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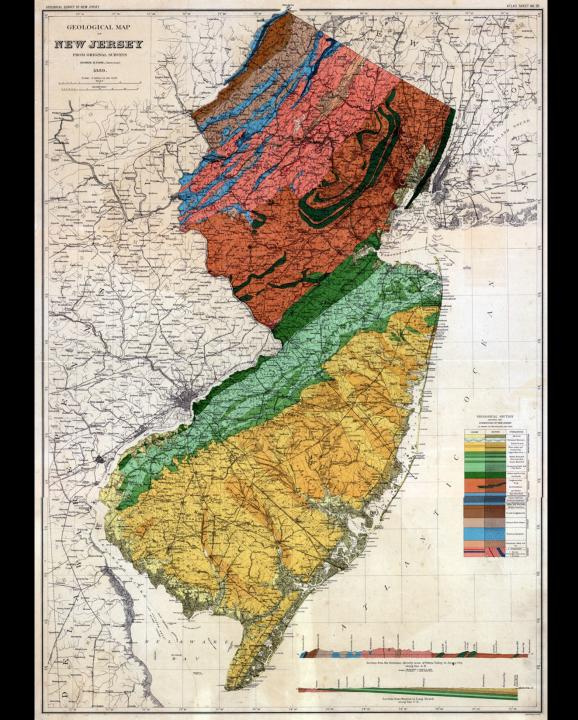
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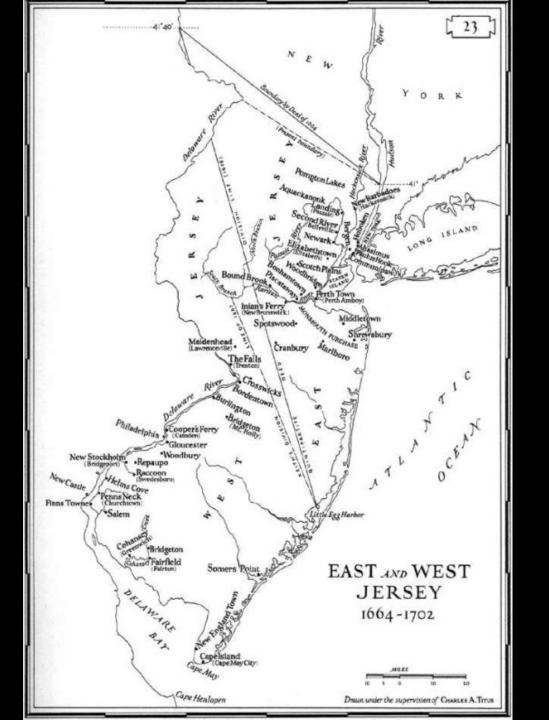
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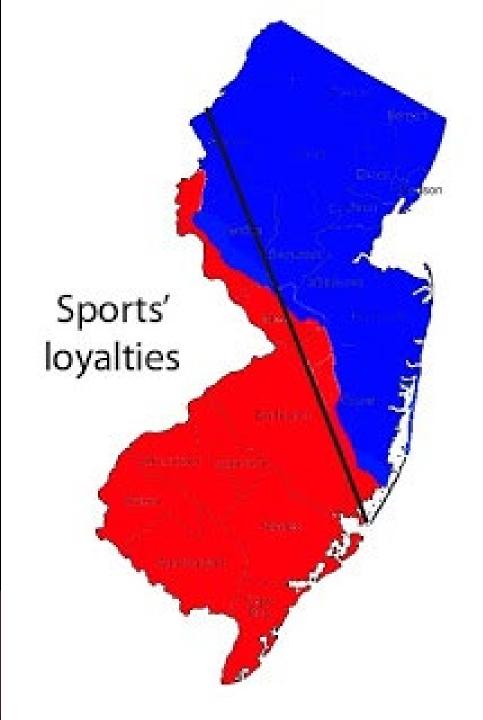
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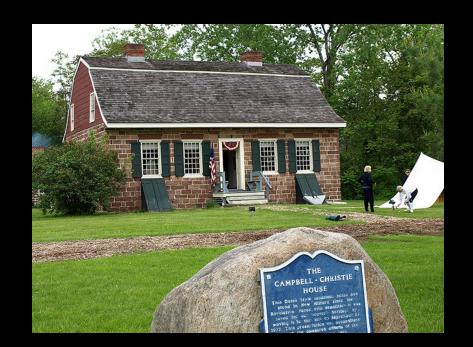


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Colonial New Jersey

- Primarily Agricultural and Rural
- Small Industries: Mills, Ironworks, Glassworks
- Religious Diversity: Quaker, Baptist, Presbyterian, Dutch Reformed, Moravians
- Ethnic Diversity: Dutch, English, Scottish, Swedish, German
- Distinct Regional Cultures
- Enslaved People Present from Colony's Inception









Timeline

- 1620s Fort Nassau on the Delaware
- 1640s Pavonia/Jersey City
- 1664 Concessions and Agreement, offered additional land to settlers who brought enslaved people with them (60 acres per person)
- Most enslaved people came from the West Indies, and West Africa
- 1704 "Slave Code" Prohibited owning property by enslaved or free African Americans.

Settlement Schemes Encouraged Slavery

- Enslaved people were indispensable for constructing houses and clearing the land
- Enslaved people played a key role in the region's economy
- African Americans and Native Americans were Enslaved

Key Locales

 Enslaved people were sold in Perth Amboy and Camden





"TO BE SOLD,

On board the Schooner 'Hannah,' lying in the River Delaware, very near Mr. Daniel Cooper's Ferry, West Jersey, opposite the City of Philadelphia, A Cargo of likely Negroes, just imported in said Schooner, directly from the Coast of Guinea."

(From The Pennsylvania Journal, May 27, 1762)

"Just imported from the River Gambia, in the Schooner 'Sally' Barnard Badger, Master, and to be sold at the Upper-Ferry (called Benjamin Cooper's Ferry), opposite to this City, a Parcel of likely Men and Women Slaves, with some Boys and Girls of different Ages."

(From The Pennsylvania Gazette, August 19, 1762)

Popaw

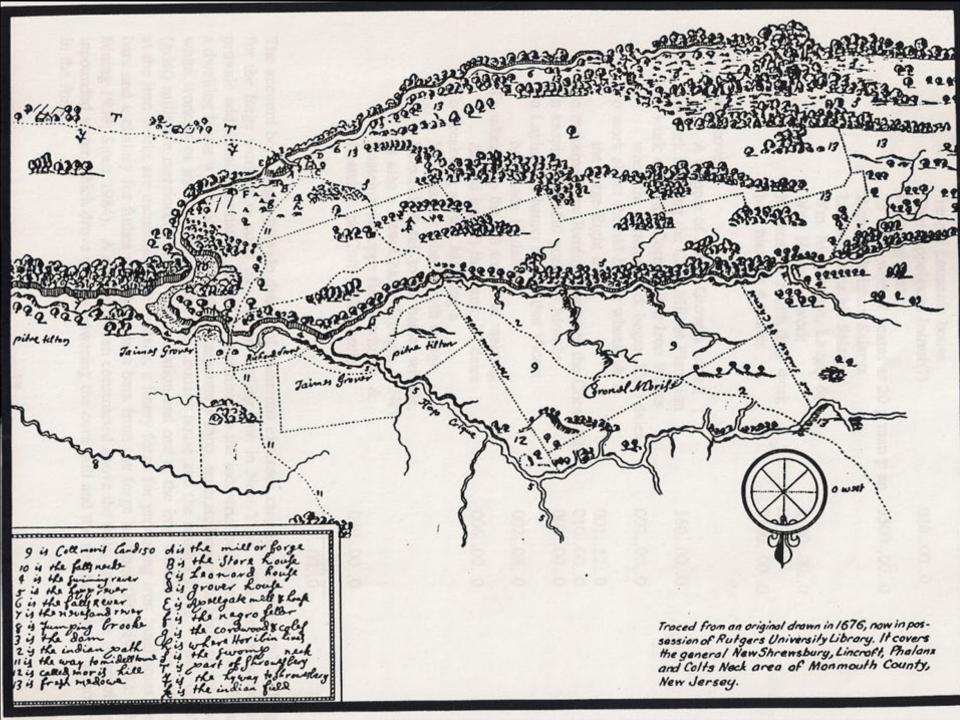
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Tinton Falls

- Lewis Morris' had approximately 70 slaves on his Tinton Falls plantation
- He also employed free whites, indentured whites, and Indians

Tinton Falls Ironworks









Slave Conspiracies

- 1695, Passage Point, Jeremy and Agbee
- 1734, Somerville
- 1741, Hackensack
- 1772, Perth Amboy
- 1779, Elizabethtown

Characteristics of Slavery

- Slaves were treated as property
- Exceedingly harsh laws governed behavior
- They could be sold from their families
- They could be willed
- They could not be citizens
- They could not buy alcohol
- They could not travel more than five miles from home

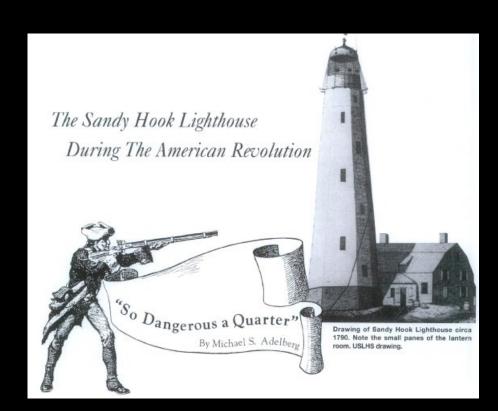
Holidays and Religion

- Dutch Reformed Church was conflicted over slave holding
- Anglicans attempted to convert slaves and Native Americans to Christianity
- Quakers advocated freeing slaves
- Traditional Afro-Caribbean religious belief systems persisted
- Pinkster was celebrated

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The American Revolution

Colonel Tye (Titus Corlies)





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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

OF THE STATE OF

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Establishment of the present Government, and Declaration of Independence, to the End of the first SITTING of the eighth SESSION, on the 24th Day of December, 1783; WITH THE CONSTITUTION PREFIXED.

To which is annexed,

An APPENDIX, containing the Articles of Confederation of the UNITED STATES, &c.

WITH TWO ALPHABETICAL TABLES AND AN INDEX.

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Small Farm Slavery

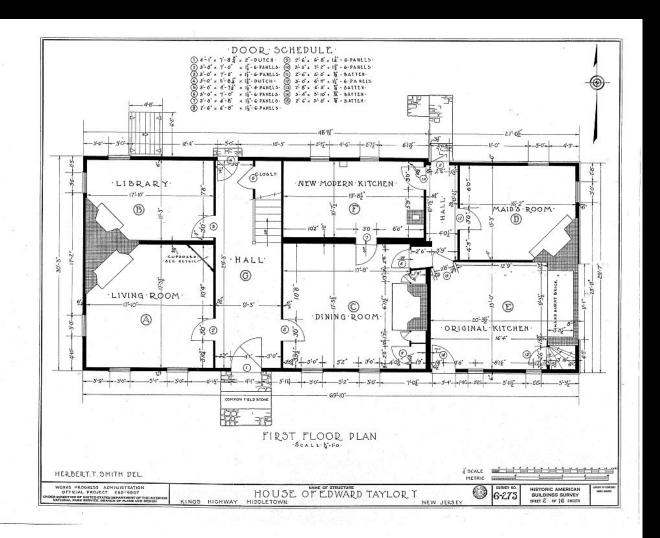
- By the 18th century there was a substantial African American population
- Most individuals lived on small farms of 50-400 acres
- Some individuals were highly skilled
- They often lived in the same houses as enslavers
- They resisted slavery, overtly and covertly

The Staats House, South Bound Brook



Marlpit Hall, Middletown





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Isabella Wallace with her son John and daughter Mary Etta posed on 12 August 1889 in the service courtyard at Orchard Home. One of ten images of Wallace family members taken. Edward Taylor photograph. Taylor Family Papers.



Mary Holmes Taylor II in her wheelchair, accompanied by daughter Mary Holmes Taylor III on the left. The chair is being pushed by John Wallace, with his wife Isabella standing behind. At the right is an unidentified servant. Photograph taken on 17 September 1892 by Edward Taylor.

Taylor Family Papers.

Gradual Emancipation Act of 1804

- Any children born of enslaved parents after July 4, 1804, freed after serving an apprenticeship to their mother's owner.
- Women freed at 21
- Males freed at 25
- Individuals born before 1804 might not be freed and could remains "apprentices for life"
- 18 such apprentices in 1860
- Thirteenth Amendment in 1865 ended slavery in New Jersey.

AN ACT

For the Gradual Abolition of Slavery.

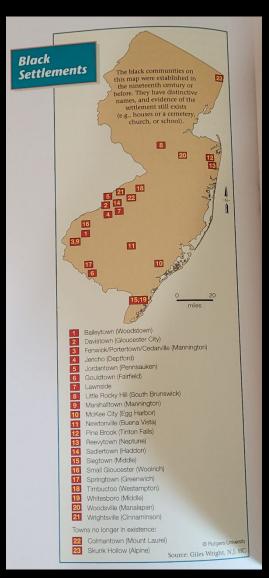
SEC. 1. BE it enacted by the Council and General Assembly of this State, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That every child born of a slave within this state, after the fourth day of July next, shall be free; but shall remain the servant of the owner of his or her mother, and the executors, administrators or assigns of such owner, in the same manner as if such child had been bound to service by the trustees or overseers of the poor, and shall continue in such service, if a male, until the age of twenty-five years, and if a female until the age of twenty-one years.

2. And be it enacted, That every person being an inhabitant of this state, who shall be entitled to the service of a child born as aforesaid, after the said fourth day of July next, shall within nine months after the birth of such child, cause to be delivered to the clerk of the county whereof such person shall be an inhabitant, a certificate in writing, containing the name and addition of such person, and the name, age, and sex of the child so born; which certificate, whether the same be delivered before or after the said nine months, shall be by the said clerk recorded in a book to be by him provided for that purpose; and such record thereof shall be good evidence of the age of such child; and the clerk of such county shall receive from said person twelve cents for every child so registered: and if any person shall neglect to deliver such certificate to the said clerk within said nine months, such person shall forfeit and pay for every such offence, five dollars, and the further sum of one dollar for every month such person shall neglect to deliver the same, to be sued for and recovered by any person who will sue for the same, the one half to the use of such prosecutor, and the residue to the use of the poor of the township in which such delinquent shall reside.

3. And be it enacted, That the person entitled to the service of any child born as aforesaid, may, nevertheless within one year after the birth of such child, elect to abandon such right; in which case a notification of such abandonment, under the hand of such person, shall be filed with the clerk of the township, or where there may be a county poor-house established, then with the clerk of the board of trustees of said poor-house of the county in which such person shall reside; but every child so abandoned shall be maintained by such person until such child arrives to the age of one year, and thereafter shall be considered as a pauper of such township or county, and liable to be bound out by the trustees or overseers of the poor in the same manner as other poor children are directed to be bound out, until, if a male, the age of twenty-five, and if a female, the age of twenty-one; and such child, while such pauper, until it shall be bound out, shall be maintained by the trustees or overseers of the poor of such county or township, as the case may be, at the expence of this state; and for that purpose the director of the board of chosen freeholders of the county is hereby required, from time to time, to draw his warrant on the treasurer in favor of such trustees or overseers for the amount of such expence, not exceeding the rate of three dollars per month; provided the accounts for the same be first certified and approved by such board of trustees, or the town committee of such township; and every person who shall omit to notify such abandonment as aforesaid, shall be considered as having elected to retain the service of such child, and be liable for its maintenance until the period to which its servitude is limited as aforesaid.

A. Passed at Trenton, Feb. 15, 1804.

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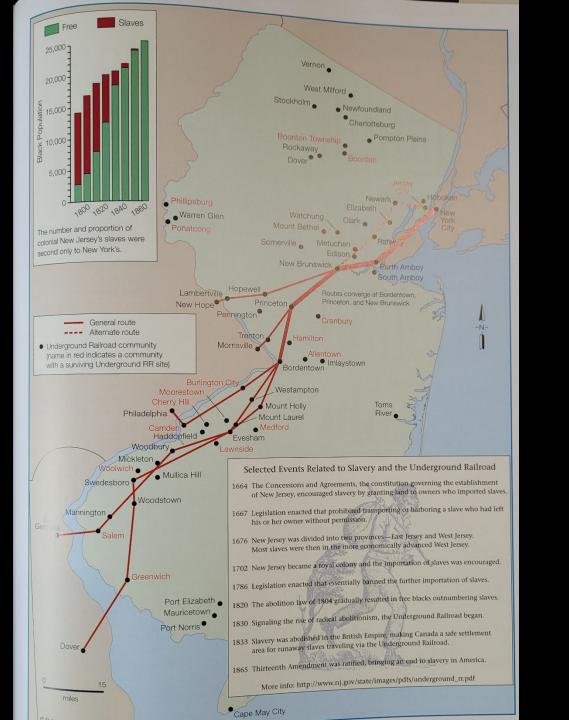




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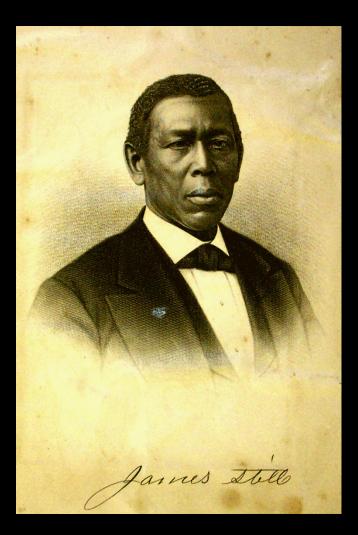
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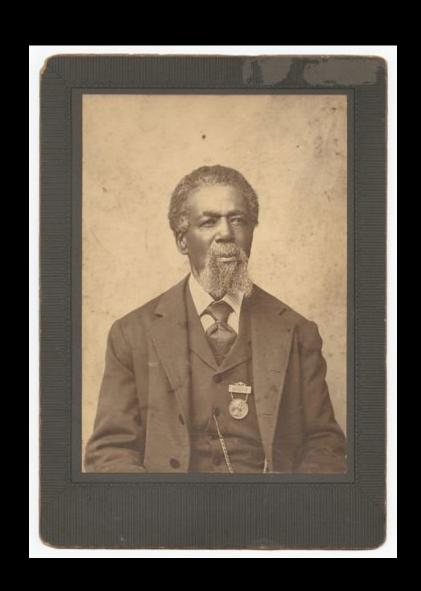


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