



**ANCIENT
BURYING
GROUND**

Hartford, CT USA
established in 1640

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African-American Memorial

In 1998 local students initiated research that led to the installation of this marker in the memory of Hartford's African American community. The students were led by a team of teachers and historians to uncover the names from unmarked graves of several hundred people of African descent who were most likely buried here.

**Sacred to the Memory of
the Three Hundred or more
AFRICAN AMERICANS
Free People, Slaves, and
five Black Governors
Who rest in Unmarked
Graves in Hartford's
Ancient Burying Ground
1640-1810**



Although this list of interred is recorded, their graves are unmarked and unknown. Documents also indicate that Abda Jennings and approximately 300 more African Americans, as well as Governors of the Slaves, London, Quaw, Cuff, and Peleg Nott, are buried in Hartford's Ancient Burying Ground.

One of the first free people of color known to live in Hartford was Philip Moore, Sr., "a Negro." The record of his interment in the Ancient Burying Ground on April 13, 1695, identified him as "Goodman Moore," a sign of respect. Moore was living in Hartford as early as 1676, but how and when he came to Hartford is unknown. He may have arrived as a free man or was

enslaved and later freed. Moore prospered financially, leaving at his death an estate that included a house and more than 60 acres of land.

In 2019, the Ancient Burying Ground Association commissioned additional scholarly research led by Dr. Katherine Hermes of Central Connecticut State University. This created the online portal [“Uncovering Their History: African, African-American, and Native-American Burials in Hartford’s Ancient Burying Ground, 1640-1815.”](#)

This is a searchable web site of all African, African-American, and Native American burials for which evidence has been found in the Ancient Burying Ground. It also includes, among other features, personal profiles of some individuals, narratives of the people in the graveyard, family trees, and connections to white Hartford residents.

AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMORIAL

AFRICAN AMERICANS INTERRED IN / HARTFORD’S ANCIENT BURYING GROUND

MAID. Mar. 1691	CHILD of EDWARD DOLPHIN. Oct. 1794	HAGAR. May. 1760
CHILD. Aug. 1767	DEGO. Jun. 1756	SAMUEL GIBSON. Oct. 1795
CHILD. Apr. 1693	PRISCILLA	DINAH. Sep. 1760
CHILD. Dec. 1769	LYSANDER. Sep. 1759	CHILD of SARAH. Jul. 1796
NEGRO. Dec. 1693	WIFE of ELI. Apr. 1795	NEPTUNE. Nov. 1796
PETER. Jun. 1770	QUINTUS. Feb. 1760	DAN. May. 1761
CHILD. Jul. 1696	ZIPPORAH. Oct. 1795	SALLY. Jan. 1797
PETER. Sep. 1770	HAGAR. May. 1760	CHILD. Oct. 1761
CHILD. Jan. 1696	SAMUEL GIBSON. Oct. 1795	SARAH. Jul. 1797
GAD. Mar. 1770	DINAH. Sep. 1760	CHILD. Mar. 1762
NEGRO. Jun. 1697	CHILD of SARAH. Jul. 1796	PEGGY. Mar. 1798
SOLDIER. Nov. 1778	TONY. Jan. 1761	PHYLLYS. Apr. 1762
CHILD. Jul. 1697	NEPTUNE. Nov. 1796	INFANT of JEMIMAH. Mar. 1798
BETSEY CURTISS. Jul. 1791	POMP. May. 1794	CHILD. Apr. 1764
TAMAR. Nov. 1705	PRISCILLA. Dec. 1751	WILL. May. 1764
SABINA. Dec. 1791	PRIME. Jun. 1794	CHILD of JUDA & BOSTON. Nov. 1798

JO. Jun. 1750	SARAH. May. 1752	CHILD. Jul. 1764
PRISCILLA. Aug. 1792	CHILD of SARAH. Sep. 1794	PRIME. Jan. 1765
SAM. Sep. 1750	INFANT. Jan. 1753	CHILD. Mar. 1799
CHILD. Jun. 1793	YORK. Jan. 1755	PHILLYS. Jun. 1766
PETER. May. 1751	CHILD of EDWARD DOLPHIN. Oct. 1794	SIMEON EDWARDS. Sep. 1799
POMP. May. 1794	DEGO. Jun. 1756	DIC. Jun. 1766
PRISCILLA. Dec. 1751	PRISCILLA	DIGE. Oct. 1799
PRIME. Jun. 1794	LYSANDER. Sep. 1759	BOY. Oct. 1766
SARAH. May. 1752	WIFE of ELI. Apr. 1795	HANNAH PETER. Jun. 1800
CHILD of SARAH. Sep. 1794	QUINTUS. Feb. 1760	POMP. May. 1767
INFANT. Jan. 1753	ZIPPORAH. Oct. 1795	MIME. Jul. 1767
YORK. Jan. 1755	TONY. Jan. 1761	BOSTON NICHOLS, GOVERNOR OF SLAVES. 1810



The Ancient Burying Ground is on the [CT Freedom Trail](#).