

Appendix to "Justise Must Take Plase": Three African Americans Speak of Religion in Eighteenth-Century New England

Following are the records of the church to which Greenwich and his owner belonged. I have chosen excerpts that illuminate the role of Greenwich and other African Americans in the church.

Records of the Congregational Church in Canterbury, Connecticut, 1711-1844 (Hartford, Conn., 1932).

[18-22] [The covenant of the Church of Christ in Canterbury, September 26, 1746, includes sixty-one men and eighty women. Among these are [20] "Pompey a negro man," "Cuff a negro servant to Elisha Paine," [21] "Cato a negro servant to Deacon Johnson," and [22] "Sarah Sands Negro".]

[23] 1766 May 9th att a Chh meeting of the Congreagational Chh of Christ in this plase Leagally warned and met By Adjurnment 1st proceded to Renew ower Covenant (to wit) Such as Wair Not present att our first meeting When god appeired in uniteing our Harts in his Love Which Spent most of the time in Confesing & Covenanting 2d it Wars motinied that that [sic] as our Sister Bettey the Wife of Wm Johnson & our Brother grinnage (a Negro man) Aire Not present that we

[24] Chuse Sum Bretherin in the Name of the Church to See thim & to know thair minds & to invite them to meete With us Voated that Brother Josiah Cleaveland & Brother Jos Bacon Be appointed to Visit the above Named and make thiaer Report att our Next adjurned meeting and this meeting Wars adjurned to fryday the 16th Instant att 2: Oclock p:m then to meet att this meeting House 1st to Hear the Report of Brother Josiah Cleaveland & Brother Joseph Bacon (our mesingers to Sister Johnso[n] & Brother grinnuage)

2dly to Heair & Consider the Sociaty Vote afore Said . . .

1766 may 16 meeting opened according to Adjurnment & Brothers Josiah Cleaveland & Joseph Bacon Reported that thay Had Visited Brother grinnuage & that he Determined to go forward With the Church in the Covenant 2d that thay Had allso Visited Sister Bette Johnson But that She Seemed to have a Tryol Conserning Brother Cleaveland But Had Nothing had Noe plaine Breach of Rule to Charge him With . . .

[79] 1746 December 14: Moses the son of Josiah & sarah Cleaveland & Poumpy Negro servant to Josiah Cleaveland were Baptised

[80] 1748 March 31: Cuff a negro servant to Elisha Paine was Baptised [The editor has transcribed it as "Caff" but the original shows "Cuff"]

[80] 1748 July 3: Cato a negro servant to deacon Johnson was Baptised

[82] 1752 April 12: grinege & Venus (negrose) were by B. stevens Baptized

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[89] 1782 July 6: Names of persons Baptised in the Strict Congregatinal Church in Canterbury . . .
Cuffe Negro Baptised by Elder Write of Kellingly

[102] 1761 May 19 Grinnedg and Pege Both Sarvents to Cap Obediah Johnson marred and Declared
to be Husband and wife

[141] [Baptisms, 1745] London Negro

[146] [Baptisms] Dinah: a Negro Girl Servant to Coll. John Dyar June: 1754