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Bermuda Slave Registers from 1821 and 1834

The Ombudsman for Bermuda, Arlene Brock, has made available two extensive databases made from the 1821 and 1834 Slave Registers which are held in the Bermuda Archives. The original hand-written Registers were created to facilitate compensation for slave-owners when the slaves would be emancipated. They provide a unique record and valuable research tool for many people who are tracing family or community history.

The databases were developed in searchable Excel format by Dr. Virginia Bernhard of the University of St. Thomas in Houston. They set out the names of owners, the total number of slaves and sex of the owners, the names of slaves, their sex, colour and work. Sadly they do not record the ages and birth places of the slaves, which are therefore only available from the originals on microfilm in the Bermuda Archives. Dr. Bernhard wanted to make these research tools available to the public, and the Bermuda Ombudsman has done so by releasing them to the Trust and two other organisations in Bermuda. In turning these databases over to the Ombudsman, Dr. Bernhard stated: "The Slave Registers are such a treasure. I have no objection to making the databases public - this is my way of saying thank you to Bermuda ". However, she stressed: "these are academic working lists. They are not perfect - there are some gaps and spelling errors". The Archives are developing their own Slave Register database, but in the meantime the databases developed by Dr Bernhard will serve as useful tools for researchers.

[Click here for 1821 register \(/images/1821%20register.pdf\)](/images/1821%20register.pdf)

[Click here for 1834 register \(/images/1834%20register.pdf\)](/images/1834%20register.pdf)

OWNER	TOTAL	NAME	SEX	COLOR	EMPLOYMENT	AGE	COUNTRY
Basden, Sarah	f 4	Phillice	f	c	house		
Basden, Sarah	f 4	Joe	m	c	house		
Basden, Sarah	f 4	Amy	f	c	house		
Basden, Sarah	f 4	Virgin [Virgil?]	m	c	house		
Basden, Wm.	5 m 7	Diana	f	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Lucretia	f	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Nancy	f	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Sarah	f	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Abram	m	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Will	m	b	lab		
Basden, Williar	m 7	Nat	m	b			
Bassett, Jerem	m 3	Bess	f	b	lab		
Bassett, Jerem	m 3	Nancy	f	b	lab		
Bassett, Jerem	m 3	Dick	m	c			
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Israel Simon	m	b	fisherman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Anthony Gosse	m	c	carpenter		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	London Simon	m	b	boatman & hou		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Will Swan	m	b	seaman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Joe Bean	m	c	boatman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Joe Bond	m	b	boatman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Fubbler Hoanle	m	b	fisherman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Peter Simin	m	b	seaman		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Henry Ester	m	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Jack Wilson	m	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Daniel Riddy	m	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Fortune Riddy	m	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Dinah Simon	f	b	cook		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Grace Hoanley	f	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Sary Riddy	f	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Susan Hopkins	f	b	house		
Bassett, Rober	m 17	Betty Riddy	f	b			
bDoe, William	m 4	Elizabeth	f	c	ground woman		
Beek, Adriana	f 6	Beck	f	c			
Beek, Adriana	m 6	Kate	f	b			
Beek, Adriana	f 6	Hannah	f	b			
Beek, Adriana	m 6	Aaron	m	b	boatman		
Beek, Adriana	m 6	Deagar	f	b			
Beek, Adriana	m 6	Augustus	m	c			
Beek, Eliza Ma	f 5	Jinny	f	b	dom		
Beek, Eliza Ma	f 5	Appo	m	b	dom		
Beek, Eliza Ma	f 5	Back	f	b	dom		
Beek, Eliza Ma	f 5	Sally	f	b	dom		
Beek, Eliza Ma	f 5	Silvy	f	b	dom		
Beek, Esther,	f 1	Susanna	f	c	house		
Beek, John	m 13	Joe	m	b	lab		
Beek, John	m 13	John	m	b	lab		
Beek, John	m 13	George	m	b	lab		
Beek, John	m 13	Joe 2nd	m	b	lab		
Beek, John	m 13	Jack	m	b			

