

The African Methodist Bethel Church

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14th June 1820

Henry Catrup to Abraham Dobson & others
Trustees of the African Methodist Bethel Society or
Church

Be it remembered that the 14th day of June 1820 the
following deed or instrument of writing was received
to be recorded and was accordingly enrolled as
follows to wit

This Indenture made and executed this 6th day of
June in the year of our Lord 1820 by and between
Henry Catrup of Talbot County and State of
Maryland of the one part and Abraham Dobson,
Joseph Chain, Isaac Johnson, **Paris Chaise**, Charles
Blake, Adam Hercules and Jacob Howard Trustees of
the African Methodist Bethel Society or Church in
the Town of Easton in Talbot County and state
aforesaid of the other part

Witnesseth that the said Henry Catrup for and in
consideration of the sum of \$250 current money of
the United States to him in hand paid by the said
Abraham Dobson, Joseph Chain, Isaac Johnson,
Paris Chaise, Charles Blake, Adam Hercules and
Jacob Howard before the sealing and delivery of
these presents, the receipt whereof he the said
Henry Catrup doth hereby acknowledge; and from
every part and parcel thereof, doth hereby acquit,
exonerate and discharge the said Abraham Dobson,
Joseph Chain, Isaac Johnson, **Paris Chaise**, Charles
Blake, Adam Hercules and Jacob Howard their
heirs, executors and administrators, he the said
Henry Catrup hath granted, bargained, sold, aliened,
enscuffed and confirmed, and by these presents
doth grant, bargain, sell, alien, enscoff and confirm
unto the said Abraham Dobson, Joseph Chain, Isaac
Johnson, **Paris Chaise**, Charles Blake, Adam
Hercules and Jacob Howard Trustees as aforesaid
their successors and assigns all those two several lots
or parcels of land and ground situate lying and being
in the town of Easton distinguished on the plot of

The Hill Community
of
Easton, Maryland
**The Trustees of
Bethel A.M.E.**

Paris Chase
Free Black
Bethel A.M.E. Trustee



Paris Chase

“Perry”

Circa 1782 – Circa 1865

According to the written records of Talbot County, Paris could have been born as early as 1779. His death occurred sometime between the 1860 and 1870 Federal Census takings. A will was not located.

Paris Chaise was listed as a trustee of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in the deed of purchase for the land where the church stands today.

Paris Chase was manumitted in 1814 by Elizabeth Dickinson to be free on the 1st of January 1817. At that time he was 35 years of age.

Paris then appears in the 1820 Federal Census in the Trappe District farming. His family at the time consisted of his wife a free female 22-46 yrs of age, a free female age 14-25 yrs of age and a free female under 14 yrs of age.

In the 1832 Census of Free Persons of Talbot County Perry was 47 years old, Fanny 35 years old, with children Samuel 14, Rebecca 12, Maria 9, Perry 5, Samuel 2.

Paris and his family appear in the 1840, 1850 and 1860 Federal Census in the 3rd District of

Landowner

Talbot County Land Record Vol. 60 f.445
September 1847

Edward Harrison to **Perry Chase** –

All that parcel of land called “Marshland” adjoining the lands of James Perry, to farm let for a term of 99 years for a yearly rent of \$1.50 to be paid on the 1st day of September annually.

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September 1864

Edward Harrison to E. L. F. Hardcastle – whereas said Edward Harrison in 1845 sold to **Parish Chase**, free negro, a parcel of ground called “Marsh Land” ... beginning at a stone the corner of David Brooks lot ... to James Perry’s land Containing **12 acres** and whereas the said Parish Chase sold the land to James Meloney and was sold by him to David Pritchett and since purchased by said Hardcastle.

The map depicts the area of Perry’s farm, showing all parties mentioned in the land records above.

*Talbot County 1858
Third District*

Legacy

Paris Chase and Fannie (born 1794) began their family immediately after his manumission in 1817. According to the census records they had children:

Samuel born 1818, probably died before 1830

Rebecca born 1820

Maria born 1823

Perry born 1827

Samuel born 1830

James born 1831

George born 1833

Elizabeth born 1835

Other family members that appeared in the household are Samuel born in 1847 and Martha born 1853.

It appears they lived in the Ivy Town vicinity almost immediately, certainly by 1820.

In 1851 Perry was listed as a trustee of the Queen Esther A.M.E. Church in Ivy Town when land was purchased from Isaac Walley for that church.

In the 1860 Federal Census Perry and Fanny are living on property they owned valued at \$200 with personal property valued at \$100, in the Third District.

By the 1870 Federal Census, Perry was deceased and Fannie was living with her son James and Martha Chase.

Paris Chase is the progenitor of a large Talbot