

Slavery in Connecticut: Set III. "A Map of the Colonies of CT and RI," 1758, by Thomas Kitchin.



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Connecticut Slave Population by County and Town

Fairfield County, Connecticut:

Town	1774 Census	1790 Census
Brookfield	-	3
Founded in 1788		
Danbury	50	23
Fairfield	315	203
Greenwich	114	89
Huntington	-	120
Founded in 1789		
New Fairfield	20	9
Newtown	59	64
		Norwalk – Stamford combined
Norwalk	136	= 113
Stamford	60	
Redding	45	32
Ridgefield	35	5
Stratford	319	98
Weston (Founded in 1787)	-	36
Total:	1,153	795

The leading slaveholders:

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Name	Town	# of slaves
Elijah Mason, Sr.,	Lebanon	28
Phillip Mortimer, Esq.	Middletown	11
Robert Dixon	Voluntown	11
James Davenport	Norwalk-Stamford	10
Timothy Hale	Glastonbury	10
John Hendrick	Windsor	9
Hon. Eliphalet Dyer	Windham	8
Elihu Hall	Wallingford	8
Nathan Bulkley	Fairfield	8
David Bush	Greenwich	8
Daniel Shelton	Huntington	8
Rulef Dutcher	Litchfield	7
Hezekiah Bradley	Fairfield	7
Mary Silliman	Fairfield	7
Mose Husted, Jr.	Greenwich	7
Ebenezer Taylor	Newtown	7

1790 Federal Census: New England

			Black Population	
State	Total Population	Total	Free	Slave
Connecticut	237,655	5,419	2,771	2,648
District of Maine	96,643	536	536	
Massachusetts	378,556	5,369	5,369	
New Hampshire	141,899	787	630	157
Rhode Island	69,112	4,442	3,484	958
Vermont	85,341	269	269	
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NEW ENGLAND	1,009,206	16,822	13,059	3,763

1790 Federal Census

State	Total Population	Slave Population	% of Total Population Enslaved
New Hampshire	141,899	157	0.1%
Massachusetts	378,556	0	0.0%
Rhode Island	69,112	958	1.4%
Connecticut	237,655	2,648	1.1%
New York	340,241	21,193	6.2%
Pennsylvania	433,611	3,707	0.9%
Delaware	59,096	8,887	15.0%
Maryland	319,728	103,036	32.2%
Virginia	747,550	292,627	39.1%
North Carolina	395,005	100,783	25.5%
South Carolina	247,073	104,094	42.1%
Georgia	82,548	29,264	35.5%

Items Shipped <u>TO</u> the Fairfield District –		
1790 TOTAL CARGO:		
	<u>Food</u>	
39,029	Gallons of Molasses	
51,241	Pounds of Sugar (brown)	
115	Pounds of Sugar (lumps and potts)	
3,177		
8 1/2	Pounds of Tea	
42	Gallons of Vinegar	
8 1/2	Barrels of Limes	
3	Boxes of Limes	
18,716 1/2	Bushels of Salt	
2	Barrels of Fruit	
32	Pots of Tamarinds	
2	Kegs of Tamarinds	
2	½ Barrels of Tamarinds	
	Gallons of Rum	
762	Gallons of Brandy	
588	Gallons of Geneva (gin)	
4	Gallons of Cordials	
	Misc.	
2	Boxes of Glassware	
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10	"Looking Glasses" (mirrors)	
58	"straws" of glassware	
9	Dozen Hosiery	
18	Horn Lanterns	
3	Hatts	
3	Dozen Tin Quart Pots	
1	Piece Muslin \$15	
21	Raw Hides	
1	Bag of Cotton Wool	
1	Bale of Cotton Wool	
400	Pounds of Cotton Wool	
100	Buttons	
8 1/2	? Buttons	
445	Yards Lais	
52 1/2	Yards of Silk	

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What About Flax?

Flax, the source of linen textiles and linseed oil, was a major export in the 18th century. Both the seeds and processed flax fibers were shipped to England. The cargo lists below, from the Dannenberg Collection, indicate that flax was also an important shipment to other parts of the United States. The first step in processing flax involved breaking the woody outer core of the plants, which had been soaked or "retted" in streams for weeks after harvesting.

1794 Exported to:	
Massachusetts / Boston	165,300 lbs. of Flax
Maine	3,920 lbs. of Feathers
New York	22,000 Quills
North Carolina	
& Maryland	
1795 Exported to:	
Norfolk, Virginia	203,100 lbs. of Flax
Snow Hill Maryland	4,300 lbs. of Feathers
Frenchman's Bay & Kennebuck, Maine	71,500 Quills
Newbern, North Carolina	
Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey	
Rochester, Plymouth & Nantucket, Mass.	
1800	
	96,100 lbs. of Flax
	10,400 lbs. of Feathers
	15,000 Quills
1801	135,800 lbs. of Flax
	19,300 lbs. of Feathers
	500 Quills