

Lancaster **BOOK**

*A rare document is now digitized-
Lancaster's African community
1820-1849*

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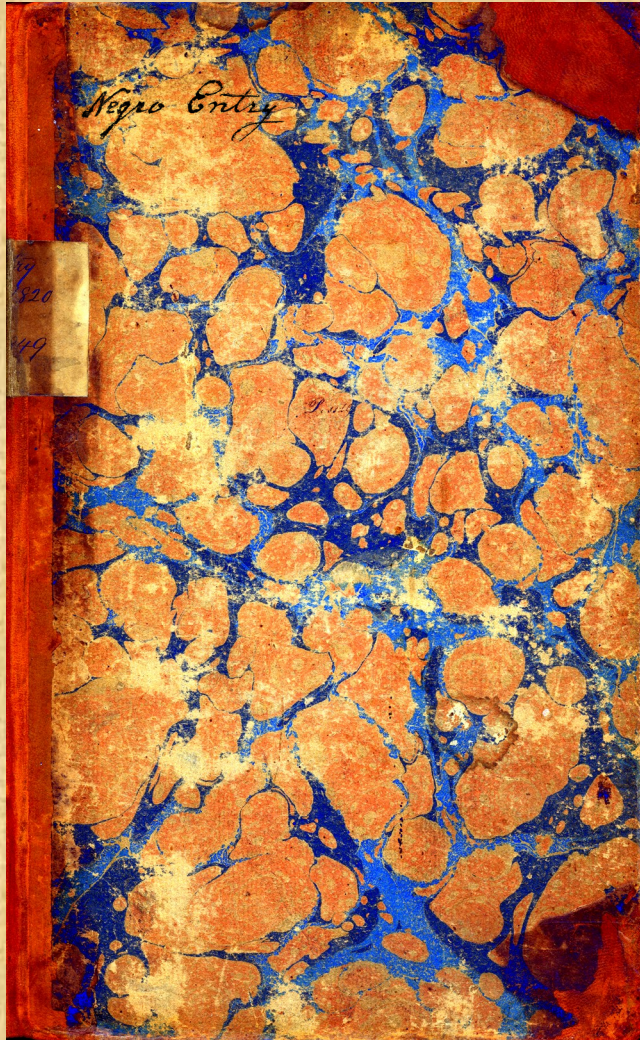
“The Negro Entry Book...

Essentially a Lancaster city directory for the period 1820-1849...a unique local document because no other city directory exists for the period prior to 1843. More importantly, however, the Entry Book is an invaluable guide to Lancaster City's Antebellum Black population.”

Dr. Leroy T. Hopkins, Jr., introduction to his 1984 article in the Journal of the Lancaster County Historical Society

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The Negro Entry Book:

A document of Lancaster's antebellum Afro-American community

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Author:	Hopkins, Leroy Taft, Jr.
Place of Publication:	[Lancaster, Pa.]
Publisher:	Typescript
Date of Publication:	1984.
Physical Description:	17 p. ; 29 cm.
Notes:	<p>An analysis of the manuscript known as the Negro Entry Book.</p> <p>This typescript copy was later published in the Lancaster County Historical Society Journal (v.88, no.4).</p>
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Negro Entry Book original bound ledger and detail of the first entry

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1820

May 29th

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Nathan Foster dark mulatto man aged
years of age has a wife named Rebecca
two children - bench built by trade laborer
water street - entered January 25th

Nelson Jackson black man age about
live John Lyons - laborer -

1820

Abraham Houston yellow man
live with

James Glendenin a mulatto, ^{enters that he is} about sixty five years of age,
resides in Murrystown in the city of Lancaster, a house holder, by
occupation a Painter and Glazier, has a wife named Elizabeth
but no children, has a bound mulatto boy named William blind in
about 10 years of age, learning said trades, and a mulatto girl about
seven years of age, named Hannah Blake.

Nelson Doe, black man, about 21 years of age, born and
raised in Chester County, lives in Prince Street, laborer.
Single man. came to the city the 23rd instant - about 5' 8"
plus eyes - Entered January 24. 1832

Robert Oliver dark mulatto, about 27 years - born in N. Car-
olina in Maryland - waiter at Michael Holzger
lived in Town since 18th February - Single -
Entered the 4th April - 1832

Richard Lewis, black man, about 29 years of age
born in Lancaster, waiter - entered the 14th April 1832

James Johnston, black man, aged out 75 years, lives in
Middle Street, has in his service as Sweeps - his son George
aged about 15 years. his son Ben aged 13 years and an
Apprentice named George Eilet aged about 15 years.

Entered 8th November 1831

This valuable document digitized for in-depth research potential

Total	Date of Entry		Person	Sex	Description	Age	Specific Residence	General Residence	Neighborhood	Occupation	Occupation	
By Year	Year	Entry	YYMMDD									
1820		1	200529	Clendenin, James	M	Mulatto	65			Mussertown	Painter	Glazier
		1	200529	Clendenin, Elizabeth	F							
		1	200529	Clendenin, William	M	Mulatto	10					
		1	200529	Clark, Hannah	F	Mulatto	7					
		2	200529	Green, Joseph	M	Negro	52	Mrs. King		Mussertown	Laborer	
		2	200529	Green, Hestor	F							
		2	200529	Charlotte	F	Mulatto						
		3	200530	Webster, John	M	Negro	68		Prince Street		Laborer	Basketmaker
		4	200530	Thompson, Samuel	M	Negro	47	Josia Lockhart	South Queen Street		Laborer	
		4	200530	Thompson, Mary	F							
			200530	Thompson, Priscilla	F							
			200530	Hannah	F							
			200530	Grubb, Mark	M	Negro	31	Widow Curry		Mussertown	Laborer	
			200530	Staines, Thomas	M	Negro	87	John Lintz			Wall digger	
				Staines, Christina	F							
				Staines, Rebeca	F							
				Staines, Elizabeth	F							
				Staines, Joseph								
				Staines, Henry								
				Staines, Lydia								
				Craig, Samuel								
				Craig, Amerlia								
				Craig, Mary								
				Craig, Henry								
				Craig, unnamed								
				David, Benjamin						Mussertown	Waiter	Coach Driver
				David, Margaret								
				David, William								
			200530	David, Benjamin								
			200530	Hart, Jans								
			200530	David,						Mussertown	Hostler	Wood-sawer
			200530	Rogers,							Sheep-herd	
				Anderson,								
				Anderson,								
										Adamstown	Laborer	
										Adamstown	Laborer	
										Adamstown	Farmer	
											Fencemaker	
										Adamstown	Distiller	

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