

1687-1787. Slave Life at Lloyd Manor

Excerpts from letters, ledgers and correspondence with the Lloyd family with references to slaves Source: Papers of the Lloyd Family of the Manor of Queens Village, Lloyd's Neck, Long Island, NY, 1654-1826 (The New York Historical Society, Collections 1927)

In 1685, James Lloyd of Boston purchased a peninsula on the north shore of Long Island that is still known as Lloyd's Neck. A royal land grant made his property the Lordship and Manor of Queens Village. His son, Henry Lloyd, inherited the land and constructed the first manor house. In 1763, Henry's sons, Henry, John, Joseph and James, inherited the estate.

1687. By Mr. Arnolds Deed of Sale for Negros (September 20, 1687)

Tomeo Pounds 16: 00: 0

Gyon 22: 00: 0

Tony 20: 00: 0

Opium 25: 00: 0

Pounds 83: 00: 00

Thus settled with Isa, Arnold & Brothers att Shelter Island

1709. From John Nelson to Henry Lloyd (January 31, 1709)

Mr Henry Loyd Sir: Your negro Obium has been retarded partly by reason of the weather & partly for that I was willing that he should be returned to you reasonably cloathed &c he seems to be something unwilling to part with us, but as it is in a manner the same familie I tell him that upon his future good behaviour he may be assured of as good treatment. he promisses his best Endeavors for your Service &c. I have thought good to give you an account of what Obium brings with him for feare of Other disposalls A Great Coate, Double brested Jackett, & a Coate, new and all lined: 2 pr Cloth Britches; 5 Shirtes, of which by reason of not haveing them with him may want mending, 2 pr Stockings, he should have had new shoes, but can not immediately procure them soe defer that upon his comeing to you, lett him be furnished on my account, for which I will repay you. You know how to deal with him. by praising or speaking well of him you may doe with him as you please Yett not trust him too much. pray Give my respects & service [to your un]cle & Ant Brinkley &c [Addressed:] To Mr. Henry Lloyd

1725. From Edward Antill to Henry Lloyd (October 5, 1725)

The Letter wherein You thought it not proper that Aurelia should be Hyred under Nine Pounds per Annum, is the reason that she is not yet Disposed of & I believe will not till she be let at a lower rate. I had once hyred her out for Eight pounds upon liking, but upon receipt of Your letter took her home again.

1725. From Henry Lloyd to Mrs. Smith

I just now received a letter from Mr. Antill by which I find Aurelia is with you in order to be forwarded to me, but that she is obstinate in refusing to come. I am to well used to Negroes resolutions to have any regard to them. What I aim at is the compliance with my Sister Lloyds desire & interest. I have no business for her & had much rather she were hyred out in the City & shall be much oblinded to you if you'l please to contribute towards hyreing her into some good family on as good terms as you can which will be most for my Sisters intrest & by far more agreeable to me than to have her with me. On the Bearers returne I expect to hear further in the mean time If she remains as she is it may be as Well. I have given you the trouble of this Supposing Mr Antill in the Country to whom with his Lady please to give my humble Service & accept the same from
Madam Your H[umble] S[ervant] H Lloyd

1725/26. From Paschal Nelson to Henry Lloyd

Dear Brother: This is wrote in behalf of your Sister Lloyd who has received yours, which was inclosed to me, by the Beaver. She now Sends you a Letter of Attorney that you may solely manage her Affairs in New York and not let them be under the direction of so many persons. And as she takes notice of what you write concerning her Negroes, that the People to whom they are hired out bring the Charges for their Clothing upon a par with their Wages, so she also fears the familiar Management and Carriage wherewith such servants are treated amongst the Dutch will spoil them, She desireth You would take them all home to your house where she hopes their Work will compensate for their Maintenance and if it over doth she had rather you, than any other should have some Advantage by them, seeing none will accrue to her by their hire; And she desires you to keep them there with you till you hear farther from her or see her again, for she intends if she can in any manner get her Brother Col: Ely's consent, to return to those parts again. But the Negro Man Jack who is a Butcher is to remain in York as he is now, that is to pay his Mistress 12L per annum and find himself in all things. February, 1725/6

1729. Account Of Administration of Joseph Lloyd's Estate by Henry Lloyd (September 3, 1729)

To Col Luring & Mr Harrison Apprizers appointed by the Government for prizeing the Negros 2-1/2 per cent	3 pounds
By Henry Lane Negro Phillis sold him for	40 pounds
By Aurelia & her Child & Maria delivered Mr. Lane on his note to pay me the ballance on this account by order of my Brother Lloyds Widow	106 pounds
Note. Phillis I sold to Mr. Lane for 40 pounds on promise if Mrs Lloyd would pay the same she should be returned to Her and she was returned with the two other women & Child she haveing sent wherewith to pay for them for which I had Mr. Lanes note as above. The inventory was One Negro Woman Phillis. One Negro woman (& Child) 25 year old One Ditto Maria 18 year old as apprizd by Messrs Lurting & Harrison	35 pounds 40 pounds 45 pounds 120 pounds

1730. From Dr. George Muirson to Henry Lloyd (May 19, 1730)

Sir: I'm Inform'd by Mr Lloyd Jupiter is afflicted with Pains in his Leggs, Knees, and Thighs, ascending to his Bowels, which In my Esteem is a Gouty Rumatick Disorder to releave which, and Prevent the Impending Danger (As You Observe) of It's Getting Up to his stomach, Desire the following Directions may be Used. In the first Place Give one of the Purges, In the morning fasting, and att night one of the boluses, the next day take away about 12 or 14 ounces of blood (not withstanding he loost blood in the winter) from the foot will be the most Serviseable, a day or two after as You find his Strength will bear It, Give the Other Purge, and bolus Att night. On those Days he doth not purge, and Bleed, Give one of the powders In the morning and another in the Evening, mixt In some Diet Drink made with Equal Parts of Horse Redish Roots, the Bark of Elder Roots Pine Budds, or the Second Bark, wood or Toad Sorrel, make it Strong with the Ingredient; and Lett him Drink Constanly of It, for a month, or Six weeks and then the Remainder of the Summer let him have milch whey to drink. he must live a Thin Spare Diet, abstaining from meat att nights all Spirituous Liquors, Salt, pepper, and Vinegar. have sent some oyntment to be Used as he did the former, which with my Affectionate Regards to My Uncle and Aunt, best Respects to All your good family Remaines me. Your Most humble and Obedient Servant

1730. From Henry Lloyd to Henry Lane

Sir: I received by Col. Smith the fourty pounds for Phillis in part of which is 20 ounces silver at 8/9 per oz. which I suppose will not be received at that rate for payment of any Sum Due on bond, and shall not doubt on its being refused you will change it. I have not paid Beekman anything he absolutely refusing to any, till he can have all together. The principal occasion of this is to inform you that since my being in New York I received a Letter from my Sister Lloyd (now Minzies) in answer to one I wrote her acquainting her with Beekmans resolutions and the Methods I should be oblidged to take wherein she expresses a high resentment at the mention of selling the Negros and says will have them again if it cost

her ten times the value, but withall says her Brother and Sister Orgil will be in York in May or June. as I am willing to do every thing consisting with my safety I have Deferred proceeding any further on sale of the Negros since she tells me by them the money shall without fail be paid. I immediately acquainted Beekman with this and desired he would wait June out which He consents to, my letter having reached the day Aurelia was to be Exposed to sale at Vandue. I have been the more perticular in this affair because I would intreat the favour that on Mr Orgil's arrival as you happen to meet with him you'l please acquaint him therewith and that as soon as my affairs will permit after notice of his arrival I will see him in York. I am with due respect Sir.

1730. Appraisal of Joseph Lloyd's Slaves

Appraisement of Three Negro Women & I Negro Child belonging to the estate of the Late Deceas'd Mr Joseph Lloyd, taken in New York the 13th of August 1730. by Order of Mr Henry Lloyd Administrator to said Estate.

One Negro Woman called Phillis aged about 50 years 35 pounds
One Negro Woman called Aurelia about 25 & a Child 15 Months 40 pounds
One Negro Woman Called Marea about 18 years 45 pounds
Total: 120 pounds
Appraised by us ROB LURTING FRA HARISON

1746. From William Henry Smith to Henry Lloyd (April 14, 1746)

I have taken a great deal of pains to buy a good Slave but Cannot get one. If you or Mr Woolsey could recommend any one to me I should take it as a great Favour and will come and buy him as soon as I hear of any one to be sold

1746. From John Lloyd to Henry Lloyd (October 16, 1746)

If it is not asking more then becomes me, If you should sell after my Brother [Henry] Lloyd is served I Desire I may be the next purchaser of one of your Negro men.

1755. Rev. Benjamin Woolsey's Will (April 20, 1755)

After just Debts & funeral Expences are paid and Discharged I Give Bequeath and Dispose of in Manner and form following. Imprimis I give & Bequeath unto my Two sons Melancthon Taylor Woolsey and Benjamin Woolsey all my Wearing Apparel & all my farming Implements to Be Equally Divided between them; I also Give and Bequeath to my said Two Sons Four Large folious Viz Pools Annotations Birket Upon the New Testament; and Willards Body of Divinity to be Divided or Used in Common By them at their Discretion. Item I hereby Give & Bequeath to Abigail my Well Beloved Wife the free Use of all the Rest of my moveable Estate of what Nature or kind soever During Her Natural Life Viz such as my Negros Primus Hagar Ishmael Judith & Candace to be Sold and the Money Thence Arising to be a Intrest for the Use of my said Wife and also all my Ready money Bonds Notes & Debts of Every Kind.....

1756. Dr. Samuel Allen's Bill And Receipt

Sir/ According to your Request I send your Account as followeth--- 1756

Sept. 14 Henry Lloyd Esq. Dr. to Cerat for Jupiter Pounds 0:0: 9

18 Dito to Visit 2 drops for Kit 0:4: 6

19 Dito to Visit 2 purges & drops..... 0:7: 6

20 Dito to Visit & purge for Obe[u]m.. 0:4: 6

22 Dito to Visit Visit drops & Elixir.... 0:6: 6

23 Dito to Visit & drops..... 0:5: 0 Pound 1:8: 9

Oct. 5 Dito to Emp. Epispastic & Eye Salve 10 Pound 1:9: 7

Received the full of the above acct. of Mr. Henry Lloyd Esqr. by the hands of his Negro man Jupiter.

1757. Bill of Sale for a Negro Slave

To all Christian People To whome Those Presents shall Come Creating No ye that I Israel Brush of Huntington in Suffolk County and in the Colony of New York for and in the Consideration of the sum of forty Pounds Lawfull Currant Mony of the Province of New York to me in hand Paid Before the Insealing and Delivery of these Presents by Tredwell Brush of the same Town & County & Colony afore said whareas I the aforesaid Israel Brush have sold Bound Convaidd & Delivered unto him the said Tredwell Brush one cairtain Negor Boy Named Jack Coper for to have and to hold to him the said Tredwell Brush or his heirs and assigns for ever that said Negor Boy Caled Jack Coper with all his wearing apperril whareas I the said Israel Brush Doth warrant and Defend the afore said Boy from all other Lawfull Clames Titles or incombrences whatsoever unto him the said Tredwell Brush his heirs or assigns for ever and I the said Israel Brush for my self and my heirs Executors and administrators and every of them I Do Bind by vertew of these Presents for to warrent and Defend the same unto him the said Tredwell Brush his heirs and assigns forever and in Testomony of these Presents I have here unto Enterchangably afixed my seal and set My Hand This Seventeenth Day of November N:S: anno Dominy One Thousand Seven hundred and fifty Two Signed Sealed and Delivered Israel Brush (seal) in the Presents of us Jacob Brush Ananias Carll

Know all men by these Presents That We Samuel Brush & Israel Wood the Executors of Tredwell Brush deceased Have sold the within mentioned Negro Boy to Isaac Brush Senior Therefore Do syne over this within Bill Salle for the same as Witness our hand Samuel Brush Israel Wood

Know all men by these Presents that I Isaac Brush Senor have sold and Convaidd the within Named boy unto Nathaniel Williams and give the said Williams all my write and Power to the within Bill of sail as Witness my hand Huntington May 14 1757 Isaac Brush In Presents of Gilbert Potter

Know all men by these presents that I Nathanael Williams have sold and Convaidd the within Named Boy unto Henry Lloyd Esq. and give the said Lloyd Esq. all my Rite and Power to the within Bill of Sail and Witnis my hand Huntington July the 1st 1757 Nathl Williams Jn Silas Sammis John Morgain

1758. An Vintory of the Goods and Chattels & Ca of the Estate of Coll. Melancthon Taylor Woolsey Decea'd Taken The 14th Day of December 1758 Viz.

2 Decaners & 10 Glases
1 Burnt Cheina Bowl
Tea Tackling
1 Tea pot & Sugar pott &c
2 Glass Salts
1 Jugg Earthen
10 knives & forks
1 horse whip (cat gut)
1 Bareskin Muff
2 hoes @2/6
1 Negro Man Nam'd Ishmael
1 Negro Woman Woman Named Saul and
Child Names Prissila
1 Negro Boy nam'd Jack
1 Negro Girl Named Patience
Flax in the Sheaf
1 Leach Tub
120 Bushell Wheat in Stack @5
120 Bushell of Oats @ 1/6
50 Bushell of Indian Corne

1 Canoe
1 Grind Stone

1759. From Henry Lloyd II to Henry Lloyd (January 12, 1759)

I forgot to mention I had the offer of a Strong healthy negro Fellow about 25 years old brought up in a ship Carpenters Yard as a Sawyer & boarers of holes & sometimes employ'd at the Smiths business said to be a diligent hard working Fellow & to be parted with for no other Fault than going out of nights. has the Character of being good natur'd

1759 (?). James Lloyd's Accounts with the Sylvesters of Shelter Island

Peter Sylvester of Shelter Island Dr
To a Negro man Opium he may returne
To his Bond given me for Negros
To his bond given me for Catle
To my book
Per Contra
By the Negro Opium returned to Mr Lloyd

1760. Bill of Sale for a Negro Girl

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Cooper of Oyster Bay in Queens County, Nassau Island & Province of New York Executor to the last Will and Testament of Simon Cooper Esq. of Oyster Bay aforesaid deceased for & in Consideration of Fourty pounds lawfull money of New York to me in hand paid by Henry Lloyd of the Manor of Queens Village in Queens County aforesaid the receipt whereof I do acknowledge & thereof do acquit and discharge the said Henry Lloyd & his Heirs Executors and administrators Have given granted bargained & sold to the said Henry Lloyd His Heirs Executors & Administrators One Negro Girl named Hannah aged about Eight years To have and to Hold the said Negro Girl Hannah to him the said Henry Lloyd & his Heirs Executors & Administrators during her natural life Having full power & authority to Sell the said Girl by the last Will & Testament of the aforesaid Simon Cooper In witness thereof I have hereunto Set my hand & Seal this twentieth of May 1760

Sealed & Delivered in presence of us JACOB WEEKES JOSEPH COOPER [seal]

1766. From James Lloyd II to Joseph Lloyd II (May 2, 1766)

Pray remember Mrs. Lloyd & Me as due to all the Famely both white & Black
I am Dear Brother Your Affectionate Brother JAMES LLOYD

1770. From James Lloyd II to John Lloyd II (Sept. 1770)

I am obliged to you for your Care of Cato and must beg that you will see that he does not want for any of the necessarys of Life.

1771. From James Lloyd II to John Lloyd II (July 10, 1771)

At Cato's desire I send him a shirt or two & a pair old Breeches for Sundays, the Breeches if too long may be cut to fit him

1773. From Henry Lloyd II to John Lloyd II (September 13, 1773)

I am much better pleas'd with Hesters being sold as she was with Pounds 10 Loss than she should be sent to Carolina against her will, though by what I can learn of the treatment Negroes meet with at the plantation she was design'd for is Such as that Some of those I have Sent prefer their Scituation to that they have left.

1773. Bill of Sale of Negress

Know all Men by these Present that I Joseph Conkling of Queens Village in Queens County on Nassau Island in the Province of New York for and in Consideration of Twenty five pounds Current money of the Province aforesaid received to my full Satisfaction of Joseph Lloyd & John Lloyd of said Queens Village on Nassau Island & County & Province aforesaid Have Sold and do by these Presents bargain Sell and Convey Unto the said Joseph & John Lloyd and to their Heirs & Assigns one Certain Negro Girl Name Phebe of about Six Years of Age During the Term of her Natural Life and for the consideration of the aforesaid Sum I the said Joseph Conkling do for my Self My Heirs &c Alienate Resign and make over to them the said Joseph & John Lloyd their Heirs &c all the Right Title and Intrest Which I the said Joseph Conkling have to the said Negro Phebe to be hereafter the Sole property and Estate of the said Joseph & John Lloyd their Heirs &c in Testimony & Confirmation whereof I have hereunto set my Hand & Seal this Sixth Day of September A.D. 1773
Signed Sealed & Delivered Joseph Conkling (seal) In Presence of Sarah Lloyd Rebecca Woolsey

1785. Bill of Sale for a Slave

Let it be known that I John Sloss Hobart of the City of New York for and in Consideration of thirty pounds Current money to me in hand paid by John Lloyd Jun of the Manor of Queen's Village in Queens County Esquire have bargained and sold to the said John Lloyd a certain Negro Wench slave named Hannah about forty eight years of age, and I covenant with the said John Lloyd that I have good and lawfull right to sell and dispose of the said Negro wench Hannah as and for a slave, and furthermore I do hereby warrant and defend the said Hannah to the said John Lloyd as and for a Slave during her natural Life, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twelfth day of August 1785. Jno. Sloss Hobart (seal) Signed sealed and delivered in presence of James Cogswell Jno. Mersereau

1787. A copy of Jupiter Hammon's 1787 statement about freedom.

Legacy by Jupiter Hammon

Remember youth the time is short,
Improve the present day.
And pray that God may guide your thoughts,
And teach your lips to pray.

To pray unto the most high God,
And beg restraining grace.
Then by the power of his word,
You'll see the Savior's face.