

ANTONY

A man of colour, of St Peter's Hospital, (the Workhouse), buried Stapleton, 8.4.1854.
(PR)

APOLLO

Son of **JOHN APOLLO**, baptised 22.7.1716, St James. (PR).
(the name suggests a black family, though not specifically stated.)

BARNSTAPLE

16, negro of St Stephen's. 15.8.1757. (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

WILLIAM BATT

12, negro, 30.9.1754. (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)
(see the William Batt, who was buried at Bath 5.2.1755, who could well be the same boy.)

JOHN BATTERS

A negro man, baptised Easton in Gordano, 4.8.1782. (PR)

BENDER

Negro girl, 10.7.1760, (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

BLACK BOY

Saturday morning, a black boy, servant to William Thompson, esquire, of Bath, bathing in the river opposite St Vincent's Rocks was seized with cramp and unfortunately drowned, his body was not found until Sunday morning. (FFBJ 23.8.1806)

BLACK MAN

"There is to be sold, a young negroe man, born in the Gold Coast, about 20 years old, being well limb'd and of a docile disposition, fit to serve a Gentleman or to be instructed in any Handycraft Trade. Enquire at Captain John Gwyther's, Orchard Street, Bristol."
(Sam Farley's Journal, 31.8.1726.)

BLACK MAN

A black man, name unknown, buried Mangotsfield, 28.9.1817.(PR)

BLACK PERSON

"Whereas on 4th April last, a person of a black complexion, supposed to be about 40 years old and about 5 feet 7 inches high, wearing a light drab surtout coat and a brown waistcoat put up on the Ware, Bristol, with a grey mare having bit one eye, marked with R.L. in the rear buttock and the said person having neglected to take away the said mare, this is to inform the owner thereof that unless the charge of keeping her be not defrayed she will be put up at publick sale and disposed of 14 days after the date of this paper.
(Advertisement, FFBJ 17.5.1746)

JOHN FADWELL

A black man, aged 16, bp St James, 9.11.1784. (PR)

JAMES FERGUSON

27, negro, 29.3.1762, (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

FRANCIS (Frances)

"And while they thus walked with Mr Ingello, their Teacher, by the goodness of God, they had one Memorable member added unto them: namely a Blackymore maide named Francis (sic) a servant to one that lived on the Back of Bristol, which thing is somewhat rare in our dayes and Nation, to have an Ethyopian, or Blackmore, to be truly Convinced of Sin and of their lost state without the Redeemer, to be truly converted the Lord Jesus Christ, as she was; which, by her profession or declaration at the time of her reception, together with her sincere Conversation, she gave greate ground for charity to believe she was truly brought over to Christ; for this poor Aethyopian's soule savoured much of God and she walked very humble and blameless in her conversation to her end. And when she was upon her deathbed, she sent a remarkable exhortation unto the whole church with whom she walked, as her last request unto them; which argued her holy, child-like fear of the Lord and how precious the Lord was unto her soule, as was observed by the manner of her expressing it, which was this:- one of the Sisters of the Congregation coming to her in her sicknesse, she solemnly took her leave of her as to this world and ;prayed the sister to remember her to whole congregation and tell them that she do begg every soule, to take heed that they did let the glory of God to be dear unto them... for every particular member to observe that they do not lose the Glory of God in their families, neighbourhoods or places where God casts them; it being the dyeing words of a Blackmoore, fit for a White heart to store. After which this Aethyopian yielded up the spirit to Jesus that redeemed her and was Honourably interred being carryed by the elders and the chiefest of note of the brethren in the Congregation, (devout men bearing her) unto the grave where she must rest untill our Lord doth come, who will bring his Saints with him." Bristol, circa 1645. ("The Records of a Church in Christ".)

THOMASIN GIDDINS

An adult female Negro, baptised St Michael, 23.7.1769. (PR)

WILLIAM GLOSTER

"a black Christian of the outparish of St Philip & St Jacob and Ann Spratt of the City of Bristol, widow, bound to appear against Sarah Carter for a felony. Tolzey Court, 8.3.1742, (BRO 4435/4)

EDWARD GLOUCESTER

Mrs Morfsey's Black, buried St James, 7.10.1729. (PR)

WILLIAM GLOUCESTER

A negro, buried 5.11.1728, St Philip and St Jacob. (PR)

(concurrent) at the same time, observing to the young imp of darkness "If you don't behave yourself, or if you steal tobacco, sugar, or any of dem tings, I'll hang you up at de yard arm, Mr Nigger." The boy received the caution with a grin and he was sent on board in the custody of a policeman." (FFBJ 28.9.1850)

ROBIN JAMAICA

A negro, baptised St Stephen's 6.4.1724 (PR)

THOMAS JAMAICA

"A negro servant" who was baptised at St Philip & St Jacob, 15.1.1723/4, see main list, was buried at the same church, described "A Christian Negro", 5.11.1728. (PR)

JAMES

a black's child, baptised at St James, 30.12.1740. (PR)

JOHN JAMES

A negro, aged 42, baptised 20.9.1768, St James. (PR)

JONATHON JARWELL

A neger, (sic) borne at Geney (Guinea) in Barbary, being between 18 & 19 years of age, being Captain's Hearne's servant, bp 23.3.1655, Olveston. (PR)

JOHN

20, a negro, of St Stephen's, 23.4.1752. (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

JOHN

A negro, about 15 years old, baptised St Nicholas, 27.1.1766. (PR)

SAMUEL JOHNSON

Information of Samuel Johnson, a free negroe (sic) of Bristol, assistant keeper of the sloop *Williams* who gave evidence against John Wood, for theft of beef from the vessel. 9.9.1783 (Q/S ts, BRO)

ABRAHAM JONES and THOMAS WILLIAMS

Two negro men, baptised St Mary Redcliffe, 14.3.1774, witnesses Samuel Page, William Gilman, Mary Dawson. Betty Page.

WILLIAM JONES

A West India Man, baptised St Peter's, September 1812. (BT)

JUDITH

Servant to Captain Ball, formerly, a Black, near 50 years old, baptised Bedminster St John, 18.5.1732. (PR)

KATHERINE

A negro woman, aged near 30 years, baptised St Mary Redcliffe, 20.11.1775. (PR)

was buried at the same church, described "A Christian Negro", 5.11.1728. (PR)

JAMES

a black's child, baptised at St James, 30.12.1740. (PR)

HENRY PARKER

Born 1827, America, runaway slave, lived St Paul's, settled in Easton, with a local girl, raised 7 children, and became leader of the Baptist Chapel there. Buried Greenbank cemetery, 1912. (see "Easton in the 20th Century", by Jim McNeill, EP 10.12.01 & EP (BT) 15.1.2002)

PERO

Born about 1753, he was purchased when he was about 12 years of age in the West Indies by the Bristol planter John Pinney, and became his personal servant. He moved to Bristol with his master in 1783 when Pinney sold his interests at Nevis. Between 1789-91, Pinney used the Georgian House - now a Museum - as his office where he acted as an agent for other planters. Some of this business acumen seems to have rubbed off on Pero, as it is alleged that he was in the business of lending money. In the late 1790s Pero's health began to fail, and in 1798, Pinney wrote to a friend, "All my family are well except my servant Pero who is very ill, and is now at Ashton for a change of air. I much doubt his recovery. One or other of us visit him three or four times a week. He has waited on my person upwards of 32 years, and I cannot help feeling much for him, notwithstanding he has not lately conducted himself as well as I would have wished." What this implied misbehaviour was, we shall never know. Pero died a few months later aged about 45. In the late 20th century, there was a sudden vogue for Bristol's slaving past, and Pero became a celebrity, when the new pedestrian bridge at St Augustine's Reach was given his name. (Pamphlet, "Who was Pero?", City Museum & Art Gallery, 1999)

(My letter to the Bristol Evening Post on this subject was published on 3 March 1999, under the heading "The forgotten folk of Bristol".

"I am pleased to see that the new harbourside bridge is due to be dedicated to Pero on March 16. This is part of a welcome series of events to mark Bristol's role in the transatlantic slave trade. Whilst I am delighted to see that Pero is being honoured in this way, I am concerned in case it should be believed that he was the only black citizen of Bristol we know anything about. Indeed, the City Museum and Art Gallery's biography of Pero gives the impression that "you are lucky to find the occasional reference to runaway slaves printed in the local press, or more unusually, a small bequest to a black servant in a Bristol merchant's will "

"This is far from being the case.

"My book, Black Bristolians is a catalogue of two hundred or so of Bristol's black inhabitants. These lived in our City in the 17th and 18th centuries, slave and free, giving us as much biography as is available, and very importantly, their individual names. I remember being astonished when I first researched my book in 1989 that there was such a dearth of literature on Bristol's role in the slave trade in general, and nothing at all on Bristol's black citizens.

SELADINE

17, a negro, of St James, 19.3.1752, (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

JOHN SMITH

A black boy, buried St James, 28.7.1777. (PR)

THOMAS SMITH

A negro, baptised St Stephen's 11.5.1721. (PR)

SNELL

An inquest on "a black man called Snell" was held in Bristol, 10.7.1818, Verdict "Visitation of God", (Q/S transcripts BRO 1808-1818)

WILLIAM STONE

A negro. Baptised St Mary Redcliffe 22.7.1772, witnesses John Macre, John Fullford, & Hannah Stiles.

ANE SUSAN see **ELIZABETH COFFEE**, 1732.

JOHN THOMAS

A negro, 23 years. The Godfathers are John Stephens, John Greenour, (the Godmothers) Elizabeth Turner and Ann Jones. Baptised St Mary Redcliffe, 2.7.1771

JOHN TILLABOO

(Addendum) convicted of Grand Larceny. "Let him be transported to one of His Majesty's Colonies or Plantations in America for 7 years." Gaol Delivery, 4.4.1771, (BRO 04456)

TITUS

A blackmoor, servant to Sir Humphrey Hook, baptised St Stephens, 8.5.1668 (PR)

JACOB TONY

A black, buried 16.12.1712, St James. (PR)

VENUS see **COMMODORE**, 1721

ISABELLE WATER

24, negro, 12.7.1762, (BRI Inpatients Index, 1751-63)

WEYMOUTH

A negro, baptised 28.3.1710, St Stephen's (PR)

JOHN WILLIAMS

"a real original Ethiopian" alias an African sailor was charged with stealing 3 shillings and some pawnbroker's duplicates, the property of Mary Ann Fitzgerald. The prisoner got by stealth into an Irish lodging house in Marsh Street and in the dead of night stole a

WILLIAM BATT

a negro, buried St James, 5.2.1755. (PR)

(See William Batt, above, who was in hospital, in Bristol, the previous year)

JOHN BATTIS

A black, baptised St James, 1.1.1751. (PR)

CHARLES BERNARD

A negro, baptised St James, 22.4.1791. (PR)

SAMUEL BIAM

A negro, about 26 or 27, baptised Bath Abbey, 8.2.1764. (PR)

BLACK HOPPERKIN

Miss Bathoe's maid, appears in Catholic Records, 1782 and 1785. (quoted, Fawcett)

JOHN BLACK

A blackmore, buried St Michael's, 20.4.1702 (PR)

BLACK BOY

A black boy, buried St Michael's, 7.5.1730. (PR)

BLACK BOY

A black boy, "Mr Allen's servant", buried St James, 22.5.1722. (PR)
("Mr Allen" may have been Bath's famous Ralph Allen.)

BLACK

"A black from York House", buried St Michael's, 19.9.1779. (PR)

BLACK MAN

Aged 29, "casual, buried pauper burial ground, Widcombe, 1791. (Fawcett)

BLACKMOOR

"Thursday, a Blackmoor, a servant to Admiral Anson was married to a white woman at the Mayfair Chapel. A great many of his complexion attended at the ceremony and the greatest crowd of spectators that was ever seen on such an occasion. " (Bath Journal, 12.11.1744.)

BLACKMOOR

Buried at the Abbey Skullhouse, 1778. (Fawcett)

BLACKMORE

"a Blackmore, which was born in Jemeco (*sic*) and is now servant to Mr Charles Dreaks, was christened in St Michael's Church, John Street. 20.8.1705. (PR)

THOMAS GILLEY

A black, about 23 years old, baptised St James, 7.1.1742. (PR)

CHARLOTTE GOLDFRAP

A negro, baptised Bath Abbey, 10.2.1784, (PR)

JAMES GORDON

A negro, about 22 years of age, baptised St Michael's, 16.6.1779, (PR)

ANN GREEN

base born, daughter of a negro woman, baptised St Michael's, 14.3.1759 (PR)

ELIZABETH GRIGG

A negro, baptised St Michael's, 31.5.1758. (PR)

WILLIAM HAMBLETT

A negro, baptised Reverend John Parry, curate, Bath Abbey, 11.11.1772. (PR)

JOHN HAMILTON

A negro, aged about 29 years of age, baptised Bath Abbey, 4.2.1756, (PR)

MASTER HAMILTON

"Thursday last, died here Captain Hamilton, who married according to the custom of the country, the King's daughter of Madagascar, by whom he had one son, a *tawny* to whom he bequeathed £4,000, the remainder of his fortune to go to charitable causes." (Bath Journal, 25.3.1745)

MARY HANOVER

A negro, baptised by Mr A. Laurence, Minister, Bath Abbey, 1.10.1786. (PR)

SARAH HANOVER see **CHARLES ORCHARD**, 1778.

JUBA HARDING

A negro, about 19 or 20 years of age, baptised Bath Abbey, 27.5.1765. (PR)

MYRTILLA HARRIS

Buried Walcot 5.2.1755. The Walcot registers hardly ever denote ethnic origin, but the Bath Journal of 10 February 1755 reports her funeral: "Wednesday last, a black girl, (servant to a Gentleman in the Square was buried at Walcot Church. There were six Black Men to support the pall, and several others of the same Complexion attended the Corps as Mourners." (quoted, Fawcett).

JOHN HEART

A black, about 18 years of age, baptised Bath Abbey, 18.3.1734/5. (PR)

HUGH O'DONNELL

A negro, about 30 years of age, baptised Bath Abbey, 16.2.1783. (PR)

CHARLES ORCHARD

Base born son of SARAH HANOVER, baptised Bath Abbey, 4.1.1778. (PR)

THOMAS OXFORD

A black man of riper years, baptised Newton-St-Loe, 20.6.1722. (PR)

PETER

A black, buried St Michael's, 13.9.1779. (PR)

THOMAS PRINCE

A black, baptised St Michael's 5.4.1732, (PR)

THOMAS PRINCE

A negro, baptised St James, 24.3.1773. (PR)

JOHN QUASHEY

A black boy, baptised Bath Abbey, 25.3.1745. (PR)

JOHN ROMIAH

A negro, buried Bathford, 8.11.1788. (PR)

WILLIAM SAMUELS

A negro, about 18, baptised St James, 21.5.1771. (PR)

ALEXANDER SATCLIFF

A negro, baptised St James, 18.11.1767. (PR)

JAMES SMITH

A negro, pauper, baptised St Michael's, 28.3.1787. (PR)

JOHN SWINTON

A negro, about 30 years of age, baptised Bath Abbey, 1.10.1800. (PR)

THOMAS TERNATE

Aged 10, a native of the East Indies, baptised Bath Abbey, 1812. (Fawcett) (Returning Oriental Nabobs, like Admiral Lenous in 1806, - see Black Servant - would have brought their Eastern servants with them.)

GEORGE THOMAS

A black, baptised St James, 16.10.1757. (PR)