Monday	33	1100
Matilda	33	800
Nelly	8	400
Maria	41	600
Hector	23	1400
Louisa	18	1000

An infant	An infant	100
Joe	3	200
Jane	16	1000
Rachel	14	900
Tom	12	650
Clarinda	8	400
Tony	3	200
Henry (Jonas)	2	150
Old Lydia	81	1
Chloe	58	1
Fay	60	50
Dick	53	400
Beck	48	300
Caesar	17	1000
Doll	58	50
Andrew	25	1200
Innocence	20	1000
Hector	60	100
G. Mary	55	100
Old George	71	1
Linda	66	40
Ben	43	500
Rachel	38	500
Linda	18	1000

Rebecca	14	1000
Jacob	13	600
Juliet	11	500
Ben	7	300
Ritta	4	200
George	58	100
Binah	33	800
Sarah	14	650
Venus	4	250
Fanny	1	100
Esther	29	1000
John Easter	2	150
Rose	30	1000
William	11	550

“The aggregate value of all which said Slaves is the su of one hundred and seven thousand, eight hundred and eighteen (\$107,818) dollars.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 52-59; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1972-2>; 9 May 2025), images 345-348 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: 192 people [see table below]**

On May 7, 1861, Richard J. Arnold, Bryan County, sold to Thomas C. Arnold, Bryan County, for \$100,000 the following named enslaved people listed below. Witnessed by John E. Ward. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on July 11, 1861.

[NOTE: For more information about Richard J. Arnold, please see “North by South: The Two Lives of Richard James Arnold,” by Charles Hoffman and Tess Hoffman (The University of Georgia Press), 1988. According to this book, Richard J. Arnold, who was resident in both Bryan County, Georgia (as an enslaver), and Rhode Island (as a merchant) “sold” these people to his son Thomas as the Civil War was breaking out, since Thomas and his brother William Eliot planned to stay in Georgia, and Richard Arnold was planning to spend the war in Rhode Island. After the war, in November 1865, according to the book, he purchased his property back from Thomas to keep it from being confiscated, since Thomas had served in the Confederate Army. After the risk of that was over, he sold back the land and stock to Thomas. The people, of course, were free by then.]

Name	Approximate Age
Lear	24
Flora	22
Neptune	36
Harriet	45
Lizette	63
Hagar	29
Sam	32
Caesar	15
Sally	10
Jaccob	40
Jenny	35
Sukey	Left blank
Simon	Left blank
Rachel	32

Adam	48
Lina [or Sina]	46
Betty	26
Daphne	24
Adam	9
Ben	22
Charlotte	52
Patty	32
March	26
Martha	17
Moses	68
Lewis	37
Abby	37
Joe	20
Lewis	15
Phoebe-Ann	12
Sam	10
Neptune	7
Boston	38
Quality	37
Little Boston	16
Bashy	14
Bica [or Rica]	59
Venus	29

Ellen	10
John	6 years, 6 months
Robert	4
Cretia	24
Tamar	22
Mars	20
Barbara	18
Young Elsy	38
Harrington	18
Brister	16
Minda	15
Doll	13
Mary Ann	10
Lucy	40
Cato	21
Nell	Left blank
Phillis [alt: Phyllis]	58
January	18
Billy	23
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John	2 years, 3 months
Amos	2
Rosilla	1
Oliver	2
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### **Enslaved People Named: Mavis**

On July 19, 1862, the children of John Hobbs, deceased of Bryan County, agreed to distribute their inheritance from him. They noted that they were doing this to prevent

disputes because there was some controversy over the legitimacy of some of his children. The creators of this deed record were the claimants to be heirs of the estate: William Hobbs, representing himself; Josiah Davis, husband of Susan Hobbs for his wife; and William A. Branen, who had power of attorney from Jackson Driggers, husband of Martha Hobbs. First, William Hobbs relinquished his right and title to “negro boy Mavis [or Manis] aged about 14 years old,” who would become a part of the estate. Then the estate would be equally divided among them, and the administrator, Benjamin Bragg, was directed to distribute the estate. The three agreed to relinquish any right to contest or dispute the right of any of them to be heirs. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on August 8, 1862.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 103; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197G-Q>: 7 May 2025), image 370 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Kate, Cinda, Harry, Elvira, Charles, Sylvia, Solomon, Emmie, Mars, Middy, Fanny, Chloe, Daniel**

On October 1, 1862, Joseph Clay, Bryan County, created a promissory note to Mrs. Matilda Clay "for value received" for \$2000. Mrs. Matilda Clay turned over the note to Habersham and Sons of Chatham County. To secure the note to Habersham and Sons, Joseph Clay used as collateral an undivided twelfth part of several tracts of land on the Ogeechee River in Bryan County, known as Richmond Rice??? Field and Tranquillity, containing 2000 acres, bounded east by the Ogeechee River, south by “lands of Patterson and McAllister,” west by lands of “Hines Stiles and Arnold,” plus the Point Place tract, about 25 acres, in Bryan County bounded east by the Ogeechee River, south and west by “lands of Arnold” and north by Bryan Causeway. Also another 1800-acre tract of pine land in Canouchee whose boundaries were not known.

Joseph Clay also used as collateral the following enslaved people, whom he apparently owned outright: “Kate, Cinda, Harry, Elvira, Charles, Sylvia, Solomon, Emmie, Mars, Middy, Fanny, Chloe and Daniel.”

Witnessed by John E. Ward. Recorded in Superior Court on November 24, 1862. This mortgage was marked as satisfied as of September 16, 1864.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 107-9; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-R> : 7 May 2025), image 372-3 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Simon, Judy, Emely, Israel, Ella, Cy, Henry**

On November 1, 1862, Samuel J. Davis, Bryan County, sold to Charles J. Ulmer, Bryan County, for \$1000 "the following property, to wit: seven negro Slaves, namely, Simon, aged about fifty years, Judy aged about thirty three, Emely [alt: Emily] nine years of age, Israel seven years old, Ella five years old, Cy three years old, Henry about nine months old, which negroes I warrant to be sound and well in body and in mind and to be slaves for life., also one hundred head of hogs (more or less) forty head of cattle, four head of mules, one wood boat, eight gums with bees, crops of every kind." Witnessed by James T. Buckner. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 9, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 120; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-1>: 9 May 2025), image 377-379 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Sally, Luke, Delia, Pompey**

On June 4, 1857, in Chatham County, Phereby Shuman gifted to her son Wm. [William] H. Shuman "four negroes to wit, Sally aged about thirty years, and her three children to wit Luke, Delia and Pompey." Witnessed by H.I [or J] Shuman. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 20, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 136; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-2> : 8 May 2025), image 387 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Lidda**

On March 22, 1855, Phereby Shuman, Bryan County, sold to Wm. [William] H. Shuman, Bryan County, for \$300 "the following property to wit, a certain negro girl named Lidda about five years of age of yellow complexion which negro girl I warrant to be sound and well in body and mind and to be a slave for life." Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 20, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 136-7; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-2> : 8 May 2025), image 387 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sue, Charles**

On December 6, 1861, Phereby Shuman and Wm. [William] H. Shuman came to agreement over a lawsuit between the two of them disputing ownership of "two negro children to wit Sue a girl aged about five years and Charles a boy aged about three years." Phereby Shuman relinquished all her right to them in return for \$5 from William. Witnessed by Wm. H. Shuman, Jr, James H. Feaster. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on February 17, 1862.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 137-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-2>: 8 May 2025), image 387-8 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Isabella**

On March 5, 1863, in Savannah, W.B. Parker sold to Henry E. Smith, Bryan County, for \$1300 "a negro slave named Isabella 10 1/2 years old warranted sound." Witnessed by J.A. Stevenson. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on October 1, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 146; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org

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### **Enslaved People Named: None**

On March ?17?, 1863, in Bryan County, Miss Eliza C. Clay appeared before a justice of the Bryan County Inferior Court to request exemption from military conscription for her plantation overseer, George B. Cooper. She stated that she, Miss Anne Clay, Miss Em??? J. Clay, Robert H. Clay and Thomas C. Clay all owned a Bryan County plantation on which there were 130 or 140 “negro slaves.” She claimed that there was no white male adult on the plantation capable of managing it except the overseer George B. Cooper, who had been employed prior to April 16, 1862. She said they had made a diligent search and could not find anyone else to do it who was not subject to conscription. Her nephew, Thomas C. Clay, was absent serving in the C.S.A.; Robert H. Clay was a minor under conscription age and not able to take charge of the plantation. The plantation had been settled about 30-40 years earlier, and the “said negro slaves have not been placed on said farm from any other farm or plantation.” Eliza said she was speaking as the representative for herself and as the executrix of the estate of Thomas S. Clay.

L.S. Quarterman and R.M. Demere also appeared before Justice John P. Maxwell to swear that they were well acquainted with Eliza C. Clay, her sister-in-law and nieces and nephew and knew them to be “persons of undoubted veracity.” They supported her statement.

Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 12, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 147-8; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1972-8>: 8 May 2025), image 392-3 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Courtnay, Sally, Burke**

On February 18, 1863, at Savannah, Nicholas King sold to Harriet Ann Elbert, surviving trustee of C.A.E. Parsons for \$1350 "the following Negroes to wit, Courtney aged about thirty years and child named Sally about nine months and their future issue and increase, both warranted sound."

On February 19, 1863, in Emanuel County, Augustus S. Cross sold to W.T. Parsons for Harriet Ann Elbert, surviving trustee of C.A.E. Parsons, for \$1100 "the following negro to wit, Burke aged about forty six."

Both these deed records were recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on December 20, 1863.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 150; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-1972-V>: 8 May 2025), image 394 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

### **Enslaved People Named: Sylvia, Nancy, Jane, Flora, Morris, Billy**

On March 17, 1864, Dr. James A. Wade, Bryan County, and Anne Eliza Baker, same place, entered into a marriage contract with Charles H. Baker and Charles M. Harden, same place, as her trustees. As part of the contract, Wade agreed that the following enslaved people, currently in Anne's possession, would be put into a trust for her: "Sylvia, a woman aged about sixty-eight years of age, Nancy a woman about thirty-six years of age; Jane a girl about fifteen years of age, Flora a girl about ten years of age, Morris a man about twenty seven years of age and Billy a man about thirty-seven years of age." Any other property she was to possess in the future would also be put into the trust, not subject to his debts, and to be used for her use and benefit. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on September 1, 1864.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 163-4; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197K-F>: 8 May 2025), image 400-1 of 715; microfilm #008188937, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

**Enslaved People Named: Mary Ann, Cupid, Affy**

On June 29, 1864, Harriet Ann Elbert, Columbia County, Florida gifted to her grand-niece Catherine Ann Elbert Parsons, Bryan County, "the following negro slaves, viz Mary Ann aged about 27 years and her children, Cupid aged about 3 years and Affy aged 10 months." Witnessed by M.H. Freeze, Wm. [William] T. Bacon. Recorded in Bryan County Superior Court on November 19, 1864.

Bryan County, Georgia, Deeds & Mortgages, v. H-J 1853-1874, Book I (1860-1869), page 169-70; digitized microfilm accessed through catalog, FamilySearch.org (<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9M-CSLZ-197V-T>: 8 May 2025), image 403-4 of 682; microfilm #007899047, citing original records of Bryan County Superior Court.

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