

Timeline of slavery

16TH CENTURY



Print from Stedman's book.

1502

First enslaved Africans in the Americas.

17TH CENTURY

1655

England seizes Jamaica from Spain.

1672

The Royal African Company is formed to regulate the English slave trade.

1698

Royal African Company monopoly is ended. The slave trade is opened officially to private traders.

18TH CENTURY

1720

The South Sea Bubble: South Sea Company share prices become enormously inflated before collapsing in September, resulting in a stock market crash.



Thomas Clarkson.

1730-1739

First Maroon War in Jamaica. British agree a treaty with the Maroon leader Cudjoe in 1739.

1759

William Wilberforce, the abolitionist, is born in Hull.

1760

Slave rebellion in Jamaica led by Tacky.

1772

The Somerset case in London. Chief Justice Lord Mansfield rules that enslaved people in England cannot be forced to return to the West Indies.

1786

Thomas Clarkson's 'An essay on the slavery and commerce of the human species' is published and makes an immediate impact.

1787

The Society for the Abolition of the Slave Trade is founded.



The Brookes ship.

1788

In response to growing concern about conditions in the 'Middle Passage' the Dolben Act limits the number of enslaved people a ship is permitted to carry. Even with these restrictions, conditions remain dreadful.

1790

William Wilberforce presents the first abolition bill to the House of Commons, but it does not pass.



William Wilberforce

1795-96

Second Maroon War in Jamaica, ending in defeat for the Maroons.



Trelawney Town, chief residence of the Maroons.

19th CENTURY

1802

First West India dock opens.

1808

The British West Africa Squadron is established at Sierra Leone to suppress any illegal slave trading by British citizens. Between 1810-65, nearly 150,000 people are freed by anti-slavery squadrons.



HM Brig Acorn, 16 guns, in chase of the piratical slaver Gabriel.

1817

Slave Registration Act forces all slave owners to provide a list of all the enslaved people they own every two years.

1823

Anti-Slavery Committee formed in London to campaign for total abolition of slavery.

1831

Major slave revolt called 'The Baptists' War' breaks out in Jamaica, led by Baptist preacher Sam Sharpe, and is brutally suppressed.



Kingston and Port Royal, Jamaica.

1833

Abolition of Slavery Act – Britain abolishes slavery and provides for the emancipation of enslaved people in the British West Indies, to take effect in August 1834. The Act declares that the former enslaved people must serve a period of apprenticeship before receiving full emancipation. Originally this period was set at six years, but it was later reduced to four.



Plate commemorating the abolition of the slave trade.

1838

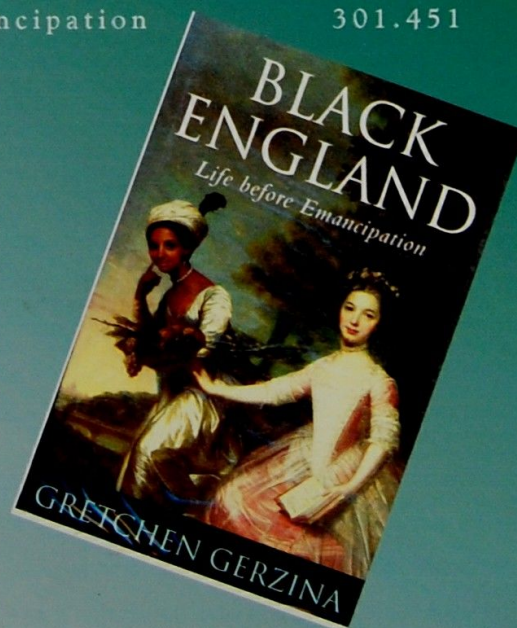
Emancipation of enslaved people in British territories. Colonial assemblies pass laws against vagrancy and squatting to support the planters' interests.

1865

The largest and most famous uprising by black Jamaicans. In a riot in Morant Bay the crowd attacks the police station and the local militia killing 17 Europeans and wounding 32. Over a few days a number of plantations are also attacked. The authorities react violently and declare martial law. The ringleaders are executed and around 400 blacks are killed.

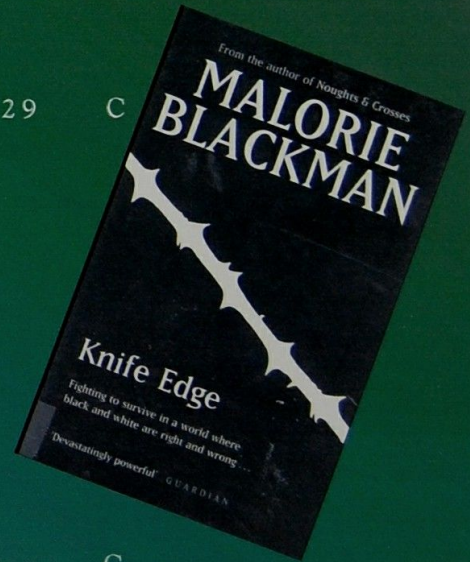
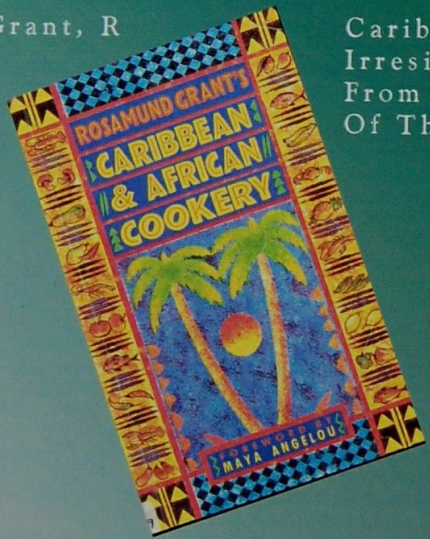
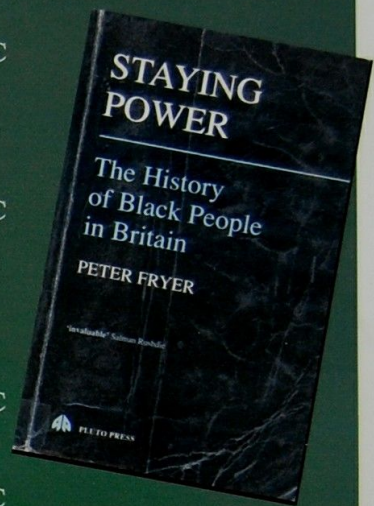
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BLACK HISTORY WEB SITES

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A JAMAICAN PLANTATION VILLAGE PRE - 1843



TYPICAL VIEWS OF JAMAICA PRE - 1834



WOMEN'S DRESS PRE - 1843 JAMAICA



[Female Negro Peasant in her Sunday and Working Dress.]

THE CROSSLEY COLLECTION.

This collection was donated to Barnsley Archives and Local Studies by Fairfield and Nicholls Solicitors of Warminster in 1994.

The family originated from the Penistone area and held land in Penistone and Barnsley as well as other areas of Yorkshire such as Hull and Leeds. Benjamin Crossley the eldest son became a magistrate and official receiver on the Caribbean Island of Jamaica and such owned at least 3 plantations that we know of.

When the collection arrived in the department it was catalogued and some of the documents were conserved and repaired this is when the slave deeds were discovered, the deeds are a extremely important part of Black Caribbean History as they help reveal further information about life in Jamaica in the early 1800's.

As many people are using such documents to help them trace their family origins we felt it was an appropriate time to publicise these documents in Black History Month.

THE
CROSSLEY FAMILY
TREE



Issac Crossley
M Sarah Marsden

4th May
1769

Luke Thomas Crossley
Baptised in Penistone 1783
Married
Anna Maria Featherstone
18th October 1824 in
Wakefield

Benjamin Crossley
Baptised 19th May 1774 Ann
Baptised 25th March 1770

John Thomas William
(Natural children to Elizabeth)
A free woman of colour



Rev Thomas Benjamin Sarah Ann Fanny Anna Maria Elizabeth Jane Ellen

An example of a family history researched using the archives resources.

Benjamin and Luke Thomas Crossley were born in Penistone in the late 1700's. Their parents were Isaac and Sarah Crossley nee Marsden. Benjamin was the oldest child and somehow made his way to Jamaica where he became a magistrate and an official receiver. This meant that he was in charge of any business that became bankrupt or property that was in dispute due to legal actions. Little did he know that his own estates would be the subject of a bitter family feud after his brother's death.

Benjamin died in 1822 in Jamaica and his will makes an interesting reading. He leaves all his property and goods to his brother. He also acknowledges 3 natural children to Elizabeth a free woman of colour and leaves instructions that the 3 boys be sent to England to be educated and trained in a profession or trade of their choice. We have no idea whether this ever happened but there is no mention of them in Luke Thomas's will when he died in 1857. Benjamin also stipulated in his will that the estates were not to be sold until at least 3 years after his death in fact they were not sold until Luke died. By this time slavery had ended in Jamaica and Luke's son Benjamin was farming the land.

In Luke's will he stipulated that all his property had to be sold and the money put into a general purpose fund for all his children. This included Bullhouse Mill at Thurlstone and property in Leeds and Hull. It appears that Benjamin junior was not happy at the thought of losing the estates in Jamaica and a long court battle ensued between his brothers and sisters and himself. He appears to have won because the name Crossley still appears in the records of landowners in 1900.

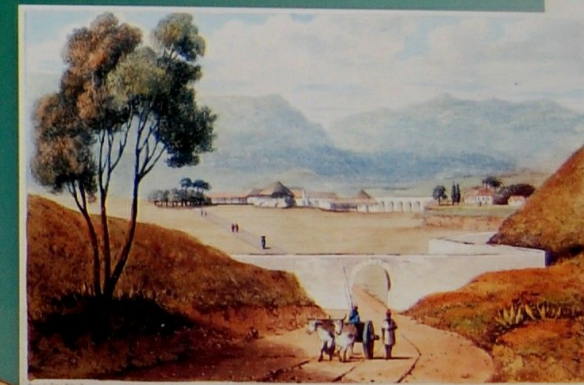
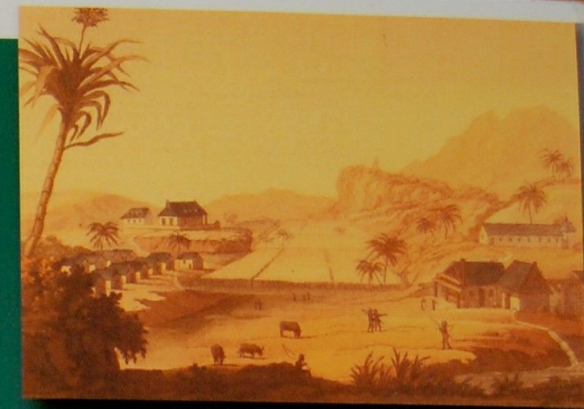
Will of Benjamin Crossley Esq. deceased
The 10th day of October 1822

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Recapitulation
 Isaac — 11
 Vincent — 21
 White River — 27
 Old to New River — 2
 Negroes for 500 — 3
 Total 61

A document relating to a gift of negroes bought from William Dormer 6th October 1823

A deed of sale to buy slaves made out to Benjamin Crossley.

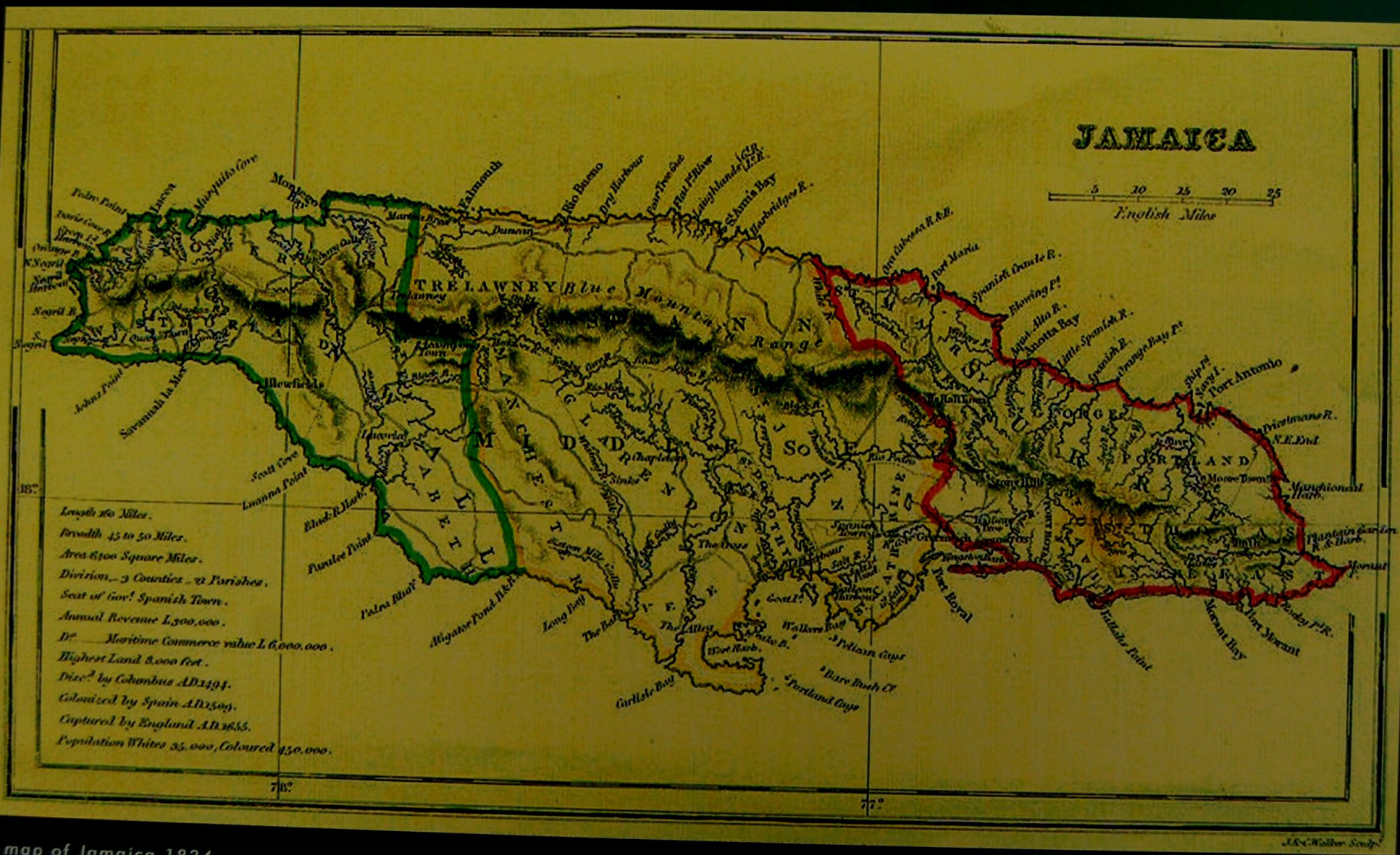


White Estate, Jamaica



Some early paintings of plantations in Jamaica.

Benjamin Crossley had 3 estates in Jamaica Lenox, Kendal and White River.
 He lived around an area called Buff Bay which is situated roughly near Annota Bay which
 was renamed after the major slave revolt in 1831 known as the "The Baptists' Wars."



A map of Jamaica 1834

J.S.C. Walker Sculp^t

Buff Bay, Saint George 19th May 1815

Benjamin Crossley Esquire

Bought of Robert William Sutherland
CC at Public Sale

A Negro woman slave named Ellen, and
one other Negro woman slave named
Molly, and her three children viz
Grace, Rachel, and Kitty levied on
for taxes due by Biram Plantation
and sold at Public Auction for the
sum of Three Hundred and Ninety
seven pounds fifteen shillings — £397.15
at same time received payment

RW Sutherland. C. C.

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St George } P

Personally appeared before me this
Twenty sixth day of May 1815 the above named Robert
William Sutherland, who acknowledged the above
sale and receipt to be just and true, and the
signature thereto to be his proper name and hand
writing with the Letters CC thereunto annexed

M. Campbell

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Know all Men by these presents That I Eliza Ann Morrison Esq of the
Parish of Saint George in the County of Surry and Island aforesaid Spinster for
and in consideration of the Sum of One hundred and Fifty Pounds current
Money of Jamaica to me in hand paid at or before the en sealing and delivery
of these presents by Benjamin Crossley of the said Parish County and Island
aforesaid Esquire the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and
sold and by these presents doth bargain sell and deliver unto the said
Benjamin Crossley a certain Negro Woman Slave named Daphne To have and
to hold the said Negro Woman Slave named Daphne together with her future Issue
Offspring and Increase unto the said Benjamin Crossley his heirs Executors
administrators and assigns to him and their only proper use benefit and
behoof for ever And she the said Eliza Ann Morrison Esq her Executors and
Administrators the said bargained premises unto the said Benjamin Crossley his
Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns from and against all persons shall and
will warrant and for ever defend by these presents In Witness whereof I have
hereunto set my hand and Seal Dated in Saint Georges this fifteenth day
of November in the Fifty sixth year of his Majesty's Reign And in the year of
Our Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixteen. — Eliza Ann Morrison Esq

Signed Sealed and
delivered in the presence of

Jamaica Is

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utors and administrators and assigns to him and
their only proper use and benefit and behoof for
ever. And she the said Eliza Ann Morrison Ross
her executors and administrators the said
bargained premises unto the said Benjamin
Crossley his heirs executors administrators and
assigns from and against all persons all persons
shall and will warrant and for ever defend by
these presents. In witness whereof I have here-
unto set my hand and seal. Dated in St Georges
this Fifteenth day of November in the Fifty
Sixth year of his Majesty's Reign and in the
year of our Lord One Thousand Eight
Hundred and Sixteen

Know all men by these present that Richard Kildare of the City and Parish of Kingston in the County of Surry and the Island of Jamaica aforesaid a free black man and Johannah his wife

For and in consideration of the sum of eighty seven pounds current money of Jamaica to them in hand paid at or before the sealing or delivery of these presents do bargain sell and deliver unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler of the Parish of Saint George the County and Island aforesaid a free black women the receipt whereof they do? acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these present do bargain sell and deliver unto said Elizabeth Wheeler her heirs executors administrators and assigns a certain Negro women slave named Christmas together with the future issue offspring and increase of the said slave

To have and to hold the said Negro women here named Christmas together with the future issue offspring and increase of the said slave

Unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler her Heirs, Administrators and assigns to her and their only proper use and behoof for ever.

And they the said Richard Kildare and Johannah his wife and their respective Executors and Administrators the said bargained premises unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler her heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns from and against all persons shall and will warrant and for ever defend these presents. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their several and respective hand and seal Dated at Kingstone on the Twenty Sixth Year of his Majesties Reign and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen

JAMAICA. ss.

Know all Men, by these presents, That

Richard Kildare of the City and parish of Kingston in the County of Surry and Island aforesaid a free black Man. and Hannah his wife

For and in consideration of the sum of Eighty seven pounds current Money of

Jamaica, to ^{some of them} them in hand paid, at or before the sealing and delivery of these presents by Elizabeth Wheeler of the parish of Saint George in the County and Island aforesaid a free black woman the receipt whereof they do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold, and by these presents do bargain, sell, and deliver unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler her Heirs Executors Administrators and assigns a certain Negro woman slave named Christmas together with the future issue offspring and Increase of the said slave

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Negro woman here named Christmas together with the future issue offspring and Increase of the said slave

unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler her Heirs

Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, to her and their only proper use and behoof for ever. And they the said Richard Kildare and Hannah his wife and their respective

Executors and Administrators, the said bargained premises unto the said Elizabeth Wheeler her Heirs

Executors, Administrators, and Assigns, from and against all persons, shall and will warrant and for ever defend by these presents. In witness whereof they have hereunto set their several and respective hand and seal. Dated at Kingston in the Twenty sixth day of September in the fifty sixth year of his Majesty's Reign, and in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Sixteen

Signed, sealed, and delivered, } Richard Kildare
in the presence of } Hannah his wife

Johanna her
Kildare
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Venditioni Returnable February Grand Court 1821

Gerard John G Vs Walter Pollock St Mary

Portmain December 12th 1820

Benjamin Crossley Esq

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£1066

Received payment in full

J Townson DM

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Warranted Registered in St Mary in 1817 and 1820 by Walter Pollock

William Davall

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