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Mss 252 Folder: Addeman Civil War, 1863-1866	Addeman, Joshua Papers	Correspondence	21 Jul 1865	Fort Butler - Donaldsonville, La.	Addeman was a captain in 14th Regiment, R.I. Heavy Artillery (Colored). His papers include a letter dated 7/21/1865 regarding one of his soldiers, Private General Green, being used as a servant without authorization.
Mss 252 Folder: Diary	Addeman, Joshua Papers	Diary	1864	Louisiana	Traces nearly a year in the life of African American troops in Louisiana during the American Civil War, as seen through the lens of the white captain of Company H of the 14th Regiment, R.I. Heavy Artillery (Colored). The white officers were all Rhode Islanders, but the enlisted men were recruited from all over the country. The author, Joshua Melancthon Addeman (1840-1930), returned to Providence after the war, practiced law and was the Secretary of State of Rhode Island from 1872 to 1887.
Mss 9001-A Box 2 Folder 2: Preservation Photocopies (Also available on Microfilm E 185.93 .R4 M4)	African Union Society	Proceedings	10 Nov 1796	Newport	Proceedings of a "meeting held by free Africans and other free people of colour in the Town and county of Newport and state of Rhode Island on the tenth of November AD 1796 at the house occupied by Mr. Abraham Casey to hear an addendum from the convention of Deputies from the Abolition Society in the United States read...." Records identify a committee made up of Newport Gardner, Zingo Stevens, Prince Amy formed to raise money to buy books and appoint a clerk to record all births, marriages and deaths of free blacks and other people of color in the town of Newport.
Mss 938 sg 3, Box 1 Folder 14: 1963 & Folder 16: 1965	Aldrich, Winthrop W. and Harriet Papers	Correspondence	1963; 1965	Providence	The Aldrich's' papers include letters from their son Alexander Aldrich (white) dated 9/3/1963 and 4/7/1965 detailing his experiences in civil rights marches. The 1965 letter mentions meeting Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.
Mss 9001-A Box 3	Allen, Benjamin (1652-1723)	Sale	9 June 1704	Rehoboth, Mass.	Front: "Bee it Known unto all men by these presents that I Benjamin Allen of the Town of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in her Majestys Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England yeoman have barganed and sould, and by these presents doe bourgen and sell Alien and make over unto Thomas Allen of the Town of Swanzey in the County of Bristol aforesaid yeoman his heirs Executors Administrators and Assignes for the sume of thirty six pounds currint mony Received and [secured] one Negro boye named Felix To have and to holed and quietly posses and Enjoy to the proper use and behoof of him the said Thomas Allen his heirs and Assigns According to the Consideration of A Negrow Slave during his Naturall Life In Witnes whearof I have here unto set my hand and seal this ninth day of June in the Third year of her Majes Reigne Queen Anne over England Scotland France & Ireland Anno Dom One Thousand seven hundred and four. Benjamin Alen Signed, Sealed, and delivered in the presence of us witnesses Elizabeth Allen [&] John Brown Bristol SS Memorandum that on the day and year above named then in Rehoboth the above said Benjamen Allen the sinener and sealer hereof personally appeard and acknowledged this Instrument to be his free and vollentary Act and ded according to Law -- [Cosam?] John Brown Justice of Peace." Back: "June the 9th 1704 Then Received of the within named Thomas Allen the sume of Ten pounds currint mony I say Received by me Benjamen Allen"
Mss 254 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 8: 1871-1879	Allen, Zachariah Papers	Correspondence	1877	Providence	Letters relating to his publication of an essay on "Treatment of Indians".
Mss 254 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 5: 1850-1859	Allen, Zachariah Papers	Note	10 Dec 1854	Providence	A note in the correspondence file reads in its entirety "Ponto died this morning-age about 14 years. A good and faithful friend and servant."
Mss 254 Series 2: Subjects, Box 1	Allen, Zachariah Papers	Narrative	1876-1881	Providence	Includes: "The Age of Stone of New England Indians", n.d.; Appendix- King Philip's War, c.1876; Indians, 1881
Mss 254 Series 7, Box 8, Folder 4: Account Book of Eliza Allen	Allen, Zachariah Papers	Accounts	1817-1823	Providence	In which Eliza Allen records the sums she paid her servants.

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Mss 254 Series 7, Box 8, Folder 5: Journal of Eliza Allen	Allen, Zachariah Papers	Diary	1837	Providence	Written while visiting her brother's plantation in Georgia. "I took my Bible and walked to the plantation as it is called, the rows of negro houses. Today one can see them all as they are in the field in the morning of week days and towards evening they are at work for themselves. I first read to Mam Kate an excellent old woman and as I explained to her the passages of the Bible I felt that I could learn much more from her than I could impart. She is humble, contented and cheerful, and constantly relies upon her heavenly father for every blessing & feels that she has many..." [4/16/1837]. Several visits like this are made.
Mss 9001-A Box 5 Folder: Administrators 1767-1802	Allen/Allin, Capt. Zachariah	Receipt	1 Oct 1796	Providence	Capt. Zachariah Allen with Samuel Nightingale. Payment from Newport Tew for his services in burying Capt. Joseph Crawford.
Mss 9001-A Box 5 Folder: Papers 1766-1799	Allen/Allin, Thomas	Papers	1790; 1795	Barrington	Thomas Allen (1742-1800) Receipt, January 26, 1790. Payment for punishing Nathaniel Smith's Ceasar as "Allin thought fitt." Appointment, July 16, 1795. Document appointing Allin as administrator of the estate of Jack Allen, "a free negro man." (pg.68)
Mss 29 Loose Vol. 1	Almy & Brown Records	Accounts	1791-1792	Providence	Entries of accounts for Bristol Rhodes July 13, 1791, Cudge (Brown) July 16, 1791 and March 27, 1792, and Primus Brown.
Mss 29 Loose Vol. 4	Almy & Brown Records	Accounts	1793-1794	Providence	Blotter shows "spining Milles Dr. to paid S. Slater's order given to John Bucklins black man for work at Pawtucket" (February 26, 1794)
Mss 29 Loose Vol. 25	Almy & Brown Records	Accounts	1789-1790	Providence	Record of payment to "Sylvester Daby, a black man for baskets" (December 1789), payment to Samuel Slater (October 1790), for hire of "the black man who turned [provided power] for him."
Mss 29 Loose Vol. 67	Almy & Brown Records	Accounts	1785-1790	Providence	Accounts of store purchases and services, include the names of Primus Hopkins, Brister Rhodes (he & wife spin yarn), Phillis Alderedy, wife of Prince for an agreement to spin warps, Prince Cushing, Marcy Alderedy, Cudge Brown and others.
Mss 29 Loose Vol. 74	Almy & Brown Records	Accounts	1789	Providence	Accounts for spinning containing the names of people of color including Marcy Alderedy, Phebey Shaw, and Providence Brown, among others.
Mss 29 Box 4 Folder Correspondence, 1800.7-9	Almy & Brown Records	Correspondence	11 Sept 1800	Providence	Letter from Benjamin Hadwen which mentions that "a black man in thy employ with no legs has a considerable sum of money due from Archibald Crary..."
Mss 9001-A Box 6	Almy, Job	Agreement	24 Aug 1773	Bedford [?]	"An agreement made between Job Almy & John Burden on the one Part & Samson Amos an Indian Man on the other Part, the said Samson agrees to Whale for sd. Almy & Burden on consideration of their paying him after the Rate of Six Dollars per month, During the Voyage to the Coast of Africa; on Board the Sloop Bellisle James Howland Master..."
Mss 9001-A Box 6	Almy, Samuel	Will	27 Sep 1763	Tiverton	Will of Samuel Almy. "To his wife Mary Almy: six female slaves named Fillis [Phyllis], Rose, Flower, Vilet [Violet], Hull, and Fillis the second [Phyllis]. To his sons Peleg and Job: two male slaves and one female slave named Zippo, Perow and Jenny."
Mss 9001-A Box 6 Folder 1 of 5: Misc. Papers, 1775 - 1834 & n.d.	Almy, William	Correspondence	30 Jul 1793; 12/13 Dec 1796	Providence	William Almy (1716-1836) of Providence. Letter - July 30 1793: To the Corresponding Committee of the Abolition Society in New York from William Almy and James Ellis concerning "sending Delegates to form a Convention to consider the cause of the opposed Africans and to solicit Congress for their relief in such a way and manner as may appear most eligible..." Letter - Dec 12 & 13 1796: To Andrew Herr pertaining to efforts by the Abolition Society to free Jack Johnson, "If he proves before competent authority that he is really free, he will not stand in need of thy aid to establish his freedom."
Mss 257	American Citizenship Campaign Records	Lists	1917-1919	Rhode Island	The American Citizenship Campaign (1917-1919) began at the outbreak of World War I in an attempt to move aliens towards naturalization. Lists of alien men of voting age were created by nationality and town of residence, including several lists of Chinese-Americans.
Mss 927	American Tract Society Records	Records	1832-1835	Providence	Detailed reports and statistics regarding distribution of Christian tracts in the Fifth Ward of Providence.

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Mss 9001-A Box 8 Folder: John [Meanings] Account, 1749 - 1753	Andrews, John	Accounts	4 Nov 1749	Providence	Settles accounts with John Mannings for charges including labor of Mannings' servant Sharper (Nov. 4, 1749).
Mss 261 Series 1 Zephaniah Andrews Papers Box 1 Folder 2: Account Book 1761-1776	Andrews, John Papers	Accounts	1776	Providence	Accounts for hospital boarding of patients including Binah Cook, Primas Brown, Patience Brown, Patience Foster, Jackson - "Negro" girl, and Nimbel Nightingale.
Mss 261 Series 2 Eddy & Andrews Papers Box 2, Folder 5: Day Book 1807- 1810	Andrews, John Papers	Day Book	1 Sep 1809	Providence	Page 233 Sept. 1, 1809 "Black Body to 1/2 peck lime 12 1/2 [cents] "
Mss 9001-A Loose Vol. 1816-1821	Angell, James	Account Book	1816-1821	North Providence	Loose Vol. 1816-1821: Includes accounts with Royal Cesar, Peter Ceaser, Samuel Ceaser, Charles Ceaser and others.
Mss 9001-A Loose Vol. Accounts 1722 - 1723	Angell, John	Account Book	1722-1723	North Providence	Accounts include Peter Negro and Jack Negro.
Mss 262	Ann Eliza Club Records	Records	1885-1934	Providence	Records of the art and literary society. The records mention Edward Mitchell Bannister (a famous African-American artist from Rhode Island, who was a member), including a lecture of his and several lectures that pertain to the Narragansetts, most of them satirical. See list below.
Mss 262 Series 1, Box 1 Folder 25	Ann Eliza Club Records	Lecture	15 Apr 1886	Providence	#25 "The Artist and His Critics", by Edward Mitchell Bannister
Mss 262 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 46	Ann Eliza Club Records	Lecture	29 Sept 1887	Providence	#46 "A Sojourn in the Narragansett Country," by George A. Buffum
Mss 262 Series 1, Box 3, Folder 209	Ann Eliza Club Records	Lecture	18 Jan 1894	Providence	#209 "The Land of the Ninigrets," by Frederick W. Easton
Mss 262 Series 1, Box 3, Folder 229	Ann Eliza Club Records	Lecture	21 June 1894	Providence	#229 "The Wants of Ninigret," by Edward Field
Mss 262 Series 3, Box 6, Folder 8: The Dredge, 1898 (#15)	Ann Eliza Club Records	Essay	1898	Providence	"The Tale of Ninigret", "written by the author"
Mss 9001-A Box 10	Anna, Phillis	Report	21 Apr 1804	Glocester	Inquiry into the death of Phillis Anna, a black woman in the town of Gloucester, 1804. Report of Coroner's inquest titled "Inquisition on a black woman" concerns the death of the wife of Cuffe Anna finding that she died "in a natural way."
Mss 9001-A Box 10 Folders: 1- Fragile Account books, late 18th C. 2- Papers, 1742 - 1800	Anthony, Abraham	Accounts	1742-1806	Portsmouth	References to people of color are scattered throughout the papers including accounts for making and mending of shoes for "black Sara" and payments recorded to various laborers.

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Mss 9001-A Box 11	Appollo (Brigantine)	Accounts	1764-1767	Newport	Accounts of cash disbursements include payments to various owners of enslaved people for labor. The enslaved people are not named individually. "1764 Oct 21st To pd Widow James Negro 2days Work £5" "1764 Oct 21st To Widow Thurstons Negro 2 days att 50/ £5" "1764 Dec 21st To Hannah Wanton's Negro 2 days £5" "1764 Dec 21st To Esther Sanford do 2 do [negro 2 days] £5" "1765 Jan 7th To Lidia Rodman Negros work £16.10" "1765 Jan 22nd To Ruth Thurstons Bill Negros Work 2 days £5" "1765 June 13 To Fish 52/ 42pd Oakum Frosts negro at 7/ £17.6 "1765 June 18 To Elisha Sherman's Negro 2 days £5" "1765 June 28th To Andrew Hunter's Negro 3 days £7.10"
Mss 1128 Box 1, Folder 1	Armington Family Papers	Diary	24 Jan 1852	unknown	Diary of Hamlin Johnson. - "Went to Mr. DeHuffs gave runaway slave - 20¢"
Mss 1128 Box 1, Folder 5	Armington Family Papers	Memorandum	undated	unknown	Memoirs on Family History by Asa Watson Armington (c1789-1867), undated. Examples: "I have heard him speak of Col. Harmon (or "Harrison" A.H.A.), he had some very bad scars about the side and breast which was once shown me, and which injured his health while he lived. He was taken captive by the Indians in some one of these battles and would have been sacrificed but for an old squaw's adopting him for her son, as she had lost one in the battle; he was taken by them far inland into the interior of Canada, and there kept for a number of years, when his old Indian mother went down to Montreal she would bring him a little salt tied up in a corner of her nether garment. He suffered much and after being released from the Indians returned to Phila. blind, brought on by hardship among the snows &c. His eyes were operated on in Philadelphia and then gained his sight, came to this place again and married my aunt." "After this my grandfather [Joseph Armington (1731-1817)] lived on a farm directly over India Bridge since known as the Lion Farm at that time belonging to a man of that name formerly a shipmaster from Newport, RI. My grandfather was superintendent of this farm for 4 years until it was sold. It was managed by hired help and by slaves. The owner Capt. Lion was then part owner in a large sloop with Capt. Hallet who commanded her and in a passage from Africa to Virginia the slaves became sickly and the sloop came into this river to refit and for supplies and the slaves were landed on the south shore of this farm on Watchemoket Bay on the high bank, . . ." "Among the slaves was a man named Ceasar of which I have head them speak as a man of talent for a slave."
MSS 265 Box 1 Folder 4	Armstrong, Elijah Papers	Account	20 Oct 1791	Gloucester	"Gloucester October [20th] AD 1791 Conditions of Sail for selling Samuel Joseph a Negro Boy who was convicted for stealing two Horses from Asa Willmarth and ordered to be sold by Timothy Willmarth Samuel Winsor Esqr who was the justice that sat on the Cort and ordered the said Samuel Joseph to be sold to pay the cost & Damage which is [tallied?] at £12.0.5 the conditions of sail is that the person who will bid the aforesaid sum for the smallest term of time shall be the purchaser [torn] takes Lawful possession...." [Document is torn and only an upper fragment has survived.]
Mss 9001-A Box 15	Arnold Family and Greene Family	Vital records	21 Dec 1828	Rhode Island	A book listing births, deaths and marriages, mostly Arnold and Greene families, includes the "death of Cola, wife of Cuff Waterman, slaves." Age approximately 90.
Mss 862 Box 1, Folder 5: Arnold Green	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Biographical Sketch	1904	Providence	Biographical Sketch prepared by his sister Frances M. G. Wayland for T.F. Green. Mentions incident with Daniel G. Browning on pages 72 - 76, and it's aftermath.
Mss 862 Box 1 Folder 8: Cornelia E. Green	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Biographical Sketch	1898	Providence	Biographical sketch (1898) by Frances Wayland, includes reference (p. 150-) to 1856 incident in which their manservant, Daniel went mad and assaulted Chloe the chambermaid. Daniel was the son of their cook. Chloe had a family in Fall River. The sketch also identifies William Forrest who was brought north as Tristram Burges' servant and worked for the Arnold family for thirty years.

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Mss 862 Box 2: 14 John Street Bills Paid, 1827-1852	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Receipts	1849-1859	Providence	Receipts for wages paid by the family of Frances Rogers Arnold to Daniel G. Browing, Butler at 14 John Street from 1849-1852. Receipt numbers: 4911.01, 5011.01, 5102.01, 5106.01, 5109.01, 5112.01, 5204.01, 5206.01, 5209.01, 5212.01
Mss 862 Box 2: 14 John Street Bills Paid, 1827-1852 & Box 3: 14 John Street Bills Paid, 1853-1865	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Receipts	1849-1859	Providence	Receipts for wages paid by the family of Frances Rogers Arnold to Louisa R. Johnson a servant for the family during 1849-1859. Receipts for payments are date coded, ie 4904.28 + April 28, 1849. Folders are arranged by Months/Year. Receipts to Louisa R. Johnson: 4904.28, 4910.24, 5207.31, 5309.20, 5312.19, 5402.06, 5406.20, 5408.01, 5409.30 (This is a receipt to a Dr. Charles W. Parsons for visits to see Louisa), 5411.20, 5505.26, 5507.28, 5507.30, 5610.08, 5611.12, 5703.05, 5704.03, 5712.02, 5801.01, 5803.05, 5804.30, 5807.02, 5807.02, 5808.12, 5810.02, 5811.10, 5811.13, 5812.03, 5902.14 (Another payment to Dr. Parsons), 5904.29. For more information about Louisa R. Johnson see the entry for the Saint John's Guild (MSS 9001-S).
Mss 862 Box 3: 14 John Street Bills Paid, 1853-1865	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Receipts	1849-1859	Providence	Receipts for wages paid by the family of Frances Rogers Arnold to Content Browning, Cook at 14 John Street from 1853-1856. Receipt numbers: 5311.09, 5401.30, 5403.13, 5405.01, 5405.27, 5406.20, 5407.31, 5410.06, 5410.23, 5501.01, 5502.19, 5503.12, 5504.23 (2), 5505.08, 5507.24, 5510.17, 5510.20, 5510.22, 5512.17, 5602.01, 5605.05, 5606.07, 5606.28 (on same slip as son Daniel G. Browing), 5609.27
Mss 862 Box 3: 14 John Street Bills Paid, 1853-1865	Arnold, Frances Rogers Papers	Receipts	1849-1859	Providence	Receipts for wages paid by the family of Frances Rogers Arnold to Daniel G. Browing, Butler at 14 John Street from 1853-1856. He was the son of Content Browning. On June 28, 1856 he "became violently insane and attempted to kill the chambermaid, Chloe". An account of the incident can be found in the biographical sketch of Cordelia Green mentioned above as well as in the sketch of Arnold Green mentioned below. Receipt numbers: 5311.18, 5403.01, 5405.01, 5604.14, 5606.07, 5606.28
Mss 9001-A Box 12 Folder: Daybook, 1810 - 1811	Arnold, Israel	Accounts	1810-1811	Warwick	Daybook includes accounts with Pero Cheese (April 23, 1811) and Cato Waterman (July 27, 1811).
Mss 9001-A Box 12 Folder: James Arnold, of Cranston	Arnold, James	Account Book	1798-1799	Cranston	Farm Account Books, 1756 - 1812 (4 vols) include payments to Cesar Lockwood (March 17, 1798 - January 1, 1799) for cutting wood.
Mss 83	Arnold, James N. Papers	Manuscript	1879-1896	Providence	A copy of a manuscript by Arnold titled, "The Honor of a State; or the Faithless Guardian, a Story of Monstrous Wrong," a narrative account of efforts of developers to swindle land from the Narragansett nation from 1879-1896.
Mss 269 Box 1 Folder 1	Arnold, James Utter Collection	Accounts	1799-1836	Providence	Ledger accounts with John Williams, James Low, Tour Humphrey, Prime Rhodes (accounts credited for his wife's washing), and Cato Mumford.
Mss 9001-A Box 14 Folder: Misc. Papers 1763 - 1804.	Arnold, Oliver	Judgement	22 Jan 1768	Providence	Judgement against Sarah Pero "alias Sarah Prince Molatto Woman and Sarah Green for stealing about seven pounds weight of Indigo of the value of Forty Shillings."
Mss 74 Box 1, Folder 5: Loose Accounts, 1800-1804	Arnold, Perry Greene Papers	Bill	28 Feb 1803	Exeter; Tiverton; East Greenwich	To Jack Brusto for shoes and stockings purchased by Arnold
*Mss 74	Arnold, Perry Greene Papers	Papers	1802-1821	Exeter; Tiverton; East Greenwich	Justice of the Peace warrant for arrest of John Brusto for desertion from brigantine Betsey (November 29, 1802)
*Mss 74	Arnold, Perry Greene Papers	Ledger	1820-1821	Rhode Island	In book titled "Account Labour" (1818-1821) is a record of payment to Jack Gardiner for "3/4 wall on bur(y)ing Ground" (September 30, 1820) and "2 days on high way Warwick" (September 28 and 29, 1821) along with records of payments made to other men.
Mss 74 Box 2 Folder 12: Indentures, 1801-1804	Arnold, Perry Greene Papers	Certificate of Indenture	19 Nov 1804	East Greenwich	2 Certificates of apprenticeship for (1) black Man called Zebida Briggs & (1) black man called Henry Briggs.

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Mss 74 Box 2, Folder 7: Log Book Sloop Providence, 1798-1799	Arnold, Perry Greene Papers	Log Book	1798-1799	At Sea	The ship hired on a few "negroes" as laborers while in Surinam.
Mss 9001-A Box 14	Arnold, Richard	Will	8 Jun 1708	Providence	Richard Arnold, d. 1710: In his last will and testament (June 8, 1708), his "Negro servant" Toby is bound to his son, Thomas until age 25 at which time the son is to free him. Instructions for setting Toby free are also indicated.
Mss 32	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Papers	1823-1873	Providence; Georgia	Papers of a Rhode Islander who bought a plantation in Bryan County, Georgia in 1823, and spent his winters there until his death in 1873. A full biography of Arnold was published in 1988: North by South: The Two Lives of Richard J. Arnold by Charles and Tess Hoffman (University of Georgia Press). The papers include frequent commentary on southern life of enslaved people.
Mss 32 Box 1, Folder: Letters, 1736-1838	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Correspondence	21 Oct 1838	Providence; Georgia	Letter by a enslaved woman who was working in Tallahassee, Florida. See the letter dated October 21 1838 from "your obedient servant Jenny" to "my Master." Comments on religion, sends greetings to "Mistress," also writes "Samson, George, Abram & Morris, remember to serve the Lord, you know you have to die, remember my love to the whole Plantation of People... Prince use me well."
Mss 32 Box 1, Folder: Letters, 1841-1842	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Correspondence	22 Aug 1841	Providence; Georgia	An enslaved man, Amos Morel, wrote from Savannah: in part: "I wants to beg you to get me a watch for about ten or twelve dollars... when you return I will settle with you... Mr. Harris has paid two months wages since you left."
Mss 32 Box 1, Folder: Letters, 1843-1845	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Correspondence	18 July 1843	Providence; Georgia	Morel writes: "Dear Master I have made up my mind to take a wife and partner for life and I would ask your consent. I have the consent of both the girl and her mistress. Mrs. Ward is the lady to whom she belongs, her name is Mary... If you would buy her she is a good house made and a very good seamstress. I have been employed by the Iron St. Bo Co about 2 weeks but I cannot tell how long it will last."
Mss 32 Box 1, Folder: Letters, 1843-1845	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Correspondence	29 Aug 1845	Providence; Georgia	Morel writes again from Savannah asking not to be sent back to plantation work: "if I was for to go out in the country I would have no chance whatever dear Master for to provide for myself and family... Cousin Sam is as capable of running the mill as I am." Adds that he is convinced his brother Tom did not steal money from Arnold.
Mss 32 Box 1, Folder: Letters, 1850-1855	Arnold, Richard James Papers	Correspondence	20 June 1852	Providence; Georgia	Morel wrote from Arnold's plantation, "I have had to break William of his drivership and have given him his hoe... [William] gets along very badly with his work on account of having too many favorits in the field. I have put big Peter in his place to drive... The carpenters are getting along very badly with their work, they have not got the flat house done as yet. I am satisfied that it would be to your interest to get some white person to take charge of the work... am fearful that the mill will not be repaired time enough to receive the rice." Other letters from Morel are dated 6/22/1852, 6/2/1853, 10/9/1853, 5/7/1854, 6/17/1854.
Mss 75 Series 2: Estate Records Box 1, Folder 15: Loose Records, 1824-1826	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Bill	6 July 1824	East Greenwich	Stephen Arnold Estate. Receipted bill July 6, 1824 from J. Miller includes "pair of shoes for your black woman."
Mss 75 Series 3: Financial Records Box 2, Folder 7: 1820	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Accounts	Jan 1820	East Greenwich	Accounts with Howland Greene settled in 1820 include charge for passage on brigantine Lydia and Margaret of Perry Greene Arnold's "black boy" accompanying Sarah Arnold from East Greenwich to Tiverton and back in 1817.
Mss 75 Series 3 Financial Records Box 2, Folder 15: Labor Account Book, 1805-1821	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Labor Accounts	1805-1821	East Greenwich	Pay to farm laborers including Cuf Spencer and Jack Gardiner.

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Mss 75 Series 3 Financial Records Box 2, Folder 16: Labor Account Book, 1823	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Labor Accounts	1823	East Greenwich	Ledger account with Rachel Budlong, "a colerd woman."
Mss 75 Series 3 Financial Records Box 2, Folder 18: Account Records, 1816-1822	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Labor Accounts	1816-1822	East Greenwich	Wharf book includes record of payments to Jack Gardner, Nat Moore and others.
*Mss 75	Arnold, Stephen Papers	Estate Inventory	1734???	East Greenwich	Inventory of his estate includes "one negro girl"
Mss 71 Series 1, Subseries 2: Oversized Vol. 2: Ledger 1774- 1788	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1776-1778	East Greenwich	Ledger accounts include: Prince Greene (p. 170), Prince Hammon (p. 168, 191, 196), Jack Gardner (p. 225 missing), Pomp Mumford (p. 168), Yorke Champlin (p. 168), Jack Champlin (p. 168), Peter Daley (p. 168), Titus Peirce (p. 168), Newport Champlin (p. 168), Lonnon Hall (p. 168, 206), Leminel Allin (p. 168, 191), Ruben Spencer (p. 168), Plato Vandoren (p. 189)
*Mss 71	Arnold, William Papers	Papers	Sep 1796, Feb 1797, May 1797	East Greenwich	Sloop Providence papers for voyage to West Indies with crew including Samuel Sambo and possibly Freeborn Johnson is black
Mss 71 Series 1, Subseries 2: Business Accounts, Box 1, Folder 13: Accounts with Spinners, 1811	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1811	East Greenwich	John Gardner, came to work, November 26, 1811; Mary black woman, came to work October 29, 1811
*Mss 71	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1811-1813	East Greenwich	Daybook of innkeeper, accounts with Abraham Pero, 1812 and Jack Gardner, 1812
Mss 71 Series 2, Subseries 2, Box 5, Folder 10: Ledger 1783- 1813	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1783-1813	East Greenwich	Accounts with Julious Fry (p. 307), John Gardner (p. 311-312), Prince Ingraham (1784, p.61), Philer Philips (1789-93, p. 300), Prince Hammon (1785-88, p. 191, 240), Plato Vandoram (1784-85, 60, 78, 180)
Mss 71 Series 2, Subseries 2, Box 5, Folder 11: Ledger 1786- 1798, 1799-1807	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1786-1807	East Greenwich	Accounts with Prince Greene for purchases including violin strings (1792, p. 209); Black Tom Arnold bought rum (1798); Ben Lippitt (1799-1803, p. 343) buying strings.
Mss 71 Series 1, Subseries 2, Box 1, Folder 8: Loose Accounts 1790-1794	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1790	East Greenwich	Settlement of accounts with Pomp Mumford "by your share of fish caught" -maybe was a crew person on a fishing boat.
*Mss 71	Arnold, William Papers	Bill	Feb 1797	East Greenwich	Portege bill in Providence includes Samuel Sambo, crewman
Mss 71 Series 2, Subseries 2, Box 3, Folder 8: Loose Accounts 1797-1798	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	23 May - 11 May 1797	East Greenwich	Settlement of accounts with Sam Sambo Hill for sundry goods and cash
Mss 71 Series 2, Subseries 2, Box 3, Folder 9: Loose Accounts 1799	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	18 June - 19 Oct 1799	East Greenwich	James Sweet settles accounts for shoes made for Moses, Alce, Margaret and others
*Mss 71	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1799-1801	East Greenwich	In his business journal he records store charges against Black Tom Arnold

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Mss 71 Series 1, Subseries 2, Box 1, Folder 11: Loose Accounts 1806-1816 *Mss 71	Arnold, William Papers	Receipt	Jul 1809	East Greenwich	Receipt for payment to Drinham & Hawkins for advertising notice of his "runaway servant"
	Arnold, William Papers	Accounts	1819	East Greenwich	Accounts with laborers working on their ship <i>Commodore Perry</i> , names Cato Northrup
Mss 267 Series I: "Scrapbook 1" Folder 13	Arnold-Holden Papers	Legal Order	20 Aug 1750	Warwick	Order to Randall Holden, constable of the town of Warwick, to apprehend any person breaking the customs of the "Lord's day", or any "Indians and Negroes that you shall find in break of the laws...", Aug. 20, 1750
Mss 267 Series I: "Scrapbook 1" Folder 8	Arnold-Holden Papers	Indenture	21 May 1740	Warwick	Indenture between Thomas Chease "an Indian man" and Capt. Charles Holden, May 21, 1740
Mss 267 Series II: "Scrapbook 2" Folder 14	Arnold-Holden Papers	Legal Document	10 Feb 1755	Warwick	Authorization for Col. Randall Holden (1694-1766) to administer estate of Isaac Setux, "an Indian man deceased", Feb. 10, 1755
Mss 267 Series III: Arnold Family Documents Folder 17 Deeds, 1715-1761	Arnold-Holden Papers	Papers	4 Mar 1761	Smithfield	William Arnold (1695-1766). Bill of sale for "one Negro woman names Dinah" to William Dean of Gloucester, March 4, 1761
Mss 267 Series III: Arnold Family Documents Folder 18 Judgements, depositions, inquests, 1715-1766	Arnold-Holden Papers	Papers	5 Feb 1761	Smithfield	William Arnold (1695-1766). Inquiry into the death of his servant Dinah's infant. A coroner's jury ruling (February 5, 1761) indicates that the infant died by accident.
Microfilm E445 R4 Part 2, Reel 1 Mss 19	Babbitt, Jacob Papers	Papers	1790-1810	Bristol	Babbitt, a Bristol native who invested heavily in the slave trade between about 1790 and 1810. His papers include correspondence and financial records. In the Commercial Bank check book (Volume 7) there are 2 entries for a man named Cuffee Collins: "No. 107, 1 mo. pay Brig M.P. v. no 2 in Co. 2d March [1818], 12-"Which translates as Cuffee Collins being paid \$12 for one month advanced wages with Check Number 107 for work on board the Brig Mount Pleasant during its second voyage for Jacob Babbitt and Company. The next entry is Check 239 which paid Cuffee Collins his wages in full for work on board the Brig <i>Mount Pleasant</i> during her second voyage, dated 1 July 1818 for \$32.76.
Mss 9001-B Box 1 Folder: "Genealogical Notes"	Bailey, William M.	Memorandum	May 1882	Providence	Note apparently written by his mother, Jane Keeley, granddaughter of Providence blacksmith Jacob Whitman, identifies Whitman's enslaved people including Prince (Priney no Nose), Cato, Pomp, Sisser, Card, Amy, Tullis, Nancy, and Dorcas.
Mss 9001-B Box 1	Baley, Thomas	Indenture	20 Jul 1768	Newport	Indenture of Bathsheba Kim, a "negro" girl, to Baley & heirs, signed by William Coddington & the Overseers of the Poor.

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Mss 919	Banister, John Account Books	Accounts	1747-1750	Newport	Both volumes include some documentation of Banister's dealings in slavery. While no explicit reference was found in the account book to an entire shipload of enslaved people being imported from Africa, although ships named the <i>Affrican</i> and the <i>Angola</i> suggest that Banister was interested in the cross-Atlantic slave trade. There was also this advertisement in the Boston Post-Boy on Monday, May 11, 1752: "TO BE SOLD by John Banister at his house in Newport, also at Middleton on Connecticut River, A fine parcel of negro men, women, boys and girls, imported directly from the Gold Coast, and are esteemed to be the finest cargo of slaves ever brought into New England. Likewise to be sold by said Banister, European goods, at the places aforesaid." Banister sometimes purchased one or two slaves at a time in the West Indies and sold them in New England. The daybook documents the purchase and Connecticut sale of a "Negro boy named Fortune" in 1747, the purchase of "a Negro man named Cesar" from a ship captain in 1747, and the purchase of two unnamed slaves in 1749/50. Banister also detailed the clothing expenses of Banister's slaves, and the profits he gained from loaning out their labor. "Negro Anthony" or "Tony" appears nine times in the daybook from 1747-1750, mostly for work done in preparing ships for journeys. "Negro Mingo" and "Cato" are also mentioned. Detailed abstracts of all of these entries can be found in the guide to the Banister Papers.
Mss 9001-B Box 3	Barber, Reynolds	Deed	ca.1780	Exeter	Sale of a "Negro" Man Named Prince to Amie, not dated.
Mss 1099 Box 1, Folder 9: J. Rowland Barker to parents June 1944-December 1944	Barker, John Rowland Papers	Correspondence	13 Aug 1944	South Pacific Islands	A letter from J. Rowland Barker to his parents, Aug. 13, 1944 "A few nights ago we had a stage show here put on by a Negro Engineers outfit which was pretty good."
Mss 1099 Box 1, Folder 14: Correspondence from Barker family relatives in England, Australia and Bahamas 1942-1945	Barker, John Rowland Papers	Correspondence	2 Aug 1944	South Pacific Islands	A letter from George Barker in Derby, England to J. Rowland Barker, "They are opening two U.S. clubs in the town now: one for white troops and one for coloured troops. I see that a coloured choir will be soon singing at the Salvation Army H.Q."
Microfilm HF 5686 P25 A15 MSS 283 Vol. 5: 1787-1797	Barker, William Account Books	Account Book	14 May 1793	Providence	An entry in William Barkers account with Brown & Francis on 14 may 1793 for the making or sale of a tray for an enslaved person. Entry reads "To tray dl Negro"
MSS 187	Barrington Town Records Collection	Tax List	1 Oct 1798	Barrington	List C of the 1798 Direct Tax valuation - Particular list of enslaved people owned by, or under the care of on the first day of October 1798, within the assessment district [blank] in the State of Rhode Island. One sheet for Barrington listing 4 individuals each owning 1 enslaved person: Edward Bosworth, Nathaniel Smith, Ebenezer Tiffaney, Matthew Watson. The names of the enslaved are not given.
Mss 9001-B Box 5	Bayley, William	Will	10 Jan 1770	Middletown	In his last will and testament, Bailey manumits Prince when his youngest son reaches the age of twenty one. In the inventory of his estate, Prince is valued at L 15-0-0.
Microfilm HQ 1438. R45 Pt 1 Reel 17 (Diary begins at Frame 0720) Mss 292, Diary: 1/1/1872-5/20/1872	Bennett, Harriet F. Diaries	Diary	24 Jan 1872	Pawtucket	Diary entry by white Pawtucket woman includes a long description of her reaction when an African-American man boarded her bus, and then a meditation on the evil of her prejudice. "Is it possible that I am so narrow, mean, and petty that I am not willing to ride in the same car as a Negro, and he a clearly well-dressed, well-mannered one?" [1/24/1872]
Microfilm CS71 B522 1675 Mss 294 Oversize Collection	Bernon, Gabriel Papers	Correspondence	8 Dec 1714	Rhode Island	Letter to Gabriel Bernon from James Honeyman re: Bernon's gift of a black woman to his daughter Sarah; with notes in French by Bernon.
Mss 9001-B Box 6	Bicknell, Japheth	Land Deeds	1788-1791	North Kingstown	Three deeds to Sampson Gardner alias Samson Chaucum, a free black man.
Mss 9001-B Box 6	Bicknell, Joseph	Promissory Note	5 Jul 1819	Warren	Promise to pay Nimmo and Churchill "Twenty dollars for Value Recvd."

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Mss 9001-B Box 6 Peter Bicknell (1705-1768)	Bicknell, Peter	Inventory	6 Mar 1769	Warren	"One negro boy named Cuff £20 One negro boy named Pomp £5 One negro woman named Merea £35"
Mss 9001-B Box 6, Folder 2: Phaniel E Bishop, Diary 12/18/1863-6/30/1864 also Family Notes (Preservation Photocopy)	Bishop, Phaniel Euclid	Diary	18 Dec 1862 - 30 Jun 1864	Rhode Island	Diary of white lieutenant in 14th Regiment, R.I. Heavy Artillery (Colored) in the Civil War.
Mss 233	Blackstone Valley Community Action Program Records	Records	1967-1973	Pawtucket	Records of federally funded anti-poverty organization based in Pawtucket, with a substantial number of African American staff and clients.
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 2: Correspondence, Mar 1862	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	28 Mar 1862	Washington, D.C.	Letter March 28, 1862 to Dave - " I went down to the Capitol a few days ago and attended a session of the Senate . . . and was entertained with a spicy debate of the District Emancipation Bill during which it was asserted that one of the Vice Presidents of the U.S. from the South had notoriously lived with a negro wench and had children by her, and that another Southern Senator's negro children were at school in the State of Ohio. The Senator from Iowa proceeded to state that there were but three cases of white men marrying negroes in his own State and all three of these gentlemen came from Slave States and probably formed their peculiar interests there. I noticed that the Senators from Del. and Maryland spoke of slavery as a doomed institution while senators from Ky made no remarks in opposition."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 4: Correspondence, May 1862	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	1 May 1862	Virginia	Letter May 1, 1862 to Dave - "Ni**ers don't appear to find anything congenial in me, the first one I had died and the one I employed here is now sick with small pox. We have a large number of runaway slaves in camp who act as servants for officers, etc., most of them I find left their masters through fear of being forced to labor on the rebel fortifications."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 16: Correspondence, April 1863	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	7 Apr 1863	Virginia	Letter April 7, 1863 to Gerald - "There is a [illegible] of a fuss about ni**ers and if anyone advocates using ni**ers on our side he is a "ni**er worshipper" fearful epithet, it once had power but after one has become acclimated to rebel shells he doesn't [sic] much fear copperhead bomb shells. I believe in using the ni**er to subdue the rebels as I would use my sabre or horses or a jackass, if he will fight use him as a soldier, if he will work let him dig the trenches and drive the teams. I believe the Eman. Pro. to be a good war measure and that this summer will demonstrate same."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 23: Correspondence, Dec 1863	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	9 Dec 1863	New Haven, Conn.	Letter December 9, 1863 to Gerald - "Recruits are coming in regularly from the state of Conn. We have about 200 ni**ers and 300 white volunteer recruits now in camp."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 23: Correspondence, Dec 1863	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	23 Dec 1863	New Haven, Conn.	Letter December 23, 1863 to Gerald - "We have 500 ni**ers here now and I have sent over 300 recruits to Washington. . ."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 27: Correspondence, Mar 1864	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	9 Mar 1864	New Haven, Conn.	Letter March 9, 1864 to Gerald - "We are trying a Capt. Of the colored regiment here which regiment is under marching orders. . ."

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Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 33: Correspondence, Aug 1864	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	14 Aug 1864	Virginia	Letter August 14, 1864 to Gerald - "One of your assertions is totally false i.e. 'negroes will not fight' and I am at a loss as to how you could have been so entirely mistaken on a mere question of facts, the negroes have fought well, much better than we expected and better than the average of white troops with the same experience, this has been owing in a great degree to the fact that their officers are much better than those that came out with new white regiments the offices of negro troops come principally from veteran white regiments and the examination they are obliged to pass requires more than average education. The uniform testimony of all officers and soldiers who have seen the negroes in action and with whom I have had an opportunity of conversing is that the negroes fight better than they expected. You say wherever negroes have 'been tried in action it has resulted in failure;' how can you stultify yourself by such statements in face of the fact that Genl Baldy Smith (who did not believe in negro soldiers) complimented in General Orders the negro regiments of this command for their gallantry in the successful charge which resulted in the capture of the formidable works at Petersburg with many cannon[s] and prisoners."
Mss 298 Box 1, Folder 33: Correspondence, Aug 1864	Bliss, George N. Papers	Correspondence	24 Aug 1864	Maryland	Letter Augusts 24, 1864 to Gerald - "Now for the negroes. I personally have not seen them under fire but one of my men Private Spalding Troop B was Orderly for Genl Getty last July and saw a negrow regiment go into action near the Chicahoming he says they charged across an open field and took a rebel battery and that he saw one negor knowch a rebels brains out with a clubbed musket, this regiment was obliged to fall back without bringing off the guns because they were not properly supported (A common fault in our army) but is shows negroes will fight. . ."
Mss 9001-B Box 8	Borden, Benjamin	Correspondence	1785-1789	Tiverton	Borden's papers contain references to the buying and selling of enslaved people, traveling to the West Indies and selling molasses and rum.
Mss 9001-B Box 8	Borden, John	Correspondence	28 Nov 1802	Tiverton	From Edwin Snow, concerning a "black" girl named Lucy Durfee alias Chace who is to be sold the following day.
Mss 924 Book 2, Account Book, 1788-1803	Borden, Simeon Accounts	Account Book	1795	Freetown, Mass.	Borden credits Joseph Read with "half your black boy's voyage a whaling."
MICROFILM E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 11 Mss 9001-B Box 9	Bosworth, Capt. Benjamin	Sailing Orders	1806	unknown	There are two undated single-page documents in this collection. Both are unsigned drafts of sailing orders to a Capt. Bosworth for voyages to Africa, and give detailed instructions regarding contacts and procedures for procuring enslaved people. One describes a certain point on the coast where "you will discover a signal pole at [Seallem?] Point and if the Factory is not destroyed th will be a flage posted white with a cross." The captain was instructed to "trade by ounces, price from 3 to 4 ounces pr. head", probably in gold. The orders are believed to have been issued for the 1806 voyage of the brig Lark, which is the only slaving voyage Jay Coughtry cites for any Capt. Bosworth.
Mss 9001-B Loose Vol.	Bourne, Aaron	Ledger	1729-1749	Bristol	Physician's accounts with slave-owners whose servants he has treated: Capt. John Newton, Thomas Kinnicutt, Deacon Benjamin Cary, Nathaniel Paine, others. Some send their servants to work for Bourne to pay off debts, William Walker and others.
Mss 11 Box 2 Folder: Financial Records	Bourne, Benjamin Papers	Bill of sale	31 Jan 1786	Bristol	"Know all Men by those present that I Silas Talbot of Providence in the County of Providence in Consideration of the Sum of thirty pounds Lawful Money to me in hand paid do hereby Sell and transfer to Benjamin Bourne and his assigns all the Intent Right & property which I have to a negro man named Dimbo, his wife named Sarah & their three children and all the Articles of Clothing and Furniture in the house where they now Live. Being the Same Negroes except two of them which I bought of Capt. John Hopkins. Witness my Hand at Providence this 31st Day of January AD 1786 Talbot Bill of Sale of 5 Negroes Jan 31 1786"
*Mss 11	Bourne, Benjamin Papers	Letter	4 Jan 1795	Bristol	A letter (January 4, 1795) from Arthur Fenner to Benjamin Bourne introducing Christopher Harry, a Narragansett Indian, as one of agents appealing to Congress concerning encroachments on Indian lands in New York.

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Mss 301 Folder 13: May 1777-Dec 1778	Bowen Family Papers	Accounts	4 Jan 1795	Providence	Ephraim Bowen's accounts as Deputy Quartermaster General include payments to Samboy for painting wagons (July 16, 1777).
Mss 301 Folder 5	Bowen Family Papers	Papers	1754	Providence	Ephraim Bowen: Papers and accounts kept as the executor of the estate of Peter Mawney include many references to the enslaved people owned by Mawney. A 1754 inventory names them as Primus, Jenny, Prince, Cato, Pero, Rose, and Patience.
Mss 9001-B Box 12 Folder: Tiverton, Misc. Accounts (1758-1804)	Briggs, Nathaniel	Papers	1758-1804	Tiverton	Throughout the accounts and letters are many references to enslaved people: "1769 Capt Nathaniel Briggs to Walter Cook DR To mending 3pr of shoes £3.00.0 To pr of shoes for Amea £4.00.0 To 2pr of shoes for Ginne & Dublin £15.10.0 To mending [-] pr of Shoes £1.15.0 To 1 pr of shoes for Philip £4.10.0 To mending 3 shoes £2.15.0 To [-] pr of shoes for Newport £8.00.0£39.10.0" "1771 Capt Nathaniel Briggs [to?] Elisha Lawton March 1 To one pair for son 1 pair mended for Mrs Cory 1 pair for negro woman 2.10.0 [Date faded/stained] To mending for negro woman 2.10.0 [Date faded/stained] To 2 pair for negro men 22.0.0" "1773 Capt Nathaniel Briggs to John Price DR March 29 Gauging 21 hhds molases @ 5/ 5.5 April 3 To 18 Guinea hhgs @ 16 288 April 20 To 1 Barrel for your Negro Boy @ 6 6£ 299.5 Supra Cr By Cash of Arnold Briggs 16.0 Errors Excepted Do John Price £283.5 Recd the abuf in full John Price" "Capt. Nathl Briggs To Elisha Lawton DR 1773 May 3 To mendg pr shoes for Negro woman £3 1773 June 12 To 2 pr shoes for sons a pr for Negro £19.10 1774 Feb 26 To mendg 1pr for Negro woman £3.10 1774 June 3 To 1 pr [shoes] for Negro woman £9" "Tiverton January ye 8th 1776 Sloop Union & Company My negro Jubeter 2 Days [£]6 pd Extor Dick 2 Days unloading £6" "Dr Capt Nathaniel Briggs Account with Lemuel Wyatt CR 1774 August 30 To Rum Dd your Boy 72 Gal." "1776 Sloop Union To Thomas Cory DR January To Extor Dick for 8 1/2 Days Labour at 2/3 £19 1/2" "1776 Account of Disbursements of the Sloop Lamable Susanna Oners Conl. Cook and Companies for 8 Negroes help us to unlod it £24" "1776 Compte dere Depence du Bateau L'aimable Suzanne Capd & amateur fairbau[th] D'erforge[n] Savoir Pour 8 Negus qui [noan?] out aidez a descharger £24 [signed Will Taggart]" "Nathaniel Briggs to the Estate of Dr Charles Anth. Vigneron (of Tiverton) DR 1772 May 31st to [visit] negro £4" "DR Mr Nathaniel Briggs to Joseph Anthony CR By 1 Negro Boy £52.10 Philad. Nov. ye 19 1762 EE Joseph Anthony"
MICROFILM E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 12 Mss 9001-B Loose Vol.	Bristol Insurance Company	Requests	1800-1801	Bristol	The insurance industry was an integral part of the transatlantic slave trade, though from a discreet distance. This volume contains copies of approved requests for insurance by shipowners, covering only 1800 and 1801. The requests usually give some information on the proposed itinerary, and the expected value of the cargo; many are for voyages to Africa.
Mss 109	Brown, Beriah Papers	Papers	1746-1792	Kings County (Washington County)	Papers of Beriah Brown, who served as sheriff of Kings/Washington County from 1746 to 1792. A careful review of the entire collection would undoubtedly yield more references than those listed below.
*Mss 109	Brown, Beriah Papers	Warrant	4 July 1771	Kings County (Washington County)	Warrant against "Seaser, a Negro" suspected of assault
Mss 109 Box 2, Folder 3: 1761	Brown, Beriah Papers	Indenture	18 May 1761	Kings County (Washington County)	Indenture made between Beriah Brown & Gideon Hoxsie regarding a "Negro man named Quacco"

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Mss 109 Box 2, Folder 8: 1765	Brown, Beriah Papers	Settlement	9 July 1765	Kings County (Washington County)	Dispute between Pecten Boss & Beriah Brown Jr, settled with "one Negro man and hatcase and glasses"
Mss 109 Box 2, Folder 8: 1765	Brown, Beriah Papers	Appraisal	22 Mar 1765	Kings County (Washington County)	Item Old Tenor £ Lawful Money "To 1 Negro Man called Newport 1300 55-14-3-2 To 1 Negro Man called [Greenmony?] 1300 55-14-3-2 To 1 Negro Woman called Doll 1100 47-2-10-1 To 1 Negro Boy named Joo 800 34-5-8-2 To 1 Negro girl named Nancy 150 6-8-6-3 To 1 Negro Boy named Ceaser 150 6-8-6-3" Taken & Appraised 22d-23d Days of March AD 1765
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 2: 1770	Brown, Beriah Papers	Judgement	1 Mar 1770	Kings County (Washington County)	Judgement for Gideon Clarke of South Kingston against John Franklin "to have & recover two Negroes the one a Negroe woman named Claro the other a Negro boy named Dick or for the want thereof 100 pounds lawful money"
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 2: 1770	Brown, Beriah Papers	Sentence	6 Mar 1770	Kings County (Washington County)	"Hannah Sias (so called) an Indian woman of South Kingston aforementioned was convicted of stealing from Thomas Hazard of South Kingstown aforementioned six pounds of sugar." She was ordered to "restore to the said Thomas Hazard six shillings lawful money being two fold of the value of the sugar stole and also pay a fine...three shillings and costs of convictions..." She failed to pay so instead was "publically whipped upon her naked back then stripes"
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 2: 1770	Brown, Beriah Papers	Judgement	10 Mar 1770	Kings County (Washington County)	Judgement for Othniel Gardner of Exeter "commenced an action of Detune, for detaining one certain Neagro boy slave or captive called Priamus against John Smith Junior"
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 3: 1771	Brown, Beriah Papers	Judgement	11 Mar 1771	Kings County (Washington County)	Judgement is a case concerning "Henry Harry, Indian"
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 3: 1771	Brown, Beriah Papers	Receipt	8 Oct 1771	Kings County (Washington County)	Capt. Joseph Hale "to taking up your Negro Peter Bounty 4 dollars to Sundry cost, keeping him & expences in carrying him to Goal (jail)"
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 6: 1774	Brown, Beriah Papers	Warrant	14 Mar 1774	Kings County (Washington County)	Warrant for the arrest of John Franklin of South Kingston by a complaint made by "Thomas Lawton (a Negro man) Laborer and Marcy (a Mustee) his wife both of North Kingston, which said March before her Inter marriage with the said Thomas was widow of Isaac Cezars" claim that the Mr. Franklin did "with force and arms did take & carry away one Solomon Cezar a Mulatto boy of the age of sixteen years & son to the Pct Marcy and the said Isaac deceased, and still unjustly detains the said Solomon...."
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 6: 1774	Brown, Beriah Papers	Indenture	14 Mar 1774	Kings County (Washington County)	Indenture agreement between Thomas Lawton and his wife Mercy to place their son Solomon Cezar with Beriah Brown and his wife Amy as a servant until he turns twenty one years old (now being 16).
Mss 109 Box 3, Folder 6: 1774	Brown, Beriah Papers	Receipt	23 Mar 1774	Kings County (Washington County)	(2) receipts: 1- "received of Beriah Brown one hundred dollars in part for a Negro man named Jack - Saml Phillips"; 2- "Know all men by these presents that I Samuel Phillips of North Kingstown in the County of Kings County yeoman have this day received of Beriah Brown of said North Kingstown Esq. the sum of two hundred silver milled dollars in full satisfaction for one Negro man slave named or called Jack which Negro man I have this day sold and delivered to the said Beriah Brown..."

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Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 6: 1778	Brown, Beriah Papers	Correspondence	17 Mar 1778	Kings County (Washington County)	"[entire first paragraph is very faded] Petitioned the General Assembly for a New Tryal in the Case said Mr [-] against myself I beg you would [take Care?] Affair and attend the Assembly I Believe it will be the best way to Get your father to Go to the Assembly and to take Mr Honeymans advise and to use his Inter[est?] with Sum of the Assembly Pray Dont feel as it is a matter of great Concern. Sr I have heard that my Negro Boy Scipio has inlisted he is But fourteen years and three months old I send as [Tom?] has [Interested?] I have no other Boy to Do any thing fer as I have got to [bear] old man I want a Boy very much and should Be very much obliged to you if you would be so good as to send Sip home again I am willen to Defend my Country as my man in it But as both my Boys has lesed hope you will not receive Sip & must submit Determination and your very [faded] N. Kingstown March 17th 1778 I have heard that my Negro Boy Sip has Inlisted he is but 14 years and three months old I am as willing to Defend my Country as any man in it But as Tom has Inlisted and I have now no Boy to Do anything for me I should be very much obliged to you if you would send Sip home again and not Receive him as I have no other Boy I know & must Submit your Deference if Sip has Reced anything it should be Returned from - Kings County October Term 1781 Superior Court Beriah Brown Esqr high Sheriff of said County Comes into Court and Informs the Governor & Company that there is no person committed to Goal at the [----] of the said Governor and Company in the County aforesaid."
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Legal Document	Sept 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	State of R.I. General Assembly: orders Joshua Randall of Stonington, Conn. the rights to sell the "Negro" woman & her 3 children currently in the custody of Beriah Brown under the conditions that they are sold in state, that original owner Carder Hazard approves of the buyers and that Beriah Brown is paid for expenses of holding the slaves until sale is completed.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Correspondence	22 Oct 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	North Carolina Brigade stationed at the Port on Constitution Island in the State of New York regarding John Rice, letter of support & character.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Correspondence	27 Nov 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	John Tenn, delegate for North Carolina, regarding John Rice, letter of support & character.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Testimony	Oct 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	John Rice's testimony regarding the case before the State Assembly regarding the 4 enslaved people (one woman & her three children) he purchased for \$3000 from Carder Hazard. He claims that when he refused to sell 2 of them to Lodowick Stanton, Stanton and John Cross hide them and said they ran away. They were later taken into custody and the State Assembly decided their fate. Rice was never allowed to appeal his case and they were sold by Joshua Randall. Stanton was able to buy the 2 he wanted for \$200 less than he originally offered Rice.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Promissory Note	28 Oct 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	Joseph Noyes obligation to pay Beriah Brown in his capacity as sheriff for the purchase of 2 Negro children, Mary & Jane.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Promissory Note	28 Oct 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	Lodowick Stanton obligation to pay Beriah Brown in his capacity as sheriff for the purchase of a "Negro" woman named Nab or Abigail & her child named Milly.
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Power of Attorney	30 Dec 1779	Kings County (Washington County)	John Rice appointing Beriah Brown as his attorney "in all cases for and against me"
Mss 109 Box 4 Folder 7: 1779	Brown, Beriah Papers	Correspondence	1779/1780	Kings County (Washington County)	Letter from John Rice to Beriah Brown instructing him of what to do with any money owed him if Rice cannot personally come to collect it.
Mss 109 Box 4, Folder 5: 1777	Brown, Beriah Papers	Estate List	May 1777	Kings County (Washington County)	List of property owned by Charles Slocum sold at auction: includes "one Negroman called Jim to Beriah White - 67.00"

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Mss 109 Box 5 Folder 8: 1785	Brown, Beriah Papers	Advertisement	26 Feb 1785	Kings County (Washington County)	Draft of an advertisement regarding a runaway enslaved man named Pomp, reward for return \$8.
Mss 109 Box 5 Folder 8: 1785	Brown, Beriah Papers	Deed	19 Mar 1785	Kings County (Washington County)	From Beriah Brown Jr to Beriah Brown Sr "one certain Negro named Pero aged about thirty-eight years"
Mss 109 Box 5, Folder 2: 1780	Brown, Beriah Papers	Legal Document	1780	Kings County (Washington County)	"Sometime last spring the town of New Shoreham made an order one Abigail Westcott, an Indian woman an inhabitant of the said town of New Shoreham and a pauper was an inhabitant of North Kingstown and removed her there accordingly..."
Mss 190 Box 5, Folder 2: 1780	Brown, Beriah Papers	Power of Attorney	5 June 1780	Kings County (Washington County)	Hezekiah Babcock making Beriah Brown "my attorney in all causes for and against me in my name relating to an Indian boy named Varnum Stanton which boy I have an indenture..."
*Mss 190 Box 6 Folder 9: Undated materials of interest	Brown, Beriah Papers	Papers	1787-1874	Kings County (Washington County)	Other items include an undated suit regarding an enslaved person purchased by one Joshua Holmes, who later proved to be free.
Mss 9001-B Box 14	Brown, Ceasar	Promissory Note	14 Apr 1816	East Greenwich	Pay to Ephraim Spencer
Mss 9001-B Box 15	Brown, Joseph E.	Pension File	n.d.	Rhode Island	Pension file of African American sailor in the American Civil War
Microfilm E 445 R4 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Correspondence	1753-1836	Providence	In addition to being a prominent Rhode Island citizen and businessman, one of Moses Brown's most valuable contributions was as an outspoken opponent of slavery. Brown worked to educate and influence others to the immorality of slavery. This collection of Brown's papers contains thousands of letters. Slavery and African Americans are addressed in many of the letters and some of the correspondence is with formerly enslaved people. Series II, the subject files, contains four folders titled "Anti-slavery." Series IV (bound volumes) includes account books which contain references to people of color. <i>Excerpts of some items in the collection are highlighted.</i> Finding aid available in manuscripts.
Microfilm E 445 R4 Mss 313 Series 2, Box 6, Folder 175	Brown, Moses Papers	Narrative	1723	Providence	Description of the yellow fever epidemic in 1723 and its effect on the Native American population in RI.
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	10 Sep 1777	Providence	Page 8 - entry for "Tom negro" - "By 1/4 his Wages from the 10th of 11th Mo. 1773 when I gave him a Manumission of 1/4 - to ye 10th of 9th mo. 1777 when the Business at the Works Ceased is 3 years 10 mo and as Somethings are Chd Since paper Money came in use I take out no Loss Time but ye allow the Whole of 70 Dol . . ." On the same page also appear entries for two other men named Yarrow and Newport who are connected to Tom through their wages.
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	9 May 1774	Providence	Page 10 - "1774 9 mo. 5 - Notes gave negros - 226 pd and took up".
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1818-1819	Providence	Page 18 - Sally or Sarah Holden "Cold" Woman, 1818-1819.
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1763-1765	Providence	Page 23 - Prime Burden "Negro", 1763-1765.
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1820-1821	Providence	Page 42 - Marge Samuel "Cold" Woman, 1820-1821.

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Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1763-1786	Providence	Page 44 - Toney Crawford "Indian", 1763-1786 "Toney being Poor I don't propose to Demand the Balance Due for Rent."
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1812-1814	Providence	Page 47 - Stephen Ceaser "coloured" Man, 1812-1814
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1812-1825	Providence	Page 47 - Faney or Bethany a "Coloured" Woman, 1812-1825
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1821-1822	Providence	Page 50 - Margery Sam "Cold" Woman, 1821-1822
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1809	Providence	Page 51 - Richard Williams "blk" Man, 1809
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1825-1827	Providence	Page 54 - Faney a "Coloured" Woman or Bethana or Phaney, 1825-1827
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1832-1834	Providence	Page 57 - Bethany a "Coloured" Woman, 1832-1834
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1763	Providence	Page 57 - Yokway Fenner "Negro", 1763
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1779-1812	Providence	Page 61 - Cudge "Negro", 1779-1812 "I paid Doc Barrows for his Doctrine of Cudge in his last Sickness"
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1802	Providence	Page 64 - Anthony Browning "blk" Man, 1802
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1778-1779	Providence	Page 77 - Tom "negro", 1778-1779
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1778-1779	Providence	Page 77 - Yarrow "negro", 1778-1779

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Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1797	Providence	Page 77 - Jacob "blackman", 1797
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1803-1824	Providence	Page 80 and 234 - Joseph Dailey "Indian", 1803-1824 "Joseph being deceased I Balance this acct without Calling on his family or Land"
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1785	Providence	Page 183 - "Charles (Negro)", 1785
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1785	Providence	Page 183 - Cloe Angell, "negro", 1786-1800
Microfilm E 445 R4 - Reel 17: Ledger begins on Frame 494 Mss 313	Brown, Moses Papers	Ledger	1816	Providence	Page 183 - Susan Carr, "Coloured" Woman, 1816 [There are many more entries for people of color in the ledger than listed]
Microfilm E 445 R4 Mss 313 Series 3, Subseries 1, Box 7, Folder 18	Brown, Moses Papers	Correspondence	18 Jan 1762	Providence	(Document #165) Letter of Administration for the estate of Fortin Waite, Jan. 18, 1762
Microfilm E 445 R4 Mss 313 Series 3, Subseries 1, Box 7, Folder 18	Brown, Moses Papers	Inventory	8 Mar 1762	Providence	(Document #166) "An Inventory of Fortin Waite free Negro Mans Estate. . ." which was worth in pounds 189 - 7 - 0. Approved by the Town Council March 8, 1762.
Microfilm E 445 R4 Reel 12: Box 1, Folder 5, 6, 7; Box 4x, Folder 1 (Frames 525-688) Mss 313 Series 2: Subject Files	Brown, Moses Papers	Records	1652-1825	Providence	Subject files on anti-slavery activities
Microfilm E 445 R4 Reel 18: Series B, Subject Files, Folder 1: Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade, begins on Frame 725 Mss 313 (Austin Collection)	Brown, Moses Papers	Correspondence, Records	1789-1793	Providence	Papers relating to the organization and running of the Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade
Microfilm E 445 R4 Reel 19: Frame 646 Mss 313 (Quaker Collection)	Brown, Moses Papers	Minute Book	1789-1827	Providence	Providence Society for Abolishing the Slave Trade Minute Book (Original in the NEYM archives)

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E445 .R4, part 1, reels 19-23 Mss 315	Brown, Obadiah I Collection	Papers	1740-1762	Providence	Obadiah Brown I (1712-1762), a mercantile trader, was directly involved with the slave trade on two occasions. Brown was master of sloop <i>Mary</i> , owned by his brother, James Brown II (1698-1739). The sloop <i>Mary</i> made a trip to Africa in 1736 becoming Rhode Island's first slave ship. This voyage was not profitable and was never repeated by the Browns. In 1759, Obadiah Brown's firm, Obadiah Brown & Co. made a second attempt at the slave trade sending the ship <i>Wheel of Fortune</i> to Africa. The ship was captured by French privateers. Most of Brown's papers relate to his business ventures including trade in the West Indies and the operation of a rum distillery. Unfortunately, there is nothing in this collection relating to the 1736 voyage of <i>Mary</i> and there are only a few incidental accounts relating to the 1758 fitting out of <i>Wheel of Fortune</i> (see "Ledger No. 5", p.122). Upon the death of Obadiah Brown in 1762 the following document was drawn up: "Inventory of the Household Furniture & other Goods at the Spermaceti Works, the half of which belongs to the Estate of Capt. Obadiah Brown deceased; The Quarter part of which is sold by Mary Brown the Widow and Executor of said deceased to Nicholas, Joseph & John Brown of Providence Merchants by Bill of Sale hereunto annexed" Listed on the inventory are: 1 "Negro" Man named Yarrow 1050 1 Ditto do Reuben 1100 1 ditto do Tom 1250 1/2 a "Negro" Girl named Tulip [unreadable]
Mss 9001-B Box 16	Browne, Esther	Declaration of Freedom	5 Jan 1781	Newport	Notice that with the payment of \$40 from her husband, Sam, Peggy Easton is released from service and no longer under any obligation to Esther Browne or her heirs.
Mss 64 Folder 10: Account Book, 1784-1865	Bucklin, Joseph Family Papers	Account Book	1847-1865	Rehoboth, Mass.	Samuel Slater Bucklin Account Book: 4 Sep 1860 "By amt paid colored man for watering streets 7 weeks \$1.75"; 2 Oct 1860 "By amt paid colored man for watering streets in full \$1.00"
Mss 9001-B Box 17	Budlong, Rebecca	Correspondence	21 May 1858	Providence	Anonymous letter from Providence to Thomas Kenney, the editor of the <u>Newark Advertiser</u> in Newark, N.J., regarding Rebecca Budlong, who was "in the habit of visiting a colored barbers shop, a place of rendezvous for prostitutes," 5/21/1858.
Mss 321 Box 3, Folder 1	Burnside, Ambrose E. Collection	Correspondence	4 Apr 1864	Rhode Island	Correspondence sent by Major General Burnside during his service in the Civil War. Three telegrams sent circa April 4, 1864 to the Adjutant Generals in Columbus, Ohio; Springfield, Ill.; and Indianapolis, Ind. requesting information about the status of the "colored" regiments and whether the officers had been mustered into service. See also the list of correspondence relating to people of color as part of the inventory to his papers. They often use the term "contraband" in reference to enslaved persons who escaped or were liberated by advancing Union troops. Those individuals were legally the property of their owners and so were contraband goods just as other types of "liberated" household goods were contraband. The list gives the volume and page number and the date of the letter or telegram.
Mss 325 Loose Vol: Ledger 1789-1800	Butler Family Papers Collection	Accounts	1789-1800	Providence	Belonging to Samuel Butler, entries of accounts with Quacco Butler from p. 8 forward.
Mss 9001-C Box 1	Caesar, John	Deed	1821	Cranston	Deed for sale of property from Caesar's estate to sons Benjamin, Charles C., Peter, Stephen, John and daughter Rhobe Lippitt.
Mss 9001-C Loose Vol.	Cahoone, Charles	Passenger Lists	1781-1787	Newport	Cahoone operated a packet boat to and from Providence. Records his passengers, including a few blacks.

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Mss 369	Campbell, Paul Research Notes	Research Notes	1976-1985	Rhode Island	In 1975, the Narragansett Tribe filed suit to regain land in southern RI which they claimed was illegally taken from them in 1880. In 1976, Paul Campbell was hired by the RI Attorney General's office as historian for the defense and along with his research partner, Glenn LaFantasie, he began photocopying documents ranging from 1524-1979. This collection contains many of Campbell's research notes on the history of the Narragansett Tribe as well as some of LaFantasie's. The notes are mainly photocopies of primary and secondary sources, trial documents, handwritten notes, drafts and correspondence regarding publishing.
Mss 1140	Card, James Family Papers	Papers	1756-1798	Newport	This collection is one of the more explicit collections relating to the slave trade in the RIHS Manuscripts Collection, and probably the most explicit that was not included in the microfilm set, <i>Papers of the American Slave Trade</i> .
Mss 1140 Folder 1 (1756-1760)	Card, James Family Papers	Papers	4 Mar 1758; 29 Jan 1760	Newport	Mar 4 1758- bill from Sarah Bull for ship labor of her "negor man."; Jan 29 1760 - receipt for payment to Howard Pool for making 2 pairs of shoes for Card's "negroes"
Mss 1140 Folder 2 (1761-1762)	Card, James Family Papers	Papers	20 Feb 1761; n.d.	Newport	Feb 20 1761- receipt for payment from Jonathan Paine to whom Card delivered a "neagor boy" from Boston; [1762] - an undated receipt for paying for a "black man going with a letter to Senegal" and other expenses with 4 1/2 gallons of brandy, re schooner <i>Adventure</i> .
Mss 1140 Folder 3 (1763)	Card, James Family Papers	Papers	16 Oct 1763	Newport	Receipt dated at Bay of Honduras for two enslaved children (a boy named Nicholaw and a girl named Present) from Oliver Ring Warner, a merchant, who buys and sells enslaved people through Card.
Mss 1140 Folder 4 (1764-1769)	Card, James Family Papers	Papers	24 Apr 1764; 1 Oct 1768	Newport	Apr 24 1764- Letter from William Cahoon to Oliver Ring Warner re logwood plantation on Irish Creek in the Bay of Honduras, including attached certificate re enslaved person named Newport, aged 25, who has been working on Cahoon's plantation since 1756; oct 1 1768- Receipt from Thomas Townsend for mahogany tables, a maple table, and a coffin for Card's "negro girl"
Mss 1140 Folder 5 (1770-1771)	Card, James Family Papers	Papers/Correspondence	1770-1771	Newport	1770/02/23- power of attorney from Oliver Ring Warner to Card, with attached list of accounts including mentions of "Negros" Newport, Nicholaw, and Present 1770/02/23- letter from Warner, in part re orders to recapture Ring's enslaved person "Newport" who appears to have escaped in Honduras. 1770/04/04- letter from Card to Warner re failure to capture Newport 1770/05/01- letter from Card to Warner re failure to capture Newport 1770/07/29- letter from Card to Warner re failure to settle debts 1770/12/18- letter from John Stiles re mahogany logs; "please to let my Negroes take them." 1771/04/02- receipt from Owen Nash of "No. Bay" for six enslaved people: "Primrose, a seasoned man; Jack, a seasoned boy; Betty, a seasoned girl; Phillis, a seasoned woman girl; March, a new negro man; Jenny, a new negro woman girl" 1771/09/18- order from John Lawrie to "deliver my Negro Hercules to Capt. James McCauley."
Mss 1140 Oversize Folder	Card, James Family Papers	Agreement/Correspondence	23 Mar 1762; 14 Aug 1771	Newport	Mar 23 1762- Agreement with Barnaby Burnet of Goree to trade all goods aboard the schooner <i>Adventure</i> in exchange for Burnet "to put on board the said schooner by the middle of July next, merchantable slaves to the amount of cargo delivered"; Aug 14 1771- Letter from Lawrie, Hewlett & Co. re enslaved person tried for theft, who is to be delivered to Bay of Honduras (attached to 1771/04/29 account)
Mss 9001-C Box 2, Folder 1: Estate of Timothy Dailey, 1804-1807	Carder, Randall	Estate	29 Aug 1804	Warwick	Papers of the estate of Timothy Dailey, a "black" man. Claimants against the estate include Bristol Rhodes, Joseph Daily and others.
Mss 9001-C Loose Vol.	Carew, Zabdiel	Accounts	12 Nov 1782	Providence	Charge to Nathaniel Green for making a coffin "for his Negro woman". Accounts are written on the back of pages in one of Carew's orderly book/morning report journals, possibly by someone other than Carew.

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Mss 9001-C Box 4, Folder 1: Caleb Carr, d.1805	Carr, Caleb	Labor Records and Receipts	1758-1759	Newport	Supervising construction of Ft. George: "[faded] Febry to 6 Days Service of my Negro Cap William Mumford to Caleb Carr DR to 145 Days work dun of my Negro tom at Fort George Capt William Mumford to Caleb Carr DR to 145 Days work dun of my Negro tom at Fort George at £40 -- £290-00-00. November 8, 1758" "Newport November 8 1758 Fort George to Caleb Carr DR To 145 Days Worke of my Negro at £40/ £290-00-00" "Capt William Mumford to Caleb Carr DR 1758 to My negro work at Fort George to 145 Days at 45/ £326-5-0 1759 to 131 1/2 Days at 50/ £325-15-0 ----- £655-00-0 to October 29" "The Gentlemen of ye Committee appointed for Fort George DR To 63 1/2 Days work of my Negro George @ 50/ £158.15 Newport July ye 25th 1759. Errors Excepted Jno Brown Junr"
Mss 9001-C Box 4	Carr, Mary	Inventory	17 Dec 1746	Newport	Her estate inventory names "1 Negro man named Tom, 1 Negro woman named Phillis and Negro child named Violet."
Mss 9001-C Box 4, Folder 1: Robert Carr, 18 Dec 1666	Carr, Robert	Order	18 Dec 1666	Warwick	Order to "Humfumchag Subbondonset, Ehachabbin Quoanoscit" and their associates (formerly associates of Pomham) to cease planting within boundaries of Warwick Plantation.
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 8, Folder 16: Seaman's Ledgers 1815-1820	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1815-1820	Providence	Identified: Joseph Anson (Blk); Wm Nichols (Blk); Cupid Bowen listed but not identified as a person of color
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 8, Folder 19: Seaman's Ledgers 1819-1824	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1819-1824	Providence	Primus Bowen - Steward on ship <i>Panther</i> [not identified as a person of color]
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 8, Folder 2: Seaman's Ledgers 1821-1825	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1821-1825	Providence	Identified: on the <i>Panther</i> - Anchong (Chinese) young; Atong (Chinese) old man; Appoo ("China" Cook); on <i>Gen. Hamilton</i> - Sam (Chinese) Cook ; Primus Bowen - Steward on Ship <i>Panther</i> [not identified as a person of color]
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 8, Folder 20: Seaman's Ledgers 1820-1826	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1820-1826	Providence	Identified: Anchong (Chinese) Steward on ship <i>Trumbull</i>
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 1: Seaman's Ledgers 1824-1828	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1824-1828	Providence	Identified: Anchong ("Chinaman") Steward on ship <i>Edwards</i> .
Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 2: Seaman's Ledgers 1828-1831	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1828-1831	Providence	Identified: Apow ("Chinaman") Steward on ship <i>Franklin</i> .

* Location of document was not confirmed during 2018 review.

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Mss 333 Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 3: Seaman's Ledgers 1831-1835	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1831-1835	Providence	Cupid Brown - Steward on ship <i>Providence</i> [not identified as a person of color]
Mss Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 5: Ships Laborers Ledgers 1815-1818	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1815-1818	Providence	Identified: Anthony Randall ("Black"); John Stout ("Black"); Ned ("Blackman"); Talbot ("Blacky"); Samuel ("Black" man); Prince ("Black"); Frances ("Black"); John ("Negro"); also listed but not identified as people of color- Otis Cook; Cato; Prime Bowen; Cupid Brown; Taber
Mss Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 6: Ships Laborers Ledgers 1817-1818	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1815-1818	Providence	A listing for work done by "Chinese, the white one" for 3 1/2 days for which he was paid \$3.
Mss Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 7: Ships Laborers Ledgers 1819-1822	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1819-1822	Providence	Identified: John Jackson ("Blackman"); Henry ("Negro"); Wm. Parish ("Blk"); Arfoo (Chinese)
Mss Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 1, Box 9, Folder 8: Ships Laborers Ledgers 1822-1823	Carrington Papers	Ledger	1822-1823	Providence	Listing for Two "China Men", Sam & Tom; Cupid Brown is also listed but again, not identified as a person of color
Mss Subgroup 1, Series 5, Sub-Series 2, Box 9, Folder 9: Ships Laborers Account Books 1815-1819	Carrington Papers	Account Book	1815-1819	Providence	1815: Johnson, "Negro", unloading B; Wm. Black; Prime Bowen, Cupid & Prentiss listed but not identified as people of color; 1818: Bill ("Blk"); Tom ("Blk"); Tho Wm. ("Blk"); Jno ("Blk"); George ("Blk"); Spywood ("Blk"); John ("Blk"); Wm Hurriss ("Blk"); ("Black") Henry; Prince, Negro; Jones, Negro; Negro; Wm. (Black) Johnson; Jos Gardery[sp?] ("Blk"); John ("Blk")
Mss 333 Series 5	Carrington Papers	Accounts	1815-1835	Providence	In Seaman's Ledger includes accounts with African American crewman. Ledger books for labor done on ships and at Edward Carrington's estate include the names of Anthony Randall, John Stout, Pero, Prince, Prime Bowen, Cupid Bowen, Thomas, Ned, Talbot, Francis, John and others.
Mss 333 Series 1, Subseries 1: Incoming Correspondence, Box 9: Incoming Letters 1798-1809	Carrington Papers	Correspondence	1806-1809	Providence	Letter from Benjamin Hoppin & Sons to Edward Carrington written June 4, 1807 and received by Carrington in Canton December 14, 1807 "Benjamin Clifford mentions to our BH Jr. the other day the situation of your property on the Coast of Africa it requires immediate attention or it will be lost as in a very short time our African trade will be entirely at an end & your demand we understand is pay[able?] in slaves."
Microfilm HF5686 P25 C32 Mss 336 Loose Vol. 2, Ledger #1 (1768-1776)	Carter-Danforth Papers	Ledger	1768-1776	Providence	John Carter's Ledger (Journal) #1- Lists accounts with subscribers to the <u>Providence Gazette</u> including Tony Kinnicut (p. 272), Negro Greenwich (p. 272), and Prince Keen (p. 311)
Mss 336 Loose Vol. 3 (1789-1828)	Carter-Danforth Papers	Journal	1789-1828	Providence	Journal of Job Danforth. Entries include a charge against Jacob Whitman for building "a bunk for Prince to sleep in" (p.57), accounts with Quacco Butler (p. 83), a felt hat for Hopestill McNeal's Scipio (p. 87), a coffin for an unidentified African American man of J. Whitman's (p. 145), and an account for making a coffin for the wife of John Hicks (p.177).
Mss 336 Loose Vol. 4 (1816-1817)	Carter-Danforth Papers	Accounts	1817	Providence	John Carter's Ledger A (1816-1817) includes an account kept with John Rogers ("black" man).

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Mss 9001-C Box 5	Cary, Nathaniel	Accounts	15 Dec 1752; 25 Jul 1754	Bristol	Settles accounts with William Bradford for goods delivered to "yr negro" (December 15, 1752) and accounts with the estate of Nathan Miller including "To your order by Primus" (July 25, 1754).
Mss 1002	Chace, Elizabeth Buffum Papers	Papers	1858-1890	Rhode Island	Papers of a famous abolitionist whose home served as a stop on the Underground Railroad. These papers, however, shed little light on these activities, and consist mostly of correspondence with her children. There are several passing mentions of anti-slavery meetings, and of a visit to abolitionist Wendell Phillips.
Mss 1002 Folder 1: Elizabeth Buffum Chace letters to sons Samuel and Arnold, 1858-1859	Chace, Elizabeth Buffum Papers	Correspondence	1859	Rhode Island	3/8/1859- To Arnold. 4 pages. Father very ill. "I went to a Spiritual meeting and heard a most excellent and beautiful discourse from a trance medium...Then I attended a meeting of the Anti-Slavery Committee at 4 o'clock."; 4/3/1859- To Sam. 2 pages. "We are having company and Anti-Slavery meetings today."; 4/7/1859- To Sam. 2 pages. "I am arranging Anti-Slavery meetings about the state and have to write several letters almost every day."
Mss 1002 Folder 2: Elizabeth Buffum Chace letters to sons Samuel and Arnold, 1860-1864	Chace, Elizabeth Buffum Papers	Correspondence	1862	Rhode Island	1/24/1860- Dated Valley Falls. 4 pages. Son Eddie struck by a carriage and badly injured. "Last night, Wendell Phillips lectured at Lonsdale, & he came here, and we carried him up, and then he returned with us, and spent the night. We had a nice time. He told us about his visit to North Elba, when he went with the body of John Brown; relating many little incidents which were not published in the papers.;" 8/19/1862- To Sammie. 3 pages. "Gen. Hunter has disbanded his Negro regiment. How strange that such blindness prevails. That white men must go by hundreds of thousands...but the colored man must be saved! ...the country will ere long be inhabited by women and children and negroes. Oh! how I long to hear the right word spoken, that of Universal Freedom which would so soon put an end to this War! When will it come?"
Mss 1002 Folder 3. Elizabeth Buffum Chace letters to son Arnold, 1866-1868, 1874	Chace, Elizabeth Buffum Papers	Correspondence	1868	Rhode Island	1/26/1868- 4 pages. "Mass. Anti-Slavery Society at Mercantile Hall on Summer St. We had a good meeting. The speakers were Phillips and Frothingham and Higginson and the two Fosters and quite a number of others.;" 5/21/1868- 4 pages. Visit to New York. "In the afternoon, we went to the [Anti-Slavery] office where he had been very anxious to show us him composing room, where the types are set entirely by girls, whom he pays as he would men."
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Papers	1700-1840	Newport	Champlin was a Newport merchant who invested in the slave trade. These records include records for supplying the slave schooner <i>Adventure</i> from 1763-1774; labor accounts for enslaved people hired out by Champlin to other masters; and the 1762 bill of sale of an enslaved man named Bristow Rhodes. There are also several folders of deeds and depositions dated 1700-1761 relating to an estate dispute among the Narragansett Tribe, for which Champlin served as Thomas Ninigret's trustee.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20</i> <i>Series 4: Miscellaneous,</i> <i>Box 9, Folder 4: Indian</i> <i>Deeds - Thomas</i> <i>Ninigret 1756-7</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Estate	1700 - 1757	Newport	Charlestown lands deeded from Narragansett Tribe Sachems and others to the Champlins; depositions concerning the parentage of Charles and George Ninegret (Champlin seemed to support Charles); Sachem deed to the Narragansett Church; accounts and receipts to Christopher Champlin, guardian of Thomas Ninegret, infant sachem (1752); appraisal of Nicholas Easton land; leases; deed of sale for a slave; power of attorney to Abraham Redwood Ellery. Accounts with the estate of Thomas Ninigret with renters listed, including "Negro William" and William Mustee.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1,</i> <i>Folder 4</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	29 Oct 1762	Newport	Capt. John Peck, Newport. Re: slaving voyage. Copy of Peck's Order.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1,</i> <i>Folder 5</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	8 Nov 1762	Newport	Samuel Chace to Christopher Champlin, re: shares in the Privateer <i>Speedwell</i> due Chace via. his servant Cesar Chase or Cesar Fry.

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Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 9a</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	14 Feb 1775	Kingston, Jamaica	Joseph & Eliphalet Fitch to Christopher Champlin, re: "good market for negroes", Kingston, Jamaica
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 9b</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	6 Oct 1775	Jamaica	Robert Champlin to Christopher Champlin, re: "in hopes my slaves..." Jamaica
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 4, Folder 1: Ship Records - Schooner Adventure, 1763-1774</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Crew List	1766	Newport	"Bristol Champlin, slave" appears on crew lists
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 4, Folder 1: Ship Records - Schooner Adventure, 1763-1774</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Crew List	1771	Newport	"Tosh" (or Tack) Sisson appears on crew list for sloop <i>Adventure</i>
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 4, Folder 1: Ship Records - Schooner Adventure, 1763-1774</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Ship Record	1773	Newport	"Ephraim Meves--Mulatto seaman"; "Frank, servant to Doctor Eyres"
*Mss 20	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Crew List	1794	Newport	Quash Vernon appears on crew list snow Elizabeth
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 5, Folder 10: Brigantine George, 1757-1782 (Privateer of war)</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Accounts	1757	Newport	Brigantine <i>George</i> accounts with Joseph Hull, Cuff Godfrey, Prince Lillibridge. Crew list includes "negro amas," Thomas Atwood's "negro Scipio," and James Tosh
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 5, Folder 10: Brigantine George, 1757-1782 (Privateer of war)</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Crew list	1758	Newport	Brigantine <i>George</i> crew list includes Obediah Cezar, Ebenezer Cezar, Ned Stoddard, Cezar Steven, Boston Malbone, Jack Bowler, Cezar Malbone, Ben Negro, Prince Gould

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Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 2, Box 5, Folder 19a: Ship Peggy, 1773-1776 (virtualizing)</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Accounts	1775	Newport	Accounts of his ship Peggy, includes names of Hicks, James Carr and Sirlone Jepson
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 3, Box 7, Folder 1760-1764 (2)</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Account	10 Jul 1760	Newport	Peleg Thurston's accounting of includes charge for labor of "my negro"
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 3, Box 7, Folder 1770-1772 (2)</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Account	1770	Newport	Jeremiah Phillips account includes making shoes for "Your negro woman"
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 4, Box 9, Folder 13</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Deed	4 Dec 1712-18 Jun 1731	Newport	"Deed of land to Christopher Champlin from the Committee Appointed to Assist Ninnegret in Disposing Some of his Lands."
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 4, Box 9, Folder 13</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Deposition	18 Oct 1752	Newport	Deposition of Jonathan Kinyon of Charlestown, Richmond, regarding a deed of land from George Ninegret.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 4, Box 9, Folder 14: Wills Deeds Leases 1790-1813</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Manumission	11 Jun 1796	Newport	George, Irish - Manumission of Will June 11, 1796 Will, a black man, bought his freedom.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 4, Box 9, Folder 6: Financial Records, Misc.</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Deed	11 Aug 1762	Newport	Deed from Simon Rhodes of Stonington Conn. to Christopher Champlin of Newport, August 11 1762, of "one certain negro man about thirty years of age known by the name of Bristow Rhodes."
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 2</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	29 June 1756	Boston, Mass.	Stephen W. Greenlease to Wilkinson & Ayrault, re: invoice for enslaved person, Boston, Mass.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 6</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	28 Mar 1763	New Providence, Bahamas	Samuel Moses to Christopher Champlin, re: news of a slave voyage, New Providence, Bahamas.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 <i>Mss 20 Series 1, Box 8, Folder 8</i>	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	22 Apr 1774	Granada	Threfal & Anderson to Christopher & George Champlin, re: enslaved people, Granada

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Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 Mss 20 Series 1, Box 8, Folder 8	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	22 Apr 1774	Granada	Threfal & Anderson to Christopher & George Champlin, re: sell enslaved people at St. K, Granada
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 Mss 20 Series 1, Box 8, Folder 9	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	23 Oct 1775	Kingston, Jamaica	Joseph & Eliphalet Fitch to Christopher & George Champlin, re: "selling slave", Kingston
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 1-9, 27 Mss 20 Series 1, Box 8, Folder 9b	Champlin, Christopher Papers	Correspondence	10 Dec 1775	Barbados	Samuel & James K. Went to Christopher Champlin, re: "rec'd 92 slaves"
Mss 439 Loose Vol. 2: Benjamin T. Chandler, Ledger 1804-1808	Chandler, Benjamin T. Family Records	Account book	1806-1809	Providence	Account book of Benjamin T. Chandler for general store names Scipio Brinton (p. 72), John Corlis, and "Borneo." None identified as people of color. Corresponding transactions can be found in the daybook (vol. 1).
Mss 439 Loose Vol. 3: William Earle Accounts, 1796-1833	Chandler, Benjamin T. Family Records	Journal	1796-1800	Providence	Records payment to Prince Vaughn [not identified as a person of color]
Mss 341 Box 11, Vol. 4, p. 127	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	Aug 1790	Newport	Manne Green is identified in a deposition as a laborer.
Mss 341 Box 11, Vol. 4, p. 129	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	13 Aug 1790	Newport	Judgement re James Sampson, "Indian", of South Kingstown.
Mss 341 Box 16, Vol. 6, p. 51	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	25 Jan 1802	Newport	Letter from David Howell to William Ellery, mentioning "Black woman Belinda (and) Hammond Tanner a Black man."
Mss 341 Box 16, Vol. 6, pages 35, 37, 43	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	1799, 1801	Newport	Letters between William Ellery & David Barnes; 15 Oct 1799- re sale of the Brig <i>Orange</i> , slave traders mentioned; 1 Nov 1799- foreign vessels must be given bonds re the slave trade; 3 Jan 1801- opinion that no "cargo" is forfeited (if vessel is employed in slave trade) unless it is on board at time of capture
Mss 341 Box 17, Vol. 6, p. 71	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	4 Mar 1805	Newport	Letter from David Howell to William Ellery re James Robertson vs. Philip M. Topham for a breach of the law preventing the slave trade
Mss 341 Box 21, Vol. 7, p. 251	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	4 Sept 1819; 5 Sept 1819	Newport	Letters between William Ellery and John Cahoone discussing a Portuguese schooner caught near Bristol which was fitted out for the slave trade.
Mss 341 Box 3, Vol. 1, p. 175	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	22 Oct 1773	Newport	William Ellery of Newport settles accounts with Samuel Hully for "cutting yr Negro a Jackitt"
Mss 341 Box 8, Vol. 3, p. 109	Channing-Ellery Papers	Papers	23 Jun 1786	Newport	As commissioner of the Continental Loan Office, William Ellery sold certificates to Prince Bent, Jehu Quaco and others.
*Mss 191	Charlestown Town Records Collection	Bond	7 Jan 1793	Charlestown	"Bond as guardian to James Davis Negro and his Estate to letting up two notifications for all that have any tradings with said James, to come to us for settlement, and to trade with James no more."
Mss 191 Series 4 Box 1, Folder 11: Receipts & Bills 1760-1880	Charlestown Town Records Collection	Bill	7 Jan 1793	Charlestown	Benjamin Hoxley Jr for the Estate of James Backus "Negro".
Mss 191 Series 4 Box 1, Folder 11: Receipts & Bills 1760-1880	Charlestown Town Records Collection	Settlement	18 Apr 1825	Charlestown	Simeon Tucker accounts as Guardian to James Freeman one of the Narragansett Tribe.
Mss 9001-C Box 7	Christ Church (Episcopal)	Records	1841-1851	Providence	One of the first African American Episcopal churches in the country. A June 1849 letter from Prince Loveridge questions the placing of a white clergyman in the church. He writes, "...that a Colored minister would do more for that people than the most talented white man that can be found. "

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Mss 673 sg 4 Loose Vol. 38: Guard Duty Reports, July-Oct 1862	Civil War Military Papers	Guard Book	1862	Rhode Island	Guard Duty Reports for 3rd Regiment of Heavy Artillery at Fort Seward gives records of unknown "contrabands" (freed enslaved people) imprisoned in the Civil War. In the "List of Prisoners" the reasons for imprisonment are frequently listed as stealing or drunkenness.
Mss 673 sg 4 Box 7: Enlistments, 1863-65	Civil War Military Papers	Records	Aug 1863-Oct 1865	Rhode Island	Rhode Island Fourteenth Regiment, Heavy Artillery: Morning reports, Company A, Jan 1864-Oct 1865; Orders, 1865
Mss 673 sg 4 Vol. 53: Orderly Book, Apr 1864-Jan 1865	Civil War Military Papers	Orderly Book	1864-1865	Rhode Island	2nd Division, 18th U.S. Army Corps Orderly book, Special order No.69 states that "Colored troops will be posted in rear of the Centre of each Brigade on the entrenched line."
Mss 673 sg 4 Box 8	Civil War Military Papers	Records	1865	Rhode Island	Includes the following records of the Forty-first Regiment U.S. Infantry (Colored): Quartermaster's store, 1865; Statement of charges on muster and payrolls, 1865; Inventory and inspection report, 1865
Mss 110 Series 2: Doboy Steam Mill & Lumber Company, Loose Vol. 1	Clark Sayles Papers	Accounts	1852-1855	Georgia	Steam Saw mill at Doboy Island, at the mouth of the Altamaha River in Georgia. Account book - African America Labor (enslaved people) Aug 1852-Sept 1855
Mss 110 Series 2: Doboy Steam Mill & Lumber Company, Box 1	Clark Sayles Papers	Records	1851-1854	Georgia	Enslaved people hired, May 1851-Aug 1854, undated
Mss 1127 Box 2 Folder 14: Mary (Foster) Clark, Correspondence from Joseph Clark (1806-1812)	Clark/Church Family Papers	Correspondence	26 Feb 1807	Rhode Island	Letter from Joseph Clark to his wife Mary (Foster) Clark dated Feb. 26, 1807 from Savannah: "My Sailors & Cook have letters from their friends - My Mate Mr. Hopkins found a letter here from his Wife, all my people - even my cook, although he is a very Dark sind Man had a letter."
Mss 351 Box 1 Folder: Clarke, Celia G. Diary, 1829	Clarke Family Papers	Diary	1829	Newport	Celia G. Clarke, Diary 1829 : Includes extensive descriptions of work done by servants, who were undoubtedly Afro-American. Their names included John, Prince, Judy and Caesar.
Mss 351 Box 2 Folder: Clarke, Peleg & Audley- Correspondence (re: Brig Sally, 1794-1801)	Clarke Family Papers	Crew List	1796	Newport	Clarke, Peleg & Audley- Correspondence (re: Brig Sally, 1794-1801). Photostats, includes a Crew list, 1796: named- Pero Nichols and Jack Rogers (cook).
Mss 351 Box 4 Joseph Clarke Personal Record Book	Clarke Family Papers	Records	1662	Newport	Joseph Clarkes' personal record book ca. 1750, in volume with original official Westerly Town Record Book cover 1669-1702. Westerly town record book with copies of town meetings including deeds and agreements with Narragansett Indians on pages 8-12 dated 1662.
Mss 351 Loose Vol. 1 Ledger, 1771-1777	Clarke Family Papers	Ledger	1771-1777	Newport	Ethan Clarke's accounts include Quaco Ward of Westerly (p.101), James Shote - "Indian" soldier, (p.143) and possibly other people of color.
Mss 351 Oversize Box 3 Folder: Accounts with Clarke and Hammond, 1792-1795	Clarke Family Papers	Accounts	1792-1795	Newport	Ethan Clarke's accounts with Clarke & Hammond include pay to Sampson.
Mss 351 Oversize Box 3 Folder: Factory Ledger, 1785-1786	Clarke Family Papers	Ledger	1785-1786	Newport	Ethan Clarke's factory ledger records hire of and accounts with blacks.
Mss 351 Oversize Box 3 Folder: Journal, 1797-1798	Clarke Family Papers	Journal	1797-1798	Newport	Ethan Clarke's journal records hire of "Mr. Hamilton's negro."

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Mss 350	Clarke Indian Manuscripts	Deeds/Depositions	1641-1787	Washington County	This collection, ranging from 1641-1787, includes access photocopies of the original deeds and depositions relating to Native Americans in Rhode Island. The material is primarily deeds for Narragansett lands in southern Rhode Island with the many in Charlestown. There are also several folders of testimony regarding the rightful successor as Sachem of the Narragansetts after the death of Sachem Charles Ninigret in 1735. The individuals competing for the title of Sachem were Charles Ninigret Jr., George Ninigret, and his son, Thomas.
Mss 9001-C Box 9	Coggeshall, Elisha	Will	1803-1805	Newport	In his will, he manumits Jane and makes provision for Mark.
Mss 9001-C Box 9, Folder 1: Last Will & Testament, 31 Mar 1762	Coggeshall, Thomas	Will	31 Mar 1762	Newport	Last will and testament willing various unnamed enslaved African Americans to family members.
Mss 9001-C Box 10	Collins, James	Will	1758	Newport	In his last will, he leaves Brislow, Pegg, Phillis, and Violet to his children.
Mss 673 sg 1 Folder: 1739-1747, Typescript List of Soldiers	Colonial Militia Collection	List	1739-1747	Rhode Island	Includes Cuff Bannister (Privateer Revenge, 1740), Newport Coffin (Capt. Cole's Co., 1745), Frank Pelham (Privateer Revenge, 1740), Sampson Quimons (Capt. Champlin's Co., 1745) and others.
Mss 673 sg 1 Folder: 1757, Aug 17: Muster Roll of Newport County Regiment	Colonial Militia Collection	Muster roll	17 Aug 1757	Rhode Island	"Muster Roll of that part of the Regiment raised in the Colony of Rhode Island for the Present Expedition which marched out of the county of Newport." under the command of Col. Andrews. One of the names listed in the 3rd Division reads: "Josiah an Indian"
Mss 673 sg 1 Folder: 1758, Jan 12: Pay List of Capt. Daniel Wall's Company	Colonial Militia Collection	Pay Roll	Jan-Apr 1758	Providence	Includes names of Jacob Ceasar, Ceasar Sambo, Peter Cheese, and Benjamin Negro.
Mss 673 sg 1 Folder: 1758, Oct 26: Account of Men from Babcock's Regiment in Hospital in Albany	Colonial Militia Collection	List	Jun-Oct 1758	Rhode Island	Account...of the Rhode Island Regiment of Provincials [with] His Majesty's Hospital at Albany [New York] Includes the name of Primas Harris of Capt. Tew's Company.
Mss 9001-C Box 11	Committee of Defence [sic]	Records	1814	Providence	Minutes of the meetings of the Committee of Defence which was an organization created by the citizens of Providence to defend Rhode Island against attack by the British during the War of 1812. On the inside front cover is a tally of the number of days of labor contributed by various groups toward the building of fortifications around Providence and surrounding towns. One of the groups was the "Free People of Color" who contributed a total of 96 days of labor. The minutes for October 1, 1814 document that a letter was received by the "Free People of Color" offering their services. On October 2, 1814 the committee assigned Wednesday [Oct. 5, 1814] as the day they would labor on the fortifications.
Microfilm HQ 1438. R45 Pt 2 Reel 3 (Diary begins at Frame 0824) Mss 363 Box 2 Folder 18	Congdon Family Papers	Diary	1841	East Greenwich	Diary of Cynthia (Sprague) Congdon 1841-1842, the white wife of a sea captain, with the following entries: "Ma went to the schoolhouse to a Negro meeting" (presumably Abolitionist) [2/27/1841]. "I am going to the Indians meeting this PM... Heard the Indians preach again, the house was crowded I do not think I seen such an assemblage since I visited the Masonic Hall. They talked extremely well and it was really wonderful to hear them speak of the Bible and bring forward their illustrations. Ignorant and unlearned as they were, one of them could not read a word he was the best speaker and one to have heard him would have supposed him well versed in the language of scripture." [3/21/1841]

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Microfilm HQ 1438. R45 Pt 2 Reel 4 (Diary begins at Frame 0896) Mss 363 Box 2 Folder 34	Congdon Family Papers	Diary	1854	East Greenwich	Diary of Mary R. (Congdon) Carstein Dearstyne 1854-1855 while on the <i>Hannah Thornton</i> sailing from New York to New Orleans via the Bahamas. Includes the following: "Passed several sugar plantations. First you would see the sugar mill then the masters house surrounded by orange trees then the slave houses which are all built along in a row they are very nice little houses. Each has its barrel before it to catch rain... One poor slave woman came on board [the ship] wanted washing." [12/25/1854]
Mss 936	Congdon Street Baptist Church Records	Records	1875-1994	Providence	This collection includes minutes, reports, programs, newspaper clippings, historical notes, and memorabilia of one of Rhode Island's leading African American churches.
Mss 9001-C Box 11	Congdon, Benjamin	Inventory	1756	North Kingston	Estate inventory which includes "Old Tom and Old Jeana" valued at 00; one "Negro" man named Cuff valued at 430; one "Negro" woman named Binah valued at 200; one "Negro" woman named Tent and her four children valued at 950; one "Negro gal" named Janna given to Elizabeth Sweet valued at 300.
Mss 9001-C Box 11	Congdon, Francis	Inventory	21 Aug 1775	North Kingston	Estate inventory which values Desire, Tom and Toney.
Mss 9001-C Box 12	Congdon, Joseph	Accounts	1777-1779	Providence	Accounts with saltworks name Yerrow (Yarrow) Simms, Primas, and William Sims.
Mss 9001-C Box 13	Cook, Thomas, Sr.	Papers	1721, 1760	Tiverton	Cook's papers include a 1721 bill of sale for Experience and his 1760 will in which she is manumitted.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 9 Mss 365 Folder: 1771	Cooke, Nicholas Collection	Complaint	30 Jan 1771	Providence	"Antigua 30th Jan 1771 Sir Some time in May 1764 your Son Capt Joseph Cooke [carried] a Negro Man named Tom being then the Property of Mr Joseph [Manuwing] who had severall Executions against him in the Marshals office of this Island. -- Since the death of said [Manuwing] your son sold the said Negro to Mr [Ni-ngale] a gentleman of good Character much under halfe his Vallue from that [Step buy honest person] might judge that yr son had Neither Title or Right being Limited to one port for his Sale; & selling said Slave til the Death of Mr Manuwing & Then as Im told Claiming some on [sort?] demand I have the affermation of a person who was prst when the Negro was hired by yr Son at forty five shill pr month. After when on Board The Brig Commanded by Capt Roads it wch give me Pleasure that Capt Joseph Cooke will Clear this matter to his Credit he being a [person] on much Esteem. I am Sir your most Obt Hbl Servt Walter Burke. Admin to the Estate of Mr Joseph Man[wering]"
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 9 Mss 365 Folder: 1771	Cooke, Nicholas Collection	Deed of Sale	18 Sep 1771	Providence	"I Josias Lyndon of Newport in the County of Newport in the Colony of Rhode Island &c. Esqr. for and [in] Consideration of the Sum of One hundred & fifty Spanish Silver milld Dollars to me in hand paid by Nicholas Cooke of Providence in the County of Providence in the Colony aforesaid Esqr do hereby bargain & sell unto the said Nicholas Cooke his Heirs Exec Adminr & Assigns forever One Young Negro Man aged about twenty years named Prince. To have & to hold the said Negro man unto the sd Nicholas Cooke his Heirs Exec Admin & Assigns to his & their only proper use Benefit & [---] forever. In Witness where I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal the eighteenth Day of September AD 1771. Josias Lyndon."
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 9 Mss 365 Folder: 1775	Cooke, Nicholas Collection	Correspondence	1 Jul 1775	Providence	"Gov. Cook to the Sachems, Warriors, and female Governesses of Oneida," Draft of a letter attempting to secure the neutrality of the Oneida tribe in the war with Britain.
Mss 1058 Series 4, Box 4, Folder 49	Cool Moose Party Records	Correspondence	1998	Rhode Island	Federal discrimination suit, "Black Owners/Investors of Broad St. Car Wash, Inc. vs. State of Rhode and Lincoln Almond and et als." Correspondence and supporting documents, 1998.
Mss 366 Folder: Dispute with Daniel Bartlett	Cooper Family Papers	Papers	22 Nov 1751	Glocester	Moses Cooper, d. 1805. Papers include: Original bill of sale from Stephen Arnold for "Jack"; complaint against Daniel Bartlett for persuading Jack to run away.
Mss 9001-C Box 15	Crawford, Joseph Jr.	Accounts	Mar 1770	Providence	Settles accounts with Benjamin Coates for "mending for Antoney."
Mss 982 Folder 1	Crawford, Joseph Papers	Crew List	28 Nov 1764	Providence	Sloop <i>Squirrel</i> bound for Antiqua: notes John Loyn, Joseph Mays & Edward Edwards as having "Dark" complexions.

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Mss 982 Folder 1	Crawford, Joseph Papers	Accounts	1761	Providence	Settles accounts with Samuel Wall [not identified as a person of color]
Mss 982 Folder 1	Crawford, Joseph Papers	Payment	1779	Providence	Paid Prince Keen for shoeing horses [not identified as a person of color]
Mss 982 Folder 1	Crawford, Joseph Papers	Crew List	n.d.	Providence	List of crew members and their shares, includes the name of Lepard Angel "negro boy" with 3/4 of a share.
Mss 9001-C Box 16	Cushing, Benjamin	Will	1773	Providence	In his will, he leaves to his daughter Ann Rawson, "My Negrowoman who is already living with her" (1773).
Mss 9001-C Loose Vol.	Cushing, Benjamin	Account Book	1769-1797	Providence	Accounts with William Mingo (August 26, 1771) p. 43, Franscisco (September 20, 1771) p. 46, and William Cesar (October 14, 1771) p. 49.
Mss 9001-D Box 1 Folder: Daggett, Israel, Jr. Rehoboth, Bill of Sale for Quom to Israel Daggett, Sr. 31 May 1768	Daggett, Israel, Jr.	Bill of Sale	31 May 1768	Bristol	"Know all Persons, whom it may concern, that I [I] Israel Daggett Juner of Rehoboth in the County of Bristol in New England practitioner in Practitioner in Physick for and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Mil'd Dollars to me in hand paid by Israel Dagget Senior of the Town & County aforesaid Cooper the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargain'd, sold, and deliverd, and by these Present according to the one Form of Law, do bargain, sell, and deliver unto the Said Israel Daggett Senior one Negro Boy Named Quomo about Eighteen Months Old; to have and to hold the said bargain'd Premisses unto the said Israel Daggett Senr his Executors, Administrators and Assigns forever; and I the said Israel Daggett Juner, for my selfe, my Executors, Administrators, the said Bargained Premisses unto the said Israel Daggett Senior, his Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, against all and all manner of Persons, shall and will warrant, and for ever defend by these present In witness whereof to geather with the Delivery of the said Negro Boy I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, this 31st Day of May in the year of our Lord 1768. Israel Daggett, Juner. Wm. Daggett William Braley"
Mss 9001-D Loose Vol.	Dauchy, Marie	Diary	1836	Providence	Diary of a white woman passing through Providence in 1836, who described a celebration in honor of the 200th anniversary of Roger Williams' landing in Providence: "We were told that all the Indians in the state would be gathered, and dinner prepared of corn, beans, fish, venison and such like as was used by the natives and first English inhabitants".
Mss 629 sg 11	Davis Family Papers	Records	1835	North Kingstown	Records of a family who manufactured "Negro cloth". Jeffrey Davis (1780-1854) and Ezra Davis (1779-1863) were partners in a successful woolen mill, E. & J. Davis. William Dean Davis, Jeffrey's son, joined the business in 1835. One of the products made at the mill was a durable and inexpensive fabric called "Negro Plain" which was sold to southern plantation owners to outfit their enslaved workers.
Mss 629 sg 11 Box 1, Folder 12: Exercise Book, ca 1795-1802	Davis Family Papers	Exercise Book	c. 1795-1802	North Kingstown	James Dean Davis's exercise book: includes a play script "A Dialogue between Mercury and an English Duelist. A North American Savage" on page 134, transcription of "dialogue of the dead" between an Englishman and a Mohawk "savage" who have both died of wounds inflicted via actions they took under the laws of their respective cultures (1796 entry)
Mss 629 sg 11 Box 1, Folder 34: Correspondence, ca1829-1873 and undated	Davis Family Papers	Correspondence	25 Sep 1831	North Kingstown	Letter to William Dean Davis from his sister, Abby Davis brief mention of Providence race riots.
Mss 629 sg 11 Box 1, Folder 34: Correspondence, ca1829-1873 and undated	Davis Family Papers	Correspondence	1 May 1840	Matanzas, Cuba	Letter to William Dean Davis from his brother, George A. Davis describing in detail, the execution of a "negro" in Matanzas, Cuba for "killing his wife and the overseer on the estate of his master."
Mss 378 Vol 2, p. 135	Deed Book Collection	Receipt	13 Jul 1780	Providence	Receipt given by Henry Bacon who agrees to hold for Mingo Bentley "free negroman of Providence" the amount of his soldier's bounty.

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Mss 378 Vol 2, p. 97	Deed Book Collection	Receipt	6 Jun 1785	Cranston	Front "Providence 6th June 1785 Received of Mr Obediah Brown the sum of Six Pounds Lawful money which is intent for a Negro Man Servant struck off to said Brown the third day of June Instant at Public Vender at the Market in this Town to Satisfy and Execution at the Suit of Israel Gorton against John Andrews Esqr Both of Cranston in the County of Providence. ADC 1784 Witness William Allen D[eputy] Sheriff." Back "Bill of Sale William Allen to Obediah Brown Recd June 6 1785. I hereby certify That the within Instrument is duly Recorded in Book No 19 Folio 524 of the Records of the Town of Providence for Registering Deeds &c this Sixth Day of June AD 1785 Theodore Foster, Town Clerk"
Mss 378 Vol. 2, p. 136	Deed Book Collection	Will	ca. 1780	Providence	Last will and testament of Mingo Bentley of Providence who leaves everything to his wife Finda Sweeting, servant of Job Sweeting.
Mss 378 Vol. 4, Folder 100	Deed Book Collection	Deposition	5 Jan 1758	Providence	Front "Mary Sheldon of Providence in County of Providence &c testifieth and saith that She was at Thomas Angels while he Lived at Providence town and Negro Violot Satt in the house with her head bound and I asked her If She was not well and She Saith she was not and Some time after her master Angel came in and a Doctor with him as I suppose and asked Violett some Questions and he prepared to blood her as I understood the Questions he asked Violett was whether she was with Child and [scratched out] She answered she was not and then the Docter told her he must Blead her and and about a month before Angel sold Violett to Peledg Williames Violett Came to our house and she locked to very poorly with her head bound and Asked what was good for pain in the Stomach and said she had a bad pain in her Stomach for some Considerable time I told her I did not know she should aske her mistress She said she never complained much to her m[i]stress because she would Schold at her if she Did and she further told mee she never had been so well as she was before since the horse kickt her for her ail was at her stomach and that sence their house Catch a fire her fetching of water had maide her warse then she wars before and Some litele time after that Williames bought her and Violett had ffits as I understood I went over to thomas angels & was talking with his wif abut Violett's having ffits and anges wife Said that Vilot was like to [have] a litel on[-] and her [tear - piece missing] and fits and she made them and She always [tear - piece missing] to be croos & made when she was like to have a littel one and angels wife also told mee the [Depnant] some considerable time before vilot was sold to Williames that Prince & Vilot [Disfared] and Viollott was sold to Williames that Prince and Villot Disfared and Viollott lay some tim as they thought without the breath & they thought prince had hurt her very much and tey seemed scaired about it & his master was angry with him and afterwards when they understood by Ea-ter that shee had been so before while they lived at town so then they thought that viollott [Decembled?] & that prince had not hurt her but that they were mad fits the within written Evidence was warrant to this 5th D of Jan AD 1758 Before mee Nathan Pearce Justice of Peace" Back "Thomas Angel Present upon interrigation Ques what time was it you [-d] at angels house [smudge] Docter agoing to bleed Voilett A answer I Dont Remember the year not the month but it was som tim after Villots cuff was born Quest Did you as you was well aquanted cause ever know Vilot to have fits while angel had her Answ [---] on by her mistress told mee She had fits several times A copy a test [ed] Mee John [Martin?]"
Mss 378 Vol. 5, Folder 6	Deed Book Collection	Deed	2 Oct 1717	Providence	Deed of sale from John Crawford to Jeremiah Whipple for a "negro" boy about 10 years of age named Lhazper.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 10 (Account Book 1814-1815 begins on Frame 0698) Mss 382 Box 7, Vol. 6, p. 76	DeWolf Family Papers	Account Book	1814-1816	Rhode Island	Account Book of brigantine <i>Yankee</i> (1814-1815), entry for Cuffee Cockroach

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Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reels 9-11 Mss 382	DeWolf Family Papers	Papers	1751-1864	Rhode Island	A large collection of papers from Rhode Island's most notorious slave-trading family. Though these papers do not go into the slave trade in any great depth, there are several lists of enslaved people sold, and the trade is mentioned periodically throughout the correspondence. They also include accounts and lists of enslaved people from the family sugar plantation in Cuba, 1818-1852.
Mss 67 Box 3	Dexter Asylum	Indenture	1828-1844	Providence	Indentures include contracts on people of color. 3 June 1828: Hannah Allens "a woman of colour"; 19 June 1828: Thomas Peterson "a man of colour"; 19 June 1828: John Wallace "a married man of colour"; 23 June 1828: Reuben B. Allen "a man of colour"; 15 August 1828: John Francis Wolfhart "a mulatto man"; 27 August 1828: Thomas Stanton "a person of colour"; 19 August 1840: Caroline Redwood "of color"; 3 August 1842: Ann Elizabeth Elsworth "a woman of color, a transient woman"
Mss 9001-D Box 2, Folder 2: Account with Job Smith, 1831	Dexter, Edward	Account	1794-1796	Providence	His accounts settled with Job Smith names Sukey.
Mss 9001-D Loose Vol. Mss 965	Dexter, John Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE) Records, 1986-1996.	Account Records	1820 1986-1996	Smithfield Providence	Account book records payment to Cezar (possibly "Henery"?) Arnold. Community organization founded in 1986, based in South Providence, with largely African American membership. Also addresses Latino and Asian American concerns. The collection includes records of DARE's campaigns during its first ten years of existence. In addition, there are some administrative records, including minutes, grant applications, fundraising, and intern records.
Mss 232 sg 4	Direct Tax Records	Records	1798	Rhode Island	These records list property owners in North Kingstown, Providence, Richmond, Smithfield, and Warwick. Several of these property owners in each town are identified as "black". Newport Brown is shown as the only "black" property owner on Benefit Street in Providence, for example. For some towns, the lists give very detailed descriptions of the dwelling houses that were taxed. In addition, there are schedules for slave ownership in Richmond, Smithfield and Warwick. Only one slave owner was taxed in Smithfield: Job Arnold, who owned one unnamed enslaved person aged between 12 and 50. Benjamin Greene was the only slave-owner taxed in Warwick, with two unnamed enslaved people. David Larkin of Richmond was taxed for a 23-year-old enslaved person, and Peleg Wilcox of Richmond was taxed for a 16-year-old enslaved person. See Microfilm. Microfilm HJ9013 P9 1798 - 1798 <i>Direct Tax List A and List B for Providence</i> , Microfilm HJ 9013 .R4 R4 1798 - 1798 <i>Direct Tax List A and List B for Richmond, Smithfield and Warwick</i>
Mss 232 sg 4 Loose Vol.	Direct Tax Records	Records	1798-1800	Rhode Island	Record book of the "Rhode Island Board of Commissioners...for valuation and enumeration of 1798". Includes minutes and resolutions, state-wide summary abstracts of all schedules, and records of payments made to collectors, 1798-1800: pages 70-71, give the number of enslaved people in each town (there were 168 enslaved people counted for the entire state); page 19 gives the commission's brief instructions for enumerating slaves.
Microfilm HJ9013 P9 1798 (Providence), HJ9013 R4 R4 1798 (Richmond, Smithfield, Warwick) Mss 232 sg 4	Direct Tax Records	Tax Records	1798	Rhode Island	Page 19 states that lists should be prepared showing names and ages of enslaved people; page 70-71 has "summary abstract of all slaves owned and superintended"
Mss 9001-D Box 4: Account Books 1790-1795	Dods, George	Accounts	1790-1796	Providence	An account book for Brown, Benson shows payments for the labor of Solomon and Thomas.
Mss 391 Folder 12: Scrapbook (keeper unknown) 1842-1843	Dorr, Thomas W. Collection	Scrapbook	1842-1843	Rhode Island	Newspaper clipping, opinion piece on "one or two communications addressed to the COLORED VOTERS" printed in <i>The Express</i> , n.d.

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Mss 391 Folder 16: Fragment of Pro-Dorr Poetry, Anonymous	Dorr, Thomas W. Collection	Poetry	1841-1844	Rhode Island	Anonymous fragment of pro-Dorr Rebellion poetry, apparently written circa 1842-1844. Describes an incident in which "the African captain who fought like a mad man / With Jesse and Whipple and the Dedaw Cashier / Being hard sider merry surprised Uncle Jerry / and ransacked house without favor or fear."
Mss 98 Box 10	Downing, Antoinette Papers	Research Notes	1926-1986	Providence	Includes research notes, mainly newspaper clippings, on opera singer Cissaretta Jones ("Black Patti").
Mss 165 Series 2 Personal Accounts Box 1, Folder 10: 1790-1794	Dr. Isaac Senter Papers	Accounts	1790-1794	Pawtuxet	Receipts for work done by John Remington during 1787-1793, the receipts includes many entries for making or mending shoes for unnamed "Negro" and "Negro boy" and also for "Negro Prince." Receipt for work done by Mary Myrick dated October 23, 1792 with a charge for "Making a Coat for your Servant." Receipt from Henry Fowler of Jamestown dated March 24, 1793 "to 3 fearages your two Sons and a Negro man 25 cents." Receipt for account with Jonathan Hull for 1788-1791 which includes entries for "to Mak a Vest & Pr overalls for Negro" and "To Altering a Pr Breeches for Negro."
Mss 9001-D Box 5	Drown, Henry B.	Receipt	10 Dec 1840	North Providence	Pays Samuel Cesar for digging and stoning cellar at Fruit Hill.
Mss 9001-D Box 5, Folder: Account Book, misc.	Drowne, William	Account Book	1784-1786	Providence	Lists sale to Ceaser Rice and Negro Condon (December 1785), p.14; Theodore Foster candles delivered by a Negro girl (May 6, 1787), p. 40; account settled with Solomon Drowne for cash paid to Sisco (June 1784), last page.
Mss 9001-D Box 5	Dyre, William	Indenture	24 Sep 1791	South Kingston	Bill of sale and terms of slavery for Violet (age 2) from Prince and Violet Dyre. "...that said Negro Servant Child, Violet, from and after said Term of twenty years shall be forever absolved manumited and discharged from the bonds of Slavery and Servitude..."
Mss 459 Box 1, Folder 11: Accounts, 1810-1814	E & C Greene Records	Agreement	30 Apr 1811	Warwick; East Greenwich	Agreement with Job Sambo to rent Nichols lot for \$56.78 payable in building a stone wall on the property.
Mss 459 Box 1, Folder 11: Accounts, 1810-1814	E & C Greene Records	Note	6 Sep 1813	Warwick; East Greenwich	Note from Samuel Primus to settle his accounts.
Mss 459 Box 1, Folder 17: Accounts, 1819	E & C Greene Records	Promissory Note	3 Feb 1819	Warwick; East Greenwich	Mark of Cato Sweet on a note to pay \$35.20.
Mss 459 Box 1, Folder 25: Accounts, 1827	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	11 Dec 1827	Warwick; East Greenwich	Accounts receipt settled with Jeramiah Slocum for making shoes for "black Hannah" (March 10, 1826).
Mss 459 Box 1, Folder 3: Account book for the Rhode Island Central Bank, 1807-1818, also includes a labor record, 1822-1825	E & C Greene Records	Labor Record	1822	Warwick; East Greenwich	Labor record includes agreement for work of George Gardner, September 1822.
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 1, Blotter, 1803-1807	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1803-1807	Warwick; East Greenwich	Blotter notes (in back of book) indicate Mr. Howard & Lady "...8 Days lost at Negro Election..." June 30, 1806 and include store accounts for food of Cudgo, September 1805. Within the ledger is an account with Cuff Spencer, September 9, 1805.
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 11, Ledger, 1788-1796	E & C Greene Records	Ledger	1788-1796	Warwick; East Greenwich	Ledger includes sales and service to Prince Hammon (p. 82 & 122), Samuel Sambow (p. 120 & 145) and Job Sambow (included in the index).
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 13, Ledger, 1803-1816	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1803-1816	Warwick; East Greenwich	Ledger registers accounts with Jack Gardner (p. 55, 188), Samuel Sambo (p. 58, 269, 332, 341), Cuff Spencer (p. 86), Nicholas Howard (p. 88, 125), Job Sambo (p. 90, 364), Cato Rome (p. 123), Windsor Gardner (p. 332), Peru Weaver (p. 393).
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 2, Day book, 1786-1792	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1786-1792	Warwick; East Greenwich	Daybook includes labor agreement and accounts with Samuel Sambow, 1790 (in the back of the book). Records a day Sambow lost to the "negro election," June 1790.
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 4, Day book, 1807-1810	E & C Greene Records	Day Book	19 Nov 1810	Warwick; East Greenwich	Labor agreement with Samuel Sambo, November 19, 1810.

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Mss 459 Loose Vol. 6, Day book, 1816-1819	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1816	Warwick; East Greenwich	In the front of the ledger is a note which indicates that Chris Sambo began work July 14 (no year). In the back of the ledger is a labor agreement for Ceasar Brown commencing work December 3, 1816 to work three and a half months at seven and a half dollars per month.
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 7, Day book, 1819-1827	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1819	Warwick; East Greenwich	Daybook (in the back of book) includes labor agreements and accounts with Mr. Fortune Dyer, "Colored Man" September 17, 1819 and Cato Sweet, March 25, 1819.
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 8, Journal, 1798-1801	E & C Greene Records	Accounts	1798-1801	Warwick; East Greenwich	Journal includes accounts with Cuff Spencer, 1798-1800 (p. 5, 153).
Mss 459 Loose Vol. 9, Labor book, 1826-1829	E & C Greene Records	Labor Book	2 Apr 1827	Warwick; East Greenwich	Record of William Thomas "black boy," April 2, 1827.
Mss 9001-E Box 1	Earle, William	Accounts	1766-1768	Providence	Settles account with Prince Milard for five days work (17 Dec 1766); settles account with Simeon Potter of Bristol for labor of himself, Gibb Negro and other unnamed black men (1767); record of accounts with John Waterman include prices for enslaved men, women, and children: "Debt [Copr?] Wm Earle his Acct Curtt with John Waterman N768 To 5 Men Slaves at 120 600 To 4 Women at 100 400 To 1 boy at 100 100 To 4 boys at 110 440 To 3 men at 120 360 To 4 boys & one girl 80 400 One order from Mr [Verhayes?] 94 A gl Empty Hog & [Cane?] Expence 18 A gl women 110 110 [for?] yre men 130 650 for three Trips with me boat 130 for Empty Hog from Mr [A-hly] 10 Gall: 4292 by 5 Hogs rum Containing 439 [gal] [by] 6 Hogs rum ditto 527 [gal] [by] 6 Hogs rum ditto 505 [gal] [by] 5 Hogs rum ditto 423 [gal] for Mr de Kort 1122 [gal] [by] 5 Hogs rum 417 [gal] for Mr de [V--t] 746 [gal] Gall: 4179 du John Woortman 23 [Sabro C rrore Comanti--] December 15th 1768"
Mss 9001-E Loose Vol. Ship Accounts, 1744-1777	Earle, William	Accounts	17 Dec 1766	Providence	Accounts list "Negro James" (1774), Hamlet (1774-76), Greenwich (1774), "my negro Cuggo" (1775-76), "my negro Tom" (1775), and possibly others.
Mss 9001-E Box 2	Easton, Elizabeth	Will	7 Jul 1800	Newport	In her will she emancipates Violet and Rose and leaves personal property to Violet.
Mss 9001-E Box 2 Folder: Easton, Jonathan (Newport) d. 1796 (1754-1785)	Easton, Jonathan	Will, Manumission	22 May 1777; 3 Jan 1783	Newport	(d. 1796) In his will he bequeaths Cato, Newport, Ann, Bess, Rose and Amy to his children; manumission of his "Negro Man Slave named Abraham"
Mss 9001-E Box 2 Folder: Easton, Nicholas (Newport) Documents 1770-1805	Easton, Nicholas	Will	8 Jan 1770	Newport	Documents include his Will in which he bequeaths to nephew Nicholas Easton "my negro man servant named Sam and my negro woman servant named Peg"; to my cousin Sarah "one of my two negro children Abigail & Valentine she to take her choice of them at my decease."

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Mss 9001-E Box 2 Folder: Easton, Nicholas (Newport) Estate of Richard Hazard.	Easton, Nicholas	Indenture	26 Apr 1764	Newport	"This INDENTURE witnesseth, That Nicholas Easton of Newport in the County of Newport in the Colony of Rhode Island, Esqr., and Susannah Hazard of South Kingston in the County of Kings County and the said Colony, widow, (Executors of the Last Will and Testament of Richard Hazard late of South Kingstown in the County of Kings County and the Colony aforesaid Yeoman deceased) have and by these Presents, do put and bind a Negro Boy named Peter (late belonging to the said Richard Hazard deceased but now belongs to Robert Hazard, son of the said Richard) Apprentice to Thomas Hazard Junr. of Newport aforesaid, Yeoman, to learn the Art, Trade, or Mystery of a Husbandman & with him after the Manner of an Apprentice, to serve from the Eleventh day of this instant April for and during the Term of Twelve Years, next ensuing, to be compleat and ended. During all which said Term the said Apprentice his said Master faithfully shall serve, his Secrets keep, his lawful Commands gladly obey: he shall do no Damage to his said Master nor see it done by others, without letting or giving Notice thereof to his said Master he shall not waste his said Masters Goods, nor lend them unlawfully to any. He shall not commit Fornication, nor contract Matrimony within the said Term. At Cards, Dice, or any other lawful Game, he shall not play, whereby his said Master may have Damage, with his own Goods, or the Goods of otheres: he shall not absent himself by Day or by Night, from his said Masters Service, without his Leave; or haunt Ale-houses, Taverns, or Play-houses; but in all Things behave himself as a good and faithful Apprentice ought to do, towards his said Master and all his during said Term. And the said Master do he hereby promise to teach and instruct, or cause the said Apprentice to be taught and instructed in the Art, Trade, or Calling of a Husbandman by the best Ways and Means he can within the said Term, Finding and providing for the said Apprentice sufficient Meat Drink Washing Lodging and Apparel during said Term. And at the expiration thereof to give unto the said apprentice such apparel as he shall then have. In Testimony whereof, the Parties of these Presents have hereunto interchangeable set their Hands and Seals, the twenty sixth Day of April in the Fourth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord George the Third King of Great Britain, &c. Annoq. Dom. 1764. Nicholas Easton [&] Susannah Hazard."
Mss 9001-E Box 2 Folder: Easton, Peter Will 28 Apr 1691	Easton, Peter	Will	28 Apr 1691	Newport	A copy of his last will, leaves Simon, Tom, Sam, Sue, and Kate to various family members. The will manumits Primus and gives him items of real property. "I give my man Primus, his time servitude, for the Love he has bour unto me, and also I give him his Bed he lies in, and Beding, and Twenty Shillings in Silver Money, and his wearing Clothes."
Mss 877	Edward & Angell Legal Files, 1975- 1978	Legal Documents (copies)	1975-1978	Providence	This collection consists of evidence presented in a 1975 suit by the Narragansett Indians against the owners of their former tribal land in Charlestown, R.I. The land had been sold by the state of Rhode Island in 1890. The collection includes copies of evidence presented by both the plaintiff and the defendants in this suit, and collected by the Providence legal firm of Edwards and Angell, which represented the Narragansetts in the case. Both legal teams made an effort to uncover every scrap of evidence relating to Narragansett land claims, dating back to the first European visit to Rhode Island by Verrazano in 1524. The most important known documents relating to the Narragansetts are copied in this file, including early deeds, the tribal minute book from 1850 to 1860, the 1881 report listing accepted tribal members, and numerous petitions made to the Rhode Island General Assembly. See related collection: Mss 369, Paul Campbell Research Notes.
Mss 406	Ellery, Christopher Papers	Deed of sale	26 Oct 1796	Newport	In his copybook, 1795-99, he recorded a deed of sale of Stephen (born in Georgia) and Benjamin (born on Block Island) to Benoni Hill. These are the children of a Mulatto woman named Minta. Minta is the servant of Catherine and Miller (nee Greene).

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Mss 407 Series 2: Miscellaneous Folder 2: Account Books	Ellery, William Papers	Accounts	1780-1815	Newport	Includes two small volumes of accounts with servants and laborers in Newport, 1780-1820. In the first volume are a page of accounts with "George (son of Jenny Weeden) a black boy came to live at my house Apl 7th 1805" (page 1); an account with "a black man named Hammond Tanner" in 1795 (signed by "Hammorn Tanner") (page 17); and "Abigail Tweedy a black Woman", 1798 (page 26). In the second volume are "Wilson Lawton a black man" in 1807 (page 2), "Binah a black girl" and "Chloe Sherman a black girl" in 1812 (page 15); "Phillis a black woman" in 1815 (page 17). Both volumes also list dozens of other servants of indeterminate race.
Mss 408 Box 1, Folder: P5	Esten Papers	Custody Bond	16 Sept 1742	Providence	"Whereas Mr John Hopkins as Dept Sheriff of ye County of Providence hath this Day attached a Negroe girl named Cloo ye Estate of Mr Willm Huston of Sd Providence at my (ye Subscribers) suit & hath also left her in my Custody, I therefore promise yt ye sd Negroe shall be forthcoming & ready to be produced, when ye nature & necessity of ye foresd suit requires it as Witness my hand ye 16th day of Sept. 1742 Geo. Taylor."
Mss 408 Box 1, Folder: P5	Esten Papers	Auction Notice	18 Jan 1742	Providence	"Notice is hereby given yt on Friday ye 28th [Instant] will be sold at public [bondice?] at ye House of Mr John Hopkins in Providence, sundry sorts of shop goods & one likely negroe girl, for prompt pay all being part of ye Estate of Mr William Huston late of sd Providence the Promises to be soon before ye sale begins. Dated ye 18th of Jany 1742. Thos Rice Sheriff."
Mss 408 Box 1, Folder: P5	Esten Papers	Public Notice	30 Jan 1742	Providence	"Whereas public Notice hath been given by Thomas Rice Esqr High Sheriff of ye County of Providence of ye Sale of sundry shop goods a likely negroe girl a farm at a place called ye Divels Hole & ye Proffits of those Lands that [devolved] upon William Huston by his Wife being all taken by virtue of divers Executions against sd Huston which Sale was begun but not finished These are to give notice yt ye aforesd sale is continued unto Wednesday ye Ninth day of February now next coming at ye House of Capt John Hopkins at ten o the Clock befornoon Dated Jany 30th 1742 Thos. Rice Sheriff."
Mss 197 Series 1, Box 3, Folder 9: Complaints, 1800-1809	Exeter Town Records	Complaint	26 Feb 1806	Exeter	Complaint that Quam Chapman, belonging to heirs of John Chapman, stole shoes from Thomas Phillips store.
Mss 197 Series 2, Box 8, Folder 6: Indentures	Exeter Town Records	Indenture	2 Oct 1797	Exeter	Indenture of Susannah Brown a "Black Girl and daughter of Roseannah Brown". This is the only indenture where a racial designation is made in this collection of about 29.
Mss 197 Series 3, Box 8, Folder 2: Overseer of the poor, 1780-1789/1790- 1799	Exeter Town Records	Order	13 Jun 1797	Exeter	Order for the removal of Roseannah Brown, a black woman of South Kingstown.
Mss 197 Series 3, Box 8, Folder 7: Bastard File, 1774-1809	Exeter Town Records	Complaint	13 Jan 1800	Exeter	Complaint in which Janey Weight, single woman, accuses John Junion of North Kingstown, "Blackman", of being the father of her "female Bastard Child" born in Exeter in 1798.
Mss 197 Series 4, (Oversize) Loose Vol: Tax Rate List, 1767-1778	Exeter Town Records	Tax List	1767-1778	Exeter	List of Rateable Estate: Indicates names of slave owners, but not names of the enslaved.
Mss 9001-F Loose Vol.	Female Beneficent Society Papers	Record Book	1809-1881	Pawtucket	Records include black recipients of assistance. Also indicated is money given to the African Colonization Society (September 1, 1820 and possibly other dates).
*Mss 412	Fenner, Joseph J. Papers	Receipt	Feb 1802	Providence	Receipted bill for goods sold to Jude Cook and Mingo

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Mss 412 Series 3: Joseph J. Fenner Accounts, Loose Vol. 1: Journal of General Store & Stonecutting Business, 1806-1812	Fenner, Joseph J. Papers	Payment	27 Jun 1807	Providence	Stone cutter paid Cato Greene for labor (p.14).
Mss 412 Series 3: Joseph J. Fenner Accounts, Box 3, Folder 16: Accounts 1824, 1825, mics	Fenner, Joseph J. Papers	Writ	22 Feb 1825	Providence	Wanton Gardner, a laborer, is sought for attachment for his debt to Fenner.
Mss 412 Series 3: Joseph J. Fenner Accounts, Box 3, Folder 4: Accounts, 1800-1829, stonecutter	Fenner, Joseph J. Papers	Bill	23 Dec 1825	Providence	Receipted bill to "Brister a coloured man" for a hearth stove.
Mss 417	First Baptist Church Records (Providence)	Membership	n.d.	Providence	Black members of the church are named throughout the membership records. Names include Mary Almy, Phillis Anderson, Violet Brown Johnson, Mary Ann Brown (wife of Pero), Mrs. Betsey Brown, Hannah Hopkins Colen, Phillis Church, Eliza Jackson Green, Anstis Greene and others.
Mss 417 <i>REMOVED FROM COLLECTION TO CHURCH ARCHIVIST</i>	First Baptist Church Records (Providence)	Baptismal Record	2 Nov 1815	Providence	In records book 2, Flora Thurston received in baptism (p. 170).
Mss 418 Box 1, Folder 2: Cash book/Ledger/Donation Book, 1803-1807	First Congregational Church of Newport	Ledger	1805-1807	Newport	Includes contributions for Newport Gardner
Mss 418 Box 2, Volume: Contribution Book, 1804- 1807, 1820-24	First Congregational Church of Newport	Contribution Book	1810-1825	Newport	Includes receipts to sexton Newport Gardner
Mss 9001-F Box 4	Flagg, Henry	Seamen's Protection	1821	Newport	Flagg is described as having a "Copper complexion and black wooley hair."
Mss 9001-F Loose Vol: Daybook #5	Foster and Waterman	Day Book	1788-1789	Providence and Smithfield	Entries identify Cato Freeman (September 18, 1788), Quaco Butler, Duke Waterman and Prince (October 6, 1788), Cato Gardner (December 25, 1788), Seasar Jerebee (October 14, 1789) and possibly others.
Mss 198 Box 5, Folder 14: Minutes and Warrants, 1860-1869	Foster Town Records Collection	Warrant	Apr 1864	Foster	"Article VI. The assessors of each town or city shall assess a poll tax of one dollar annually, upon every male inhabitant of the age of twenty one years and upwards, excepting paupers, lunatics, persons non compotes mentis, persons under guardianship, convicts, members of the Narragansett tribe of Indians, and persons unable to contribute to the public charges, which said poll tax shall be payable at the same time and collected in the same manner as are the other taxes of said Town or city: and the proceeds of such poll tax shall be applied to the support of public schools."
Mss 421	Foster, Capt. Robert W. Papers	Correspondence	1873	New Orleans; At Sea	Letter from ship captain Robert W. Foster to Charles Briggs, complaining about two freedmen working as port wardens at New Orleans: "Moses Briggs a black man has been for the last four years a night watchman. (Ignorant as a goose.) Dajoie a black man is by trade a Baker and who for some length of time has served in that capacity on board River Steamers. (Still more ignorant. Both emerged from slavery and are semi-barbarous.)"

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Mss 424 Loose Vol. 16	Foster, Theodore Papers	Tax List	1778	Providence	Pages 1-6. 1778 tax list of Providence includes number of enslaved people owned (not individually named)
Mss 424 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 23: Principles of Law, p. 37	Foster, Theodore Papers	Notes	ca. 1770	Providence	Theodore Foster studied law as a young man and became a lawyer. This volume contains the notes he made during his studies. Most of the volume is examples of different types of legal documents. Page 37 contains a sample document that he titled "Declaration in Case for Warrant of a Negro." It involves a negro boy offered for sale and advertised as being free of disease. However, the boy did have "a secret and dangerous disease called the yaws" which caused his death after the sale was completed to his new master. It appears to be a copy from an actual case but identifying information was intentionally changed by Foster in his copy.
Mss 424 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 1: Vol. 9, p. 309-312	Foster, Theodore Papers	Notes	1800	Providence	Copied extracts created by Foster in 1800 from the "Case of Connecticut and Mohegan Indians" which includes a genealogy and lineage of Uncas, "Sachem of Moheag" as declared by him in 1692, the testimony of Thomas Stanton from 1738, and testimony of Mr. Bolan in 1743.
Mss 424 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 1: Vol. 9, p. 77	Foster, Theodore Papers	Notes	1730-1791	Providence	Notes relating to the history of Rhode Island, 1730-1791, "Numbers of the inhabitants of the State at different periods" Broken down by year, county, and ethnicity of either "white", "black", and "Indian".
Mss 424 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2, Vol. 12	Foster, Theodore Papers	Notes	1784	Providence; Kentucky; Ohio	Volume contains a history and description of Kentucky by author John Filson in 1784. The notes include mileage tables for the distance between Philadelphia and various points along the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. One of the places on the list is the "Village of the Alabama Indians" which was 1,770 miles by boat down the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers from Pittsburgh and 60 miles north of New Orleans.
Mss 424 Series 2, Box 5, Folder 4: Diary 1795	Foster, Theodore Papers	Diary	Aug 1795	Providence	"Mr. Stephen Tillinghast and Daughter Theodosia Their son George, [Mr. Norse?] Mrs. Boldwen and the Negro Boy John arrived at my House this day from New York."
Mss 426 Box 1, Folder 3: Diary, Feb 14 - Dec 27, 1793	Francis Family Papers	Diary	1793	Providence	Entries in pocket diary of John Francis (1763-1796) mention famous African-American ship captain: April 15, 1793- "Paul Cuffee of Westport master schooner Mary for 500 bushels salt is to deliver 83 2/3 codfish 20 Oct. next as security he has a note for 200 dr deposited" and again on October 20, 1793.
Mss 9001-G Box 1, Folder 1: Marriages by... & Memorandum	Gano, Stephen	Diary	1813-1814	Providence	Frequently ministers to people of color: "Baptised 9 o'clock Betsey Harmons, a woman of colour at Soldy Point." [1/03/1813] "Baptised at 11 o'clock Geo. C. Nathen a man of color." [2/06/1813] "Funeral of a black woman." [2/24/1813; 3/30/1813; 4/15/1813; 10/24/1813; 6/28/1814] "Funeral of a black man aged 83." [2/25/1813] "Funeral of black child 16 yrs consumption." [7/31/1813] "Funeral black woman dropsey." [8/03/1813]; "Church meeting. One person of colour related her hope." [2/03/1814] "Funeral black infant." [3/02/1814; 4/22/1814]; "Baptised a woman of color immediately after meeting who was very sick." [4/10/1814] "Funeral of a black man." [7/29/1814] "Married Randall Nightingale and Joan Faes (people of color)." [8/14/1814] "Funeral of an aged black woman." [9/18/1814] "Funeral of a black child." [12/25/1814] "Committee meeting evening a man of color related God's gracious dealings with him." [2/02/1813]

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Mss 629 sg 8 Box 1, Folder 8: Petitions & Depositions, 1785-1794	Gardiner Family Papers	Deposition	1788	South Kingstown	<p>Depositions regarding enslaved people owned by the Gardiner family, by Nathan Gardiner, Sr.</p> <p>Be it remembered that in his proper person came Thomas Potter of South Kingston in the County of Washington & State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations Esq. and being duly sworn before Nathaniel Helms junr Esq. one of the Justices in Commision for the peace duly engaged according to Law, testifieth and saith that he has had a very intimate Acquaintance with Nathan Gardner & Family of said South Kingston for upwards of thirty Years last past and that he hath there sun a Negro Woman Called Prudy which he always deemed and looks to be a slave and that Quam a Negro so called was reputed to be the son of said Prudy and by the said Nathan held as a Slave agreeably to law until about two Years from when he departed his said Masters Service - and that the said Prudy is now held by said Nathan in his family as a Slave agreeably to Law.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Be it</p> <p>remembered that in his proper person came Caleb Gardner of South Kingston in the County of Washington & State of Rhode Island & Providence Plantations Esq and being duly sworn before Nathaniel Helms junr Esq one of the Justices in Commision for the peace of the County afores. duly engaged according to Law deposeseth and said that to his certain knowledge ~ Fletus Gardner (a Negro Man so called) was born a slave to Henry Gardner of sd South Kingston Esq and by him held as a slave agreeably to the laws of said State until about two years since when the said Fletus departed from his said Master's service also that Quam Gardner (a Negro Man so called) was born and held by Nathan Gardner of sd. South Kingston Yeoman as a Slave agreeably to the laws of said State until about two years since when the said Quam departed his said masters service and that the said Quam & Fletus were always reputed as Slaves by the Inhabitants of said Town that were acquaintedwith their circumstances and that the Mother of the said Quam and the Mother of the said Fletus are now held in the service of said Henry Gradner & Nathan Gardner as Slaves.</p> <p>Caleb Gardner</p>
Mss 629 sg 8 Box 2, Folder 11: Receipts, 1766-1802	Gardiner Family Papers	Bill of Sale	1770	South Kingstown	Mary Gardiner to Nathan Gardiner, Jr., for negro man named Jeffry, aged "about twenty years"
Mss 629 sg 8 Box 2, Folder 14: Gardiner Family, 1786-1831	Gardiner Family Papers	Account	1797	South Kingstown	Cuff Henry Gardiner, account for work done to Ebenezer Adams
Mss 629 sg 8 Box 2, Folder 14: Gardiner Family, 1786-1831	Gardiner Family Papers	Receipt	13 July 1801	South Kingstown	Receipt on behalf of Mrs. Sarah Adams, widow of Ebenezer Adams for money received of Cuff Henry Gardiner, R.F. Noyes
Mss 1015 Folder 2, Ledger 1785-1805	Gardiner, Oliver Papers	Accounts	30 May 1796	North Kingstown	Includes accounts with Cuf Gardner, 5/30/1796 - labor exchanged for groceries. (not identified specifically as a POC)
Mss 9001-G Box 1	Gardner, Edward	Receipt	20 Sep 1754	South Kingstown	"South Kingstown September the 20th 1754 Then Recd of Ezekiel Gardner of North Kingstown in the County of Kings County &c yeoman the full and Just sum of Three Hundred and Thirty pounds Currant money of the Colony of Rhode Island for one Negro Garl Named Doll, which sd Negro the Sd Ezekiel Gardner and his Heirs or assigns are to Have and to Hold from this Time forward as his and their own free Estate, and I the sd Edward Gardner of Newport in the County of Newport &c yeoman do hereby oblige my self and my Heirs the sd Negro Doll for ever to warrant and Defend In Witness whereof I the sd Edward Gardner have hereunto sett my hand and seal the Day and year above written in the presence of vs Jeffrey Watson Margaret Smith Edward Gardner"
Mss 9001-G Box 1	Gardner, Elisha R.	Indenture	30 Sep 1801	South Kingstown	Agreement to bind out Zealous, son of Hannah Gardner, as an apprentice.
Mss 9001-G Box 1	Gardner, Ezekiel	Deed of Sale	23 Aug 1797	North Kingston	Sale to George Irish for "one negro man slave for Life named Mingo."

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Mss 9001-G Box 2, Folder: Last Will & Testament 26 Mar 1743	Gardner, Nicholas	Will	26 Mar 1743	Exeter	In his last will and testament he leaves Cuff, Pegg, Fillis (and child) and Cezer to his children.
Mss 9001-G Box 2	Gardner, Richard	Deed	Oct 1783	South Kingston	Deed for sale of an infant to Freeloove Gardner "So called a black woman" for six pence.
Mss 434 Box 1, Folder 12: Letter from Ezra Stiles to Rev. Elihu Spencer	Gaspee Papers	Correspondence	16 Feb 1773	Providence	"The Negro-Indian witness was brought ashore and examined at the Courthouse by the Commissioners in private after which he was returned onboard. . . . This fellow's mother was an Indian at Little Compton, and being free, was by The Town Council put out as a poor child in youth to a man on Prudence till age 21 and supra, and wanted to be free and differed with his master - and upon the burning of the Gaspee ran off and went Abroad as an Informer, but really to get away from his Master..."
Mss 434 Box 1, Folder 4: Copy of the Official Documents Relating to the Destruction of the Gaspee	Gaspee Papers	Deposition	Jun 1772 - Jun 1773	Providence	June 10, 1772, identifies Aaron Biggs, an indentured servant of Capt. Samuel Tompkins of Prudence Island and includes some biographical information (p.11).
Mss 434 Box 1, Folder 8: Transcription of Rev. Isaac Skillman's sermon, "An Oration upon the Beauties of Liberty, or the Essential Rights of Americans"	Gaspee Papers	Oration	3 Dec 1772	Providence	Part of an oration by Rev. Isaac Skillman, pastor of the Second Baptist Church in Boston and printed as the dedication of a Thanksgiving sermon, "It is true, my Lord, the Gaspee-Schooner is destroyed, and thereby the laws of England are violated, as you apprehend, either by Indians out of the woods, or by Rhode Islanders, I cannot say who; but it is query with one, my Lord, whether there be any law broke in burning the Gaspee Schooner. If it was done by the Indians (which is the current report) then there is no law broke: for the Scripture says, where there is no law, there is no transgression. And it is well known that the Indians were never under any law to the English."
Mss 753 Box 1, Ledger #1, 1794-1800	George Thurston & Son Records	Accounts	1794-1800	Hopkinton	Weaving book accounts include Robbin Babcock (Negro), Sezar Babcock (Negro), Rose Boss (Negro), Lyman Kerdan (Indian), and Samson Samuel (Negro).
Mss 753 Box 1, Ledger #5, 1810-1816	George Thurston & Son Records	Accounts	1810-1816	Hopkinton	Ledger includes Barberry "black girl" (p.1, 1815).
Mss 1004 Box 2: Various Groups, Urban Task Force	Goddard, Robert Hale Ives Jr. Papers	Papers	1970	Providence	Urban Task Force on the Administration of Justice, 1970: includes notes and reports from this committee studying police violence and racial tensions.
Mss 9001-G Box 4 Folder: 1 of 2	Gorham, Isaac	Log Book	1785-1790	At Sea	Log book of the slave ship <i>Enterprise</i> sailing for Africa under Captain John DeWolf, 1787
Mss 9001-G Box 4 Folder: 2 of 2	Gorham, Isaac	Papers	1795, n.d.	West Africa; At Sea	Includes a receipt for water "Gambia River, Town Gillepus" [7/7/1795]; and an account for cargo: "Phillip Balley in Accompts with Isaac Gorham DR Contra. By 2 Boys Slaves 30 [Jocs] £72"
Mss 9001-G Box 4, Folder: "Charming Polly" Articles List, 1767	Gorton, Benjamin	Agreement	1767	East Greenwich	Articles of Brigantine <i>Charming Polly</i> lists Coff Fry as a seaman and include his wages.
Mss 9001-G Box 5	Gorton, Newport	Order	25 Jul 1734	Warwick	Newport Gorton, Hezekiah Gorton's "negro man" is ordered whipped for poisoning Ann Markham and Rebecca French.
*Mss 9001-G	Goulding, Mary	Will	21 Feb 1764	Newport	In her will, she disposes of "her Negro Girl named Sal" and manumits Phillis.

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MSS 9001-G Box 6	Graves, Zephaniah	Diary	27 Jan 1807	Providence	Diary written by Zephaniah Graves, a sea captain who was imprisoned on bastardy charges from Oct 1806 - Mar 1808. His diary includes entries during his time at sea as well as during his imprisonment. He frequently mentions other prisoners, many of whom are men of color. 27 Nov 1806 "About 2 Last Night a Smoke was Discovered in the kichon [sic kitchen] which after some Search was found to come from the Class Prison when the Door was Thrown open a Considerable fire was Discovered under the Door of one of the Class Prisons which had been kindled by a Negro that was confined in the Room in hopes of making his Escape by burning up the Door."; 13 Dec 1805 "This morning I went ashore and started after our Deserted men two Negroes employed in staying in the cabin."; 9 Oct 1806 "At half past seven a Black fellow from Gloucester shipped for Debt by the name of Squilla."; 27 Dec 1806 "A black girl was taken out and received 20 Lashes and was Demanded back to prison subject to the order of the town council"; 25 Dec 1810 In Washington, D.C.: "There is a great parade here with the Blacks who are very numerous, + as a general custom they are alow'd about a week from Christmas as hollidays."
*	Greene Legal Papers (broken up all probably in Mss 144 or Mss 452)	Accounts	1825	Providence	Martin Miller settles his account with the estate of Stephen Arnold including payment for shoes for Jack Gardner, Priscilie Arnold and unidentified blackman.
*	Greene Legal Papers (broken up all probably in Mss 144 or Mss 452)	Case Records	1834	Providence	Case of State vs. Hall et al. for riot in Providence.
Mss 452 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2: 1826	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Petition	16 Sep 1826	Burrillville	A remonstrance to Attorney General Albert C. Greene signed by thirteen citizens of Burrillville, countering an unspecified complaint by Hezekiah Smith and John Solomon, a "Man of Collor" of Burrillville, against several citizens of Burrillville. In response, Smith and Solomon are accused of cutting timber illegally, and "thay kep a bad hous fiting screeming murder rautling the nabors nite after nite and ... whiped one of their children and ... stole a gun from Andrew Stone."
Mss 452 Series 3, Box 10, Folder 3: Daybook and memoranda book, 1815-1817	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Daybook and Memoranda Book	1815-1817	East Greenwich; Warwick	In his memo book notes Tabitha Gardner "commenced working for us at 5/- per week. October 9, 1815," probably in his household. Credits to and charges against her account are indicated in the book.
Mss 452 Series 6, Box 13, Folder 6: Rhode Island vs. Sarah Howland	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Court Proceedings	1827	East Greenwich; Warwick	Proceeding relating to the trial of Rhode Island vs. Sarah Howland ("colored woman") who was tried twice & convicted twice of murdering Daniel Charles in 1826.
Mss 452 Series 6, Box 13, Folder 124: Rhode Island vs. John Gardner, William Jordan and Richard Johnson, 1831	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Deposition	1831	East Greenwich; Warwick	Depositions relating to the infamous Olney Lane or Snowtown race riot.
Mss 452 Series 6, Box 14, Folder 53: Rhode Island vs Amasa Walmsley & Thomas J. Walmsley, 1831-1833	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Case Records	1833	Providence	State v. Walmsley. Records and examinations involving Amasa Walmsley ("man of colour...wall layer") and his brother Thomas who are accused of murdering their Aunt Hannah Frank of Burrillville and John Burke, "a foreigner."

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Mss 452 Series 6, Box 14, Folder 92: Rhode Island vs George Fuller & Charles Nobles, 1835	Greene, Albert Collins Papers	Deposition	30 Sep 1835	Providence	Depositions of Mary Ann Elizabeth Gardner (wife of John Gardner) and others, in the case of State vs. George Fuller and Charles Nobles.
Microfilm E263 R4 G833 Mss 455	Greene, Colonel Christopher Collection	Papers	1776-1781	various	Papers of Col. Christopher Greene, including orderly books, 10/5/1776- 6/11/1777, and returns of the 1st Rhode Island Regiment, 1776-1779. Includes return of casualties in the black regiment which would include men injured or killed in the Battle of Red Bank, and other papers, 1777-1781 (7 items).
Mss 470 Series I, Box 1, Folder 13: Pocket Expense Book, 1800-1803	Greene, Colonel Christopher Collection	Accounts	1801-1803	Warwick	Records payments for labor of Newport Hall in his pocket expense record.
Mss 9001-G Box 7 Greene, Elizabeth of Warwick	Greene, Elizabeth	Bill	1781, n.d.	Warwick	Includes: Bill (1781) against the State of Rhode Island for the boarding and nursing of Nathaniel Wickes, a black soldier in Col. Christopher Greene's Regiment; Bill of sale (November 20, 1781) for three year old Nat to Elizabeth's son, Thomas Greene; Inventory (n.d.) that lists "Negro Woman Harly and her Child."
Mss 462 Box 1, Folder 2: Ledger, 1775-1778	Greene, Jacob Papers	Accounts	1775-1798	Coventry	Accounts with Black Betty, Job Sambow (coffins for Sambow's mother, November 1776), Mercy Sambow, Cesar Sweet (boarding), Sambo (April 1776), and Samuel Ward of Westerly, "cash to your negro Phillis" (February 1776).
Mss 9001-G Box 8, Folder: of Potowomot, 1731, 1745-1748, 1766, 1768	Greene, John	Papers	1731; 1745-1748	Potowomut (Warwick)	Indenture of Sarah, born in his house of his "Indian servant", Marcy, as a servant or apprentice [2 May 1731]; Account listing payments for use of "Prince" [28 Mar 1745, 30 Mar 1747, 10 Oct 1747], "my negro killing hogs" [7 Oct 1746], "my John shearing sheep 2 days" [1747 & 1748]
Mss 9001-G Box 8	Greene, John Wickes	Journal	1836-1838	Providence	Mary L. Greene's journal entries are copied into the back portion of the journal. Includes: "Phillis Barton a coloured woman died." [2/15/1836] "Phillis Barton the coloured woman buried today." [2/17/1836] "We have heard of two more deaths Rhodes Budlong and William Lippitt (a coloured man) in heaven there is no distinction." [2/19/1836]
Mss 9001-G Box 8	Greene, Katherine (Ray)	Accounts	1776	Warwick	Accounts with Sarah Sambo, Betty Quaco, Mercy Ceasor, Vilot, Black Hannah, Barbary Cuff, Betty Newport and others. They are hetchelling flax, weaving and spinning
Mss 464 Loose Vol. Nathanael Greene & Co. Ledger, 1744-1774	Greene, Major General Nathaneal Collection	Accounts	1744-1774	Potowomut	Ironworks, store ledger: account of Sam Bow (p. 18), Jack Negro of Coventry (p. 183) and Mary Sambo (p. 189)
Mss 9001-G Box 9	Greene, Mary Almira (Waterman)	Journal	9 Feb 1836	Providence	She records a brief history about Cuff Waterman (d. 1815), his wife Cola (d. 1828), daughter Eunice (d. 1871), son Julius, Hart Greene, Prince Waterman, James Budlong, and Binah.
Mss 9001-G Loose Vol.	Greene, Perry & Taylor, Thomas	Ledger	1765-1775	Warwick	Entries include Job Sambo of North Kingston (p. 234, 269, 449, 492), Mercy Sambo (p. 249, 257, 258, 260, 314, 330, 344, 361, 405, 415, 440, 469, 490, 491, 559, 564, 566), Cesar Sweet of Potowamet (p. 322, 405, 467), and Primus Rhodes, sailor (p. 371, 418, 476).
Mss 465 Box 1, Folder 4: 1794-	Greene, Ray (1765-1849) Papers	Correspondence	11 Mar 1797	Warwick	Letter from members of the Abolition Society (Thomas Arnold, William Buffum, Edward Thurber, David Buffum, George Benson, Oziel Wilkinson, Thomas Hazard, Jr., Obadiah Brown, and William Almy) to Ray Greene, U.S. Attorney for the district of Rhode Island regarding the ship <i>Ann</i> . "We having cause to impart that the Ship <i>Ann</i> ...has been Employed in a Voyage to Africa for Slaves Contrary to Law...."

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Mss 144 Series 5, Box 28, Folder 54: Asa Handy vs Comfort Wheaton, undated	Greene, Richard Ward Papers	Case Records	n.d.	Providence	Accounts of Asa Handy include charges to Comfort Wheaton for care by Cato and Betsey Clark.
Mss 144 Series 5, Box 21, Folder 39: Nathan Mathewson; will, 1834	Greene, Richard Ward Papers	Will	1834	Providence	Nathan Mathewson in North Carolina, owner of substantial property in Providence, makes disposition of his enslaved people who are probably in North Carolina.
Mss 144 Series 2, Box 3, Folder 5: 1834	Greene, Richard Ward Papers	Correspondence	8 Aug 1834	Providence; Newport	George Turner to Greene concerning Benjamin G. Thompson of Newport, son of Susan and Charles. Thompson did not return home from voyage to Havana as a cook on the schooner Franklin Greene. Although the captain maintains that the boy ran away, his mother is sure he was kidnapped or sold.
Mss 9001-G Box 10	Greene, Thomas Lippitt (Capt.)	Accounts	1812; 1814-1815	Warwick	Includes: Payment for shoes for his "niggro" [12 Jun 1812]; Partnership with Anthony Holden, Greene records their settlement with wood cutters in a paper labeled "Wood Sold for Act. of A.H. & T.L.G." Labor payments include "Cuff Lippitts boy."
Mss 1118 Folder 1: Committee to inspect land records	Greene, William (1695-1758) Papers	Committee Report	10 Mar [1729]	Rhode Island	General assembly appointed "us the Subscribers to Inspect into the Severall Grand Purchase or Grants made by the Proprietors of the following Towns (Either of the Natives or the Government) Viz Providence, Warwick, East Greenwich, North Kingstown, and Westerly. . ." The committee members call upon people with grants and deeds to the western section of the state to come forward with the documents. Signed by Henry Bull, Francis Willett, William Greene
Mss 468 Folder 1	Greene, William (1731-1809) Papers	Indenture	27 Oct 1761	Warwick	Indenture of Ezekel Pomp by Abigal Pomp an "Indian" woman of New Shoreham to William and Catharine Greene
Mss 468 Folder 6	Greene, William (1731-1809) Papers	Correspondence	27 Jun 1780	Warwick	Letter from Samuel Ward, Camp North Kingstown - "black" regiment to march soon, need supplies: "In consequence of orders from Gen. Heath the Blacks will march Fryday or Saturday next."
Mss 468 Folder 13	Greene, William (1731-1809) Papers	Correspondence	7 Jun 1792	Warwick	Letter from Greene to wife Catharine (Ray) Greene regarding building of cider house: ". . .our onions have been weed twice and are now doing the third time, and Cato is to Day cleaning out the Garden, we finished planting the swamp the week past "
Mss 468 Folder 14	Greene, William (1731-1809) Papers	Account Book	1787-1796	Warwick	Account book with farm entries for William Greene and business entries for Ray Greene, Attorney. Also includes a treatise on the theory that there is a temperate region beyond the poles written by an unknown person. Also an entry for cash paid to Cesar Northup in Sept. 1796 (p. 28).
Mss 468 Folder 14	Greene, William (1731-1809) Papers	Account Book	1792-1801	Warwick	Account book of William Greene with several notations made by Ray Greene settling accounts on behalf of his father. Accounts with local people for work and goods which include entries with at least three men of color and possibly others: Samuel Sambo (p.106), Ichabod Northup (p.107) and Cato Tweedy (p.112).
Mss 469 Box 1, Folder 1: Loose Accounts, 1776-1779	Greene, William (1743-1826) Papers	Accounts	1776-1779	East Greenwich	Account book includes the names of Mercy Sambo (1777, p.?) and Negro Princ [Prince] (Dec. 2, 1778, p. 132) as receiving payment for labor.
Mss 469 Box 1, Folder 1: Loose Accounts, 1776-1779	Greene, William (1743-1826) Papers	Correspondence	2 Dec 1799	East Greenwich	Business letter from Benjamin Greene of Warwick Neck. A reply is expected to be carried by Benjamin Greene's servant "the black boy, Joshua".
Mss 472 Folder 1: Miscellaneous Correspondence	Griffin, Joseph H. Papers	Correspondence	12 Jul 1835	Huntsville, Ala.	Letter received from Evan Hazard in Huntsville, Ala. dated July 12, 1835 describing conditions in Alabama.: "...the principal men are wealthy very wealthy there are a great many men in the county that own a hundred working negros (besides children) and a hundred thousand acres of land there was one man a planter died here not long since that owed over a hundred thousand dollars but it took but a small part o his estate to pay it he owned over a hundred thousand acres of land well stocked with negros his heirs wanted to keep possession of the land and they sold 129 negros a auction here in town they sold from \$800 to \$1500 a piece. . ."

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Mss 9001-G Box 12	Gross, Carl Russell, Dr. (1888-1971)	Research Notes	1920-1971	Rhode Island	Research notes on African Americans in Rhode Island, by a prominent African American physician and historian, including: an unpublished paper titled "A Brief History on the Life of Matilda Sissieretta (Joyner) Jones, the 'Black Patti', 1869-1933"; a list of Rhode Island stops on the Underground Railroad; short biographies of African-Americans in law and in the General Assembly; exhibition catalogues and other notes on artist Edward Mitchell Bannister; miscellaneous newspaper clippings; and Gross' 1971 obituary.
MSS 473	Gross, Edward Tudor Diaries	Diary	1903	Rhode Island; Puerto Rico; Cuba	Edward Tudor Gross kept diaries from the age of 11 until his death at the age of 69. The following are excerpts from his diaries relating to people of color. "We drove to Warren. Saw some Indians on the way." [6/20/1893]; "Went to a 'reception' at Mr. Angel's. Got there at 8.30 and rang the bell 6 times before getting let in by a 'jolly' coon from 'Thillinghasts.' [Tillinghast's] . . . The coon had a good time also and was quite familiar." [1/01/1896]; "Enjoyed seeing the darkies load and unload freight. They yell and sing." [3/22/1899]; "Went to Providence Opera House to see John Drew in 'The Second in Command.' Sat in Ni**er heaven." [4/12/1902]; "In Porto Rica [Puerto Rico] – Ni**ers and hot weather everywhere. Walked around town followed by scores of children (black) who scrambled for pennies." [1/19/1903]; "Saw some 'queer sights' in one of the negro huts. Took photos of some." [1/20/1903]; "Office of membership committee of YMCA. We agreed that Negroes should not be kept out." [10/22/1914]; In Havana "The Colored people paraded at night with weird African music. Hard to get to sleep." [3/19/1939]
Mss 629 sg 10 Box 1, Folder 1: Correspondence, 1848-1855 and undated	Hagadorn-Wells Papers	Correspondence	n.d.	South Kingstown	Sarah (Wells) Clark to her father Thomas Robinson Wells describes a lecture (Massachusetts) by Mr. Allen, a lawyer of Boston, on the history of the African race: "It was very interesting indeed, equal to most any of the lectures we have had, and superior to some"
Mss 9001-H Box 1, Folder 1: William Hall, of John	Hall, William	Judgement	Aug 1767	North Kingston	Hall's request for a repeal of a judgement of Feb 1767 in favor of Nicholas Spencer against him in Inferior Court of Common Pleas concerning an unnamed African American girl.
Mss 170 Folder 4: Deeds, 1800-1820	Halsey, Thomas Lloyd Papers	Deed	28 Apr 1807	Providence	Ezekiel Burr to Halsey to deed a lot in "the northerly part" of Providence, gives in its legal description as a reference point "land in the occupation of Bonner Brown and Benjamin Marshall" with no indication of ownership.
Mss 482 Box 1, Folder 4: Dairy of Sarah (Hawes) Harris, 9/11/1881-3/27/1884	Harris - Hawes Papers	Diary	1882	Rhode Island	"This morning Tom went out and brought a coloured girl, a cousin of Tom's to take Agness place wages 3 Dollars pr week" [4/12/1882]
Mss 482 Box 1, Folder 5: Dairy of Sarah (Hawes) Harris, 1/1/1885-1/24/1887	Harris - Hawes Papers	Diary	1886	Rhode Island	"Today a black man came and we engaged him to cut the trees at \$1.30/load." [2/9/1886]

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Mss 17 Box 2, Folder: 1730 "Narrative of Slave Revolt on Ship off Africa"	Harris Family Papers	Testimony	1730	Rhode Island	Testimony of George Scott of Newport, master of the slaving sloop <i>Little George</i> , which was just beginning the long voyage back from Rhode Island from Africa when a revolt broke out. This was one of the earliest known revolts on a Rhode Island slave ship, and one of the very few successful ones. Two sailors and the ship's doctor, John Harris, were killed, as well as several of the enslaved people. The captain, first mate, cabin boy and two other crew members were barricaded in the cabin. Their attempt to construct a bomb was unsuccessful and "burnt the man that had the fuze in his hand almost to death" and destroyed most of their gunpowder, as well as their clothes. The slaves' continuous efforts to storm the cabin failed, and they managed to pilot the ship back to shore with the crew still trapped in the cabin. . . .After the Africans had beached the half-burned vessel and liberated themselves on shore, the ship's crew managed to row away on the lifeboat for five or six leagues before being picked up by another ship. At the time of their rescue, the crew of the <i>Little George</i> were "in a weak and miserable condition, having had nothing to subsist upon during the nine days we were under this affliction but raw rice." This testimony is signed "per John Kilton", who apparently wrote it out. A nearly identical version of this account was published in the <u>Boston News Letter</u> on May 6, 1731.
Mss 112 Series 2, Subseries A, Loose Vol. 1: Daybook, 1750-1764	Harris, Benjamin C. Papers	Day Book	6 Mar 1752	Providence	David Harris's Day Book: Charges against Daniel Wilbor for cash paid to "old Maney negro," p.7
Mss 112 Series 2, Subseries B, Loose Vol. 5: Daybook, 1784-1814	Harris, Benjamin C. Papers	Day Book	1784-1814	Providence	Joseph Harris's Day Book: Accounts with Prince Gardner.
Mss 112 Series 2, Subseries C, Loose Vol. 7: Ledger #B, 1784-1817	Harris, Benjamin C. Papers	Ledger	1784-1817	Providence	Steven Harris's Accounts with Jeremiah Cesar (p. 61), Jacob Perce (p.72), Cato Gardner (p.100), Samson Hazzard (p.106), John French (p.147), Martha and Phebe Hazzard (p.152), William Clifford (p. 163), Prince Low (p.188), Thomas Brown (p. 196), Sampson Meads (p.196)
Mss 112 Series 2, Subseries F, Loose Vol. 11: Expenditure Book, 1821-1825	Harris, Benjamin C. Papers	Accounts	28 Apr 1823	Providence	Includes accounts with "Pedro, Black Man"
Mss 112 Series 2, Subseries F, Loose Vol. 14: Ledger A, 1826-1834	Harris, Benjamin C. Papers	Ledger	1828	Providence	Accounts with Henry Martin (p.171)
Mss 9001-H Box 2	Harwood, Edward	Accounts	1813-1845	Providence	His book of accounts with the town of Providence identifies the poor (including some people of color) who are carried on the town rolls, people jailed or carried out of town.

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Mss 9001-H Box 4	Hazard, Esther	Correspondence	3 Jan 1781	South Kingstown	"South Kingstown the 1st mo[n]th 3rd day AD 1781 To Sesar Bolon and Esther Hazard in Preston [Connecticut] Our uncle Thomas Hazard to whom you directed your Letter dated the 28th of the Month called October AD 1780 showed it to us whereby we are informed that Esther And her Children were purchased by one John Carter who not only demanded them as his Servants But threatned to come again in a short time and carry Esther away requiring a large Sum of money for her Freedom, Now as we are the Residuary Legacies in our Hond Mother's last will and Testament, Wherein She did not only Emancipate Esther, But all the results of her Servants we hereby Certifie on their Behalf in order to prevent further perversion of law and violation of Justice, that we do disclame all Rights to Property in said Esther and her Children and also all Right and clame to whatsoever may have been recover'd by any Action or Lawsute brought in our names by the Executors of our Mother's will aforesaid, endeavouring to Subject said Esther and her Children to a State of Slavery contrary to the good intentions of our Mother And in violation of all good Laws Natural Human And Divine, and as we are fully perswaded that our Mother's Will aforesaid out to be supported and Judged by any Court of Law or Justice Sufficient to Establish the freedom of Esther and her Children Against the Clames of any Claiming under her, And as we who have the Sole Right (if their be any) have freely given it up. All who have any Justice, --- [Piley?] Compasion Commiserations, Mercy or Tender feelings of Humanity or Sympathy with the Distressed or opprestd are calld on for due exertion to Deliver the weak and Injurd out of the hands of The violent oppressors,s for whare Law and Justice Are pervert'd, all their advocates out to be alarm'd. George Hazard Benjamin Hazard PS We understand that you have [a] Copy of our Hond Mother Susannah Hazard's Last Will which you may have recourse to for the establishment of necessary Facts."
Mss 9001-H Box 4, Folder 2: Hazard, George (Unidentified) Manumission of Three Slaves, 1785	Hazard, George	Manumission	25 Jan 1785	South Kingstown	Manumission of three enslaved people: Pierro, Judith and her child, Jenny
Mss 483 sg 12 Series 1: Correspondence Box 2, Folder 1: 1835, Jan-Feb	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Correspondence	15 Feb 1835	South Kingstown	Letter from his brother Rowland G. Hazard in New Orleans in which Rowland discusses his visits with plantation owners showing them samples of fabric, often called "Negro Cloth" that the Hazard's were selling specifically for use in making clothing for the enslaved people. This letter included 3 samples of the fabric that Rowland was showing to the plantation owners. "I ret'd last evening from my excursion to B. Rouge having been absent 12 days and visited abt 300 plantations - I have made engagements which will scatter our cloths among the planters very generally - They almost all want the double kersey and think it an excellent article."
Mss 483 sg 12 Series 2: Financial, Subseries 1: Account Books, Box 4, Folder 1: Account Book, 11/1814-4/1817	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Account Book	1814-1817	South Kingstown	Payments to African Americans. See entries for Cesar Potter and Brister
Mss 483 sg 12 Series 2: Financial, Subseries 1: Account Books, Box 4, Folder 7: Daily Spinner & Weaver Accounts, 1812-1815	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Account Book	1812-1815	South Kingstown	Payments to "Ann Brown (Negress)", "Mary Trim (Negress)", and Sharper Boss

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Mss 483 sg 12 Series 2: Financial, Subseries 1: Account Books, Box 4, Folder 14: Ledger, 1815-1820	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Account Book	1815-1820	South Kingstown	Cesar Potter's Daughter Betty, "Hetty Stanton (negress)," "Judith Hazard (negress)," "Joseph Potter negro (Exeter)" (pages 30, 34, 38)
Mss 483 sg 12 Series 2: Financial, Subseries 2: Loose Accounts, Box 5, Folder 9: 1821	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Accounts	1821	South Kingstown	Pay slip to "Joseph Potter (Negro)," for carding 18 pounds, October 1821
Mss 483 sg 12 Series 3: Miscellaneous, Box 8, Folder 20: South Carolina and Nullification Crisis	Hazard, Isaac P. Papers	Pamphlets	n.d.	South Carolina	Undated pamphlets from South Carolina re Nullification Crisis
Mss 483 sg 13 Series 2: Subject Files, Box 2, Folder 6: Reprints of Newspaper re Great Gale of 1815	Hazard, Joseph P. Papers	Memorandum	n.d.	South Kingstown	Memorandum that reads as follows: "Samuel Niles - a mulatto who was born without a hair upon his head, and now lives at Narragansett Pier and keeps a restaurant and is highly esteemed as an honest, useful and respectable citizen. He was a servant of my late father...until my father left Narragansett..." Niles was apparently given a copy of a newspaper on January 21, 1891.
Mss 483 sg 2, Item #8: Last Will & Testament, Dec 2, 1745	Hazard, Robert Papers	Will	2 Dec 1745	South Kingstown	In his will he makes bequest of "Phebee", "Judah" "Bill" and "Bristo."
Mss 483 sg 5, Box 25, Folder 2	Hazard, Rowland G. I Papers	Account	1836-1837	South Kingstown	Household account book listing wages paid to servants Mary Ann Hazard and Mary Niles, described as "of colour," 1836-1837 (page 37) and Sarah Sekatie, 1844 (page 65).
Mss 483 sg 5	Hazard, Rowland G. I Papers	Correspondence	1820-1850	South Kingstown	Extensive correspondence re sales of "Negro Cloth" for use by southern slaves. Hazard traveled extensively in the South during the 1820s, 1830s and 1840s, and his business sold "Negro cloth" to a primarily Southern market. The collection includes very frequent correspondence from Southern plantation owners negotiating purchases. Specific letters include one from William Brandon of Arcole Plantation, Mississippi (later a Confederate general), 1/22/1844, a Southern planter: "I lost a very valuable negro and a great deal of labor by sickness by not receiving my winter clothing in time." Also from James Elder, plantation owner, Charleston, S.C. Letter, 11/13/1839: "I am sorry the Negro Clothing did not please me, I am always anxious they should be well clothed."
Mss 483 sg 5, Box 24, Folders 80-82	Hazard, Rowland G. I Papers	Papers	1840-1841	South Kingstown	Hazard's interventions on behalf of several illegally enslaved black free men in New Orleans, 1840-1841. Contains newspaper clippings, Hazard's notes on individual cases, and six letters relating to the cases. Three of the letters are from illegally enslaved African Americans: one from Rufus Kinsman dated June 18 1841, and two from Charles Delisle, April 1 and April 10 1841.
Mss 483 sg 4, Box 1, Folder 23	Hazard, Rowland G. I Papers	Account Book	1807-1809; 1810; 1810-1812	South Kingstown	Pocket book No. 1 (A23-6), 1807-1809, accounts with Betty (Black Girl) (1807), Abraham...black boy (1808-1809), wife of Cuddy (1808) and Cuddy Marks (1808-1809); Account Book No. 2 (A23-15), 1810, accounts with Cuddy Marks; Pocket Account book (A23-1), 1810-1812: accounts with Cuddy Marks (1810, 1811), Ruth & Cato Brown (1810), Hannah Cuddimunco (1812)
Mss 9001-H Box 4	Hazard, Susannah	Will	1767	South Kingstown	Last will and testament of Susannah Hazard manumits her enslaved people.

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Mss 483 sg 3 Item # 3 Double Oversize Folder	Hazard, Thomas "College Tom" Papers	Receipt	28 May 1762	South Kingstown	"Whereas Robert Hazard late of South Kingstown deceased Did by His last Will and Testament in Writing bearing date the eleventh day of March One Thousand and Seven Hundred & Sixty two (amongst other Legacies) give and bequeath unto me Sarah Hazard, Daughter of the Testator a Legacy as hereafter Particulary enumerated that is to say one equal half of all his Pewter Brass Iron and Wooden vessels also one Silver Salt six Silver spoons also Two Feather Beds with the Furniture also one Bay mare four years old also one equal half of my Tables & Chairs also my Negro woman [Billor Isabel] also my Cubboard Desk & Chests the one equal half part of them -- also my negro child calld Phebe Now know the that I the said Sarah Haard have had and Received every Particu-lar of the above Articles; and Therefore do acquit & discharge my Brother Thomas Hazard who is named executer pr sd Will from every of said Gifts & bequeasts and all other Legacies [or Legacies] due owing or [or] Given to me by the same Will and also all other Debts Dues & Demands Whatsoever by his being named Executor or otherwise how forever Except one Thousand Pounds in Bills of Credit of the old Tenor to be levied & Raised out the Personal Estate not Particulary Given away in sd Will In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand the Twenty Eighth day of the fifth month one Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Two. Signd Seald & Deliverd Sarah Hazard In presence Stephen Champlin Stephen Champlin Junr."
Mss 483 sg 3 Item # 15 Double Oversize Folder	Hazard, Thomas "College Tom" Papers	Correspondence	15 May 1780	South Kingstown	"Philad. [3/5] mo. 1[3/5?] 1780. Dear Friend, Thos. Hazard. There's a negro man here whose care claims comisseration & having lived with the 15 or 16 years as he [tells?] me Those [thou] will are some endeavors that Justice be done him & he set free. His name is Primus after leaving thy Service he lived about 7 years with Wm Barden who he allows was his Master & who agreed with him, that if he would go three voiages in a Privateer he should be manumitted. he went two & returned safe the third voiage he was taken & came hither with the British so that he performed what had been required of him. The Privateer he went in was a sloop called the America One Dennis Comr & William Cranstead Lieutenant, these two were Present when his master entered into their contract with him. If these men can be found & will certify what he atests to be true [--] should hope proper steps may be taken to Clear that poor man if the said Wm Barden cannot be prevailed with [co--ent] such procedures He remaind here after the British left this place & has been taken up by a[nd] Joseph Knary [Connary], who says he purchased him of one Piece of Hartford in Connecticut The few Months he lived in this City before taken up he behaved well as far as I have heard. Knowing that these poor People are often greatly imposed upon I undertake to represent his Care & hope [them?] will be deligent & speedy in doing what [-ho---n] for his relief. I should be pleased to hear of thy success in this application, for it would be Distressing to him & Cause [perhaps?] deep & sorrowful Reflection to his Old Master, if he should be sent into Cruel hard bondage which may probally be the Case if not Soon relieved, he has been sold thrice this winter & suffered much for want of Cloathing, the person who had hm being [doubful?] of their right to detain him. But its much a Custom for hand[--] Whortless men to purchase these poor people & take them to the [forethward?] & sell them where there's [--ound] to plead their Cause & where they suffer much. He walked to this City in the beginning of the 3d mo last near 50 miles barefoot. I often remember my friends in your parts with much sympathy & love, & desire they may be kept & preserved in Faith & patience & in integrity & [presence?] of heart. My Dear Love in the freedom to such who may acquire [& with?] same salutations to thee thine remain they [a---te] Friend. John Pemberton If a certificate could be produced from Dennis of Cranstead of the avo mentioned agreement [Perfect?] we may be able to secure the man from his oppression."
Mss 483 sg 3 Item # 21 Double Oversize Folder	Hazard, Thomas "College Tom" Papers	Lease	25 Mar 1794	South Kingstown	Lease to Thomas Gould of rights to house and garden.
Mss 483 sg 3 Item # 24 Double Oversize Folder	Hazard, Thomas "College Tom" Papers	Agreement	1 Apr 1789	South Kingstown	Agreement with Jack Sanford for farm labor.

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Mss 1026 Folder 12: 1802	Hazard, Thomas G. Family Papers	Will	1802	Newport	Last will and testament of daughter Ruth Hazard, 1802, granting various articles to persons named Newport, Rose, Nam, Gin, Cato, Philes (Phyllis?), Ammy, and Anne.
Mss 1026 Folder 14: Legal Documents	Hazard, Thomas G. Family Papers	Deed of Sale	29 Dec 1791	Newport	Two deeds of sale dated 12/29/1791, to Hazard from the town council of Jamestown for "a certain Negro boy named Newport Martin now the property of Rebeckah Martin" and "a certain Negro woman named Bettey Martin now the property of Rebeckah Martin."
Mss 1026 Folder 14: Legal Documents	Hazard, Thomas G. Family Papers	Bond	1810	Newport	1810 bond from Joseph Stanton Jr. to the "Committee for Settling and Adjusting the Business of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians", as treasurer of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians.
Mss 1026 Folder 14: Legal Documents	Hazard, Thomas G. Family Papers	Deed of Sale	29 June 1764	Newport	Deed of sale of an "one Negro woman nam'd Jenny one negro boy name'd Step" to him by Stephen Franklin of New Shoreham, 1764.
Mss 1026 Folder 16: (receipts, etc.)	Hazard, Thomas G. Family Papers	Bill	1792-1804	Newport	Bill submitted for "Expense as one of the Indian Committee", listing expenses from 1792 to 1804, mostly for travel back and forth to Charlestown.
Mss 483 sg 3 Loose Vol. Account Book, 1751-1781	Hazard, Thomas III Papers	Account	1750-1781	South Kingstown	Settles accounts with Dr. Joseph Torry for labor of his man, Cuff (p. 196), Oliver Smith, eight years old, brought by his mother Elizabeth to work for Hazard, 1781(seventh from last page); "Zenibee" died January 3 1759 and Dick drowned July 22 1759 (fifth from last page); Priamus "came to live with me," six years old, 1757(second from last page).
Mss 483 sg 14 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 4: 1853	Hazard, Thomas R. Papers	Correspondence	1853	South Kingstown	Correspondence with John H.B. Latrobe of Baltimore, re: recolonization of enslaved people in Africa.
Mss 483 sg 14 Series 2, SubSeries 1, Loose Vol. 3 Factory Day Book 1825-1828	Hazard, Thomas R. Papers	Day Book	1825-1828	South Kingstown	Payments to weavers Richard Watson (p. 34, 62, 108) and Brenton W. Hazard (p. 47, 121) [both noted as black], 1826-1827.
Mss 9001-H Box 5	Henshaw, Daniel	Autobiography	1822-1908	Baltimore, Md.	Rev. Daniel Henshaw's (1822-1908) informal autobiography about his life includes many mentions of the servants that served his family when he was a boy. His early life was spent in Baltimore and all of the reference to black servants referred to that locality. He also mentions other black people in the community that were beggars.
Mss 1133 Box 1, Diaries Vol. 1 (1843-1847), Vol. 2 (1847-1852)	Henshaw, John P.K. Papers	Diary	1843-1852	Rhode Island	Diary by first Episcopal Bishop of Rhode Island which is an important resource for information on the history of Christ Church in Providence, the first African-American Episcopal congregation in Rhode Island and the first parish to send colored laymen as delegates to a Diocesan Convention in this country. Much of his commentary on the congregation revolves around Rev. Eli W. Stokes who served as the minister of Christ Church from 1846-1849. See <i>Guide to Men's Diaries Finding Aid</i> for a complete listing of all his entries which include information on African-Americans.
Mss 1133 Box 1, Folder 1	Henshaw, John P.K. Papers	Correspondence	13 Jul 1852	Rhode Island	Letter from David Caldwell, Georgetown, DC, 7/13/1852 which is a list of white and black person confirmed in Christ Church Georgetown.
Microfilm HQ 1438. R45 Pt 2 Reel 20 (Diary begins at Frame 0289) Mss 487 sg 3, Box 2, Folder: 1821 Diary	Herreshoff-Lewis Family Papers	Diary	20 Feb 1821	Bristol	Agnes F. Herreshoff of Bristol, Diary entry: "Dibby came back. She has been to an Indian doctors to get a root for her Child." Full transcription of the 1821 diary is available in: RI History Vol. 57, Number 3 & 4 Aug/Nov 1999 (F 76 R472 V. 57-58 1999-2000)
Mss 9001-H Box 5	Hicks, Eliza	Order	15 Jul 1811	Providence	Overseers order to the town sergeant to remove Hicks to Newport.
Mss 9001-H Box 6, Folder: Diaries 1874-1876	Hill, David W.	Diary	10 Nov 1874	Newport	Diary of white Newport brass worker mentions minstrel show: "Charley Shaw's Negro show", 11/10/1874.
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 4: Accounts (Miscellaneous) 1780-1784	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Accounts	1780-1784	Providence	Includes: Account with James Green "1 pair boys shoes dl'd Ceasar" [15 Jan 1784], "1 pair men shoes dl'd Ceasar" [20 Nov 1784]

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Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 5: Accounts (Miscellaneous) 1785-1789	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Accounts	1785-1789	Providence	Includes: Rec'd Isaac Green "1 pair small shoes for negro" [21 May 1785]; Receipt from John Reynolds "a pair of negro girls shoes" [25 Mar 1786]; Receipt "supplied for the funeral by James Green - 1 hat for Ceasar"; Rec'd by B. Reynolds "mend shoes for Ceasar" [7 Mar 1787]; Rec'd Joel Metcalf "1 pair shoes for Ceasar" [26 Mar 1787]; Rec'd Isaac Harrandon "leather shoes for negro gilr"; Rec'd by Noah Robinson "2 gallon molasses/Ceasar" [20 Apr 1787, 19 May 1787]; Rec'd Samuel Smith "shoes negro boy" [20 Nov 1787]; Rec'd Levi Burr "making coat & pare overalls for your black boy" [4 July 1789, 18 Dec 1789]
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 6: Accounts (Miscellaneous) 1790-1794	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Accounts	1790-1794	Providence	Includes: To Levi Burr "clothing made for Ceasar" [8 Apr 1790, 16 June 1790, 28 June 1793]; To S. Nightingale 30 Nov 1782 10# sugar del'd your negro girl, 6 Feb 1783 7# brown sugar del'd your negro girl, 11 July 1783 7# rice del'd your negro boy, 17 July 1783 7# flour del'd your negro boy, 19 Oct 1784 7# rice del'd your negro boy - account settle 18 Dec 1793; Samuel Smith 1790-1793 "shoes for negro boy", "mending shoes for negro girl"; John Dorrance "stone pot del'd Cazar" [7 July 1790]; Nathaniel Cushing "felt had del'd negro" [17 Apr 1791]
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 7: Accounts (Miscellaneous) 1795-1799	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Accounts	1795-1799	Providence	Includes: To Samuel Smith "mending shoes negro boy" [5 Sept 1794], "shoes negro boy" [24 Jan 1795], "shoes negro boy" [30 Jan 1796]; To Samuel Smith "shoes Caesar" [Nov 1797, 17 Sept 1797]; Account with Stephen Dexter "calico...del'd negro" [18 Dec 1797]; To Samuel Smith "shoes Caesar" [20 Jan 1798], "shoes Caesar" [20 Oct 1798], "shoes Caesar" [15 Jan 1799], "mending shoes Caesar" [19 Jan 1799]
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 8: Accounts (Miscellaneous) 1800-1803	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Accounts	1800-1803	Providence	Includes: To Samuel Smith "shoes Caesar" [20 Mar 1799, 20 Nov 1799, 5 Apr 1800]; To D. Vinton "mace..dl'd Cezar" [30 Jan 1801]; To Samuel Smith "shoes Caesar" [25 Oct 1800, 7 Jan 1801], "mending shoes Ceasar" [12 Jan 1801]; To Samuel Smith "shoes for Ceasar" [13 June 1801, 10 Nov 1801, 3 Jan 1802], "mending shoes for Ceasar" [7 Jan 1802]; To Samuel Smith "shoes Ceasar" [20 Mar 1802, 12 July 1802, 15 Oct 1802]
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 9: Accounts for the Estate of Rev. Enos Hitchcock & Copy of His Last Will & Testament, 1803-1804	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Will	1803	Providence	In his will, Hitchcock makes a bequest to Ceasar, whom he had manumitted at age 11. He leaves Ceasar dividends from his share in Providence Bank & Trust and a mourning suit of Ceasar's choosing.
Mss 78 Box 1, Folders 38-42	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Diaries	1776-1780	Providence	As a chaplain during the American Revolutionary War (1775-1783), Hitchcock often described news that he heard from others while stationed in camp. He often wrote about attacks by Native Americans on the Revolutionary armies and colonies.
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 39: Diary, 1777	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Diary	1777	Providence	"About 7 o'clock the guard boats coming in...several cannon discharged at the French lines at a party of Indians and other" [6/30/1777], "Some further accounts of what happened at Fort Edward yesterday - the Lieut. who commanded the Piquet, Van Vechten was killed, scalped & cut his hands off & otherwise mangled" [7/27/1777], "11 oclock a small party yt went out back of Head qtrs about 3/4 of mile were fired upon by Indians one Corpl killed, private wounded - about the same time an Indian fired upon a Centry N.E. from Genl Nixon Brigade, wounded him in the Neck - a Small Scout 20 came in, which met with a party of Indians, supposed 70, fired & killed one & ran." [7/29/1777] "The Indians brot in eleven Prisoners, Hessians & Tories, two of our own men & two scalps." [9/26/1777], "We were alarmed about 7 o'clock by some firing towards Mr. Niels, Major Hull commanded an advance party there they were surprised by some Indians as they were comming off." [8/3/1777]

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Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 41: Diary, 7 Apr - 10 Nov 1779	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Diary	1779	Providence	"An expedition agst the wesern Indians seems now to be certain, one division to go by way of the Mohawk River, under command of Brigr Genl Maxwell..." [5/15/1779], "Genl Parsons drank tea with me this evening & gave me the following account of the expedition against the Indians & on the back of Virginia. Col Clarke of that state penetrated the settlements back of it reducing the little villages to obedience & administering the oath of allegience to them...the Indians generally fled...Clarke, aware of that demanded an immediate surrender of he would storm and put all to the sword -- in the meantime sent off a detachment, who ambushed & routed them, killed some and took some Indians who he hung up immediatly in the view of the fort" [6/17/1779], "This day we have account that a party of Continent troops & some maletia [sic] from the state of Virginia, surprized & dispersed a considerable body of Indians with some British troops & Tories who were forming an expedition against the back parts of that state-- destroyed many of them--took & demolished their magazine of provisions & laid waste to twenty of their towns or villages" [7/5/1779]
Mss 78 Box 1, Folder 42: Diary, 1 Aug - 5 Nov 1780	Hitchcock, Enos Papers	Diary	1780	Providence	"This morning the whole Army turned out to be reviewed by a number of Indians some Chiefs, a committee from several Tribes in Canada-- who were sent to Rhode Island to obtain the certainty of a French Fleet, which the Briton endeavored to keep a secret from them" [9/13/1780]
Mss 9001-H Box 6, Folder 2	Holden, Randall Jr.	Bill of Sale	27 Feb 1727/8	Warwick	Holden purchased Saul from James Clark of Newport.
Mss 491 Box 1, Folder 1: Account Ledger, 1750- 1755	Hopkins, Esek Papers	Accounts	10 June 1753	Providence	Accounts with Prime Tillinghast (p. 147), possibly others
Mss 491 Box 1, Folder 3: Accounts for the Sloop <i>Elizabeth</i> 1759-1760	Hopkins, Esek Papers	Accounts	1759-1760	Providence	<i>"Esek Hopkins Bill Against Sloop Elizabeth To Shoemakers 18.5 To my Negros work 2 Days 6 To Cash paid Sisko for Work 3 To 166~ Turpentine 16 To a Frayson bill 8.12 To the Sail Makers bill 20 To bording the men 60 To Haidins bill 32.12.6 To Woodmanse for wages 16 To Prince Millers bill 73.10253.14.6 To overplush Sailmakers 22 Rope 15 37290.14.6"</i> <i>"Capt Esek Hopkins to Jos [Buck--in] Dr To 2 thick Plank for [ye] Shue Brig Providence Keel 46 feet at 3/ pr 6.18.0 1 Hous plant Lent you 1.10 1760 1 Day Prince [pay?] 30 4 Days @ 60/ 1 Do at 80/ 16.0.0 2 Days @ 80/ 8.0.0£32.8.0 Nov 9, 1760 Jos Bucklin"</i> <i>"1760 Capt. Esek Hopkins to Jos Bucklin DR To 3 Days work for Prince @ 80/ £12.0 To 2 Ditto @ 60/ £ 6.0£18.0"</i>
Mss 491 Box 1, Folder 7: Correspondence of Esek Hopkins 10 Jan 1776-29 Aug 1776	Hopkins, Esek Papers	List	1776	Providence	List naming African American prisoners on board ship
Mss 491 Box 1, Folder 8: Correspondence of Esek Hopkins 2 May 1776 - 22 Aug 1776	Hopkins, Esek Papers	List	8 Jun 1776	Providence	"A list of the Seamen and Landsmen that came out of the Capes of Deliware in the Fly" identifies Dragon and Surinam Wanton as being on board the <i>Andrew Doria</i> .

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Mss 491 Box 2, Folder 2: Hopkins Papers Volume 1 (Letterbook) 1776-1777, p.43.	Hopkins, Esek Papers	Correspondence	8 Nov 1776	Providence	"Providence November 8th 1776 There was a Negro Man onboard the Andrew Doria named Dragoon Wanton which I have purchas'd - Should be extremely glad if you will take the trouble to take some Charge of him, and either send him to me, or see that he is employ'd in the Service with Capt. Riddle or any other way as you may think fit. -- My brother shew'd me a Letter of yours, in which it seems I was roughly han-dled in Congress it is true that I applied to the Committee for Blankets for Slops in the Ships, but how they came by them I am altogether Ignorant, however I am extreme-ly obliged to you for supporting me. We have no news here, nor nothing Extraordinary except that the Privateers have great Luck and getting money fast - I wish they may not carry it so far as to be any ways detrimental. --- I am with great Respect Sin Your Friend & humble Servt EH To honble William Ellery Esqr one of the Members of the hon. Contl. Congress at Philadelphia"
Mss 492 Loose Vol. Account Book, 1747-1757	Hopkins, Stephen Collection	Account Book	1746-1757	Providence	Account book includes payments to unnamed for shipyard labor, accounts with Fortune Wyat (August 25, 1749), Primus Staring (1755), Ceazer Sambo (1755), Ann Ceazar for billeting Isaac Ames (June 27, 1755), Mercy Cheese for her deceased husband, Thomas Cheese (1757), and payment in full for Fransisco's 1756 account (1757).
Mss 9001-H Loose Vol.	Houses in Providence 1779	List	1779	Providence	Entries include houses owned by black men: #83 Pharo owned a house, #303 Mrs. Page's Bonner, #323 William Cesar, #410 "Brown Moses a small Negro house down the wharf...", possibly others are included.
Mss 9001-H Box 8, Folder: of Bristol, Blacksmith, 16 Sept 1730	Howland, Jabez	Dowry	16 Sept 1730	Bristol	Mentions an "Indian woman & her child".
Mss 499 Folder 3: Correspondence	Howland, John Papers	Correspondence	24 Nov 1838	Providence	To Mary (his wife or daughter), discourse on Native Americans of North America and their possible origins; description of Indian grave found under Bowen street in Providence and disposition of artifacts found there.
Mss 9001-H Box 8, Folder: Portrait of Thomas Howland	Howland, Thomas	Essay	n.d.	Rhode Island	"Portrait of Thomas Howland by Blanchard read to the Rhode Island Historical Society by John A. Howland" An essay on the circumstances surrounding the election of Thomas Howland to the office of warden for the 3rd Ward in Providence in 1857. "Probably the first negro ever in elective office by popular vote in the United States was Thomas Howland."
Mss 9001-H Box 8, Folder: 15 Letters Received & 7 other Family Documents	Howland, Thomas	Correspondence	7 Mar 1840	Charleston, S.C.	1840 Mar 7 Richard G. Howland in Charleston to his brother Daniel Howland in New York regarding farming, probably in Rhode Island. "I think you had better let Henry get one or two coloured men if he can & then he will be better satisfied & can manage them better."
Mss 9001-H Box 8, Folder: 15 Letters Received & 7 other Family Documents	Howland, Thomas	Poem	Mar 1807	unknown	"On Liberty" by S.A. Greene March 1807 an excerpt from the poem reads: "And now to those who fought in freedom's cause Why are you govern'd thus, by partial laws. One part you've done, the other yet you lack You've freed the white man, but enslave the black".
Mss 9001-H Box 8	Hoxie, Mary	Will	1796	Richmond	In her will, Hoxie left goods to Patience Rodman.
Mss 9001-H Box 8	Hull, Teddeman	Record Book	10 Mar 1741/2, Dec 1742-Jan 1743	Jamestown	Order to constable to bring in Scipio, negro man belonging to Abel Franklin who severely beat Avis, wife of Indian Josiah (10 Mar 1741/2) & Court examinations relating to a theft of money from Christopher Hawkins by his servant Dinah. She gave some of the money to Joseph Battey's Bess Battey and Phebe Arnold's Jenny Hull. These three are sentenced to the whipping post and fined. Also involved are Oliver Hull, Robin Hull, Dinah Pace and Hagar. (Dec 1742-Jan 1743)
Mss 9001-I Box 1	Indian Genealogy Notes	Notes	1927	Middleboro, Mass.	Genealogical notes written by Mantasikaun, a Mashpee Historian
Mss 9001-I Box 1	Indian Manuscripts	Warrant	1713, n.d.	unknown	(2) Warrants written in the Massachusetts language issued by Isaak Simmon, an Indian ruler

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Mss 483 sg 12 Series 1: Correspondence Box 1-3	Isaac P. Hazard Papers	Correspondence	ca.1810-1844	South Kingstown	Isaac P. Hazard spent much of his youth in South Carolina and maintained business and social contacts in the South for his entire life. His business sold "Negro cloth" to a primarily Southern market. The collection includes very frequent correspondence from Southern plantation owners negotiating purchases. See entries for James J. McCarter, Peyton Skipwith, Stephen Duncan, R.W. Habersham, R.&W. King and William Ravenel.
Mss 9001-J Box 1	James, Aaron	Testimony	22 Oct 1810	Providence	James, a man of color and a Mariner of Providence recounted an argument between Cudgo Earle and Sippio Read over a possibly stolen umbrella. Signed with James' mark.
Mss 201 Folder: Accounts, 1758	Jamestown Town Records Collection	Accounts	16 May 1758	Jamestown	Account with Matthew Grinold includes charges for "keeping ni*er Hanah Eight Weeks" and for "finding one Sheet to bury her & Drink."
Mss 201 Folder: Town Council, Examination of Mary (Hazard?), 1763	Jamestown Town Records Collection	Examination	25 May 1763	Jamestown	Town Council examination of a mustee woman named Mary from South Kingstown accused of keeping a disorderly house.
Mss 9001-J Box 1, Folder 2: Photocopy	Jencks, George Foster	Diary	1824	Pawtucket	Diary of white Pawtucket man mentions Hardscrabble riots: "1824 Feb 7 A gang of Ruffins toar down & Destroyed the Negro house on the hill this evening." and "1824 Oct 19 Last night the Whites assembled on the bridge in Providence and went in a body to that part of the town occupied by the blacks and pulled down Ten of their houses and laid waste all there contents and this day the Governor and Council has ordered out the Light Infantry to guard the town."
*Mss 9001-J Loose Vol.	John (Brigantine)	Crew List	1806	Newport	A crew list (p.13, No.8) names Cato Burrill, a black man of Newport and Samuel Crauford, with a yellow complexion, of Providence. Both men are listed as seamen.
Mss 9001-J Box 3	Johnston, Augustus	Deed	9 Jun 1759	Newport	In a deed from James and Mary Hillhouse of New Haven, Conn., "Domine a Negro Man" is identified as living in "a Small Mansion House on said Schoolhouse Lot" in Newport.
Mss 520 Folder: Miscellaneous	Jones, William Papers	Bill of Sale	25 Nov 1795	Providence	John Watson of South Kingstown sold Marea "a Negro Girl" to Peter Taylor of Providence for 30 dollars for a term of 3 1/2 years with the possibility of extending the term to another 3 1/2 years after the initial time period is up. Also contains a note on freeing Marea to free her after seven years if she agrees to the terms.
Mss 9001-J Box 3, Folder 1: Letter 2 Dec 1840	Joslyn, Joseph	Correspondence	2 Dec 1840	Newport	From Georgia resident, Hugh McCall appealing for help for a jailed Thomas Francis, son of Thomas and Violet, brother of William, John, Polley, Nancy and Betsey. The postmaster was hoping to ascertain whether Francis was a free Newport resident or an enslaved man from North Carolina.
Mss 9001-K Box 1	Kent County Female Anti-slavery Society	Record Book	1835-1845	Warwick	Record of the formation, meeting and membership of the Society
Mss 9001-K Box 1	Kent County Men's Anti-slavery Society	Newspaper Article	6 Feb 1916	Kent County	Early Anti-Slavery Society Records Found, local activity in 1835
Mss 238	Klyberg Collection	Interviews	1990-1993	Rhode Island	Interviews done by U.R.I. students in Albert Klyberg's R.I. History Class, 1990-1993 Interview by Barbara McEiver of Cortland Stanton who moves from Providence to Narragansett in 1965. He and his wife are identified as American Indian.
Mss 9001-K Box 3	Knight, Henry Cogswell	Newsclippings/Narrative	Aug - Nov 1866	Warwick; Pawtucket	"A Glance at the Town of Providence in 1812," reprinted in the <u>Providence Journal</u> in 1866 from The Rhode Island American in 1812. Narratives in the clippings includes stories and descriptions of Bristol aka Brisker Rhodes, Scipio Brenton, Prince Whitman, George Thomas, Troupe Butler, and Robert the Hermit of Fox Point.
Mss 1119 Folder 1: Ledger, 1797-1844	Lake, David Family Papers	Account Book	1797-1844	Tiverton	Lake's labor account book as a carpenter includes his account with partnership of Lemuel Milk and Paul Cuffe, billing for "work done on their ship" (pages 15-18 and 23). Paul Cuffe was probably the most successful African American merchant of the early republic. Although Cuffe generally hired other African Americans for his ship's crew, census records suggest that Lake was white. Cuffe paid Lake in cash, sugar and lottery tickets.

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Mss 527 Vol. 2	Land Evidences Collection	Receipt	10 Jul 1705; 23 Aug 1705	Newport	No. 321, 323: Gideon Crawford acknowledges receipt of a servant, Peggy, whom he promises to deliver to her owner widow Mary Davis in Barbados when demanded. This is a copy of the original document.
Mss 527 Vol. 3	Land Evidences Collection	Manumission	15 May 1717	Newport	No. 260: A copy of Edward Pelham's manumission of Harry.
Mss 527 Vol. 3	Land Evidences Collection	Order	27 May 1721	Newport	Pg. 360: A copy of an Admiralty Court order of auction of enslaved people.
Mss 9001-L Box 1, Folder 1: Lawton, Isaac of Portsmouth, RI	Lawton, Isaac	Papers	1785; n.d.	Portsmouth	Revolutionary War anecdote concerning Quaker Meeting House in Portsmouth, R.I. told by Lawton in 1785 which includes mention of a "negro boy"; anecdote told by Zacharias Dicks regarding a "negro" man preaching to Quakers in North Carolina; undated list of pro-slavery arguments.
Mss 21 Box 5, Folders 89-92	League of Women Voters	Records	1893-1977	Rhode Island	Subject file on civil rights and "Rhode Island protection of minority groups against discrimination," 1942-1967.
Mss 9001-L Box 2	Lear, Susanna	Diary	1788	Philadelphia, Pa.	Diary of a white Philadelphia woman visiting Boston and Providence in 1788. Rode in a carriage from Boston with "an Indian Chief. At first I felt very much afraid of him, but he turned out to be the most agreeable of the company... After breakfast the Indian Chief played several tunes on his clarinet. He played very well. In short, he is quite accomplished." [31 July 1788]; "We were all invited to a party out of town. The Prince rode with us in Mr. Brown's carriage and entertained us very much... The Indian Chief and Mrs. J. Brown stayed and supped with us. He regrets very much he is obliged to leave us so soon. He says he never spent his time so happily. Indeed I don't wonder for the ladies of this place are all in love with him and are striving who shall pay him the most attention." [2 Aug 1788]; "In the evening the Chief called on us again as he has done regularly three of four times a day ever since he has been here. He stayed to supper... He appeared very unwilling to leave us even at eleven o'clock." [3 Aug 1788]
Mss 9001-L Box 3	Lewis, A.M.	Requests	17 Apr 1865	Providence	Request by "The Colored People of Cranston" to be allowed to attend the funeral services for President Lincoln to be held in Providence.
Mss 9001-L Box 3	Lewis, Prime	Complaint	Jun 1781	Johnston	Lewis, "a free negro man," is accused by James Mathewson of stealing trees from his land.
Mss 9001-L Box 3	Lippitt, Ceasar	Papers	1815-1824	Warwick	A deed, receipts, and direct tax bill belonging to Ceasar, a laborer and man of color.
Mss 9001-L (oversized)	Lippitt, William	Papers	1841 and 1844	Warwick	A deed of land in Warwick being transferred from William Lippitt to his wife, Patience Lippitt and the last will and testament of William, a man of color.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 11 <i>Mss 541 Folder 1</i>	Lopez, Aaron Collection	Accounts	Oct - Dec 1770	Newport	Lopez's daybook includes record of receipt of payments which occasionally list the goods as being delivered by a "negro boy."
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 11 <i>Mss 541 Folder 12</i>	Lopez, Aaron Collection	Bill of Sale	11 Feb 1774; 14 Feb 1774	Newport	Sale of "a certain Negro man named Charles" to Aaron Lopez from Joseph Holloway of Exeter and Lopez's transfer of Charles to Capt. Daniel Holloway.
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 11 <i>Mss 541 Folder 2</i>	Lopez, Aaron Collection	Accounts	1774-1775	Newport	Daybook records payments for goods and sometimes lists the names of the delivery boys including "William Negro" and "Negro Jack"
Microfilm E445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 11 <i>Mss 541 Folder 3</i>	Lopez, Aaron Collection	Log Book	1767-1783	Newport	Log book for five ships owned by the firm of Lopez & Rivera, mostly in slave trade: the <i>Sally</i> (1767); <i>Hannah</i> (1768), <i>Cleopatra</i> (1770-1773); <i>Africa</i> (1773-1774) and <i>Washington</i> (1783). Folder 12 contains several documents re a voyage of the slave ship <i>Cleopatra</i> to Africa in 1773, and a bill of sale for an enslaved man named Charles, from Joseph Holloway of Exeter to Lopez in 1774.

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MSS 9004 Box 3, Vol. 6, p.35: Louisa (Brig), Correspondence, 1797.	Louisa (brig)	Sale	1797	Rhode Island, Havana, Africa	Bill of Sale Account dated 5/18/1797 Header "Sales of [91?] Slaves received by the Brig <i>Louisa</i> [Elisha Briggs] Master from Africa sold by said Capt on Account of the owners of said Slaves viz." Footnote "Mem. by E.M. Stone Since this paper was presented to the R.I. Hist. Society, some person has mutilated it by cutting out the name of Capt. Elisha Briggs from the head of the bill, and in other parts attempting to obliterate the name with ink; for what reason is unknown. The name has been restored in brackets." The number of enslaved has six unmarked columns, likely relating to age and gender. The status of the enslaved in question will be depicted via [X. X. 2. X.X. X] indicating the column the number of enslaved was documented in. Dn = male = "don" = "Lord" Da = female = "dona" = "Lady". "1797 Mar 22 2 Negroes to Dn Adrian de la Cruz [2.X.X.X.X.X] at D[as?] 325 650" "1797 Mar 22 2 Do [Negroes] to Dn Jose Sequeira [2.X.X.X.X.X] Payable at June 325 650" "1797 Mar 24 4 Do [Negroes] to Dn Adrian de la Cruz [4.X.X.X.X.X] Priviledge ones 320 1280" "1797 Mar 24 1 Do [Negro] to Dn Jose Sequeira [X.1.X.X.X.X] Do Do [Priviledge ones] 320 150" "1797 Mar 24 1 Do [Negro] to Da Maria Dolores [Castano] [X.1.X.X.X.X] [Do] 280" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] to Dn Juan Philipe Colaie [1.X.X.X.X.X] Priviledge [Do] 330" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] to Da Maria Isabel Alvarez [X.1.X.X.X.X] [Do] 260" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] Dead at the Barracks [1.X.X.X.X.X]" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] to Dn Alfonso Bello [1.X.X.X.X.X] 300" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] to Dn [Basilie Fernandez] Abrea [1.X.X.X.X.X] 300" "1797 Mar 27 1 Do [Negro] to Marquecido [St-] [Phey?] [Sto] [1.X.X.X.X.X] 300" "1797 Mar 28 1 Do [Negro] to Dn Joaquin Lopez [X.1.X.X.X.X] 225" "1797 Mar 29 3 Do [Negroes] to Dn Pedro Diago [3.X.X.X.X.X] 310 930" "1797 Mar 29 4 Do [Negroes] to Dn Yicente [Adett] [4.X.X.X.X.X] 2 of Priviledge PA RS 310 1240" "1797 Mar 29 2 Do [Negroes] Defective to Dn Pedro Interia [2.X.X.X.X.X] 250 Cash & remainder in"
Mss 1055 Warwick Historical Society Deposit. Folder 5: Anthony Low.	Warwick Historical Society Deposit	Will	1746	Warwick	Anthony Low of Warwick, Will: "I give and bequeath unto Mary my beloved wife...the use of all my negros during her natural life." "To my son John Low...I do also give after my wifes decease my negroman named Newport and my negro woman named Peg if they or either of them shall be living after my wifes decease"; to son Stephen Low "after my wifes decease my negro boy name Bristol if he shall be living after my wifes decease"; "I give and bequesth unto my sons John Low and Stephen Low...after my wifes decease my two negro boys vis by name Fortune and Prince if they or either of them should be then living"; "I give and bequeth to my beloved daughter Christan Carpenter...after my wifes decease my negro girl named Patience if she shall be then living."
Mss 9001-L Box 4, Folder 1: Law Suit, 2 Oct 1817	Low, James	Lawsuit	2 Oct 1817	Cranston	Suit in Justice Court against Low for debt owed to Roger W. Potter.
MSS 9001-M Box 1	Macomber, Joseph Ellwood	Correspondence	6 Feb 1842	Farmington, NY	Letter to Joseph Ellwood Macomber while away at school in Washington, NY from his sister Margaret Ann Hathaway in Farmington, NY. The entire family are Quakers. "Perhaps thou hast not heard of the Brig 'Creole' bound I think from some northern port to N. Orleans with slaves. During the passage 19 of the slaves rose in possession, . . . They were sailed to Nassau a port in N. Providence one of the Bahamas I believe and are still under English authority. Oh how it makes the Southerners and Northern pro-slavery men boil It is thot by some that our government will demand them but I do not believe it for they know British liberty allows no slavery and if foreigners fall on their coasts are freemen they would not think of making [?] about slaves escaping to Canada but where is the difference! Both belong to England. A pro-slavery man in Scipio asked Lorenzo a few days since if "as many ni**ers run through our place to Canada now a days?" L. said "no, they go off by ship loads now! He could not say any more about ni**ers running away." [Letter is written cross hatched with sentences running vertical & horizontal making it very difficult to read.]

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Microfilm E445 R4 Part 1 Reel 11 <i>Mss 549 Series 1 Godfrey Branch, Vol. 1 Godfrey Malbone Sr. Account Book 1728-1738</i>	Malbone Family Papers	Account Book	1728-1738	Newport	Account Book includes financial records pertaining to the slave trade.
Microfilm E445 R4 Part 1 Reel 11 <i>Mss 549 Series 1 Godfrey Branch, Folder 4. Malbone family - accounts with the estate of William Hunter</i>	Malbone Family Papers	Accounts	1763-1768	Newport	Settlement of accounts with physician for treatment of household including: 1763-1768 Mingo, Peter, and Frank ; 1764-1774 Quam, Magget, Sias and Jack; 1771-1779 Lue; 1768-1776 Comfort, Jack, Peter, and a child.
Mss 9001-M Oversize	Manchester, Gideon	Inventory	1769	Providence	Inventory includes "one negro man named Curlett."
Mss 552 Box 2: Correspondence & Documents, 1769-1771	Marchant Papers	Correspondence	19 Apr 1770	Newport	Henry Marchant from Newport, to Richard Ellis, Newburn [Berne?] North Carolina. "Sir, Capt. Richardson has received a Letter from you by which I perceive my Boy has been under the doctors Care sometime, being lame in his Foot, and that he pretend[s] he has been subject to a Lameness. You may depend upon it there is no manner of truth in that suggestion of his; Tho' I would choose he should Sell well, yet for the Price of him I would not have kept back any Thing from your Knowledge that might make to his Disadvantage; I imagine he has found out you are about Selling him and that he had rather remain with you than run the Chance of a disagreeable master & he has put his Wits together to prevent your disposing of him. I can rely upon your Honor as to the Price; but otherwise should be glad he might be sold as soon as may be to advantage As I have been obligated to purchase another and the money is somewhat wanted"
Mss 552 Box 2: Correspondence & Documents, 1769-1771	Marchant Papers	Correspondence	5 Mar 1771	Newport	Henry Marchant Letter to Ellis: "Sir, I was induced to send my Boy Quam to you under an Apprehension of Dispatch. The price he sold for was not near so much as he cost at thirteen years old and the cash paid down: but that Circumstance is not so bad a Consideration, as that of being kept out of the Purchase Money so Long: your letter to me assured me I should receive the Effects, last November since which I have not heard a Word of the Matter: Indeed there seems to be a general Uneasiness in those who have sent their Negroes to No. Carolina. I hope however that the Receipt of the Effects for my Boy will Soon give Satisfaction to your Friend and Servant H. Marchant. Mr. Richard Ellis Merchant in Newburn North Carolina."
Mss 999 Folder 6: Julia (Bowen) Martin	Martin Family Papers	Diary	1 Apr - 15 Sept 1799	Providence	Diary of a white Providence woman written before her marriage, who mentioned the following visit to an African American fortune-teller: "We all went to a famous fortune teller just arrived in town, a black man, we walked down beyond the new Presbyterian Meeting House, I found him quite on the hill, in a negro house. I was ushered up Chamber first. I was prodigiously frightened at first, but my fears soon subsided. I saw a monstrous fat black man. His face from his nose up, full of notches..." This is followed by a long account of the fortune. [7/20/1799]
Mss 9001-M Loose Vol.	Mason, Aaron	Day Book	1780-1812	Providence	Mason, a tanner, records accounts in his daybook including accounts with William Ceser (1778-1807), Black Bette (March 1780), Solomon Jinne (October 1790), Rebeckah Negro (1790, 1794), Oliver Cesar (July 1791), Abraham Gibes(July 1793), Prence Lac(?) of North Providence (1802, 1804), Paul Potter (1806).
Mss 554 Vol. 2, p. 218	Mason's Newport	Correspondence	13 Jun 1740	At Sea	Letter from George Scott, at sea, tells of sickness and mortality among enslaved Africans aboard ship and reports that his enslaved servant, Bonner is dead.
Mss 554 Vol. 1, p. 70	Mason's Newport	Receipt	1762	Newport	Receipt for two unnamed "Negro Boys... receiv'd from Africa" in Boston by Capt. Phillip Wilkinson, June 8 1762.

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Mss 554 Vol. 5, p. 296	Mason's Newport	Deed	21 Sep 1731	Newport	Deed from Charles Ninegret, "New England Chief Sachem of the Narragansetts" to Capt. Christopher Champlin, Jr.
Mss 554 Vol. 2, p. 101-102	Mason's Newport	Narrative	1752	Newport	Cuffy Cockroach identified as a cook in the household of Jahleel Brenton. "Cuffy was a noted turtle cook."
Mss 554 Vol. 6, p. 390	Mason's Newport	Bill of Sale	10 Dec 1756	Newport	10 Dec 1756 Bill of Sale, Newport. "Know all Men by these Presents, That I Benjamin Nichols of Newport in the County of Newport in the Colony of Rhode Island Esqr and Executor to ye Last Will and Testament of Jonathan Nichols Esqr Late of Newport Deceasd for and in Consideration of the Sum of Sixteen Hundred pounds in good and passable Bills of Publick Credit of the old Tenor to me in Hand, paid at or before the Sealing and Delivery hereof, by Joseph Wanton Jun. of ye same Town County and Colony aforesaid, Merchant the Receipt whereof, I do hereby acknowledge; and my self therewith fully and entirely satisfied: Have bargained and sold, set over and delivered; and by these Presents, do bargain, sell, set over and deliver unto the said Joseph Wanton Three Certain Negro Men called Toby Cuff & London, Together with their wearing apparrill. To HAVE AND TO HOLD, the hereby bargained Three negro men & their wearing apparril unto the said Joseph Wanton his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to his & their only proper Use, Benefit, and Behoof, forever. And I the said Benjamin Nichols for myself my Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, the hereby bargained Three negroe and their apparrill as abovd sd unto the said Joseph Wanton Junr & his Heirs, Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, against me and my Heirs and against all and every Person or Persons whatsoever, lawfully claiming or to claim the same, shall and will Warrant and forever Defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal, the Tenth Day of December in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George ye Second King of Great- Britain, &c. Annoq; Dom. 1756 Benj. Nichols Sealed and Delivered, in the Presence of Rachel McGuire [Mark] [&] Step. [Humford]"
Mss 554 Vol. 2, p. 102	Mason's Newport	Bill of Sale	4 Jul 1759	Charlestown	Sale by Christopher Champlin of enslaved people George and Jenny to Thomas Allen of New London.
Mss 554 Vol. 3, p. 154-159	Mason's Newport	Narrative	1791-1825	Newport	Biographical information about Newport Gardner, enslaved person owned by Caleb Gardner.
Mss 554 Vol. 2, p. 105-106	Mason's Newport	Narrative	n.d.	Newport	Cudjo, an elderly man, annuitized by Gibbs and Channing. Others named are Jim Samson, Pomp Overing, Quacko Malbone, Sam Collins, Ritter (Henrietta) Ellery, Phillis Champlin, Dinah Ayrault
Mss 554 Vol. 2, p. 104-107	Mason's Newport	Narrative	n.d.	Newport	Tells about Mintus, the "last colored undertaker" buried in the old common cemetery.
Microfilm E445 .R4, part 2, reels 17-20 Mss 588 sg 4 Box 6, Folders 2-14	Megee, William F.	Correspondence	1798-1806		Correspondence of slave trader active in the South American market, dating mostly 1798-1806.
Mss 9001-M Box 5	Metcalf, Joel and Michael	Accounts	16 Sep 1799	Providence	Accounts with William Gittis and William Stever for sales of beef and pork.
Mss 9001-M Box 6	Molly (sloop)	Accounts	1746	Newport	Account of cash disbursements included payments to various owners of enslaved people for labor.
Mss 9001-M Loose Vol. 2: Ledger, 1798-1807	Mowry, Daniel	Ledger	1798-1807	Smithfield	Mowry's accounts with Newport Brayton (p.127).

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Mss 9001-M Box 8	Munro, Sarah	Bill of Sale	16 Oct 1776	Bristol	"Know all men by the Present that we Sarah Munro and James Munro Both of Bristol in the County of Bristol and Colony of Rhode Island [the] Administrators of thee Estate of Capt Bennet Munro late of Bristol Deceased. For and in Consideration of the Sum of Twenty Eight pounds Ten shillings Lawfull Money to us in hand will and truly paid by Timothy Ingraham of Bristol aforesaid Mariner thee receipts where of we Do hereby Acknowledge have Bargained Sold and Set over unto him the sd Timothy Ingraham one Negro boy Named Dick being about Eight years of Age which was late thee Estate of said Bennet Munro. And we do hereby Covenant to and agree with the said Timothy Ingraham His Heires and Assigns thatt wee have in our Capacity aForesaid [good] Right Full Power and lawfull Authority to Sell and Dispose of the said Boy as above Said. In Witness whereof wee have Here unto Set Our hands and Seals this Sixteenth day of October 1776. Signd Seald & Deliverd in Presence of Mark Anthe Jonathan Diman Sarah Munro James Munro."
Mss 9001-N Box 1	National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, Providence Branch	Correspondence	6 Mar 1922	Providence	Letter from branch president W.P.H. Freeman to Lt. Col. Willis C. Metcalf of the R.I. State Militia, March 6 1922, thanking Metcalf for participating in a memorial service for Col. Charles Denton Young of the U.S. Army. In part: "with the co-operation of big-hearted men like yourself, there will be no race problem."
New England Yearly Meeting Archives, Film #10 RI Monthly Meeting, Newport, R.I.: Slave Manumissions, 1708-1827. (Microfilm)	New England Yearly Meeting Archives	Manumissions	1708-1827	Newport	Volume of manumissions of enslaved people from Newport-area meetings dated 1708 to 1827.
Mss 9001-N Loose Vol.	Newdigate, Nathaniel	Account Book	1703-1735	Bristol	Includes many memoranda re hiring out of and deliveries made by enslaved man named Sambo., 1703-1716. Includes agreement to lease Sambo to Jonathan Bowers for work with ship carpentry shop, October 16, 1707.
Microfilm E445 .R4, part 2, reel 27 Mss 231 sg 6	Newport Intendant of Trade	Records	1785-1790	Newport	This volume recorded all ships departing Newport, Rhode Island for the five years preceding the creation of a federal customs service (1785-1790); a handful are shipping rum to Africa as part of the triangle trade. The information for each ship includes: date cleared, vessel name, master's name, tons of capacity, number of guns, number of crew, date and place built, date and place of registration, owners' names, general cargo and destination. Each entry also bears the ship master's signature regarding the cargo description, which is generally quite specific.
Mss 588 sg 2, Box 2, Folder 4: 1774-1778	Nightingale, Samuel II Papers	Correspondence	21 Apr 1777	North Providence	His father writes remarking that Samuel Jr. has bought a "negro man" of Benjamin Greene and urges him to buy more for farm labor.
Mss 588 sg 3, Box 5, Folder 15: 1833-1836	Nightingale, Samuel III Papers	Correspondence	7 Feb 1836	Florida	Letter from Edwin T. Jenckes to Samuel Nightingale III giving an account of the depredations of the Native Americans during the Seminole War, counter measures, etc. dated Camp Long Reach, Fla.

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Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 1 (930972)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1732-1741	North Kingstown	Volume 7, 1731 -1742 Pg 237 Mar 1741 Jack Greene keeping an Indian woman called Jenn..... Ann Bell take the "Indian" woman Jenny Luses [?] That is sick and Jack Green.....Clerk give the Sergent an order to convey an "Indian" woman named Ruth.....to the town of Jamestown. Pg 246 July 1741 Joseph Northup, overseer of the poor..the case of an "Indian" named Easter [?] At Somen Seazers Pg 263 July 1741 Jack Green keep "Indian" woman Genney Leucres [?], an "Indian" woman named Ruther...otherwise to depart said town Pg 359 1732 Edward Dyre paid for keeping "Indian" called Phebe Pg 360 1732 Lidia, "Indian" child flung on this town, bound until age of Twen.....being 2 and 1/2 years old Pg 370 13 July 173? ...Eldred one of the Overseers of the Poor of [...] this Council that he put an "Indian" Child [...] Orphan under the care of "Indian" Eaber [...] said child Ten days and deceased who [...] child finding all necessaries therefore the [...] Council orders that the said "Indian" Eaber be [...] of the Town Treasury two pounds ...
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 1 (930972)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1742-1756	North Kingstown	Volume 8, 1742 - 1756 pg 36 Mar 1743 note against "Indian" Grere Pg 321 George Tibbits Inventory includes "Spanish Indian" man named Jack, "Negro" woman named Phillie and "negro" boy named Prince Pg 347 19 aug 1753 Betty Scooner an "Indian" woman died Intestate, pg 348 admin by Mercy/Marey Scooner Pg 366 14 Jul 1755 Joseph Reynolds a "negro" man late of North Kingstown, had been absent/unheard of for 6 years past.....personal belongs and inventory Pg 425 12 Mar 1753 Seaver, a free "negro" appeared in Council and made Choice of [Daniel Green] [...] his Gardeen. That the Clerke give said Daniel Green administration [...] Jacob Chease alias Seaver, Dec'd he giving bond according to [...] Pg 433 to Benjamin Congdon on estate of John Indian son of Am..... Pg 461 Feb 1748 Edward Dyre took an account in North Kingstown of "Whites" (1665), "Blacks" (184) and "Indians" (86).
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 1 (930972)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1705-1715	North Kingstown	Volume 5, 1697 – 1719 pg 70 1705 a horse belonging to "Indian" Tuis, also swine of "Indian" Tuis pg 98 1708/1709 "Squaw" Sarah Beer which was drownedfrom Connanicut to Narraganset and that John Potter.....and that the children mayhim their father, children so left by said "Indians" shall be bound to John Potter until boys be 21 years of age and girls 18 years of age.....he the said John ///// considerable charges already about the said children. Pg 168 16 Jul 1715 "Indian" servants one named Lize and the otherAnd a "negro" woman and a "negro" boy....Mariah and the boy named Trinkelo.....to my son--signed by Sarah Potter

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Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 1 (930972)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1720-1730	North Kingstown	<p>Volume 6 , 1719-1730</p> <p>Pg 20 John Potter of Kingston discharged Mr John Greene of Warwick of find....."Indian" man call Tom Brood.....clothes ..said Greene is bound to find said "Indian" 8 Dec 1720 [?].a "molatto"</p> <p>Pg 25 13 Feb 1720/1721 by John Cole, an "Indian" Boy..against Charles Dickinson, Junior his master...immoderately corrected and beaten him therefore discharge the saidor servant from his apprenticeship</p> <p>Pg 33 9 Oct 1720 said servant Tomb Derutter..from his servitude by indenture to ...Abiel Shearman. "Molatto" fellow calledMatteson now in service of Mr Updikes be free from this day.</p> <p>Pg 36 11 Sep 1721 Elisha Cole shall haveshillings out of the town treasury...the "Indian" boy which was taken.</p> <p>Pg 93 Jul 1722 An "Indian" woman called Sarah Champlin complaint...she was wrongfully....of Colchester...said Newton Bill of Cost concerning Sarah Champlin: to Summons, Constable, Danis [?], to Thos Willcocks, Swareing and Evidence, to Clerk for copying and other services</p> <p>Pg 116 1723 Seaser a free "Negroe" man....a child named Jacob on the town....not able to maintain the same--Jeremiah Gould.....child until it comes of the age of 24 years. Peg a "mustee" woman ran away...a child about 3 years old, child will suffer if not care.....William Havens to take said child.</p> <p>Pg 219 1726 Frank a "negroe" woman servant to Mr Thomas Eldred made charge...to be her master and said John Eldred appeared and promised to take said "negroe".</p> <p>Pg 354 May 1730 "Molatto" child aged 6 years....named Hannah be bound to Daniel Green until age 21. "Indian" child named James5 the 10th of March last be bound to Roshe [?] ford until 24 years of age.</p>
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 2 (930973)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1757-1779	North Kingstown	<p>Volume 9, 1756-1768</p> <p>Pg 215 14 Feb 1763 "Thomas Fortain, a negroe man died intestate, admin by Abigail Mingo, negro woman"</p> <p>Pg 259 Nov 1764 Will of Robert Hall---daughter Ruth Hall..a "negro" man named Ceaser to be at her use until he at age of 30, then be sett free from Bondage</p> <p>Pg 473 Abigail Mingo, "negro" woman, letter of admin for Thomas Fortain</p> <p>Pg 493 Benjamin Easton, an "Indian Man", to depart this town</p> <p>Pg 546- 1757 [An interview of a enslaved man named Jack Minor in which he is asked where he was born, who brought him from Africa, and the names of all his masters.]</p>

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Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 2 (930973)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1783-1795	North Kingstown	Volume 13, 1783 - 1795 Pg 21 Nov 1783 Clerk put up ...to acquaint the inhabitants of this townlaw against taking in strangers andthem on penalty of the law and moreharboring of "blacks", etc. James Eldred constable immediately ..every "black" person who abides in this town not being inhabitants of this town to depart said town and direct the people who harbour them tothem out of this town. Pg 101 July 1787 Giles Pearce cited to appear..for his taking a "black" family...his house in said town. Pg 152 1790 "Indian" woman Mary Primus Pg 155 Jan 1790 Lucy Davis an "Indian or Mustee" pregnant with child of a Bastard, therefore Lucy to immediately to Depart this T.... Pg 159 9 Apr 1792 John Hazard brought before....his "negroe" woman named Orange....years old on 21 June next. Pg 186 9 Jun 1792 Abraham Isaac alias Hunt--an "Indian" man copy of removal from East Greenwich, adjudge his last legal residence was North Kingstown. Pg 208 Oct 1793 Mary Allen "molatto" woman bring her child James Allen to be apprentice to John Bowles to 21 years, being 5 years on 23 June last. Pg 213 Patience Fowler "Indian" Woman.....her child intrudes on this town.....oldest child..last settled in South Kingstown. Pg 249 14 Mar 1795 Phebe Sherman, "black" woman kept at John Westwick [?] For sickness
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 3 (930974)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1797	North Kingstown	Volume 14, 1796-1800 Pg 146 May 1797 Frances Taylor "black" girl..be kept at Henry Eldred Pg 154 19 Feb 1797 Dorcas Congdon "Indian" Woman flung her son Cuff Congdon on this town. "Black" woman named Sarah who served her time withis sick with the veneral disease in suffering condition
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 3 (930974)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1797-1801	North Kingstown	Volume 15, 1798 - 1802 Pg 41 10 Dec 1798 Jack Phillips a "negroe" died Pg 211 12 Jun 1797 Sarah Taylor, "negro",..... a poor child flung on this town..bound to Ephraim Mitchel, [?] Junior and wife...turns 21 years [?] he being 11 years old on 14 Feb 1801.
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 3 (930974)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1806-1808	North Kingstown	Volume 16, 1805 - 1810 Pg 11 Samuel D Allen presented "negroe" man Jack, 29 years old, able bodied capable of getting his living Pg 44 1806 Benjamin Smith alias Gardner , a "black" man, pox in Wickford, be removed to dwelling place lately of Thomas Hill Pg 140 4 June 1808 Zebulon Wamsley "Indian" man..by his conduct is wasting his estate, not able to take care...give William Taylor full power of the person and estate of Zebulon Wamsley Pg 146 Cesar Rose, "black" man, died intestate Pg 161 Sarah Smith, "Indian" Woman who removed to Charles Town has returned to abide, and is of Ill Fame. She pay \$7 and upon neglect of pay bywhip her 15 Stripes on her naked back and immediately leave this town. Same for Wait Sweet and her daughter Freelove, returned from Warwick...\$7 fine of 20 stripes on each Pg 316 Apr 1808? Benjamin Congdon...man of colour. Pg 303 Quam Howland, "negroe" man and wife and children..depart this town.

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Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 3 (930974)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1813	North Kingstown	Volume 19, 1811 - 1814 Pg 191 Dec 1813 Bess Sherman, woman of color, shall remove to South Kingstown Pg 210 Samuel W Brigham [?] Of Pautuket, had James Brown, son of Scipio, a person of color, in apprentice under 21 years
Mfilm F89 .N8 N6 Reel 4 (930975)	North Kingstown Town Council Records	Town Council Records	1820	North Kingstown	Volume 22, 1821 - 1823 Pg 49 12 Dec 1820 Freelove Onion, woman of color deceased intestate
MSS 9001-O Oversize	Oaths of Enlistment	Oaths of Enlistment	1776	Various	The R.I. General Assembly passed an act at their October 1775 session calling for the raising of an army for defense of the colony. The RIHS holds 33 documents on which 76 men sign the oath to enlist. On January 30, 1776 a man named William Mingo, categorized as "Negro" makes his mark next to his name.
Mss 943	Old Stone Bank Records	Ledger	Various	Providence	Includes account ledgers for several identified African American depositors.
Mss 943 Series 24 Applications, Box 2	Old Stone Bank Records	Loan Application	15 May 1873	Providence	In John Carroll's loan application says that he has a "new house nearly completed, in negro neighborhood."
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 6 1889-1891	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	11 Nov 1890	Providence	Receipts for funeral of Lydia A. Marshall, filed November 11, 1890.
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 6 1889-1891	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	16 Oct 1890	Providence	Receipt to Violetta Potter dated October 16, 1890 from Horace B. Knowles, Undertaker and Embalmer for services including the casket, preserving the remains and for "Colored Bearers, \$8.00"
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 6 1889-1891	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	22 Dec 1891	Providence	Receipt to Estate of Abbie L. Waterman dated December 22, 1891 from Horace B. Knowles, Undertaker and Embalmer for services including "Colored Bearers, \$8.00"
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 7 1892-June 1895	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	15 Jan 1892	Providence	Receipts for funeral of Abbie L. Waterman, filed January 15, 1892
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 7 1892-June 1895	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	26 Jan 1894	Providence	Receipts for funeral of Mary Ann Chace, filed January 26, 1894
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 7 1892-June 1895	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	17 Jan 1894	Providence	Receipt to Estate of Mary Ann Chace dated January 17, 1894 from Horace B. Knowles, Undertaker and Embalmer for services including "Colored Bearers, \$8.00"
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 9 1900-July 1902	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	1 Jul 1901	Providence	Receipts for funeral of Ellen M. Young, filed July 1, 1901
Mss 943 Series 25 "Miscellaneous" Box 9 1900-July 1902	Old Stone Bank Records	Receipt	3 Jun 1901	Providence	Receipt to Estate of Ellen M. Young dated June 3, 1901 from H.A. Remington, Furnishing Undertaker for services including "Services of 4 colored lifters, \$8.00"
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18</i> <i>Box 3, Folders 2-4</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Papers	1781-1783	Providence	Papers of the colonel of the "Black Regiment" in the Revolution. Includes troop returns, 1781-1783.

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Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Deposition and Receipt	9 Sep 1781	Providence	For runaway enslaved person who enlisted in the army and was recaptured by Luke Griffith of Maryland.
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18 Box 1, Folder 8</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Correspondence	18 May 1791	Providence	"Providence 18 May 1791 Actuated by the powerfull feelings of [tear] and the great desire I have of exercising, upon Just principles [tear] small influence I may possess towards reliving not of our [tear] men as are held in unlawfull Bondage - [null?] I [p-----e] be admitted as my apology for the Trouble I am no about to give you in communicating the unhappy case of two [---] Black men, Jack Champlin [---] at Fort D[---] in Hispanola and Jack Burroughs a True Black Man at New Orleans, who is then held in Slavery the enclosed papers will explain, as well my own knowledge, as the [pertaintan?] information I have of late been able to obtain on the Subject - permit me Sir, respectfully to intreat your Excellencies Interest in his favour and to represent his unhappy condition to the Abolition Society, of which you are a member, at their next meeting when I dout not their humanity will be awakened and that they will Immediately adopt and prosecute such Just and affecations an [] as will prove the happy consequences of his speedy release and Return to this State in whose Service he was engaged in the late War and thereby obtained his Freedom. The former of which ----- of the United States under-I will chearfully contribute towards the expenses that may accrue in the Profesation and final accomplishment of an event so desirable that of Returning the Unfortunate. I have the Honor to be with Respect Your Excellancies Most Obed. Humb. Servt Jere[miah] Olney. His Excellency Arthur Fenner Esqr."
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18 Box 2, Folder 11</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Papers	1786-1790	Providence	Joseph Cooke Mercantile Papers: Accounts of the snow <i>America</i> , a slave ship on the African coast. Includes detailed accounts of enslaved people and rum sold.
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18 Box 1, Folder 11</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Correspondence	2 Apr 1794	Providence	Letter to Oliver Wolcott re: pension claims of Revolutionary War soldiers; Job Burton, Jabez Remington, Abraham Dennis, Walley Allen, Cato Bannister, James Northrup and Peter Harris.
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18 Box 1, Folder 12: Miscellaneous ship accounts</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Accounts	1788-1790	Providence	Expenses of Cooke in Trinidad, 1788-1790. Describes boarding and sale of three enslaved people.
Microfilm CS71 .O51 (3 reels with guide to papers on reel 1) <i>Mss 18 Box 3, Folder 15: Mary T. Olney</i>	Olney, Jeremiah Papers	Manumission	13 Jul 1820	Providence	Manumission of enslaved person Lewis by Mary T. Olney.
Mss 601	Paine, Emily H. Papers	Diary	1 Jul 1908	Providence	Diary of Bessie Paine, a white resident of South Providence. Describes hearing gunshots while sitting in a drugstore, and discovering that "a colored man shot two women and killed himself."
Mss 602	Paine, George T. Manuscripts on Native American Vocabulary	Manuscript	n.d.	Rhode Island	Manuscripts written on Native American vocabulary
Mss 605 Folder 526	Pattern, David Papers	Correspondence	28 Sep 1933	Rhode Island	Letter from Caroline Hazard of Peace Dale to Patten, September 28, 1933, expressing plans to support "a young negro taking his M.A. at the Yale Divinity School. Dean Weigle tells me that he is not only a good colored student, but a fine student by any standard."

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Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Oversized Vol. 1: Ledger Inn Accounts, 1760-1773	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Ledger	1760-1773	East Greenwich	Includes accounts with "Oliver Fry, black fellow," undated (p.46) and Yallow Fry, 1765 (p.233).
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Oversized Vol. 2: Ledger, Store, 1771-1773	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Ledger	1771-1784	East Greenwich	Includes accounts with James Allin (p.179).
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 1, Folder 6: Ledger, Inn Accounts, 1757-1759	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Ledger	1757-1759	East Greenwich	Includes accounts with "Joshua, Engin" (index page under J), Obadiah Seser (p.42), Oliver Fry (p.43, 56), William/Bill Seser (p.43), Ebenezer Seser (p.43), Sambo Seser (p.44), Samson Sisel (p.69) and possibly others
*Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 1, Folder 7: Ledger Inn Accounts, 1758-1766	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Accounts	1758-1764	East Greenwich	Innkeeper's account book including charges against Africa Arnold (January 9, 1759), Sambo Wener (January 1759-May 1760), Job Sambo (January 9, 1760), Oliver Fry (March 14, 1762), and Sam Spencer, Ingin (December 10, 1762).
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 1, Folder 10: Ledger Inn Accounts, 1763	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Ledger	1763	East Greenwich	Ledger of an inn keeper with accounts with Perow Neger/Jonathan Slocum (p.68) and Jobe Sambo (p. 82).
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 2, Folder 4: Ledger, Inn and Tailor Accounts, 1778-1781	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Accounts	1778-1780	East Greenwich	Includes accounts with Primus Babcock (p.133), Prince Gardner (p.7), Cuff Tillinghast (p.7&8), Cato Greene (p. 114), Prince Ingram (p.116), Caesar Rose (p.67), Prince Watson (p.18), Paris Gardner (p.127), Ceasar Fince (p.30), Pero Morey (p.47&137) and possibly others.
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 2, Folder 5: Ledger, Inn and Tailor Accounts, 1791-1794	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Accounts	1791-1794	East Greenwich	Account book includes charge to "Pomp Negro" (p.14), Prince Hammon (p.47), David Cuff (p.47), Prince Greene (p.58), Lonnon Hall (p.243), and possibly others.
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 2, Folder 6: Ledger Inn and Tailor Accounts, 1791-1796	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Accounts	1792	East Greenwich	Includes making a jacket & britches for "Pomp Negro", 1792
Mss 72 Series 2: Accounts, Box 2, Folder 13: Loose Accounts, 1770-1774	Pearce, Preserved Papers	Bill	1 Dec 1772	East Greenwich	Bill for shoes purchased by Nathan Greene for a "black boy" and an "Indian boy".
Mss 9005 Vol. 3, Box 2, page 19	Peck Collection	Correspondence	2 Dec 1770	Rhode Island	Letter, written at Casamance by Silas Jencks after his travel from Gambia to a Captain Ceaser [sic]. He describes the difficulty of finding enslaved people to buy and details the goods he has traded. He believes "good French guns" are necessary for any future voyages for the Schooner Intect [?].
Mss 9005 Box 10, page 62	Peck Collection	Correspondence	15 Jun 1797	Bristol	In a letter to Welcome Arnold, John Brown articulates pro-slavery attitudes and asks Arnold for the names of members of the Abolition Society.

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Mss 9005 Vol. 2, Box 1, page 12	Peck Collection	Bill of Sale	10 Jan 1745/6	Bristol	Sale of Sarah Jethro and her daughter Abigail by Rogers Richmond of Bristol to "John Mingo, negro": "Know all men by these Presents that I Rogers Richmond of Bristol in ye County of Bristol in ye Province of ye Massachusetts Bay in Nw England yeoman Have for ye Consideration of ye sum of one hundred & thirty Eight pounds old tenor to me in hand well & truly paid by John Mingo negro man of Bristol aforsd have Sold unto John Mingo [----] one molatto woman named Sarah Jethro & one molatto girl named Abigail Daughter to ye sd Sarah and I do hereby Bind & oblige my self my heirs Extr & adms to Warrant & Defend sd molatto woman & girl unto ye sd John Mingo & to his heirs & assigns forever against ye Lawfull Claims & Demands of all & every person & Persons In Witness whereof I ye Rogers Richmond have set my hand & seal this tenth day of January in ye nineteenth year of his Majestys Reign anno Domini 1745/6"
E445 .R4, part 2, reels 25-27 Mss 16	Peck, Nicholas Papers	Papers	1790-1849	Bristol	Nicholas Peck (1762-1847) was a slave-trader and merchant of Bristol, R.I. This collection consists of papers dated 1790 to 1849. Included are correspondence, bills, receipts, ledgers, insurance certificates and ship's papers regarding U.S. coastal trade and the African slave trade. One particularly interesting unsigned document dated 1812 gives instructions to a ship captain to trade for enslaved people at the mouth of the Gallinus River, at Cape Mount and on the Gold Coast of Africa, and instructs the captain to land the enslaved people or "cargo" at Trinidad. Other items include a letter from John Brown of Charleston, S.C. (not the famous John Brown of Providence) dated 7/1/1805 re purchase of 6 enslaved people; two from George F. Usher dated 1/31/1821 and 6/7/1821, apparently re smuggling cargo of enslaved people ashore at Martinique and Port Royal; and from Henry Bull dated 9/9/1841 offering two enslaved people for sale.
Mss 629 sg 9 Folder 1: Joseph Perkins Accounts, 1771-1791, undated	Perkins, Joseph Papers	Accounts	1771-1791	South Kingston	Receipt for payment by Dedfoot Brown of Newport
Mss 629 sg 9 Loose Vol. Daybook, c1775-1783	Perkins, Joseph Papers	Accounts	1782	South Kingston	Includes entries for quash Niles and Charles Gardner of South Kingston
Mss 9001-P Box 5, Folder: Diaries 1862-1901	Perry, John A.	Correspondence	16 Aug 1865		Includes letter dated 1865/08/16 from Gov. William Sprague to Gen. A.G. Howard, recommending Perry for position. "Mr. Perry has been an earnest worker & advocate for the colored man for a long time. He aided me with the President in the movement for making soldiers of the Blacks and is now anxious to aid in the work of protection and direction to the black man south."
Mss 9001-P Box 5, Folder 1: Administrator of Estate of William Green...	Perry, Samuel	Agreement	4 Feb 1785	South Kingston	Bond of Samuel Perry to the town council as administrator of the estate of William Greene, a black Revolutionary War veteran.
Mss 9001-P Box 7, Folder 2: Pastor, First Universalist Church, 1788-1859	Pickering, David	Marriage Records	1788-1859	Providence	A page in the back of the volume is entitled "Marriages of Coloured People, Celebrated by David Pickering, Pastor of the First Universalist Society and Church in Providence, State of Rhode Island." Six marriages are listed: Moses Hall and Nancy Proffit.....July 29, 1827 Alfred Brown and Matilda S.B. Ellis.....December 26, 1827 John Plummer and Abigail Browne.....December 8, 1831 James L. Waters and Catherine Browne.... February 9, 1832 John Potter and Silvy Brown.....December 13, 1832 Henry Jackson and Bridget Ann Potter.....July __, 1833 [This one is crossed out].
Mss 622 Box 1, Folder 11: Journals, 1804-1806	Pitman, Rev. John Diaries	Diary	Jun-Jul 1805	Providence	Entries mentions hearing W Paul, "a black man" preaching (p. 24); "This week Black Paul preach'd....An excellent preacher much admired" (p.25); "heard Eld. Thomas Paul a blackman preach at the Baptist meeting house" (p. 26); Tuesday J2 In the evening heard W Benjamin Paul a blackman preach at Elder Cornel's" (p.28). Other blacks in Providence may be mentioned in this journal as well as other volumes of Pitman's diaries.

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Mss 9001-P Loose Vol.	Portsmouth Asylum	Book of Registry	1832-1856	Portsmouth	Includes listings of inmates, some are listed as "colored."
Mss 629 sg 2 Series 3, Box 1, Folder 24: ERP Sr. Miscellaneous Legal, 1795-1810	Potter, Elisha R. Sr. Papers	Legal Cases	1807-1810	South Kingstown	Folder contains miscellaneous cases including "Indian Cases"
Mss 629 sg 2 Series 8, Box 2, Folder 24: Asa Potter, Sr. (1766-1805) - Deeds, Agreements, 1802-1805	Potter, Elisha R. Sr. Papers	Bill of Sale	1803, 1806	South Kingstown	To Asa Potter, Sr., for "A Negro Girl named Nan Born Decemr 25th 1796 also a Negro boy name Isaac Born 26th June 1798" for 50 pounds, 1803.
Mss 629 sg 2 Series 8, Box 2, Folder 25: Asa Potter, Sr. (1766-1805) - Estate Papers, Will, circa 1805-1808	Potter, Elisha R. Sr. Papers	Bill of Sale	1803, 1806	South Kingstown	List of articles bought by Elisha Potter, Sr. of Asa's estate in 1806 - the children mentioned above are on the list (for \$30).
*Mss 629 sg 3	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	n.d.	South Kingstown	Letter from Tobias Ross of Charlestown (Narragansett Tribe) [date?] about a land claim. "Do not fail of meeting soon, as the tribe is very anxious [sic] for you to meet to do business for them....Joshua...wants to cheat me out of my property - and is not willing to settle honest. I must [show?] him to a settlement, and if he will not comply, to what is right shall have a warrant and put him under bond...if you do not meet it will be a great damage to the tribe, and more so to myself."
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 12: 1844, May-December	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	11 Jul 1844; 31 Jul 1843	South Kingstown	Rhymed letter from Pequot Thomas Commuck about his hereditary rights to land, 7/11/1844; filed with accompanying 7/31/1843 letter from Gov. J.D. Doty of Wisconsin to Commuck explaining his legal rights.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 2: 1835-1838	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	10 Sep 1836	South Kingstown	Letter from Tobias Ross asking Potter to attend to "business respecting the Narragansett Tribe" for which a committee was appointed by the General Assembly
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 6: 1839-1841	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	14 Jul 1839	South Kingstown	Letter to Wilkins Updike from Thomas Commuck (Calamet County, Wisconsin Territory), a full-blooded Narragansett, regarding his claim to property in Charlestown, RI.; discusses his Constitutional rights as a citizen of the U.S. (and member of the Brothertown Indians in Wisconsin), July 14 1839
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 7: 1842	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Petition	23 Jun 1842	South Kingstown	Petition of "Metaldy" (Metilda) Rodmond to the General Assembly to sell 45 acres of her Narragansett Reservation land
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 8: 1843, January-July	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	18 Mar 1843	Charlestown	From Elizabeth Primus to E.R. Potter asking for advice on recovering land that belonged to her grandfather.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 8: 1843, January-July	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	18 Mar 1843	South Kingstown	Letter from Elizabeth Primus (Narragansett Tribe) of Charlestown asking his advice on a land claim (Coyes land), 3/18/1843
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 8: 1843, January-July	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	18 Jan 1843, 5 June 1843, ca. 1842	South Kingstown	Letter from Moses Stanton (Narragansett Tribe) regarding petitions to sell land so he can move to Green Bay; mentions specific petitioners and Knowles Mills land. Dated 1/18/1843. Second letter regarding same, dated 6/5/1843; and two undated letters circa 1842 concerning the same which also mention petitioners.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 9: 1843, August-December	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	8 Aug 1843	South Kingstown	Letter from John Brown Francis asks, "What is this 'great Indian pow wow.' I thought the tribe were Negroes."
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 11: 1863	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	19 Jul 1863	South Kingstown	Letter from William Beach Lawrence regarding "slave [soldier?]" case and points of law concerning runaway enslaved people, 7/19/1863.

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Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2: 1849-1850	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	6 Jul 1850	South Kingstown	Letter from Albert C. Greene regarding the imprisonment of a African American man named Cheets(?) and the law regarding such
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2: 1849-1850	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	18 Dec 1850	South Kingstown	Letter from Thomas R. Hazard asks Potter to report to him on condition of "Indians" in Charlestown for use in Hazard's report on the poor
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2: 1849-1850	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	28 May 1850	South Kingstown	Letter from John Stanton concerning "a young Indian from Michigan" who makes claims to Narragansett Indian lands to which he is heir. With copy of "Act to regulate the Publick Affairs of the Narragansett Tribe of Indians in Charlestown, 1792".
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 2: 1849-1850	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	7 Jun 1850	South Kingstown	Letter from Potter to John Stanton, Esq. Commissioner of the "Indian Tribe" discusses Native Americans leasing the land, leaving the land and their rights to reclaim land if they return.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 4: 1851-1852	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	25 Dec 1851	South Kingstown	Letter from B. B. Thurston mentions his discussion with Potter about the government of the Narragansett Tribe.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 7: 1857-1857	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	ca. 1858	South Kingstown	Undated letter circa 1858 from "a committee of the coloured citizens of the City of Providence" asking Potter's opinion, as a candidate for governor, on the right of African American citizens to attend public schools. Filed at end of 1858 correspondence.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 3, Folder 15: 1881-1882	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	23 Aug 1881	South Kingstown	Letter from Edward S. Cone about "mistakes in the names [of Narragansetts] published in the Journal of today"; lists specific names from list.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 1, Box 3, Folder 7: 1874	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Correspondence	23 Mar 1874	South Kingstown	Letter from Esther B. Carpenter, dated 3/23/1874: "I find that the "young sachem" whom I wish to identify is Charles Augustus Ninigret. He was only distinguished by the last name, in my paper...I have not been able to ascertain the particulars of his disagreement with "John Checkley", whatever it was... although it was evidently brought before the Assembly some time in the year 1727."
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 3: Research Notes, The Early History of Narragansett	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Deeds and Testimonies	ca. 1657-1720	South Kingstown	Originals and copies (some quite early) of deeds drawn between the English and Narragansett, Pequot tribes. Also testimonies about boundaries of Narragansett and Pequot lands.
Mss 629 sg 3 Series 7, Box 6, Folder 4: "Abolition Paper"	Potter, Elisha R., Jr. Papers	Papers	22 Jan 1836	South Kingstown	"Abolition paper": statement of opinions of "the people of South Kingstown" regarding methods adopted by the abolitionists and legislation regarding slaveholding states, written in the hand of Elisha Potter, Jr.
Mss 9001-P Box 9	Potter, James	Complaint / Warrant	1750	Providence	Alleges theft of his "musquash boxes" by Jack and Tobee (belonging to William Harris) and Pompe (belonging to Benjamin Potter, Jr.).
Mss 9001-P Box 9	Potter, John	Will	23 Jan 1790	South Kingstown	In his will, Potter leaves Rose and Peg to his wife.
Microfilm HA730 P9 A6 Mss 214 sg 6	Providence Census Collection	Census	1791; 1825; 1845	Providence	The 1791 census of Providence lists heads of household, and counts "All Other Free Persons", and "Slaves". Several of the heads are noted as "Negro". The 1825 census of Providence lists heads of household, and counts "coloured males" and "coloured females" aged under 18, 18 to 50, and over 50. The partial 1845 census of Providence, lists heads of household, and counts "Colored Persons", male and female, aged under 10, 24 to 36, 36-55, 55-100, and over 100. Apparently, those between the ages of 10 and 23 were not counted.
Mss 229 Box 2, Folder 20: Justice of the Peace, 1832	Providence County Records Collection	Promissory Note	6 Feb 1832	Johnston	Autographed note of James Sears "of collar," labourer, to pay Alpheus Hawkins.

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Microfilm E 445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 12 Mss 9001-P Box 11	Providence Insurance Company	Records	1801-1806	Providence	This volume contains copies of approved requests for insurance by shipowners, covering only 1801 to 1806. The requests usually give some information on the proposed itinerary, and the expected value of the cargo; a few are for voyages to Africa, although the company's charter forbade insuring ships involved in the slave trade.
Mss 647 Box 2, Folder 8	Providence Marine Society	Bill	1895-1896	Providence	Bills paid to William H. Williams, 1895-1896, for catering Marine Society lunches and dinners. Williams was a successful African-American caterer in business on the East Side of Providence.
Mss 653	Providence Shelter for Colored Children	Records	1838-present	Providence	The collections contains admissions records and information (1839-1934), records of meetings, annual reports, minutes and financial notes (1838-1993), and other documents relating to the organization.
Mss 9001-P Loose Vol.	Providence Tailor	Accounts	1772-1782; 1790-1797	Providence	Daybook identifies African Americans for whom the unidentified tailor made clothing including Quaco Butler (p. 118, 120), Ceasor Sterry (p. 136, p. 166), and possibly others.
Mss 214 sg 9	Providence Town Council Minutes	Examination	1804	Providence	Examinations of Sarah Babcock, Rusha Jenckes and Reba Congdon, all apparently women of color, January 27 1804; order to Bess Bowers, "a transient black woman," to leave town or be publicly whipped, July 27 1804.
Mss 214 sg 9 Vol. 2	Providence Town Council Minutes	Petition	1803	Providence	William Goddard petition (July 29, 1803) to manumit Cud Gordon? Maria Watson, born in South Kingston, sold by Jeffry Watson to Peter Taylor of Providence, then to Job Sheldon, is being returned to South Kingston. Two girls of color committed to the Bridewell by Henry Alexander (September 1803). Sarah Tillinghast at John Brown's "song house" was disorderly. Other accounts also.
Mss 214 sg 9 Vol. 2: 1806-1807	Providence Town Council Minutes	Examinations	1806-1807	Providence	Examinations of people of color, with life stories of many of those examined & ordered removed from the town.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 3, No. 1240	Providence Town Papers	Bond	2 Jun 1777	Providence	Isaac Paine's bond as surety to the town on Daniel Tefft's servant, Francis, being freed.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 1, Box 2, page 90, No. 185	Providence Town Papers	Order to Sheriff	2 Nov 1751	Providence	Fearing that African Americans are spreading smallpox the town council passed "acts of assembly" to confine them and others to the indoors after 9:00pm.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol 3, No. 1245	Providence Town Papers	Accounts	Mar-May 1777	Providence	"Account of the time sundry persons remained in the Hospital at North Providence" which identifies African American patients and the deaths of Dinah Tillinghast, Roaze Chace and others.
*Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol 5, No. 1930	Providence Town Papers	Examination	20 Mar 1780	Providence	Sarah Gardner, an "Indian woman", of Warwick and Sarah Cockings, a "mulatto woman" of Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 5, No. 2013	Providence Town Papers	Oath of Allegiance	21 Jun 1780	Providence	Pomp Reaves was among those who took the oath of allegiance and was mustered into the Continental service.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 5, No. 2131	Providence Town Papers	Receipt	15 Jul 1780	Providence	Nicholas Power received bounty from John Brown for "Negro Ceasar" for his enlisting into battalion with permission from Power.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 6, No. 2745	Providence Town Papers	Warrant	23 Jul 1782	Providence	Warrant for the following persons to appear before the Town Council "Mrs. McCollough dwelling at the House of Joseph Willson, Margaret Bowler alias Margaret Fairchild a negrowoman together with all the persons dwelling in the House with heron the 21st Day of the present month, and Elizabeth Gardner an Indian or Mulatto Woman . . . together with the following persons at the House of Patience Ingraham viz Nancy Brown alias Nancy Clarkson, Ethel Gladding alias Ethel Hill. . ." Patience Ingraham charged with "keeping a common ill-governed, and disorderly House, and of permitting to reside there, persons of Evil Name and Fame, and of Dishonest Conversation drinking, tipling, Whoring, and Misbehaving themselves to the Damage and Nuisance of the Town and great Disturbance of the Public Peace"
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 11, No. 4560	Providence Town Papers	Correspondence	11 Dec 1787	Cranston	From Cambridge, MA to Cranston Town Council re: Cato Freeman. Saying it is fine if he stays in Cranston but can be sent back to Cambridge if he becomes a chargeable problem and cannot support himself & his family; Cambridge will reimburse Cranston if they have to use any funds to support him or send him back.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 12, No. 5216	Providence Town Papers	Warrant	23 Jun 1789	Providence	Warrant for Pedro, a "mulatto" accused of theft in Wrentham.

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Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 12, No. 5260	Providence Town Papers	Accounts	7 Sep 1789	Providence	Accounts of the Town Council with Henry Bowen for notifying African American men Ishmael Brown, John Hix, Jack Greene and Samuel Strange to appear before the Town Council.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 13, No. 5636	Providence Town Papers	Warrant	31 May 1790	Providence	Town sergeant account warrant for the removal of Cato Freeman & family
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 13, No. 5671	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	12 July 1790	Providence	of Cato Freeman & family from Providence to Cambridge via North Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 18, No. 7980:	Providence Town Papers	Receipt	11 Jun 1793	Providence	Bill from Vilet Sterling to town for boarding Prince Thurston, a "poor black adjudged... to belong to Newport."
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 18, No. 7982	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	5 Jun 1793	Providence	The Town Council's order to the Sergeant to remove Prince Thurston to Newport.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10059	Providence Town Papers	Lease	21 Sep 1795	Providence	Indenture of lease for Cuff Robard for the upper part of a house owned by Henry Bowen at India Point.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10100	Providence Town Papers	Indenture	30 Nov 1795	Providence	Indenture of Betty Church's son, Benoni, a "mulatto" boy to George Greene of Warwick.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10142	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	17 Dec 1794	Providence	Order for the removal of Waty Greene, a "mulatto" girl, to be taken from Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10143	Providence Town Papers	Receipts	17 Dec 1795	Providence	Order payable to the coroner for inquest "on the murdered body of a negro man called Paul Jones"
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10165	Providence Town Papers	Receipts	17 Dec 1795	Providence	Receipt for John Smith for the coffin, shroud and burial for Jones "found stabbed in the street"
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10190	Providence Town Papers	Account	1794-1796	Providence	Account with the town of Providence for Pardon Bowen's caring for smallpox patients including those at Moad Sisco's dwelling.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 23, No. 10199	Providence Town Papers	Indenture	4 Aug 1805	Providence	Indenture of Thomas, son of "mulatto" Betty Church as an apprentice to Stephen Greene of Warwick.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 26, No. 11261	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	6 Oct 1796	Providence	The Town Council orders Cato Gardner, his wife and son, Samuel, to be returned to Newport.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 26, No. 11268	Providence Town Papers	Order	14 Oct 1796	Providence	Order to pay for a coffin for Nero Douglas and another "negro" man "who died up town."
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 26, No. 11401	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	5 Sep 1796	Providence	Gideon Day charges Council for removing Mary Cesar alias Mary Whipple from Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 26, No. 11402	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	8 Nov 1796	Providence	Council ordered Mary Cesar alias Mary Whipple, "a free mulatto woman said to be...wife of one Jonathan alias Jefferey Whipple" to Smithfield.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 33, No. 13914	Providence Town Papers	List	1800	Providence	"List of Persons reported to have been attacked with a Malignant Fever." Includes the names of some persons of color.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 1, Vol. 39A, No. 16751	Providence Town Papers	Fine	20 May 1707	Providence	Sprague is fined for assault on "Negro" Frank.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 60, No. 008728	Providence Town Papers	List	9 Oct 1806	Providence	A list of people recommended for expulsion including Cuff Robards and his family, John Thomas, Lucy Gardner, Newport Kelly and wife and others.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 60, No. 008746	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	18 Aug 1806	Providence	Order for expulsion to Johnston of Mary Caesar and her daughters Martha (age 12), Clarissa (age 8) and Fanny (age 2).
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 86, No. 0023961	Providence Town Papers	List	1815	Providence	Names and residences of people who received public assistance after the 1815 gale including Peggy Patrick and Rachael.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 88, No. 0024940	Providence Town Papers	Examination	31 Jul 1815	Providence	Examination of Newport Thurston
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 88, No. 0024971	Providence Town Papers	Complaint	27 Apr 1816	Providence	Moses Staunton complains about his housekeeper, Mary Cooper, "a woman of colour." He tells of her drunkenness, neglect of his children, and her threats to burn down his house and kill his family. He asks that she be banished to Rehoboth, "her native place."

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Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 105, No. 0034531	Providence Town Papers	Report	Dec 1819-6 Jun 1820	Providence	"Report of the Overseer of the Poor ... gives the names of those supported and assisted" Includes Harry Brown, Stella Corlis, Jane Burnett, Arsee, "a Chinese (black)", Cato Slocum, Thanna Briggs, Prince Whitman's widow, Abby Sibro (deceased), Sarah Sisco and others.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 111, No. 0038651	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	23 Sep 1822	Providence	Order to remove Betsey Dursey from Providence to Troy in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 111, No. 0038670	Providence Town Papers	Complaint	Mar 1823	Providence	Cuff Roberts of Coventry asks permission of Council to get pension from Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 111, No. 0038696	Providence Town Papers	Report	9 Sep 1822	Providence	Describes four black families as living in a small house who must toss their waste onto a gangway.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 111, No. 0038860	Providence Town Papers	License	1822	Providence	Includes a license "to retail strong liquors" which includes a clause forbidding the grantee from allowing "any person of colour to take charge of his store."
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 112, No. 0039155	Providence Town Papers	List	24 Jun 1822	Providence	A list of names of colored heads of families and the owners of their residences.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 118, No. 0043139	Providence Town Papers	Report	Jun 1823	Providence	Report of the Overseer of the Poor for the year ending June 1823. Identifies Henry Brown, Sophia Concy, Nancy Cusing, Lyllis Dimbo, Bettsy French, Harriet Greene, Newcom Goree, Susan Hopkins, Sarah Mathewson, Lucy McKenzie, Nimble Nightingale, Sarah Sheviateaux, Sarah Sisco, Fanny Tiffany as well as others.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 127, No. 0048290	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	13 Mar 1826	Providence	Order to remove Henry Gray and his wife Betsy Gray alias Betsy Singleton from Providence.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol 141, page 96, No. 0056943	Providence Town Papers	Receipt	22 Feb 1829	Providence	Coroner's bill for William Johnson who drowned in Canal Dam.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 3, Vol. 145, No. 0059209	Providence Town Papers	Order for Removal	15 Dec 1830	Providence	The Town Council orders the removal of Patena Clarke and her son Ceasar Clarke from Providence to Westerly.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 2, Vol. 3, No. 0931	Providence Town Papers	Bond	27 Mar 1708	Providence	Bond of Thomas Angel as surety for "mulatto" woman named Hope and her children.
Mss 214 sg 1, Series 2, Vol. 3, No. 0947	Providence Town Papers	Bond	24 Jun 1723	Providence	Bond of John Brown of Smithfield as surety for "Negro" Felix.
Mss 9001-P Box 12	Prudence Island	Coroners Inquest	17 Aug 1733	Prudence Island (Portsmouth)	Inquiry into the deaths of "a certain Indian man and a Negro man that Drone on shore...."
Mss 9001-R Box 1, Folder: Pomp Reaves, of Cranston, Deed to Gideon Brown	Reaves, Pomp	Deed	8 Sep 1784	Cranston	Deed for land in Cranston
Mss 662 Box 1696-1770, Folder 1 (of 3)	Rehoboth Town Papers	Bill	11 Aug 1767	Rehoboth, Mass.	To town for nurturing & providing for Judith Garrit, "Indian" woman - 5 weeks
Mss 662 Box 1696-1770, Folder 3 (of 3)	Rehoboth Town Papers	Bills	1767-1769	Rehoboth, Mass.	Three bills in the collection are for the "keeping and boarding of Morea a Poor Negro Woman belonging to said Town..." from 1767-1769.
Mss 166 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 2: Advertisements and Notices	Remington, James H. Papers	Advertisements/Notices	1866-1867, n.d.	New York	Constitution and By-Laws of the New York and Independent Joint Stock Co. of Colored Citizens of New York [ca.1866?] - broadside.
Mss 166 Series 1, Box 1, Folder 15: Law Practice - Case of Taylor Farm	Remington, James H. Papers	Legal Case	1866-1869	Virginia	Taylor Farm Case is about the attempt by W.E. Taylor, who fought on the side of the Confederacy, to reclaim land in Virginia he abandoned during the war and was subsequently settled by a large group of African Americans (freedmen). The black community refused to leave.

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Mss 166 Series 1, Box 2, Folder 10: School Papers - Early English Compositions	Remington, James H. Papers	School Papers	1855	Virginia	School composition James Remington wrote while a student at East Greenwich Academy entitled "The North American Indian", 1855.
Mss 166 Series 2, Box 3, Folder 7: 1866	Remington, James H. Papers	Correspondence	20 Jun 1866	Virginia	Letter written to James H. Remington from Marie Louise Padelford of Providence, R.I.: "Yesterday, I had a letter from Emily [Padelford Remington] saying that they all went 'down home' last Saturday. The Baby did his best - did not cry, whimper or fuss all day long - as incredible as it may seem. It is really a very good - if not wonderful baby. As yet they have given him no name - except little kitten. I believe his grand-parents and black Adeline were quite delighted with him - but you must come on and see the Nephew." [emphasis added]
Mss 166 Series 6	Remington, James H. Papers	Collection	1866-1868	Virginia	Series 6: Bureau of Refugees, Freedpeople and Abandoned Lands. This collection contains a significant amount of information on the reconstruction efforts in Virginia directly after the end of the Civil War. Brevet Major James H. Remington was assigned to work for the Bureau of Refugees, Freedpeople and Abandoned Lands in various places in Virginia during 1866-1868. Among its services the Bureau provided clothing and blankets to "Destitute Freedpeople." The records include Clothing Receipt Rolls which list each former enslaved person and the items of clothing they received. At the top of each roll is a listing of the counties the people came from. The rolls are in the Bureau Stores or Quartermaster's Stores monthly reports - Abstract L for items expended with vouchers or sub vouchers listing the people and the items they received. In addition, James Remington prepared Inspection Reports for April 1867 - September 1868 on the conditions in his district which included the counties of Norfolk, Princess Anne, Isle of Wight, Nansemond and Southampton. The reports detail the general conditions of the freedpeople, court systems treatment of African American citizens, employment conditions, schools and level of temperance in the African American community.
Mss 166 Series 6, Box 5, Folder 31: Bounty due to colored soldiers	Remington, James H. Papers	Charge	1867	Virginia	Remington charged with finding and remitting bounty money due to African American soldiers.
Mss 166 Series 6, Box 6, Folder 15: Case of Charles W. Buttz regarding stealing bounty from colored soldiers	Remington, James H. Papers	Legal Case	1867-1868	Virginia	Case of Charles W. Buttz regarding stealing bounty from African American soldiers.
Mss 166 Series 6, Box 6, Folder 16: Case of Trimm, Kemp, Williams, Harrison & Young vs. Commonwealth of Virginia	Remington, James H. Papers	Legal Case	1867-1868	Virginia	Remington writes an opinion on this case of 5 African American men who were accused of murdering a white man and were sentenced to death by hanging. JHR's opinion was that the evidence was circumstantial at best and that the witnesses for the prosecution were under threat and in fear for their lives if they did not testify to the guilt of the men accused.
Mss 166 Series 6, Box 7, Folder 11: Lincoln National Temperance Association	Remington, James H. Papers	Flyer	10 Jun 1867	Virginia	Flyer describing Lincoln National Temperance Association.
Mss 166 Series 6, Box 7, Folder 23: Torchlight procession planned by "freedpeople"	Remington, James H. Papers	Announcement	Oct 1867	Virginia	Announcement of planned event. Torchlight procession planned by "freedpeople"

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Mss 673 sg 2 Series 1, Subseries A: First Rhode Island Regiment (Black Regiment) Boxes 1, 2, 6*, 7*, 10* & Shepley	Revolutionary War Military Records	Records	1775-1783	Rhode Island	Includes extensive documentation: a large number of company muster rolls, etc. dating 1775-1783; "Size Roll and Returns", 1780 (1 vol.); Roster and enlistment book, 2/1781-1782 (cover reads "Angell's Regiment"); Pay book, 1781-1783; Returns book, 2/1780-4/1782; three orderly books for Stark's brigade, (7/1779-6/1780) & one unknown party (5/1779-10/1779) <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 1, Folder 51: Enlistments 3yr Term, Dec. 23, 1779, Elijah Lewis - Christopher Greene.	Revolutionary War Military Records	Muster Roll	Dec 1779	Rhode Island	"Return of the mens Names who were Slaves and Inlisted for During the War to the 3d Company of Foot Commanded by Capt Lewis December 1779." David Potter, Thomas Brown, Prime Babcock, Jack Burrows, James Clark, July Champlin, Newport Greene, Prince Greene, Samuel Rhodes, Plato Vandoom, Thomas Lefaver, Peter Lovet, Ichabud Northup, Sigby Richmon, Prince Randall, Guy Watson, James Northup, Ceser Wells, Prince Bent, York Champlin, Philer Phillips, Isaac Rodman, Ceser Shelding, Jack Watson, Peter Harris, Bennony Hatheway, Sharper Guarner, Robert Gorum, Jack Fones, Pomp Devenport, Alexandrew Barber. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 1, Folder 52: Free and Slave Enlistments	Revolutionary War Military Records	Muster Roll	Dec 1779	Foster	List of men enlisted with Lt. Peter Burlingame/Col. Christopher Greene, 2nd Company of Foster: "Return of the Mens Names who Were Slaves and Inlisted for During ye War". In the 2nd Company of Foot Commanded by Liet. Burlingame. Scipio Brown- Drummer, Cuff Gardner- fifer, Dick Cozens- fifer, Prince Bucklin, Job Barton, Cato Banister, Affrica Burk, Frank Bowen, Newport Champlin, Jack Coddington, Wm Greene, Jesse Greene, Cato Wm Greene, Cato R Greene, Mintus Gardner, Prospers Gorton, Prince Ingraham, Samson Hazard, Pero Morey, Titus Peirce, Prince Rhodes, Mingo Robinson, Prince Sayles, Brittian Salterson, Henry Tabor, Boston Wilber, Nathl. Wicks, Cudgo Champlin, Juba Smith, Cuff Slade, Prince Rodman, Bristol Arnold. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 Military Papers, Sub Group 2 Revolutionary War. Box 1 Folder 57: Return of Slaves Enlisted, Col. Greene & Cole, 1780.	Revolutionary War Military Records	Muster Roll	1780	Rhode Island	A list of the mens names that were enslaved when they inlisted 1780: 1 Frank Gould, 2 James Carpenter, 3 London Hall, 4 Robin Howlen, 5 Prince Watson, 6 Prime Watson, 7 Cato Varnum, 8 Cuf Robards, 9 Samson Saunders. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 6, Folder 29: Muster Roll (East Greenwich)	Revolutionary War Military Records	Muster Roll	Mar 1779	East Greenwich	R.I. Continentals, 1st Regiment, Col. Christopher Greene/Thomas Arnold, muster roll at East Greenwich includes many men of color. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 7, Folder 3: Pay at Camp RI Village	Revolutionary War Military Records	Pay Roll	10 Feb 1781	Camp Rhode Island Village	Col. Christopher Greene/Daniel S. Dexter, list of people paid including many men of color. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 7, Folder 25: Muster Roll	Revolutionary War Military Records	Muster Roll	Sep 1782	Rhode Island	Roll for Jeremiah Olney/William Humphrey's Company includes name of Prince Cleare. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 7, Folder 32: Pay Roll	Revolutionary War Military Records	Pay Roll	May 1777	Rhode Island	R.I. Continentals Pay Roll, 2nd Regiment, Col. Israel Angell, Capt. Shaw's Company includes name of Private Prince Lippitt. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 8, Folder 1: Return of Effectives	Revolutionary War Military Records	Enlistments	17 Feb 1776	Newport	List of men enlisted in Col. William Richmond's regiment, Capt. Christopher Manchester's Company identifies men of color. All eleven appear to be laborer's from Newport. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 3, Folder 57: Deposition	Revolutionary War Military Records	Deposition	6 Nov 1777	Point Judith	Deposition of Martin Murphy of the taking of the British sloop Syren: Mentions "Jacob & Pharaoh two negro men belonging to Carder Hazard of said town, ets. & the net day saw at said Point said Jacob & Pharaoh & another negro man called Quaco, belonging to said Carder Hazard & see them all that day & several days afterwords at work there in helpin to unload said ships." <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>

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Mss 673 sg 2 Box 3, Folder 69: Bounty Receipts at North Providence	Revolutionary War Military Records	Receipt	6 Aug 1778	North Providence	Receipt by hand of Esek Hopkins for bounty paid for enlistment of his "Negro Loser" [Loshet?] in the 1st Regiment Providence Co. Militia (Mathewson's regiment, Jencks' company). <i>DIGITIZED</i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 3, Folder 101: Subscriptions for Bounty	Revolutionary War Military Records	Subscription	1 Feb 1781	Cumberland	Subscriptions for bounty to be paid to Bristol Olney and pay to Capt. Amos Whipple. <i>DIGITIZED</i>
Mss 673 sg 2 Box 3, Folder 169: Whipple, Jabez Capt.	Revolutionary War Military Records	Letter of Allegiance	3 Sept 1776	Nantucket Island, Mass.	Sloop <i>Independence</i> : Appointment (by crew) of Jabez Whipple - crew that signed the letter includes "Pampo Negro". <i>DIGITIZED</i>
Mss 663 Box 1 Papers 1709-1836, Folder: 1774-1787 Manumissions	Reynolds Family Papers	Manumission	1 Mar 1784	South Kingston	Document of manumission of an African American enslaved woman named Nab. A note added onto the back of the document indicates that Nab was one of the first enslaved people freed by act of the Rhode Island legislature. The act was passed on the last Monday of February 1784 and this document was signed on March 1, 1784. "Whereas the General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island at there Sessions Held at Providence on the Last Monday of February A D—1784 Did pass an Act of s'd Assembly that Any Person in Said State that was the Master or oneur [owner] of any Negro or Negros Slaves Should be Invested with power to Manimitt and Set free Such Slave or Slaves at Liberty the Slave or Slaves Being at Such ages as in Said Act is Expresed and after Such Mannimison or freedom for Such Slave or Slaves Should be So Set free or Mannimitted the Slave or slaves Should Become as one of The Town Inhabitance Where the Master Lived at the Time of the Mannimission by him Signed Now by Virtue of the Above Mentioned act of the General Assembly. Know all men by these presents That I Henry Reynolds of South Kingstown in the County of Washington Do—Mannimit and Set free my Negro Woman Named Nab Aged About Thirty Years and Do by these presents fully and Absolutely Mannimit and Set free my Said Negro Woman Called Nab So that Neither I my Self my Heirs Executors or Adm's or Either of them Shall have any Right or Claim against the S'd Negro Woman So Mannimitted but She Shall for Ever hereafter Remain a free Agent for her Self as fully and Absolutly as tho She was Born of the free Woman In Witness Whereof I have hereunto Set my Hand and Seal the First Day of March A:D 1784 Signed Sealed Henry Reynolds & Del'r [Delivered] in the precence of [Following Reynolds's signature is a seal] Nath'l Helme R Potter [On reverse] Washington Co Personaly Appeared the within Subscriber Henry Reynolds and Acknowleged the within written Instrument to be his Vollentary Act and Deed with hand and Seal thereunto Affixed March y'e Second 1784 Before R Potter D: C.ples [In a different hand] Rec'd 17th Sept 1785."
Mss 629 sg 1, Box 1, Folder 3: Deeds and bills of sale, 1740-1790	Reynolds, Elisha Papers	Deed of Sale	1761	South Kingstown	Includes one for "negro woman named Binor" from David Greene, 1761.
Mss 9001-R Box 2	Rhode Island Anti-Slavery Society	Letter/Minutes	13 Dec 1838, 20-22 Nov 1844	Providence	Letter to Oliver Johnson, the corresponding secretary of the society, from John Quincy Adams. In the letter, Adams discusses slavery's incongruity with a nation that extolls liberty among its highest values; Minutes to the Ninth Annual Meeting of the Rhode Island Anti-Slavery Society.
Mss 664	Rhode Island Association for Freedman	Records	1864-1867	Rhode Island	The Rhode Island Association for Freedmen was formed in 1864 as a response to the needs of the emancipated slaves. Its services included temporary housing, the collection and distribution of clothing, food, sundry goods and a job training program. In the latter service the Association was occasionally successful in finding jobs in other states for those fortunate in acquiring marketable skills. In 1867, it merged with the New England Freedmen's Aid Society to form the New England Branch Freedmen's Union Commission. These records contain minutes, accounts, correspondence and other documents. <i>See Finding aid for list/locations of documents.</i>

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Mss 677 Box 1, Folder 8: "Reminiscence of the South Side of Westminster Street"	Rhode Island Citizens Historical Association	Reminiscence	n.d.	Providence	"Reminiscence of the South Side of Westminster Street" by Elisha Dyer mentions a Snow St. resident, Scipio Brenton. "Snow Street had then a very extended reputation, as at the corner of Middle Street stood the residence of that Prince of Caterers, Scipio Brenton, and his somewhat numerous family of boys and girls."
Mss 677 Box 1, Vol. 1	Rhode Island Citizens Historical Association	Notes/Minutes	1883-1888	Providence	Pages 12-13- provides numbers of 155 women and 184 men African Americans in Providence in 1768; page 26- newspaper clipping includes brief reminiscences of Cyrus Butler's servants (former enslaved people) Temp and Prince aka Primmy No Nose; page 47-newspaper clipping shows the number of African Americans in each town in Rhode Island in 1755
Mss 9003 Vol. 2, page 43	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Lease	4 Jan 1737	Providence	Cuffe Numco, a laborer, leases land from Joshua Winsor adjacent to his own lot and house.
Mss 9003 Vol. 2, page 79	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Promissory Note	17 Oct 1748	Providence	Promissory note given by John Sprague to Bristo.
*Mss 9003 Vol 4, p. 138	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Payment	1776	Providence	Payment record for boarding of Providence hospital patients, names some African Americans.
Mss 9003 Vol. 11, p. 98	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Sale	1745	Newport	10 June 1745: Public auction of 4 "mustee", 1 "mulatto" and 4 "negro" enslaved people; their financial value is recorded in English pounds. Document names the buyers as Peleg Brown, Benjamin Norton, Robert Morris, John McDaniel, Nathaniel Potter, Daniel Coggeshall, George Goulding, and William Mumford. "Peleg Brown for a mustee fellow 60." "Benj. Norton for a negro man 126." "Robert Morris for a mustee man 125. Robert Morris for a negro man 125." "John McDaniel for a mustee man 95." "Nathaniel Potter for a mollatto man 60." "Daniel Coggeshall for a mustee man 101." "George Goulding for a negro man 80." "Wm Mumford for a negro man 104."
Mss 9003 Vol. 18, p. 139	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Bill of Sale		Newport	Bill of sale from William Stevens for a "mustee Garl aged about fifteen months" to Mrs. Lydia Turner.
Mss 9003 Vol. 18, p. 76	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Inventory	1759	Exeter	Inventory of estate of Joseph Rathbun, includes "a negro man named Primos."
Mss 9003 Vol. 18, p. 97	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Receipt	4 Jan 1781	Johnston	Levi Ceasar receipt from Col. Daniel Manton wages for services as a soldier.
Mss 9003 Vol. 18, p. 97	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Receipt	24 Feb 1781	Johnston	Jeremiah Ceasar autographed order assigning to John Waterman wages for service as a soldier.
Mss 9003 Vol. 2, p. 105	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Census	1768	Providence	Population count, shows 47 African Americans residing in Providence. Not a list by name but a tally.

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E 186.3 R4 v. 51 Williams, Roger. An Affidavit by Roger Williams..." Society of Colonial Wars, Providence, 1976. <i>Mss 9003 Vol. 10, p. 54</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Deposition	1682	Providence	1682 deposition by Roger Williams re his early dealings with the Narragansett Tribe. This item has been completely transcribed and annotated in volume 51 of the publications of the Society of Colonial Wars in Rhode Island as "An Affidavit by Roger Williams in his Own Handwriting" (1976). The published version should be used rather than the original.
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 11, p. 97</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Deed of Sale	3 July 1744	Newport	Sale by Nicholas Carner, a New York City mariner, to Samuel Freebody of Newport of "A certain negro man slave named St. Augua." [Possibly Santiago--born in Cuba?]
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 11, p. 98</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Auction Account	10 Jun 1745	Newport	Public auction of 4 "mustee", 1 "mulatto" and 4 "negro". Document names the buyers as Peleg Brown, Benjamin Norton, Robert Morris, John McDaniel, Nathaniel Potter, Daniel Coggeshall, George Goulding, and William Mumford.
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 11, p. 98</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Bill of Sale	29 May 1747	Newport	Samuel Freebody's bill of sale for a "negro man named Quaman" to Capt. John Tillinghast and the owners of Brig <i>Defiance</i> .
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 14, p. 12, OvB3</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Census	1755	Rhode Island	"Account of the people...of Rhode Island, whites and blacks..." enumeration only, by town.
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 12, p. 3</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Bill of Sale	23Jun 1750	Providence	Bill of Sale Solomon Drowne to Arthur Fenner 23 June 1750: "Know all Men by these Presents That I Solomon Drowne of Providence in the County of Providence in the Colony of Rhode Island in New England Esqr. for and in Consideration of the Sum of Three Hundred Pounds Old Tenor to me in Hand before the [-]nsealing and Delivery hereof well and truly paid by Arthur Fenner of said Providence Esqr the Receipt whereof I do hereby Acknowledge and thereof do acquit and discharge the said Arthur Fenner & his Heirs Execs and Administrators by these presents Have given, granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents Do foe me, my Heirs, Executors & Administrators give, grant, bargain, and sell unto him the Said Arthur Fenner One certain Negro Man named Sartur and aged about Twenty one years Together with the Right, Ritle, Interest, Propert, Claim and Demand whatsoever of one the said Solomon Drowne and my Heirrs Executors and Administrators of, in, and unto the said Negro Man named Sartur. To have and to hold the said granted, bargained and sold egro Man Sartur and all my Right, Title, Interest, Property, Claim and Demand of him or by thee same unto him the said Arthur Fenner and to his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns forever And I the said Solomon Drowne for my self and my Heirs Executors and Administrators doe covenant promise and grant to and with the said Arthur Fenner & his Heirs Executors and Administrators That I the said Solomon Drowne have in my self good Right, full Power and Lawful authority to grant, bargain and Sell the said Negro Man Sartur unto him the said Arthur Fenner in Manner and Form aforesaid according to the true Meaning hereof; And that I the said Solomon Drowne and my Heirs Executors and Administrators thee aforesaid bargained and sold Negroe Man Sartur unto him the said Arthur Fenner and to his Heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns against the Lawful Claims and Demands of all manner of Persons whomsoever shall and will Warrant, Secure, and forever defend by these Presents. In Witness whereof I the said Solomon Drowne have hereunto set my Hand and Seale this Twenty third Day of June in the Twenty fourth Year of his Majesties Reign George the Second King over Great Britain &c Anno Dom 1750 Signed Sealed Delivered Solomon Drowne In the Presence of us Step Hopkins Daniel Jenekes."
<i>Mss 9003 Vol. 12, p. 56</i>	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Receipt	9 Aug 1764	Rhode Island	Nehemiah Ward's receipt given to Prince Miller for payment for a house.

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Mss 9003 Vol. 14, p. 61, OvB3	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Report to Congress	1786	Rhode Island	Committee report in response to Congress order for a list of African Americans carried away by the British from Rhode Island during the war. Provides names of 42, free men and enslaved people with their age, physical description, and some history. Most were taken from Newport in 1779.
Mss 9003 Vol. 16, p. 102	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Deposition	1 Jul 1786	Newport	Deposition of Col. George Irish in the case of Samuel Freebody vs. James Brattle concerning whippings inflicted upon Capt. Freebody's manservant Ben.
Mss 9003 Vol. 16, p. 96-100	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Papers	1758-1784	Newport	Samuel Freebody's papers (1758-1784) including a receipt for Quammani, Toney and Quarsheba (1758). Letters from his enslaved man Benjamin Freebody whom he sent out on a slaving voyage in 1775 and who remained at sea in a privateer crew during the war. William Robinson's letter offering to sell Lucy, wife of Cudjoe Heathy of South Kingston and her son to Freebody (1784).
Mss 9003 Vol. 17, p. 89	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Indenture	10 Dec 1810	Providence	Apprenticeship of London Shoemaker as a servant and farmer to Ebenezer Knight Dexter by the Providence Town Council.
Mss 9003 Vol. 5, p. 43	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Deaths	23 Jan 1710	Providence	On reverse of a letter to John Whipple dated March 20, 1711 is a list of people that died in Providence after January 23, 1710. This list indicates 2 African American boys and a Native American man died, but they are not named.
Mss 9003 Vol. 7, p. 59	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Settlement	Feb-Nov 1781	Providence	"Statement of the settlement at the Treasury of the [pension] Claims of the following persons for services during the late war in the Rhode Island line of the Army." List included sixteen names, mostly men of color including Caesar Updike, Cato Greene, Jack Watson, Cuff Greene.
Mss 9003 Vol. 7, p. 69	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Correspondence	8 Oct 1792	Providence	In a letter from Andrew Boyd of East Greenwich to Daniel Cooke of Providence, Boyd writes about claim against George Holden, an African American sailor.
Mss 9003 Vol. 9, p. 37	Rhode Island Historical Society Manuscripts	Account	ca. 1756	Rhode Island	Account between the owners of the sloop <i>FreeLove</i> , a slave ship bound for Africa with Joseph Wanton as the captain.
Mss 527 Vol. 3, p. 360	Rhode Island Land Evidence	Ruling	27 May 1721	Rhode Island	Ruling that unidentified enslaved people shall be sold at public auction (19th century transcription).
Mss 9004 Vol 10, p. 81 (Oversize)	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Deed	6 Mar 1720	Providence	Deed from Providence Williams to Samuel Wilkinson
Mss 9004 Vol. 1, p. 57	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Manumission	11 May 1786	Providence	Repeats Ruth Hopkins document of manumission of her former slave Toney Hopkins.
Mss 9004 Vol. 10 Box 4, pages 81a & 81c, 82-84, 85	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Accounts	1761-1770	Newport	Accounts and letter of Cesar Lyndon. Includes account with Neptune Sisson, a trip to Portsmouth with Boston Vose, Zingo Stevens Phyllis Lyndon, Prince Thurston, Neptune Sisson & Wife, Sarah Searing. Marriage of Zingo Stevens and Phyllis Lyndon by Rev. Edward Upham (June 15, 1770), Marriage of Cesar and Sarah Lyndon by Ezra Stiles, (October 6, 1767), and death of Susannah Lyndon (June 15, 1770) The birth of a daughter named Sarah to Phyllis [Lyndon] on June 16, 1769. Other individuals mentioned in the documents include Prince Richards, Primus Searing, Sarah Robinson "(an Indian Mulatto)". He also has an account with the merchant Aaron Lopez dated December 9, 1766.
Mss 9004 Vol. 10, p. 118	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Correspondence	1842	Providence	Alexander Crummel to William R. Staples answering questions Staples had posed regarding the history of the Christ Church Episcopal congregation. Christ Church was the first African American Episcopal congregation in Rhode Island and they worshiped on Union Street in Providence, 1839 - 1851.
Mss 9004 Vol. 10, p. 143	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Census	Aug 1821	Providence	Census recap which includes African Americans both free and enslaved.
Mss 9004 Box 1 & 2, Vol. 5	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Correspondence	1796	Providence	Includes the official correspondence received by David Leonard Barnes, the judge of the U.S. District Court in Providence, Rhode Island, relates directly and indirectly to the slave trade.

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Mss 9004 Box 3, Vol. 6, p. 35-39	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Correspondence	1797	Providence	Documents from the slave brig <i>Louisa</i> , 1797. Pages 35 and 36 are listings of slaves sold; the name of Captain Elisha Briggs was blotted out or cut out in several places by a 19th-century historical revisionist.
Mss 9004 Box 3, Vol. 6, p. 41-48	Rhode Island Manuscripts	Correspondence	1792-1793	Providence	Exchange of letters in which Ambrose Knox writes from North Carolina asking for the aid of David L. Barnes in retrieving runaway enslaved people at Taunton. Knox writes, "They say they saw more liberty in their master's kitchen than they have had or ever expect to find in New England." Also includes a list of expenses incurred by Knox while hunting enslaved people. See: 13 Nov 1792; 4 Dec 1792; 29 Dec 1792; 16 Jan 1793; 17 Jan 1793; 20 Jan 1793; 17 Dec 1793; 4 Feb 1793
Mss 670 Loose Vol. 3, Printing Jobs 1809-1825	Rhode Island Republican	Accounts	29 Mar 1809	Newport	Charges for advertising Enoch Crandall's "mulatto" runaway.
Mss 9001-R Loose Vol.	Rhode Island Society of Natural History	Size Roll	Sep 1782	Rhode Island	Includes size roll of 3rd co. of the "Black Regiment" in the Revolution.
Mss 231 sg 3 Series 1: General Assembly Box 3, Folder 15: Petitions Narragansett Indians, 1785	Rhode Island State Records Collection	Petition	Feb 1785	Rhode Island	Petition of the Narragansett Tribe in Charlestown, R.I. read to the General Assembly in February 1785 and referred to the June 1785 Session. Petition regarding land taken from Indians and given to others while the original owners were away as soldiers in the Continental Service. Signed by 176 people; regarding disputes between Indians and white and requesting the creation of a "Committee of your own Citizens investing them with full Power of hearing & determining all Disputes and Controversies that may arise between any of the Indians of the Narransett [sic] Tribe, among themselves, or with any of the Citizens of this State"
Mss 231 sg 3 Series 5: Courts, Box 6, Folder 6: Vice Admiralty Court	Rhode Island State Records Collection	Decree	4 Jul 1746	Rhode Island	Degree of Judge William Strengthfield. The ship <i>St. Jacques</i> commanded by [Branmonois?] La Motte of France was captured by Capt. Peter Marshall and Capt. Thomas Randall. In addition to the cargo "the Negroe taken on board the said ship named Peter was the property of the aforesaid La Motte and was to have been sold at Cape Francois the place the said ship was bound to but that the other Negro named Manuel was free. I therefore condemn the said ship together with all her cargo and save only the aforesaid Negro Manuel who appears to be free, as good and lawful prize." <i>Records of the Vice-Admiralty Court of Rhode Island 1716-1752 edited by Dorothy S. Towle, American Historical Association, Washington, D.C. 1936, American Legal Records - Volume 3, pp377-380, Prince Frederick and Dolphin vs. St. Jacques. The entry for this case notes that the "Decree of condemnation is missing." The case is found in the Admiralty Papers IV, 29, 34. The RIHS appears to hold the original decree signed by William Strengthfield.</i>
Mss 9001-R Box 4	Rhodes, Nahum	Account Book	1773-1774	Warwick	Debit and credit for Prince (November 12, 1774) and possibly others throughout the book.
Mss 680 Box 1, p. 16-20	Rice, Thomas Papers	Deposition	Feb 1741-1744	Warwick	Depositions from John Hunt, Thankfull Collens, Job Warner and others, inquiring into the injury and death of Captain John Rice's servant, Sharper.
Mss 680 Box 2, p. 28	Rice, Thomas Papers	Correspondence	20 Aug 1744	Providence	Note from Ellin Coker asking for 40 pounds for sale of a African American boy to Thomas Rice.
Mss 215 Box 1, Folder 2-8 & Box 2, Folder 1-3: Return of a Death	Richmond Town Records Collection	Death Records	1877-1905	Richmond	Consists primarily of records pertaining to white people. There are quite a few "black", "copper", and "collard" people recorded as well. Dates of Death: 6/2/1877, 1/17/1880, 9/10/1879, 10/1880, 2/26/1881, 10/15/1881, 5/21/1885, 12/14/1886, 11/15/1887, 11/26/1887, 3/18/1888, 7/2/1888, 11/1/1888, 8/6/1891, 10/14/1891, 5/21/1894, 7/31/1894, 10/9/1894, 12/19/1894, 8/17/1897, 9/17/1898, 4/2/1899, 6/9/1899, 6/8/1900, 3/13/1900, 6/11/1901, 1/1/1903, 4/1/1903, 4/29/1903, 8/21/1903, 8/22/1903, 4/1/1904, 4/1/1904, (2)4/25/1904, 9/30/1904, 10/22/1904, 10/28/1904, 2/5/1905, 3/17/1905, 10/26/1905, 11/19/1905;

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Mss 215 Box 1, Folder 1: Return of a Birth, 1894	Richmond Town Records Collection	Birth Records	1894	Richmond	Dates of Birth: 12/7/1894, 4/23/1894, 11/27/1894
Mss 9001-R Box 5	Richmond, John Rogers	Indenture	1761	Unknown	Apprenticeship indenture of Ephraim Pomham Frost, an "Indian" boy, to John Rogers Richmond by his mother Mary Frost to learn no trade, 1761.
Mss 1132 Folder 2: Diary Vol. 2, Part 2	Robinson, Noah Diaries	Diary	1778	Massachusetts	Diary kept during his service in Massachusetts regiment of Col. John Daggett's. The entry for March 1, 1778 describes an offence suffered by an African American man and the subsequent entries give information about the resolution of the conflict.
MSS 1132 Folder 5: Diary Vol. 5 Aug - Oct 1787	Robinson, Noah Diaries	Diary	1787	Massachusetts	A poem appears at the end of the diary, not in the handwriting of Noah Robinson which reads: "The Orange tree in southern Isle Its fragrant branches spreads Where the poor suffering negro toils And With his hardships bleeds."
Mss 9001-S Box 1	Samuel	Documents	17 Jul 1670	Portsmouth	Two documents (record of coroner's inquest, and verdict signed by jury) in the case of the "Indian" Samuel found dead in the well of Anthony Emry at Portsmouth, July 17 1670.
Mss 9001-S Box 1 Mss 9001-S Box 3	Sanford, Jack Scott, John	Manumission Manumission/Deed	1 Mar 1781 1770, 4 Apr 1783	Westerly Providence	Act of manumission to Jack by Elisha Sanford, a Newport ship carpenter. A copy of John Scott's manumission of Pompey, 1770; deed for sale of a house and lot to Brister Olney, carefully located as "number twelve, on the right of Roger Mowry", 4 Apr 1783
Mss 165 Series 3 Medical Accounts Box 1, Folder 24: 1793-1802	Senter, Dr. Isaac Papers	Accounts	1793-1802	Pawtuxet	In the 1793-1802 account book, Dr. Isaac Senter names as patients, Dutchess Gibbs, Cudjo Gibbs, and probably other African Americans.
Mss 165 Series 6 Senter Family Papers Oversized Vol. 18: Horace Senter: Ledger, 1801-1807	Senter, Dr. Isaac Papers	Accounts	1801-1807	Pawtuxet	Dr. Horace Senter documents attending to Cudjo Gibbs, Cato Barker, Dutchess Channing, Maria, Cuff Simmons, Zingo Stevens; arranged alphabetically.
Mss 712 Series 1 Box 2, Folder 10: 1804	Sessions, Thomas Family Papers	Receipt	15 Sep 1804	Providence	Bill to Thomas Sessions from Jack and Sam Caesar for building a wall.
Mss 713 Vol. 3: 4/02/1863-8/16/1864	Shaw, Charles A. Papers	Diary	18 Aug 1863	Providence	"A week ago there came to our house Aunt Julia and Nannie and two children and a ni**er girl" [8/14/1863]
Mss 713 Vol. 4: 8/18/1864-11/16/1865	Shaw, Charles A. Papers	Diary	Sept 1864	Providence	"Soon the door opens, waiter enters holding my card, says 'Miss Smith does not have the acquaintance of the gentleman.' I smile, darkey smiles, and we proceed to the door." [9/01/1864]; "So went up and rang the door [to the governor's], the door was opened by a darkey . . ." [9/07/1864]
Mss 715 Loose Vol., 1830-1855	Shaw, William A. Papers	Ledger	1830-1855	East Greenwich	Physician accounts show treatment for Nat Rome "colored" (p.148), Timothy Rodman "man of color" (p.182), Dorcas Gardner "black woman" (p.155), and on the last page "Perry black man /Old Rittes son/" and "Bradwick Thomas (black)."
Mss 9001-S Box 5	Sheldon, Christopher	Accounts	1771-1776	Providence	Nathan Angell's accounts with estate of Christopher Sheldon (1771-1776) includes man "Negroe Colett" who may be same named in Gideon's Manchester's 1769 inventory. Another account with estate (1802) names "John Wallace (Negro)."
Mss 9001-S Box 5	Sheldon, George	Crew List	Mar 1818	Cranston	Papers of Brigantine Hector of Providence on a voyage to Charlestown, SC, France and India. The crew list includes Thomas Butter, a free African American from Providence.
Mss 9006 Vol. 3, pages 68 & 70	Shepley Collection	Bills	1770, 1771	Newport	Portage bills for the sloop <i>Adventure</i> includes Prince Miller.
Mss 9006 Vol. 3, page 76	Shepley Collection	Memo	ca. 1785	Newport	Memo of wages lists the crew for Brig <i>Bayonne</i> including Prince Gardner.

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Mss 9006 Vol. 6, page 112	Shepley Collection	Petition	14 Dec 1792	Charlestown	Petition of Harry Niles to the Honble. Committee Appointed to Settle Indian Affairs in Charlestown requesting land on the basis that his mother was "one of the Tribe of Indians."
Mss 9006 Vol. 6, page 112	Shepley Collection	Bill	15 Oct 1810	Charlestown	Bill from Lodowick Paul against the estate of Harry Hazard for the boarding of his child.
Mss 9006 Vol. 7, pages 31, 32, 34, 37, 38, 44, 72-76	Shepley Collection	Papers	1842-1850	Charlestown	Papers of the committee consisting of the Charlestown Indian Council and Robert Hazard appointed to settle land disputes and petitions.
Mss 9006 Vol. 9, pages 31-42	Shepley Collection	Papers	1708-1835	Charlestown	Original manuscript and copies relating to the sale of tribal lands, regulations, and lawsuits. For example, p. 34 is an indenture of lease between Sarah Niles, an "Indian" woman and Jacob Perry, a "mulatto" man (March 18, 1808). Other papers relate to suit of Moses Stanton vs. James Kenyon, 1835.
Mss 9006 Vol. 10, page 153	Shepley Collection	Deed	11 Apr 1789	Providence	Deed from Santealger Hopkins, free "negro", to Elizabeth Arnold, widow, for half a house in Providence owned in common with Bonno Brown, a free "negro".
Mss 9006 Vol. 13, page 141	Shepley Collection	Petition	Mar 1789	Providence	Continental Army soldier Plato McClellan signs his petition to the Rhode Island Assembly for relief for a disability incurred in service
Mss 9006 Vol. 15, page 19	Shepley Collection	Indenture	5 Dec 1723	Jamestown	George Greene contracts to George Mumford the services of his enslaved girl Hannah aged one year and six months, who is "half Indian and Half Negro," for a term of nineteen and a half years.
Mss 9006 Vol. 15, page 39	Shepley Collection	Agreement	13 Mar 1730	North Kingstown	An agreement between Daniel Updike of Newport and Israel Phillips of North Kingstown for a joint operation of a farm in North Kingstown. Updike will provide two "good negroes" or other hands to work on the land.
Mss 9006 Box 8, Vol. 11, p. 1	Shepley Collection	Bill of Sale	4 May 1769	Smithfield	Bill of sale of "One Negro Man Slave called Cesar" from Luke Arnold of Smithfield to Oliver Arnold of Providence.
*Mss 9006	Shepley Collection	Bill	26 Sep 1814	Charlestown	Narraganset Indian Council, Bill of Indian Council for Hannah Phillips to Robert Hazard. For rent of land.
Mss 9006 Vol. 15, page 73	Shepley Collection	Accounts	ca. 1756	Rhode Island	One page of accounts with no date contains the note, "the within act. I suppose was Capt. Benjamin Remington's of Jamestown, R.I. while on a voyage to the coast of Affrica for slaves."
Mss 9001-S Box 5, Folder 1: 1863-1864, Folder 2: 1865-1866, Folder 3: Reminiscences, Printed, etc.	Sherman, George R.	Papers	1863-1866	Rhode Island	Sherman was a white captain of the Third Regiment of U.S. Colored Troops, 1863-1866. His papers include orders, letters, and reminiscences.
Microfilm E 445 .R4, Part 2, Reel 28 Mss 828 Box 12, Folder 2	Ships' Logs Collection	Log Book	1795-1797	Africa; St. Thomas	Includes log of slave ship <i>Dolphin</i> . This diary kept by an unknown seaman from 1795 to 1797 is one of the few known surviving accounts of a slaving voyage, which seems to have been a failure. The crew initially set out in the ship <i>Dolphin</i> , changed over to the sloop <i>Rising Sun</i> in St. Thomas, and upon reaching Africa quickly took on 21 enslaved people (see 10/23/1795 entry). The ship then suffered serious damage in a tornado, and sat at an island for almost a year attempting repairs while the captain traveled to the mainland attempting to procure more enslaved people. During this period, two enslaved people were whipped for plotting to poison the crew's rice (9/4/1796). The <i>Rising Sun</i> was eventually pronounced unfit for sailing, and the diarist joined on with the crew of a Boston-bound sloop <i>Fame</i> to begin his journey home. Two slave revolts on other ships are described through hearsay: the ship <i>Liberty</i> (11/21/1795) and a New York ship on which Capt. Moore and his crew were all massacred (7/11/1796).

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Microfilm VB 260 .A5 1976, Reel 1 Frames 64-116 Mss 828 Box 1, Folder 2: Preservation Photocopy	Ships' Logs Collection	Log Book	July 1798 - June 1799	Providence; At Sea	Log book of the <i>Ann & Hope</i> , 1798-99: Starboard watch (second to last page of log) included "Anthony Knowles (black)."
Mss 828 Box 13, Folder 2	Ships' Logs Collection	Log Book	1836-1837	New York, N.Y.; Apalachicola, Fla.; Tampa, Fla.	Log of the schooner <i>Pilot</i> , John F. Phillips captain on a trip from New York to Florida during the time of the Seminole War in Florida, 1836-1837.
Mss 718 Box 2, Folder: Simmons, Sylvester-1800-1805	Simmons Family Papers	Agreement	4 Apr 1800	Providence	Individual crew members, including Newport Troop, signed agreements for sealing/trading voyage to China.
Mss 9001-S Box 6	Simon, John	Indenture	22 Jun 1751	Tiverton	Apprenticeship indenture of "Indian boy" of Tiverton, son of Naomi Zekil, to house carpenter Gideon Gifford of Dartmouth, Mass. for fourteen years. Mentions his "father-in-law", perhaps step-father, Isaac Zekil. Pledges, among other things, that he "shall not commit fornication nor contract matrimony within ye sd term; cards, dice or any other unlawful games he shall not play...nor haunt ale houses, taverns or play houses."
Mss 145 Series 3 Loose Vol. 2: Records, 1743-1831	Six Principle Baptist Church Records	Church Record	1743-1831	East Greenwich	Members include: "June 1743... Quasey molatto woman [no.]35 Dead.. March 14th 1756..Mingo Negro [no.]56 Dead.. Augt. 2nd. 1761 Seezer Sweet Negro [no.]60 Dead.. Augt. 21st 1763 Patience Sambow [no.]75 Dead [race?].. March 10 [1783] Expearence Negro Dead July 24 1808 Mary Barnes of Coler... Joining from Warwick: October 18th 1753...Hager Green negro...Mary Fuller Indian"
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1809	Washington County; Kent County	Harris Smith used published almanacs to record deaths and events in Rhode Island. In this Almanac he recorded "Mob raised at Wickford round the house of Daniel Updike headed by Gen. Samuel Sambo." The 1800 census lists Samuel Sambo as a free black living in Wickford with 5 family members.
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1812	Washington County; Kent County	"Darity Hall died the 4th day of the month in the woods where she went to git wood. A Black Woman Between 70 an 80 years of age."
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1814	Washington County; Kent County	This almanac included multiple references to the deaths of people of color: Eunice Brown, Dick Gardiner, and Betty Hall.
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1815	Washington County; Kent County	On the page for October he recorded: "2 Black Children died at Bradocks Thomas in this month" Thomas may be the last name of the children based on its location on the page. On the page for November he recorded: "Cloe Thomas died 21st of this mo 1815 (black woman)" The death of Amy Samson was also noted.
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1816	Washington County; Kent County	"Black child at Bradocks"
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1829	Washington County; Kent County	"Black James Updike."

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MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1837	Washington County; Kent County	"Cato Rooms, black man of Colony, was killed by James Browning." "Simon Davis a man of color dyed the 5th this month by pricking [?] him self"
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1838	Washington County; Kent County	"Primis Browning a man of collar . . ."
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1840	Washington County; Kent County	"Mary Mcpherson Child Drowned November 17: 1840 Colloured Child"
MSS 722 Box 1, 1777-1850	Smith, Harris Diaries	Almanacs / Diaries	1843	Washington County; Kent County	"Harriot Maxwell a Collared girl died March 24"
Mss 9001-S Box 9	Smith, Sandford	Memoirs	1781	Various	Includes copy of memoirs of Capt. Stephen Olney of the famous "Black Regiment" in the Revolution, 1781.
MSS 217 Folder 7	Smithfield Town Records	Resolution	1783	Smithfield	Resolution to support ban of slave trade.
Mss 723 Box 2, Folder 18: Nelson Viall	Soldiers and Sailors Historical Society	Narrative	20 Oct 1891	Rhode Island	History of "the Fourteenth RI Heavy Artillery (colored)", 1863-1865 by Nelson Viall.
Mss 218 Box 1, Folder 33: Overseer of the Poor	South Kingstown Town Records Collection	List	2 Jun 1818	South Kingstown	List of people who are in the care of James Knowles including William Gardner, Pero Shearman, Dinah Watson, Patience Brown, and Sophia Brown. A brief description including age and medical condition is given for each person.
Mss 9001-S Box 11	Spencer, Julius	Accounts	1799	Providence	Spencer's accounts as a sailor which are settled by John Waterman and "Cola, Cuff's wife."
Mss 9001-S Box 11	Spiwood, Jeremiah	Indenture	6 Feb 1731/2	Warwick	Apprenticeship indenture of Jeremiah Spiwood and "his wife Betsy Brown so called" to Amos and Mary Stafford, February 6 1731/2.
Mss 9001-S Box 1	St. John's Guild	Records	1879-1881	Providence	Records, 1879-1881, of the Visiting Society of St. John's Episcopal Church in Providence. Includes detailed descriptions of repeated visits to the following seven persons listed as "colored", and presumably poor and elderly: Isaac Bowen, Miss Martha Bowen, Miss Eunice Jackson, Mrs. Louisa Johnson, Mrs. M.A. Malbone, Mrs. Jane A. Smith, Mrs. Lucy Waterman.
Mss 9001-S Box 13, Folder 1: Items Relocated from RIM Vol. 10	Staples, William Read	Correspondence	ca. 1850	Providence	Letter from R. Parker relating the history of the African Methodist Episcopal Church organized in 1838. Names the first minister, Rev. N.C.W. Cannon and the church's 15 founders.
Mss 9001-S Box 13, Folder 2: of Providence (1837-1861)	Staples, William Read	Correspondence	15 Feb 1842	Providence	Letter from Samuel Rodman outlining the history of the Second Freewill Church, originally the Abyssinian Freewill Church.
Reading Room F89 .S7 S733 2003 Mss 1129	Stedman, Daniel Diary	Journal	1829-1859	South Kingstown	This diary was kept by a farmer and shoemaker in South Kingstown, RI. He makes notes of deaths, births, marriages and daily happenings in the town. The RIHS holds both the original diary and a published transcription of it. The published version is indexed extensively and includes notes on Native Americans but does not index comments on African Americans. He does note the deaths of people of color in the community but those deaths have not been indexed using race as an indicator. Below are some abstracts from the diary which mention people of color.

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Reading Room F89 .S7 S733 2003 Mss 1129	Stedman, Daniel Diary	Journal	1829-1859	South Kingstown	Death of Samuel Norake 3/1/1826 and death of Philis Peckham 3/5/1826 "Died very sudden Pat Dimmis a colored person at the Widow Sweet's, Lay down in Liquor and went to Sleep and Never awoke." [4/28/1827] "The Indians took up Pat Dimmis and Caried her to Charlestown to Bury [5/9/1827] "I worked for J.N. Potter he had Sambo Potter (a man of color). Two Squaws Stopt to bottom our Chairs. bottom'd Six." [6/30/1830] "I went to the meeting house to meeting. Expected the Indians but few of them Come." [3/25/1832] "I went to the Meeting house to meeting the Indians Came their and held the meeting. Moses Stanton their minister preached." [10/7/1832] "Rowland G. Hazard & Isaiah P. Hazard make a Great Business of making Cloths to Send away of Different kinds they have made the Negro goods for Some time they have three or fore to Cut all the time." [2/1839] "They begin to Dig the Seller for the Church house at Wakefield. They found some man's bones, Supposed to be an Indian's." [6/1839] "The Indians from Long Island had a meeting at the B. meetinghouse but an Englishman Preached that Come with them." [8/17/1841] "Some Indians from Penabscot, State of Main, pitched there tents in M. Chappell, Esqr.'s Lot and acted there Manuvers." [5/11/1842]
Mss 739 Box 2: 1811-1916, Diary	Stillwell Papers	Diary	1 Nov 1847	Providence	Diary of Albert G. Stillwell (1820-1887). Entry for November 1, 1847: "Went to see a large Chinese junk this afternoon aboard of which are some Chinese dressed in the original costume. Hair braided and extending nearly to the ground."
Mss 854	Stone, Edwin Martin Papers	Letter and Diary	4 Aug 1848	Unknown	On the back of the letter from J. Pierpont, Jr. to Edwin M Stone is a scrawled note that reads "Aug 4th [Saco?] negro child & white do. arm around each others neck &c. is prejudice against color natural or acquired &c." This same observation is recorded in the diary of Edwin Stone in the Aug 4 1848 entry: "Passing through Martin Street today, I saw two children - a negro & a white about four years old, walking very lovingly together each with an arm thrown over the other's neck. The scene suggested the inquiry, 'Is prejudice against color natural or acquired?'"
Mss 9001-S Box 15	Sweet, Jeremiah	Will	2 Jul 1731	Warwick	His last will and testament names "my negro woman...Sarah" whom he leaves to his niece, Elizabeth Hunt (daughter of Ezekiel).
MSS 9001-T Throop, Amos	Throop, Amos	Correspondence	4 Apr 1777	Rhode Island	Letter to the Council of War, dated April 4, 1777 asking that Doctor Amos Throop be permitted to take into his service a servant Negro man called Tony for one year; signed by Silas Downer.
Microfilm E445 R4 Part 2 Reels 28-29 Mss 757 Vol. 2, Box 3	Tillinghast Papers	Accounts	Oct 1799	Providence	Accounts with Prince Dimmick for pine (p.84).
Microfilm E445 R4 Part 2 Reels 28-29 Mss 757 Vol. 4, Box 6	Tillinghast Papers	Accounts	n.d.	Providence	Accounts of payment between Jonathan Tillinghast and Prince "for trucking" (p. 251).
Mss 755 Vol. 1: Daybook, 1797-1805	Tillinghast, Thomas Jr. Papers	Day Book	1797-1805	East Greenwich	Daybook with accounts of retail sales and medical services, includes several African Americans: Eunice Updike, Jack Ayrault, Jack Gardner (mason), Simeon Simmons, Stephen, Samuel Reynolds and wife, Port Hall and child, Ichabod Northop, and Winsor Fry.
Mss 755 Vol. 2: Ledger, 1795-1825	Tillinghast, Thomas Jr. Papers	Accounts	1795-1825	East Greenwich	Ledger settles account for treatment of Job Sambo (p.35), wife and children (1806-1814), Cato Sweet ("mulatto") and wife (1815-1825) and Simon Bliss ("mulatto") wife and children (1817).
Mss 219 Folder 9	Tiverton Town Records Collection	Resolution	1784	Tiverton	Includes resolution by town's Meeting of Freeman to oppose the state manumission act, 1784.
Mss 966	Toney, Mark Papers	Records	1977-1986	Providence	Records of African American social activist, Providence.

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Mss 761 Loose Vol. 1: 1815-1842	Townsend, William H. Papers	Journal	1815-1842	Rhode Island; South America; East Asia; China	Diary and memoir of journeys all over the world. He often makes notes on the customs and activities of the local populations in places like French Polynesia, Canton, Malaysia, India, and Ireland. Excerpts: "[In Canton] Wives are not allowed among the 'upper crust' to be visible to strangers + are much secluded among themselves. Altho' the lower order, or middling + under class of female are to be seen [commonly]." [p. 59]; "The day after hauling to the wharf, a gang of colored laborers (slaves) came on board + began to discharge the ballast. . . They appeared to be a happy set, sure enough, when hoisting they pulled to a kind of song + chorus." [includes description and lyrics] [1815, p. 10]; "I first saw the glorious John Williams cook of the ship <i>Lion</i> , fiddling to a group of darkies in a house on Sand Hill – John Briston, another darky of distinction was a steward + he felt [felled] himself some pumpkins – two, as good in their places, and made duff. They wouldn't take 'a little' some times but its only made them exceedingly good natured." [4/1817, p. 28]; Island of Santa Christiana [French Polynesia] "The next morning we were surrounded with canoes in which the natives had cocoanuts + bread fruit which they traded for pieces of iron hoop, a coin which they valued highly." [6/1818, p. 50]; "Women and all, they were nearly naked, but what little coverings they had was about their loins." [6/1818, p. 50]; In Canton visited a harem: "I had not been in the room but a few seconds before a bevy of wives + children come rushing in as fast as they (the women) could hobble, and twas soon manifest to me, that I was the greater curiosity – they handled me – felt me – made me eat some of the cake that had been brought in, and drink till I got tired of it." [p. 59]; "Some of the wives were advanced in years – Two of them young and rather pretty in face – of those one had with her a nursing babe – all had small feet." [Vol. 1, p. 59]; "Reached the last stopping place on the route from the sea to Indian Ocean (December 27) on shore there happened to be a wedding being done up + the natives (Malays) being very courteous invited us, as strangers, to witness the ceremony + the invitation was, as [?] accepted – there were many operations performed + the bride was hidden or her face from on view by a kind of long, white thing – cloth or something thrown over her head. I have forgotten most of the ceremonies but remember processions from + to different houses." [12/27/1818];
Mss 761 Loose Vol. 2: 1843-1861	Townsend, William H. Papers	Journal	1843-1861	Rhode Island; South America; East Asia; China	"The Malays are a good natured set so as far as we could see - great beggars - somewhat lousey + eat thin food with their fingers out of baskets made for the purpose and all dive into one dish - sitting on their haunches on deck." [7/30/1848]; "The Hindu people male and female are very partial to ornaments, such as armllets, anklets, whistles, earrings, finger rings ornaments also stuck thro the upper part of the ear + the women in addition to these, wear a pendant of some kind thro the nose + which hangs dangling about the mouth, looking unseemly enough." [9/14/1848]; description of ceremony upon leaving India [9/21/1848]; "Our Chinese passengers are a quiet set enough - but infinitely superior to the Malays we took to Bombay." [10/21/1848]; "The feeling of superiority of whites over blacks + equally of blacks with whites showed itself on occasion." [7/1849]; In Cork, Ireland "The ship was visited daily by very many citizens of Cork + the country grands + was amused to see them court the attention of our Negro waiters pass us by + shake hands with." [1/25/1851]; In Key West: "Went to one of the colored kind [of churches] there's a church where the negroes assemble." [11/27/1859]; "The 'Water Witch' US Steamer we left here was gone + on a cruise for slaves." [12/10/1859]

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Mss 9001-T Loose Vol.	Trader's Book: Commerce	Trader's Book	1809	Brazil	This mysterious volume contains fascinating commentary on trade in Europe, Asia and South America. It was apparently compiled by a veteran supercargo and is full of details about market conditions, regional trading practices and diplomatic pitfalls. There are sample lists of cargoes that could be expected to trade well in the various ports, as well as tables of prices current. Ex: Rio de Janeiro, Brazil November 1809 p.100 "Slaves for Men or Women, are valued at 400 to 700 rs. pair & pay 24 per% is from 12 to 21 Cents a pair"; Bahia, Brazil June 1809 p.168 "The principal trade however of Bahia, appears to be the African Slave Trade, at this moment, as there are not less than 9000 new Slaves annually imported into that place..."
Mss 762 Box: Truman Legal Papers: Cases (Baptist Meeting vs. Brown)	Truman, Nathan H. Papers	Case File	1876	Rhode Island	Includes case file for "Baptist Church vs. Brown," in which the Congdon Street Baptist Church attempted to have the noted author William J. Brown stripped of his power as a trustee, for executing an improper deed and other offenses. The file consists mostly of legal notes, abstracts from documents, and a few original documents. The date of the case appears to be 1876, although some transcribed documents are dated as early as 1844.
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	25 Mar 1836, 1853	Providence	Seamen's protection issued in March 25, 1836 for "mulatto" Jacob Williams, age 17 and in 1853 issue protection for Jacob Holden, age 35 born in Providence
<i>Mss 28 sg 2, Box 4, Folder Seaman's Protections, 1809</i>	<i>U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren</i>	<i>Seamen's Protection</i>	<i>1809</i>	<i>Bristol</i>	<i>Primus Clark certifies the birth of Galampies Leonard on November 5, 1786 in Dighton, MA</i>
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Abstract of Protections	Jun 1842	Providence	Identifies John H. Howland born 1827 "yellow" complexion, born in Providence
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	1852	Bristol/Warren	Identifies George R. Davis born in Charlestown, RI in 1811
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	1836	Bristol/Warren	Marcus D'Wolf born in Charlestown on September 8, 1820, sworn by Moses Arnold
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	6 Jun 1845	Newport	Identifies John B. Franklin, Jr. born 1831 in Newport protection issued.
Mss 28 sg 2 B2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	31 Jul 1804	Bristol	List of Schooner <i>Betsey</i> identifies Henry Buckley of Bristol, R.I. "a black man"; William Johnson of Bristol, R.I. "black", born in New York of French nationality.
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	1804	Bristol	Return of brigantine <i>Jane</i> identifies John Barney, "negro" born Cape Verde 1776, resident of Bristol as a crew member.
<i>Mss 28 sg 2 B2, Folder Crew Lists, ret., 1804</i>	<i>U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren</i>	<i>Crew List</i>	<i>27 July 1804</i>	<i>Bristol/Warren</i>	<i>Return of Brig Jane, identifies a seaman named John Barney but records no further information.</i>
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	25 Sep 1799	Rehoboth, MA	Seamen's protectorate for David Kennedy born in Rehoboth, age 19.
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	1844	South Kingston	James Hazard, born in South Kingston born in August 10, 1822, approximately 5'7 1/2" missing "great toe of left foot"

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Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Seamen's Protection	6 Jan 1853	Warwick	Abstract of Protections, identifies Thomas Ponfit? (Profit?) born 1830.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	28 Jan 1804	Warwick	List for ship <i>Fame</i> , voyage to London, includes Prince Vaughn (40), "black"; Samuel Lippitt, (20), "black". Ship returned to Providence 14 July 1804.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Seaman's Protections, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Certificate	1804	Bristol	Jemima Gorham of Bristol certifies the birth of Primus Clark of Bristol on approximately May 10, 1781, is 5'5" and marked with small pox scars
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	23 July 1804	Warren	Crew list for Sloop <i>Amy</i> bound for Havana; includes Jack Richmond of Dighton, "black" & Primus Henry of Swanzey, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	10 Aug 1804	Bristol	Crew list for ship <i>Juno</i> bound for the North west coast under John D'Wolf, includes Providence residents born in Stonington, Conn., James Wheeler (age 21) "yellow", and Jason Hanson (age 26) "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	15 June 1804	Dighton	Crew list for Brig <i>Argus</i> bound for Havana, includes Isaac Head (30) of & born Dighton, Mass, a "black" man; Caleb Richmond (14) of & born Dighton, Mass, "black" boy; Charles Richmond (16) of & born Dighton, Mass, "black" boy; Isaac Richmond (24) of & born Dighton, Mass, "black" man; Simeon Wheeler (14) of & born Dighton, Mass, "black" boy; James Canloe (17) of & born Rio Pongo, nationality - Africa Windward Coast, a "black" man; John Zallow (20) of & born Rio Pongo, nationality - Africa Windward Coast, a "black" man, marked with small pox.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	19 June 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Brig <i>Nancy</i> bound for Cape de Verd Islands, includes Jacob Lewis (17) of Bristol, a "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	14 July 1804	Warren	Crew list for Schooner <i>Hope</i> bound for Cape de Verd Islands, includes Jenk [Hit] of Warren, "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	16 July 1804	Fall River	Crew list for Schooner <i>Antelope</i> bound for Havana, includes Jacob Shearman of Barrington, born Swansey, "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	21 July 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Brig <i>Nancy</i> bound for Havana, includes James Anderson, a "blackman"; Frank Seaman of Bristol, born Fencriffe, nationality - Portuguese.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	30 Aug 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Schooner <i>Mary</i> bound for Africa, includes James Conloe, born Rio Pango, nationality - African, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	9 Aug 1804	Dighton	Crew list for Brig <i>Hiram</i> bound for Havana, includes John Smith (19) born & of Baltimore, "mulato".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	28 Mar 1804	Fall River	Crew list for Brig [Hermlin Courtney/Herculus Courting?] bound for Havana, includes Prime Perry (33) born & of Tiverton, "black"; William Read (21) born & of Tiverton, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	14 Jan 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Sloop <i>Three Sisters</i> bound for Havana, includes Ceasr Miller (22) born & of Warren, "black" with black hair.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	19 Apr 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Sloop <i>Nancy</i> bound for Havana, includes Amos Warner, a "black" man.

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Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	12 Apr 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Schooner <i>Anenora</i> bound for Havana, includes Isaac Gardner (26) of Warren, born Swanzey, "black" man with curled hair; Charles Butler (21) of Bristol, born Philadelphia, "black" - well favor'd.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	2 May 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Schooner <i>Betsey</i> bound for Havana, includes James Castle (34) of Bristol, born Massachusetts, a "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	18 June 1804	Barrington	Crew list for Sloop <i>Sally</i> bound for Turks Island, includes Pero Allen (26), born & of Barrington, a "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	5 June 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Brig <i>Minerva</i> bound for Antwerp, includes Valentine D'Andrie (24), of Bristol, born Portugal (Portuguese); John Baptis (23) of Bristol, birth unknown, "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	5 May 1804	Warren	Crew list for Sloop <i>Sally</i> bound for Havana, includes Ceasar [Tanna] of Bristol, born Newport, "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	28 Jan 1804	Providence	Crew list for Ship <i>Fame</i> bound for London, includes Prince Vaughn (40) of Providence, born North Kingston, "black" complexion; Samuel Lippitt (20), born Warwick, "black" complexion.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	9 Aug 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Ship <i>Charlotte</i> bound for Africa, includes David Otterbridge (21) born & of Providence, yellow; Samuel Lippitt (19) born & of Providence, "black"; James Taylor (21) born & of Providence, very "black"; Peter Lippitt (22) of Providence, born Attleboro, Mass., yellow; Charles Harrison (32) born & of Tiverton, "black"; Robin Carr (29) born & of Tiverton, "black"; Benjamin Slocum (16) born & of Tiverton, yellow.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	7 Aug 1804	Somerset	Crew list for Brig <i>Sally</i> bound for Havana, includes James Howland (17) of Bristol, born Tiverton, "black"; Jersey Truck (18) of Warren, born Swanzey, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	2 May 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Schooner <i>Betsey</i> bound for Havana, includes James Castle (34) of Bristol, born Massachusetts, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	16 July 1804	Fall River, Mass.	Crew list for Schooner <i>Antelope</i> bound for Havana, includes Jacob Shearman of Barrington, born Swanzey, "black" man.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	14 Jan 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Sloop <i>Three Sisters</i> bound for Havana, includes Ceasar Miller (22) born & of Warren, "black complexion".
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	31 Dec 1803	Bristol	Crew list for Brig <i>Stork</i> bound for Havana, includes Tobey Smith (20) born & of Tiverton, brown or mulatto complexion. Brig returned 20 April 1804.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 2, Folder Crew Lists, return, 1804	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	5 Dec 1804	Bristol	Crew list for Brig <i>Three Sisters</i> bound for Africa, includes James Howland (17) born & of Tiverton, "black".
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	Jul 1831	Warren	List of Whale ship <i>Benjamin Rush</i> is Mary Ann Drogly (15), of Warren, a "mulatto", born in Mexico.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 7, Folder Crew Lists, ret., 1819	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	15 Jun 1819	Bristol	Crew list of Brig <i>Friendship</i> identifies John D'Wolf (24), born in Africa, resident of Bristol, "black"; James Tanner (23), resident of Bristol, "black".

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Mss 28 sg 2, Box 7, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1819	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	Feb 1819	Bristol	Crew list of Brig <i>Nancy</i> bound for Havana, includes James [Carth] (34) of Bristol, R.I., born Massachusetts, "black", black hair.
Mss 28 sg 2, Box 7, Folder Crew Lists, dep., 1819	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Crew List	30 Dec 1819	Bristol	Crew list of Brig <i>Frances</i> bound for Havana, includes Noah Howland (52) of Bristol, R.I., born Tiverton, R.I., "black".
Mss 28 sg 2	U.S. Custom House Papers, Bristol/Warren	Abstract of Protections	25 Nov 1854	Barrington	Abstract includes Oliver Allen, "black", from Barrington
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	12 Apr 1808	Newport	Protectorate for Aaron James age 36 from Newport
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	17 Sep 1803	Richmond	Seamen's protectorate lists George Larkin, born in Richmond, age 24
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	1789-19--	Rhode Island	Licensing of seamen on ships. Lists date of certificate, number, name of seaman, age, physical description, place of birth and means by which citizenship was acquired. Many African Americans listed.
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	1 Nov 1837	South Kingston	Edward Johnson age 31, born in South Kingston is registered in the Seamen's Protectorate
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	27 Oct 1801	East Greenwich	Register of Benjamin Lyman, age 18 of East Greenwich
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	17 Dec 1799	East Greenwich	Register of Walter Lippitt, age 16 of Greenwich
Mss 28 sg 1, Vol. 1, page 35	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	1787	North Providence	Lists Thomas Jacobs, born in North Providence in 1787
Mss 28 sg 1, Series 13, Subseries A, Box 6, Folder 136	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Crew List	1826-1829	Providence	Lists show many names of African Americans.
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Seamen's Protection	1796-1849	Warwick	Seaman's protectorates these men born in Warwick: Andrew Lippitt, age 18 (December 7, 1796), Affrica Lippitt ("mulatto"), age 19 (Nov. 30, 1803, July 19, 1802), Cesar Lippitt, age 18 (January 2, 1800), Seasar Lippitt, age 20 (May 30, 1803), Caesar Lippitt, age 23 (December 25, 1805) age 33 (November 25, 1817), George Lippitt, age 15 (March 17, 1819), age 21 (April 21, 1835), George G. Lippitt, age 29 (March 17, 1827), Jeremiah Lippitt, age 17 (May 18, 1807), age 19 (October 13, 1827), age 35 (January 9, 1845-listed birth in Providence), Joseph Lippitt, age 14 (November 20, 1800), Joseph Lippitt, age 18 (May 30, 1803), age 26 (November 28m, 1825), Joseph W. Lippitt, age 27 (December 19, 1849), Juba Lippitt, age 16 (June 16, 1804), Samuel Lippitt, age 16 (November 19, 1800), age 20 (December 9, 1817), Simon Lippitt, age 24 (June 1, 1820), Stephen Lippitt, age 16, (April 21, 1835)
Mss 28 sg 1	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Accounts	Jun 1836	Providence	Accounts and vouchers of the collector show a payment to Scipio Brenton for washing windows and cleaning rooms

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Mss 28 sg 1, Series 2, Vol. 4	U.S. Custom House Papers, Providence	Records	1822-1827	Providence	Entries and clearances list of ships coming into and leaving the port of Providence. Starting in 1822 notations for slaves appear in the left hand column of the listing. They are apparently noting when enslaved people are on board the vessel. Examples include: July 15, 1822 Ship <i>Rising States</i> , Captain Pearce from Savannah; July 22, 1822 Brig <i>James Monroe</i> , Captain Rhodes from Charleston; June 5, 1826 Sloop <i>Young James</i> , Captain Hall from Savannah; June 4, 1827 Ship <i>Rising States</i> , Captain Pearce from Savannah; July 28, 1827 Ship <i>Rising States</i> , Captain Pearce from Savannah
Mss 770 Box 1, p.44	Updike Papers	Obituary	ca. 1815	North Kingstown	Wilkins Updike's obituary of Sylvia Torry, an African woman who died at the age of 115
Mss 770 Box 1, p.13	Updike Papers	Notes/Statement	ca.1780, 1843	North Kingstown	Notes of William Kenyon's Reminiscences- about Native American history, c. 1780; statement made by Mr. Kenyon to Wilkins Updike, 1842
Mss 770 Box 1, p.18	Updike Papers	Notes	ca.1728-1731	North Kingstown	Notes on Smibert & Dean Berkeley, Smibert was a portrait painter who accompanied Dean Berkeley. He thought that the Narragansett Indians were the same people as the Siberian Tartars.
Mss 770 Box 2, p.57	Updike Papers	Narrative	17 Nov 1677	North Kingstown	Roger Williams' answer to the declaration of William Harris "before the court of commissioners Nov 17, 1677...copies from the Harris papers lent me." - accuses Roger Williams of mishandling lands in and around Providence. Williams lists the reasons why he was especially suited to deal with the Native Americans over land, for example: "God was pleased to give me a painful patient spirit to lodge with them in their filthy smoky holes...to gain their tongue."
Mss 770 Box 2, p. 58	Updike Papers	Article	30 July 1789	North Kingstown	From the "United States Chronicle", presented at Providence - account by Solomon Drown of the affairs of the Ohio Company, and generally about the Ohio & Muskingum country, and the "Indians", a note of the name Muskingum.
Mss 770 Box 2, p.76	Updike Papers	Notes	n.d.	North Kingstown	Note on Richard Smith: apparently extracted from "Present State of Indians in New England", by Drake, pp.30-31; events of the fall and winter of 1675; dealings with Native Americans.
Mss 770 Box 4: Papers, 1673-1804, p. 98	Updike Papers	Tax List	14 Jul 1798	North Kingstown	R.I. Tax List, copy made, 2 Aug 1800: identifies "Heirs of Dominy Smith (negro)", James Prinson, Jack Phillips, and Fortune Congdon.
Mss 770 Box 4: Papers, 1673-1804, p. 90	Updike Papers	Plat Map	30 Dec 1795	Rhode Island	Plat map of the line between the land of Nathan Kinyon and the "Indian Cedar Swamp", presumably in Charlestown, prepared by Robert Stanton, and marked on the reverse "Plat for Indian Counsel."
Mss 770 Box 14, Wills and Documents, 1664-1867, p.15	Updike Papers	Inventory	1737	North Kingstown	"An Inventory of the Personal Estate of Daniel Updike Esq. late of North Kingstown Deceased taken and appraised by us the Subscribers the 1st Day of June A.D. 1757." At the top of the third page starts the listing of the negros he owned and their value in pounds. "Nathaniel valued at nothing, Chance - 300, Moses - 600, Joseph - 600, Dimas - 600, Newport - 500, Dublin - 600, Mingo - 450, Claro - 400, James - 400, Casar - 200, Domini at nothing, Paul 2 years old - 100, Prince - 50, Sue - 400, Lille and Child - 500, Bridget - 250, Robie 2 1/2 years old - 100."
Mss 769	Utley, Leander Papers	Births	1819-1851	Providence	Physician's record notes births of Henry Speeder, Peggy Carr, Samuel Shoemake. There may be others throughout the book. These three are noted on the first page of the book under 1820.
Mss 772 Folders: 14th Regiment Correspondence & Civil War Misc.	Viall, Nelson Papers	Records	1861-1865	Rhode Island; Louisiana	Records of Lt. Colonel of the 14th R.I. Volunteer Heavy Artillery (Colored) in the Civil War. Includes commissions and correspondence re: attempts to get pay that was owed to the regiment.
Mss 9001-W Box 1	Walker, William	Receipt	1819-1851	Newport	Note to Peleg Brown for "a negro man named Pompy."
Mss 9001-W Box 1	Wall, Samuel	Census	May 1777	Coventry	Account book records his military census including the names of William Sharp, Finneas Curvin, William Kirk, and James Fenner, "Indian".
Mss 907	Walling, Lewis Metcalf Papers	Records	1924-1995	Cambodia; Guatemala; African nations	Records of diplomat who served extensively in Cambodia, Guatemala and several African nations.

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Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 38: SWI July - Oct 1774 Correspondence	Ward Family Papers	Correspondence	9 Sep 1774	Newport	Samuel Ward writes to his children from Philadelphia, "Cajoe had some Complaints yesterday like the Small Pox but he is much better this day that We think it was only a cold or Fatigue."
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 46: SWI Deeds, Agreements 1755-1776	Ward Family Papers	Inventory	26 Oct 1767	Newport	Inventory of Mary Ward estate which names "a negro man named Cudjoe" and Marcy who is "very old and must be maintained out of the estate."
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 46: SWI Deeds, Agreements 1755-1776	Ward Family Papers	Deed	14 Jan 1768	Newport	Deed for Cudjo to Samuel Ward of Westerly from Isabel Marchand of Newport.
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 46: SWI Deeds, Agreements 1755-1776	Ward Family Papers	Indenture	30 Dec 1762	Newport	Between Gov. Samuel Ward and Abigail an "Indian" woman, late of New Shoreham in said county, spinster, and Jack her son an infant- binding Jack as apprentice to Samuel Ward for 10 years.
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 46: SWI Deeds, Agreements 1755-1776	Ward Family Papers	Bill of Sale	1771	Newport	Sale of Philis (a "Negro" enslaved woman named Philis aged about thirty three years) from Elizabeth Babcock of Hopkinton to Samuel Ward of Westerly.
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 49: SWI Financial Papers 1744-1775	Ward Family Papers	Receipt	20 May 1745	Newport	Rec'd of Samuel Ward, debt due from his "Indian" Fellow Jack Sawness, to Elisha Reynolds.
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 51: SWI Ledger (indexed), 1753-1763	Ward Family Papers	Account book	1753-1763	Westerly	Records include accounts with Sam Hilli "Negroe" p14; "molatto" James p14; Mary Sock p 22; Annon "Negroe" p.24; Hannah Paul "Indian" p25; "Negroe" Will Jr p35; Ambrose (a "Molatto") p58; Jehu ("Negroe" Will's son) p63; Jonathan (son of "Negroe" Will) p92; Dick (a "mulatto" of Block Island) p106; "Indian" Sock p120; "Negroe" Will p121; William Smith "Negroe" p130; Tom (Mr. Littlefield's "Negro") p144; Jehu p181; Jack (an "Indian") p210; Jeranto a "Negro" man p231; Sam (an "Indian") p236; William Sachem p326
Mss 776 Series 4, Box 1, Folder 53: SWI Miscellaneous	Ward Family Papers	Census	1774	Rhode Island	Census of the state of Rhode Island. Indicates a total of 54435 "whites", 3761 "blacks" and 1482 "Indians".
Mss 776 Series 4, Loose Vol. 1, Ledger, 1763-1767	Ward Family Papers	Account Book	1763-1767	Newport	Accounts of Samuel Ward (1725-1776) include: Sam Brownell p58; Betty p81; Thomas Ninnegratt p131; and Jack p220
Mss 776 Series 7, Box 3, Folder 40: Loose Papers, 1734-1760	Ward Family Papers	Indenture	1740	Westerly	Thomas Ward (1711-1760) contains: indenture for "Indian man & Indian woman of Westerly" witnessed by Thomas Ward
Mss 778 Item # 1636	Warner Papers	Testimony	Nov 1849	Unknown	Testimony of William Cranston, November 1849, regarding Revolutionary War. Reads in part: "Jeremy Hazard's negro man Will whipped 100 lashes because he would not say he was sent by his master to give information to the British. It was just after the mutiny a few days."
Mss 159	Warren Insurance Company Records	Records	1800-1840	Warren	These records include correspondence, claims and other records on slave ships insured by a firm founded in 1800.

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Mss 1055 Folder 5: Anthony Low	Warwick Historical Society Deposit	Will	1746	Warwick	Anthony Low of Warwick, Will: he names Newport, Peg, Bristol, Fortune, Prince and Patience and leaves them to various family members. Will: "I give and bequeath unto Mary my beloved wife...the use of all my negros during her natural life." "To my son John Low...I do also give after my wifes decease my negroman named Newport and my negro woman named Peg if they or either of them shall be living after my wifes decease"; to son Stephen Low "after my wifes decease my negro boy name Bristol if he shall be living after my wifes decease"; "I give and bequesth unto my sons John Low and Stephen Low...after my wifes decease my two negro boys vis by name Fortune and Prince if they or either of them should be then living"; "I give and bequeth to my beloved daughter Christan Carpenter...after my wifes decease my negro girl named Patience if she shall be then living."
Mss 221 Series 1: Meeting Records, Subseries 1: Early Records Box 1, Vol. 3	Warwick Town Records Collection	Will	1726	Newport	"Copies of Records in Warwick with Some Original Deeds," In a copy of the will of Samuel Cranston, Newport, Cranston divides "his negros" Saul, Kate, Bridgett, Francisco, Tony and Flora leaving them to various family members.
Mss 221 Series 1, Subseries 2: Town Council Records Box 1, Vol. 4, 5, 6	Warwick Town Records Collection	Town Council Meetings	1759-1798	Warwick	Bound volumes I (4), II (5), III (6), African Americans and Native Americans are referenced throughout the proceedings often appearing before the council being indentured into apprenticeships. A partial list includes: Violet, daughter of Julius (I:5) and Jacob Trucks daughter Tim, son of Indian Beth (I:43) Caleb West (I:65) Joseph Cheese, "Indian" (I:65) Sarah Gardner, an "Indian squaw" (I:67) Africa (I:68) Adam (I:74) Pero Cheese, son of Bark (II:23) Thomas Cheese, son of Betham (II: 87-88) Sampson Spywood (II:321) Solon, son of Mary Carder (III:124) David Spencer, son of Sarah Spenser alias Sambo, "blackwoman" (III:331)
Mss 230 Box 1, Folder 6: Jail Book, 1818-1823	Washington County Records Collection	Jail Book	1818-1823	Washington (Kings) County	African Americans committed to the jail include Sharper Bours (July 12, 1819), Ceaser Updike (October 15, 1819) and Cezar Robinson (July 3, 1820) among others.
*Mss 9001-W	Waterman, Capt. John	List of Rateable Estate	24 Sep 1779	Warwick	Lists 5 unnamed enslaved people as part of his estate.
Mss 9001-W John Waterman Jr. (unidentified) Day Book, 1801	Waterman, John Jr.	Account Book	19 Feb 1801	Warwick	Includes daybook accounts with Amos Budlong, Pero Cheese, Ruben Roberts, Boston Talbury, Sam Lockwood, and others.
Mss 9001-W	Waterman, Prince	Papers	1792-1797	Warwick	Lease agreement with Sarah Barton, 1792. Justice of the Peace warrant for Prince Waterman and John Waterman, Jr. concerning a suit by Sarah Barton against the two men, 1793. Deed for a house and land from John Waterman, Jr., 1797.
Microfilm JX 5241 W32 Mss 789	Waterman, Richard Family Papers	Transcripts	1779	Providence	Transcripts of the logs contain a 9/1779 crew list from the sloop <i>Providence</i> including two African Americans-- Pompey Gardner, cook and Primus Green, seaman.
Microfilm JX 5241 W32 Mss 789 Box 1, Folder 22a	Waterman, Richard Family Papers	Memorandum Book	1780	Providence	Contains accounts as physician with "Sampson Indian" and "Margaret Indian" for medical care, pages 75 & 83

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Mss 9001-W Loose vol.	Waterman, William	Account Book	1771-1850	Warwick	Account book entries include Cato Sweet.
Mss 868 Box 2, Folder 22: Travel Diary, 3/1894 Beaufort, SC	Watson Family Papers	Diary	1894	South Carolina	Diary of Cora Stewart Watson, a northern white woman doing Red Cross relief work in Beaufort, South Carolina in 1894. The following are extracts. Travels through coastal South Carolina: "Only once on the way did I see anything that looked like a white settlement, and that at one of the phosphate mines. [3/12/1894, p. 8] Arrived at Mrs. Mather's School in Beaufort, where her mother taught. The school also was involved in relief work for blacks. It was apparently the Yankee author's first visit to the south, which she found unsettling. "Out of any [window] you would look, nothing but ni**ers could be seen - ... - before the day was done I should think there were three hundred or more here for rations and clothes." [3/12/1894, page 13] Detailed accounts of starvation and destitution heard from relief workers [page 15]. "It seems to me the white people in the south do not take a sense of this suffering or they would do more but I suppose they too lost a great deal. . . . There must have been four hundred people here today from every place within a radius of thirty miles. Just think of walking even twenty miles for four quarts of grits and a few pieces of clothes." [p.15] At the school, "quite a new experience for me to have these twenty six colored girls about me and to feel that they look to me as an example." [p.16] Description of the old slave pen in town: "it is built of tabby or cement and oyster shells and so stands as to form the wall on two sides of the yard. The windows are simply holes in the wall fitted with narrow slats to admit as little light and air as possible. And I suppose this is where the poor slaves had to spend the night before they were sold." [p.18] "Little Sarah has been combing my hair and as she twisting it she call to me 'look in de glass Miss Cora see de long cow tail.' She is a perfect little witch and if I was rich and had a place I would take her north." [3/16/1894] There is much more to be found on race relations in this diary.
Mss 9001-W Box 4	Watson, Jeffrey	Diary		South Kingstown [?]	In back of diary, records what appears to be births and deaths of his slaves, as follows: "Jack was born august 1748 Tobe was born now dead Silve was born now dead Siboa was born now dead Choe was born (Dyed april 1780) 1756 Trimus was born February 1758"
Mss 9001-W Box 4	Watson, John	Deed	26 Feb 1737	South Kingston	Deed from John Waterman to his daughter, Dorcas Gardner for "negro woman Bess."
Mss 799 Loose Vol. 5: Samuel Wetmore Ledger, 1813-1822	Wetmore, Samuel Records	Accounts	1813-1822	Middletown, CT	Ledger includes accounts with Cuff Boston, Thomas Lewis, Thomas Negro, Ockroa, Jr., Haniball Scipio, John Stanton, and possibly other African American men.
Mss 155 Box 1, Folder 6	Whaling Company of East Greenwich Papers	Papers	1806-1808	East Greenwich	The names of Ezekiel Pompey and Ceasar Howard appear throughout the papers for the Ship <i>Hudson</i> including in crew lists, shipping papers and accounts.
Mss 9001-W Box 9	Wheeler, Bennett H.	Journal	1806	Providence	1806 transcription of: "A Journal of the most particular Occurrences of the Life of Bennett Wheeler, Esq. September 20, 1776": mentions his gratitude to the old "black" woman Gow, who since married a "black" man in Rehoboth named Christmas. Comments on the equality of "black and white" men.
Mss 9001-W Box 9, Folder 4: William Crawford Estate	Whipple, Joseph	Inventory	5 Aug 1720	Providence	Inventory of the estate of William Crawford lists "3 negros a man a woman and a boy" and "an Indian girl's time."
Mss 9001-W Box 9	Whipple, Oliver	Correspondence	3 Nov 1777	Portsmouth	Letter from Oliver Whipple to Major Samuel White concerns John Nelson's slave Primus. "...Mr. Nelson told him, if said Primus cou'd get enough to pay him, he shou'd be free; but avarice has got so strong Possession of Mr. Nelson that I fear he will violate his Word with the said Primus, & turn his promised freedom into dispairing Slavery."

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Microfilm E 445 .R4 Part 2, Reed 12 Mss 9001-W Box 9	Whitting, Nathaniel B. and Roby	Records	1773, 1774		Folder 1: includes several documents from a slaving voyage along the coast of Africa in 1773 and 1774, including an agreement with a local governor to deliver enslaved people, accounts with several merchants, and a list of enslaved people taken. These are unusually explicit descriptions of slaving voyages. Whitting sailed as a first mate on the journey and became master after the death of Captain Thomas Rogers. Folder 2: a file on difficulties with a young enslaved person named Fantee in 1783. Fantee was leased to Edward Jones of Providence, did not work to Jones' satisfaction, was accused repeatedly of stealing, escaped, was recaptured, was imprisoned and then returned to the widow Roby Whitting. She immediately entrusted him with Captain Isaac Gorham to sell as a field hand in the West Indies. On the journey, however, Gorham's ship was captured by a British war ship, and Fantee was confiscated as contraband.
Mss 9001-W Box 13, Folder 2: Misc. Papers	Wickes, John	Inventory	21 Jan 1741/2	Warwick	Inventory purchased from Wickes' estate includes Phillip, Peggy, Saul, a child, and an "Indian" man named Tom.
Mss 9001-W Box 13	Wickes, Sarah	Inventory	31 Jan 1753	Warwick	Inventory includes "one Neagro woman named Judah" (p.2).
Mss 804 Vol. 1 Ledger, 1809-1818	Wilbour, Peleg Account Books	Ledger	1809-1813	Warwick	Accounts include Pero Cheese (p. 63) and Mary Vaughn (p.79).
Mss 9001-W Box 15	Willett, Andrew	Inventory	22 Apr 1712	North Kingston	Inventory of the estate of Capt. Andrew Willett includes unnamed African American women and men.
Mss 808 Folder 45	Williams, Roger Collection	Sale	16 Aug 1676	Providence	Sale of Native American Captives following King Philip's War. <i><u>DIGITIZED</u></i>
Mss 9001-W Box 16	Wire, Tone	Warrant	1729-1730	Providence	Warrant for the arrest of Tone Wire for breach of promise to Danas Negro of Providence.
Mss 9001-W Box 16	Wodel, William Jr.	Examination	n.d.	Tiverton	Appointment of Oliver Cook and William Wodel by the Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Tiverton "to goe to Joseph Wodel a negro man & Inquire into his poor Case & Condition...."
*Mss 816	Woods, Alva Family Papers	Correspondence	1870	unknown	Correspondence from Anne Brown Francis Woods to her daughter Abby Francis Woods Abbott regarding a love affair between a white woman and an African American servant named William.
Mss 816 Series 1: Correspondence, Box 2, Folder 178: Almira Woods to Alva Woods - 21 June 1830	Woods, Alva Family Papers	Diary	1830	Kentucky and Alabama	Diary of "Journey from Lexington Ky (May 3, 1830) and arriving Boston (1st week of June 1830) attached to a letter written from Almira to Alva Woods. Includes: anecdotes about Native Americans [5/4/1830]; "kind interference of a blacky" [1830];
Mss 816 Series 1: Correspondence, Box 10, Folder 890: E.B. Teague to Alva Woods - 31 Oct 1870	Woods, Alva Family Papers	Correspondence	31 Oct 1870	unknown	E.B. Teague to Alva woods discussing the religious and political situation of the southern "Negroes".
Mss 816 Series 3: Diaries, Box 11 Folder 4: Almira M. Woods	Woods, Alva Family Papers	Diary	1831	Kentucky and Alabama	Diary, Lexington Ky. to Tuscaloosa, Ala.: anecdote about Native Americans' aversion to red hair [3/10/1831]; sympathetic encounter with "a lot of negroes stowed away for the southern market" [3/11/1831]; encounter with Chickasaws and slave ship [3/12/1831?]. Large party of Choctaws [3/18/1831?].
Mss 816 Series 3: Diaries, Box 11 Folder 4: Almira M. Woods	Woods, Alva Family Papers	Diary	1833	Kentucky and Alabama	Diary, Trip through Northern Alabama: Frequent discussion of African Americans in 1833 diary, including list of enslaved people and cotton picked by each on Mr. Jarman's plantation in Franklin County, Ala.
Mss 1000 Box 1	WPRI-TV Records	License Renewal	1969	Providence	Application packet with an eight-page report on "Station Activities that Pertain to the Needs and Interests of Black Citizens" as well as other documentation of community involvement