



Adam Hercules

aka Adam Harkless
born ca. 1785, died 1850-1860

In the freedom papers of Talbot County an Ennalls and John Hercules both appear stating they were born free. Neither freedom papers or manumission was identified for Adam, he may have also been born free.

1820 – Adam Hercules is farming in the Trappe District age 26-44 yrs old with a wife and 3 small children.

August 1821 – Bill of Sale

Adam Hercules to Abraham Dobson– know all men that I **Adam Harkless** in consideration of \$104 paid by Abraham Dobson deliver and sell to Abraham Dobson all my crop of corn growing in the field, five head of hogs, three head of cattle, two ploughs and one fluke harrow and now in my possession to have and to hold ... provided that in the case I the said **Adam Harkless** shall pay and satisfy the said Abraham Dobson the sum of \$104 with interest on or before the 24th day of August 1822 next ensuing then this bill of sale shall be void
Signed **Adam “his X mark” Harkless**

1830 – Adam Hercules is farming in the Trappe District age 36-55 yrs with wife and 4 children

1840 – Adam Harkless is farming in Caroline County age 36-54 with wife and 5 children.

1850 – Adam Hackett – farming in Caroline County age 65 years with wife Henrietta, son Henry and daughter Deborah. No Adam Hackett appears in the previous census or after 1850. This could be Adam and his family at the time. No other Adam Hercules or Harkless was found.

Charles Blake

1784 – unknown death date

20 April 1796 – John Coats to negro Charles, know all present that in consideration of £75 I sell to Christopher Bruff the said negro boy slave named Charles, being the same bequeathed to me by John Cochran, for a term of 13 years and at the expiration of his term to have his perfect freedom and liberty immediately. For part of this time he lived with Thomas Bullen.

17 August 1809 - Freedom Papers of Talbot County Dr. John Coates appeared as witness for Charles Blake, 25 years old, 5’10”, dark complexion, testifying that he was freed by manumission.

1820 – Charles Blake appears in the Easton District with another male close to his same age, a woman about his same age, 6 younger girls and boys and a woman most likely either his mother or mother in law.

1830 – Charles Blake appears in the Easton District with another male close to his same age, a woman about his age, one female under 14 years of age and a woman most like either his mother or mother in law.

1840 – Charles Blake does not appear in Talbot County. He may be deceased prior to 1840. There is a Charles Blake family in Queen Anne’s county that could possibly be his family.



Jacob Howard

1782 – unknown death date

1820 – Jacob Howard is farming in the Trappe District with his wife, son and 2 daughters.

1832 Census of Free Persons of Talbot County
Jacob Howard age 50 years
Jinny Howard age 47 years
George Howard age 12 years

1840 – a Jacob Howard is farming in the Trappe District age 55-99 years old, his wife 36-54 years old, and George age 10-23 years old.

If Jacob was born free or was free by manumission has not yet been determined.

Abraham Dobson

7 April 1796 Manumission

John Jenkinson to Abraham Dobson, a mulatto man to be free this day.

1800 – Abraham Dobson appears as head of a household of 5 persons, all free.

1820 – Abraham is farming in the Trappe District as over 45 years of age, with a wife of the same age and 6 children under the age of 25 years.

Isaac Johnson

1820 - Isaac Johnson appears farming in the Trappe District as age 26 – 44 years, a wife of the same age group, with 2 sons and 3 daughters all under 14 years of age.

Isaac and his family were not identified in later census records of Talbot County