

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

The Auld House

AND/OR COMMON

Home of Frederick Douglass: His Years in Fells Point

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

1815 Aliceanna Street (formerly 50 Aliceanna Street)

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE <input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL <input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL <input type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT <input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL <input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER:

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Fuld Company

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

1815 Aliceanna Street

CITY, TOWN

Baltimore

___ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21231

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

___ FEDERAL ___ STATE ___ COUNTY ___ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

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7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION

EXCELLENT
 GOOD
 FAIR

DETERIORATED
 RUINS
 UNEXPOSED

CHECK ONE

UNALTERED
 ALTERED

CHECK ONE

ORIGINAL SITE
 MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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8 SIGNIFICANCE

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PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

History records that Maryland-born Frederick Douglass, the pre-eminent black American of the 19th century, lived eight years at Fells Point while a young man and a slave in Baltimore. He had been brought to Baltimore from Talbot County by Hugh Auld, in whose home he was a slave, and where he also lived until he escaped during September, 1838.

The attached research paper by Ms. Eleanor Dale Kress concludes that although Douglass lived with Hugh and Sophia Auld, "it is evident that during most of this time, he was living on Philpot Street". The addresses on Philpot Street were #11, 37, and 39, over a seven year period. These houses have been demolished. The William Auld family did apparently own property on Aliceanna Street, but according to this research, this is not where Douglass lived. The confusion, in part, may be due to the fact that the William Auld family resided at 50 (present day 1815) Aliceanna Street, rather than the Hugh Auld family.

In this case, as in many others, fact has been separated from fiction. The enclosed brochure, "A Walking Tour of Fells Point", item #15 illustrates this point since it suggests that Douglass lived at the Aliceanna Street address.

This Commission continues to research the life of Maryland-born Frederick Douglass in his native state. However, winnowing the facts from legend is a slow, time-consuming process.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

STATE _____ COUNTY _____

11 FORM PREPARED BY

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STATE

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Maryland

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS:
HIS YEARS IN FELLOWS POINT

By

Eleanor Dale Kress

January 28, 1974

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FREDERICK DOUGLASS:
ARRIVAL IN BALTIMORE

Frederick Augustus Bailey (later Douglass), writing in 1857, described the date of his arrival as being, "...the year the Frigate was built by Mr. Beacham..." (see page 13)

A local shipbuilding achievement occurred in 1826, when Beacham's shipyard launched a beautiful 64-gun ship for the Brazilian government. Because of the vessel's size and purpose, it created much local interest.¹

According to the May 13, 1826 edition of Niles' Weekly

Register:

The beautiful 64 gun ship, built by Mr. Beacham, for the 'South American market,' (supposed Brazil), was launched at Baltimore on Thursday last, without accident or injury. She 'sits like a duck' on the water, and is said to be as fine a vessel of her class as ever floated....

The day was fine, and it is thought that nearly 40,000 persons were present to witness the launch, which took₂ place within 12 minutes of the time appointed.

The event described above appears to refer to the vessel which Douglass mentioned. It is likely that Beacham's frigate required approximately one year to be built. Therefore, the evidence suggests that Douglass arrived in Baltimore within the period 1825-1826.

¹Ralph J. Robinson, Baltimore, June, 1957, p. 41.

²Niles' Weekly Register, 13 May 1826, p. 200.

FREDERICK DOUGLASS;
HIS HOMES IN BALTIMORE

I shall never forget the ecstasy with which I received the intelligence that my old master (Anthony) had determined to let me go to Baltimore, to live with Mr. Hugh Auld, brother to my old master's son-in-law, Captain Thomas Auld.¹

...I was conducted by Rich, one of the hands belonging on board of the sloop, to my new home in Alliciana Street, near Mr. Gardner's shipyard, on Fells Point.²

It is believed that 50 Alisanna was the site of the Aulds' residence. From the available evidence, this would not appear to be likely. William Auld purchased the land in 1802 (WG 70/148 & C); he died in 1820. Elizabeth, the wife of William Auld, apparently moved to 12 South, where she managed a boarding house. She moved between 1820 and 1822 (see page 20). The property on Alisanna was sold in 1835 to Hugh Dougherty (TK 257/125).

William Kyb was living at 50 Alisanna in 1824 (page 182, Baltimore City Directory); in 1827, the inhabitants were William Kirby and Mrs. Elizabeth Welsh. (pages 154 and 268, Baltimore City Directory, 1827). Although it is possible that the Aulds occupied 50 Alisanna for a short time, they did not remain over a long period.

¹Frederick Douglass, Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, ed. Benjamin Quarles (Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1960), p. 52.

²ibid., p. 55.

It is difficult to locate the site of the Auld home on Alliciana Street. Hugh Auld was not among the listings in the Baltimore City Directory of 1824 or 1827. It is possible that Hugh and Sophia Auld were residing with her father, Richard Keithley. In 1824, Richard Keithley was living at 87 Alisanna (Baltimore City Directory, page 175); his address in 1827 was 85 Alisanna (Directory, page 150).

Douglass stated that his home (that of the Aulds) was "...near Mr. Gardner's ship yard, on Fell's Point." Gardner's ship yard was located on the east end of Fountain Street (in the 1824 Directory). Fountain Street ran east from Washington Street, between East Fleet and Alisanna Streets, (1804 Directory). The location of Gardner's suggests 85 Alicianna as a likely location of the Auld (Douglass) home.

The 1827 Directory contained the following listing: "Odd (Auld?) Hugh, ship carpenter, 13 Philpot." (page 200) This was the only instance in which a Hugh Odd appeared. Many errors are found in the early Directories; the name "Odd" may have been a misspelling of "Auld."

Beginning in 1829, it is evident that the Aulds (and Douglass) were living on Philpot Street. The following references are found in the Directories:

- (1829) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 11 Philpot st f p (p. 12)
- (1831) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 37 Philpot st (p. 19)
- (1833) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, w Philpot st (p. 14)
- (1835-1836) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 39 Philpot st
(p. AYR)

The residence on Philpot Street may be verified in an additional manner. In the Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave, the author stated: "Directly

opposite to us, on Philpot Street, lived Mr. Thomas Hamilton...."

(page 60) In the Directories the following entries are found:

- (1829) Hamilton Thomas, ship carpenter, E side of
Philpot f p (p. 138)
- (1831) Hamilton Thomas, ship carpenter, 22 Philpot st
(p. 163)
- (1833) Hamilton Thomas, ship carpenter, 18 Philpot st
(p. 83)
- (1835-1836) Hamilton Thomas, ship wright, 22 Philpot st
(p. 110)

While Douglass was living in Baltimore, his master, Aaron Anthony of Talbot County, died. His property was divided between his children; Captain Thomas Auld, husband of Lucretia Anthony Auld, inherited Douglass (see page 10).

...I fell to the portion of Mrs. Lucretia, and was sent immediately back to Baltimore, to live again in the family of Master Hugh.³

It is enough to say, of my warm-hearted little play fellows, that they lived on Philpot street, very near Durgin and Bailey's shipyard.⁴

I was much in the shipyard--Master Hugh's, and that of Durgin and Bailey...

Durgin and Bailey's was located on Philpot Street. The 1829 Directory recorded: "Durgan & Baily, shipwrights, Philpot f p." (p. 94) (see page 23 for additional information)

I have now reached a period of my life when I can give dates. I left Baltimore, and went to live with Master Thomas Auld, at St. Michael's, in March, 1832.⁵

³ibid., p. 75.

⁴Frederick Douglass, My Bondage and My Freedom (New York: Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1855), p. 155.

⁵ibid., pp. 170-171.

⁶Narrative, p. 81.

Thus, after an absense of 3 years and 1 month, I was once more permitted to return to my old home in Baltimore.

The following references were made to Hugh Auld in the Baltimore City Directory:

- (1835-1836) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 39 Philpot street (p. AYR)
- (1837-1838) Auld Hugh ship wright, Falls (Falls?) streets of Thames (p. 50)

In the Life and Times of Frederick Douglass, the author wrote of going to Auld's house "on Fell street..." (page 214). The slave escaped from his home in Baltimore in September, 1838.

Frederick Douglass spent approximately eight years in Baltimore, living with Hugh and Sophia Auld. It is evident that during most of this time he was living on Philpot Street. It was on Philpot Street that Douglass became a literate man, thus building the foundation for his later achievements.

The houses are all gone from Philpot street, on the industrial west side of Fells Point. They must have been pulled down long ago, and it is only now that they could have become fashionable. But were a row still standing, and were a particular house identifiable as once the home of Hugh and Sophia Auld--there'd be no more worry about freeways and demolition in that neighborhood, and people would travel to Baltimore from a long way off, simply to gape. That would be the house where Frederick Douglass lived as a boy, where he learned to read and write.

⁷ibid., p. 75

⁸James A. Bready, "Black and Beautiful, before Black Power," Evening Sun (Baltimore), 28 January 1969.

DOCUMENTS

THE AUTOBIOGRAPHIES OF DOUGLASS

My Bondage and My Freedom. Frederick Douglass. New York: Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1855).

(copy found in Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.)

I was speedily conducted by Rich--one of the hands belonging to the sloop--to my new home in Allicianna street, near Gardiner's ship-yard, on Fell's Point. (p. 137)

...my new home on Alliciana street, in Baltimore. (p. 141)

...a family who lived directly opposite to our house, and were named Hamilton. (p. 148)

It is enough to say, of my warm-hearted little play fellows, that they lived on Philpot street, very near Durgin & Bailey's shipyard. (p. 155)

I was much in the ship yard--Master Hugh's, and that of Durgan & Bailey... (p. 170-171)

Many of the young callers could read, write, and cipher. Some of them had high notions about mental improvement; and the free ones, on Fell's Point, organized what they called the 'East Baltimore Mental Improvement Society.' (p. 319)

But, as soon as I returned, I went straight to his (Hugh Auld's) house on Fell street, to hand him his (my) money. (p. 330)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave Written by Himself. New York: The New American Library, 1968.

(twelve years old, concerning his friends) It is enough to say of the dear little fellows, that they lived on Philpot Street, very near Durgin and Bailey's ship-yard. (p. 54)

(Thomas Auld) ...concluded to send me back to Baltimore, to live again with his brother Hugh, and to learn a trade. (p. 99)

(after fight at Gardner's) He (meaning Hugh Auld) then took me to the ship-yard of which he was foreman, in the employment of Mr. Walter Price. (p. 103)

...I went out and got employment of Mr. Butler, at his ship-yard near the drawbridge, upon what is called the City Block...
(p. 109)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, ed. Benjamin Quarles
Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press,
1960.

I was probably between seven and eight years old when I left Colonel Lloyd's plantation....I shall never forget the ecstasy with which I received the intelligence that my old master (Anthony) had determined to let me go to Baltimore, to live with Mr. Hugh Auld, brother to my old master's son-in-law, Captain Thomas Auld. (p. 52)

...I was conducted by Rich, one of the hands belonging on board of the sloop, to my new home in Alliciana Street, near Mr. Gardner's ship-yard, on Fells Point. (p. 55)

Directly opposite to us, on Philpot Street, lived Mr. Thomas Hamilton. He owned two slaves. Their names were Henrietta and Mary. (p. 60)

I lived in Master Hugh's family about seven years. (p. 63)

...I fell to the portion of Mrs. Lucretia, and was sent immediately back to Baltimore, to live again in the family of Master Hugh. (p. 75)
(see Talbot Co. distributions, page 10)

I have now reached a period of my life when I can give dates. I left Baltimore, and went to live with Master Thomas Auld, at St. Michael's, in March, 1832. (p. 81)

Thus, after an absence of three years and one month, I was once more permitted to return to my old home at Baltimore. (p. 127)

In a few weeks after I went to Baltimore, Master Hugh hired me to Mr. William Gardner, an extensive ship-builder, on Fell's Point. (p. 127)

Life and Times of Frederick Douglass written by himself.
New York: Pathway Press, 1941.

...I received from Miss Lucretia the joyful intelligence that my old master had determined to let me go to Baltimore to live with Mr. Hugh Auld, a brother to Mr. Thomas Auld, Miss Lucretia's husband. (p. 82)

...I was conducted by Rich--one of the hands belonging to the sloop--to my new home on Alliciana street, near Gardiner's ship yard, on Fell's point. Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Auld, my new master and mistress, were both at home, and met me at the door, together

with their rosy-cheeked little son Thomas, to take care of whom was to constitute my future occupation. In fact it was to 'little Tommy,' rather than to his parents, that old master made a present of me, and, though there was no legal form or arrangement entered into, I have no doubt that Mr. and Mrs. Auld felt that in due time I should be the legal property of their bright-eyed and beloved boy Tommy. (pp. 84-85)

I was much in the ship-yard--Master Hugh's and that of Durgan & Bailey... (p. 104)

It has already been observed that though I was, after my removal from Col. Lloyd's plantation, in form the slave of Master Hugh Auld, I was in fact and in law the slave of my old master, Capt. Anthony. (p. 107)

Cut off thus unexpectedly, Capt. Anthony died intestate, and his property must be equally divided between his two children, Andrew and Lucretia. (p. 107)

(See Talbot Co, distributions, page 16)

(Douglass returned to the Eastern Shore to be appraised, then came back to Baltimore. Lucretia Auld then died, and her husband and Hugh Auld had a misunderstanding; Douglass was sent to Talbot County.

I went to St. Michaels to live in March, 1833. (p. 117)

...Master Thomas decided to send me back again to Baltimore, to live with his brother Hugh, with whom he was now at peace. (pp. 195-196)

Very soon after I went to Baltimore to live, Master Hugh succeeded in getting me hired to Mr. William Gardiner, an extensive ship-builder on Fell's Point. (p. 199)

...Master Hugh took me to Esquire Watson's office on Bond street, Fell's Point,... (p. 206)

...I went directly to his home on Fell street to hand him his (my) money. (p. 214)

Durham Bailey

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ENOCH FRATT LIBRARY BOOK - LIFE AND TIMES OF FREDERICK DOUGLASS

Maryland Room - Md. G D 733A3 1941

One hundredth anniversary of the of Frederick Douglass, the appearance of this fugitive slave on the abolition platform of the Nantucket Anti-Slave Convention August 11, 1841, was an event of historic significance. It marked the emergence of the most down-trodden-- the Negro chattel slaves--into the arena of historic action through its best representative and stalwart leader. page xxv

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Feb. 1817 - Grandfather - Isaac Bailey - grandmother - Betsy Bailey. Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Ault - Baltimore - 7 years. page xxvii

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filled with the determination to learn to read and write that much desired end.

The system I mainly adopted, and the one which was the most successful, was that of using as teachers, my young white playmates, with whom I met on the streets, I used almost constantly to carry a copy of Webster's Spelling Book, in my pocket and, when sent on errands, or when playtime was allowed me, I would step aside with my young friends and take a lesson in spelling. I am greatly indebted to these boys-- Gustavus Borgan, Joseph Bailey, Charles Farity, and William Condry.

Page 104: After this manner I began to learn to write. I was much in the shipyard --Master Hugh's and that of Borgan & Bailey, and I observed that the carpenters, after hewing and getting ready a piece of timber to use, wrote on the initials of the name of the part of the ship for which it was intended. When for instance, a piece of timber was ready for the starboard side, it was marked with a capital "S". A piece for the larboard was marked "L", etc. I soon learned these letters and for what they were placed on the timbers.

Proctor of Allen Vailers
the second wife of Robert A. McAllister, Esq.

TALBOT CO. DISTRIBUTIONS 1825-1845
Folio 58---27 Sept 1827

James Chambers and Wm A. Leonard were appointed to divide negroes of late Captain Aaron Anthony of Talbot County. They were awarded as follows:

To
Andrew S. Anthony

- 1 Betty
- 2 Young Betty
- 3 Stephen
- 4 Angelina
- 5 Jerry
- 6 Sarah
- 7 Kitty
- 8 Little Arianna
- 9 Caroline

Estimating and valuing the same at \$935⁰⁰

To
Thomas Auld

- 1 Negro Milly and infant
- 2 Tom
- 3 Nancy
- 4 Henry
- 5 Harriott
- 6 Frederic (later known as Fred Douglas)
- 7 William
- 8 Hester and Child
- 9 Eliza

Estimating and valuing the same at \$935⁰⁰

(notation in handwriting of Harriet Lucretia Anthony identifies Frederick Douglass)

ACCOUNT OF SALES AND INVENTORIES 1827
Folio 5 Talbot Co. Register of Wills Office

Inventory, Personal Estate of Capt. Aaron Anthony of Talbot
Co.--19 Dec. 1826

Ages of Negroes and their appraised value
17 Frederick----9 yrs.--\$110⁰⁰ (later known as Fred Douglas)

(notation in handwriting of Harriet Lucretia Anthony identifies
Frederick Douglass)

Folder No. 71, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.

BILL OF SALE FOR NEGRO FREDERICK BAILEY OR DOUGLASS,
THOMAS AULD TO HUGH AULD, TALBOT CO.

(True copy of the original paper made by Benj'n F. Auld--
March 28th 1895)

Know all men by these prents, that I Thomas Auld of Talbot County and State of Maryland, for and in consideration of the Sum of one hundred dollars current money to me in hand paid by Hugh Auld of the City of Baltimore in the Said State, at and before the sealing and delivering of these prents the receipt whereof, I the Said Thomas Auld do hereby acknowledge have granted, bargained, and sold, and by these prents do grant bargain, and sell unto the said Hugh Auld his executors administrators, and assigns one negro man by the name of Frederick Bailey, he is now at this time about twenty seven years old. To have, and to hold the said negro man for life, and I the Said Thomas Auld, for myself my heirs, executors and administrators, all and singular the said Frederick Bailey unto the Said Hugh Auld. his executors, administrators and assigns, against me the Said Thomas Auld my executors and administrators, and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever, Shall and will warrant and forever defend by these prents, In witness whereof I set my hand and seal this 25th day of October Eighteen hundred and forty five

Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of
Wrightson Jones

Thos Auld
Hugh Auld



State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit.
Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified that on this 25th day of October Anno Domini, Eighteen hundred and forty five, before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace, of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot County, personally appeared, Thomas Auld, and Hugh Auld they being known to me, to be the persons who are named and described as, and professing to be the parties to the foregoing deed or indenture, and do acknowledge the Said indenture or instrument of writing to be their act and deed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto Subscribed my name on the day and year aforesaid

Wrightson Jones,

Rochester Oct. 4th (1857

Hugh Auld Esq---

My dear Sir.

My heart tells me that you are too noble to treat with indifference the request I am about to make, It is twenty years since I ran away from you, or rather not from you but from Slavery, and since then I have often felt a strong desire to hold a little correspondence with you and to learn something of the position and prospects of your dear children--They were dear to me--and are still--indeed I feel nothing but kindness for you all--I love you, but hate Slavery, Now my dear Sir, will you favor me by dropping me a line, telling me in what year I came to live with you in Aliceanna St the year the Frigate was built by Mr. Beacham-- The information is not for publication--and shall not be published We are all hastening where all distinctions are ended, kindness to the humblest will not be unrewarded

Perhaps you have heard that I have seen Miss Amanda that was, Mrs Sears that is, and was treated kindly Such is the fact, Gladly would I see you and Mrs. Auld--or Miss Sopha as I used to call her.

I could have lived with you during life in freedom though I ran away from you so uncerimoniously, I did not know how soon I might be sold. But I hate to talk about that, A line from you will find me Addressed Fred^d Douglass Rochester N. York. I am dear Sir very truly yours.

Fred: Douglass

D 163 (4) Hall of Records, Annapolis. Md.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: HUGH AULD

Marriage Records, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.

1793-July 24

MALE

Auld Hugh

FEMALE

Wilson Ziporah

NUMBER

227

MINISTER

Bend

(This was Hugh Auld's father.)

Auld Family Chart (found in the Maryland Historical Society):

Hugh Auld of Balt.

b. Sept 10, 1799

d. Dec. 23, 186-

(married) Sophia Keithley of Talbot by Rev. Mr. Dorgan

(son, "little Tommy") Thos. Edmd Auld

b. Jan. 12 1824

d. Feb. 3 1848 (drowned) unmd

Keithley File (found in the Maryland Historical Society):

"Marriage Licenses obtained in Easton at Land Record Office

Hugh Auld and Sophia Keithley--December 26, 1822

(Hester Ann Rogers Keithley Dodson)

My father, Richard Keithley,...

Mrs. Sophia Auld was the first child of my Father.
Was born November 26, 1800 died July 4, 1880, aged
80. She taught Fred Douglass his letters, etc.

Search the Scriptures (found in the Maryland Historical
Society) Contains the following information:

BIRTHS:

Benjamin F. Auld son of Hugh and Sophia Auld born
December 27th 1828.

DEATHS:

Died on the 23rd December 1861, Hugh Auld aged 62 years.

Life and Times of Frederick Douglass written by himself
New York: Pathway Press, 1941.

I hardly knew how to behave towards 'Miss Sopha,' as I used to call Mrs. Hugh Auld. (p. 87)

(Douglass stated that Hugh Auld was a shipbuilder on page 87)

While I was on the Eastern Shore, Master Hugh had met with reverses which overthrew his business and had given up shipbuilding in his own yard, on the City Block, and was now acting as foreman of Mr. Walter Price.

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave
written by himself. New York: The New American
Library, Inc., 1968.

(Sophia Auld): She had never had a slave under her control previously to myself, and prior to her marriage she had been dependent upon her own industry for a living. She was by trade a weaver; and by constant application to her business, she had been in a good degree preserved from the blighting and dehumanizing effects of slavery. (p. 48)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: THOMAS AULD

Easton Star of Jany 21, 1823 (Found in the Maryland Historical Society)

Married--In this town, on Thursday evey last (16th), by the Rev. Mr. Scull, Capt Thomas Auld, to Miss Lucretia P. Anthony, all of this county....

My Bondage and My Freedom. Frederick Douglass. New York: Miller, Orton & Mulligan, 1855.

(Copy found in Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md, with notes written by Harriett Lucretia Anthony, who stated that she was the great-granddaughter of Captain Anthony, and the granddaughter of Andrew Anthony.)

Lucretia Anthony married Capt. Thomas Auld She left one daughter who married John L. Sears. (found on p. 129)

'Miss Sophia' was Mrs. Hugh Auld, and Hugh Auld was a brother of Capt Thomas Auld who married my great Aunt Lucretia. Her full name was Lucretia Planner Anthony. (found on p. 142)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave.
Written by Himself. ed. Benjamin Quarles. Cambridge: Belknap Press of Harvard University Press, 1960.

My first master's name was Anthony. I do not remember his first name. He was generally called Captain Anthony... (p. 27)

My master's family consisted of two sons, Andrew and Richard; one daughter, Lucretia, and her husband, Captain Thomas Auld. (p. 31)

Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass an American Slave
Written by Himself. New York: The New American Library, Inc., 1968.

Captain (meaning Thomas) Auld was not born a slaveholder. He had been a poor man, master only of a Bay craft. He came into possession of all his slaves by marriage... (p. 66)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: WILLIAM AULD

Marriage Records (found in Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.)

1800 Oct. 27
 MALE FEMALE
 Auld William Moulder Elizabeth.
 NUMBER MINISTER
 215 -----

Letters of Administration, Book 7, Folio 1:

The Time When the Administration was granted
 1820 February 16
 Names of the Persons Deceased on whose Estate Letters have
 been granted

Auld William
 Whether the Deceased died Intestate or left a Will
 Intestate

Names of the Persons to whom the Letters were granted

Elizabeth Auld
 Whether the Party be Executor or Administrator or
 Collector

Administratrix
 Names of the Securities
 James Campbell
 Alexander Fridge

Amount of the Inventory
 \$4298"
 Amount of the Sales
 \$1232 79
 "1925 "
 Amount of the Debts due to the Deceased

 Amount of the Payments and Disbursements
 \$2347 73
 "3123 59
 Amount of the Balance due to the Estate
 \$3011 17

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 Amount Overpaid the Estate

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The Time When each Account was Settled
 1st Account 12th October 1821
 2n " 12th September 1823

DATE: February 16, 1820
 LIPER AND FOLIO: 32/233 & C, Hall of Records, Annapolis, Md.)

Inventory of Capt William Auld of Baltimore

1 lot wearing Apparel	\$ 55	00
Schooner Nancy her Tackel & Apparel.....	1800	00
her cargo of Salt.....	480	00
House & Lot on Alisana Street	600	--
Negro woman Have for Life	250	--
three mahogany Tables	15	--
nine chairs	5	--
a lot of And? Irons Shovel & Tongs	5	--
one looking Glafs	7	--
one lot pictures	2	--
one ditto waiters	2	50
one ditto plate	20	--
one dillo cupboard furniture.....	16	--
1 Small liquor case.....	1	--
one writing desk	5	--
one corner cupboard of contents.....	5	--
one small looking Glaf	1	50
one lot Kitchen furniture.....	17	--
One Bed Head & Bedding.....	20	--
one ditto ditto	15	--
Two Bureaus	10	--
One small looking Glaf.....	2	--
One lot of Brunks.....	10	--
one ditto Books	5	--
two Guns & thrice pistols	15	--
One Sextant one quadrant & lot of Charts.....	45	--
one lot Carpets & (Hair?) Rods.....	5	--
two small old Tables.....	2	--
One Shaving Box & Contents.....	3	--
One lot of Bedding	20	--
One lot of lumber.....	40	--
One lot of Bedding.....	5	--
two Spy Glafses.....	20	--
Forty Shares of Marnie Bonds (Hark?)	20	800 00
		\$4298 00

Baltimore County on the 18th day of February 1820 came Elizabeth Auld Administrix of William Auld deceased and made Oath on the Holy (Evangely?) of Almighty God that the aforegoing is a true and perfect Inventory of all and Singular the Goods and Chattles of the said deceased that have come to her hands knowledge or Pofefions at the time of making thereof that what has since or shall hereafter come to her hands Knowledge or Pofefion she will claim in an additional Inventory that she knows of...

concealment or suspects any to be if she should hereafter discover any concealment or suspect any to be she will make the Register of Wills acquainted therewith that the same may be enquired into according to law.

August Term 1823
Proceedings
LIBER AND FOLIO: 12/188

William Auld, Allen Auld, Christiana Auld, Mary Auld, Jane Auld, David Auld, and James A. Auld, Orphan Children of William Auld deceased comes into Court and the Court appoints Elizabeth Auld their Guardian who here present in Court accepts the Guardianship and John Smith and James Gibson as her Securities who are approved of by the Court and bonds ordered to be executed accordingly

{Bonds filed & recorded} . .

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
AULDS IN BALTIMORE

(information from Baltimore City Directories)

- (1803) Auld William, ship-master, 50 Alisanna st. F. P. (p. 14)
- (1804) East Alisanna-Street
Cross Ann-St. Joseph Farran, saw-sharper
next John Craig, rigger
46 Peter Green, carpenter
next William Auld, sea-captain
next John Savils, ship-carpenter
next Mrs. Colgan, widow.
Cross Wolf-Street. (p. 81)
- (1807) Auld captain William, 50, E. Alisanna street, F. P. (p. 14)
- (1808) Auld captain William, 50, E. Alisanna street, F. P. (p. 14)
- (1810) no listing
- (1812) Auld, captain William, 50, E. Alisanna-st. F. P. (p. 7)
- (1814-1815) Auld, William, sea-capt. 56, E. Alisanna st. F. P.
(p. 31)
- (1816) Auld William, sea captain, 50 E. Alisanna street--FP
(p. 21)
- (1817-1818) Auld Capt. Wm. 50 E. Alisanna--fp (p. 7)
- (1819) Auld, Captain William, 50 e Alisanna f p (p. ASK-AUS)
- (1822-1823) Auld, Elizabeth, boarding house, 12 South (p. 12)
- (1824) Auld Elizabeth, boarding house, 12 South (p. 12)
- (1827) Auld Mrs. Elizabeth, boarding house, 12 South (p. 19)
Auld Mrs Elizabeth, E Baltimore S side E of Caroline
(p. 19)
Odd (Auld?) Hugh, ship carpenter, 13 Philpot (p. 200)
- (1829) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 11 Philpot st f p (p. 12)
- (1831) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 37 Philpot st (p. 19)
- (1833) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, w Philpot st (p. 14)

- (1835-1836) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 39 Philpot street (p. 10)
- (1837-1838) Auld Hugh shipwright, Falls st s of Thames (p. 50)
- (1840-1841) Auld Hugh, shipwright, Block st w of Thames (p. 51)
(Block, from w Falls av to Thames st near City Dock--1840
Baltimore City Directory)
- (1842) Auld Hugh, lumber inspector, Block st w of Thames (p. 64)
- (1845) Auld Hugh, shipwright, 74 Block st. (p. 12)
- 1849-1850) Auld Hugh, ship carpenter, 3 Philpot st (p. 24)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

GARDNER

(information from Baltimore City Directories)

- (1822-1823) Gardner George, ship carpenter, Fleet N side E of Washington, f p (p. 103)
- (1824) Gardner George, ship carpenter, E end of Fountain st dw German, N side E of Bond, f p (p. 115)
- (1827) Gardner Wm. ship carpenter, Fleet st N side, W of Castle alley (p. 103)
- (1829) Gardner George, ship builder, Fleet f p (p. 118)
Gardner William, ship builder, Fleet f p (p. 118)
- (1831) Gardner George, Fleet st near Washington st (p. 141)
Gardner William, Fleet st near Washington st (p. 141)
Gardner George & William, ship yard, lower end of Fountain st (p. 141)
- (1833) Gardner George, Fleet near Washington st (p. 72)
Gardner Wm. ship carpenter, Fleet st (p. 72)
- (1835-1836) Gardner George, ship builder, Fleet st w of Castle alley (p. 95)
Gardner Wm. ship builder, Fleet st e of Washington (p. 95)
- (1837-1838) Gardiner George, shipwright, Fleet st e of Washington (p. 137)
Gardiner William, shipwright, Fleet st e of Washington (p. 137)
Gardiner William & George, ship yard, e end of Lancaster (p. 137)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
Dorgan (Durgan) and Baily

(information from Baltimore City Directories)

- (1822-1823) Baily, Thomas, ship carpenter, Fleet s side W
of Ann f p (p. 13)
Dorgan, John ship carpenter, Fleet st. N side
W of Castle alley, f p (p. 18)
- (1824) Baily Thos. ship carpenter, Fleet, S side, W of Ann
f p (p. 12)
Dorgan John, ship carpenter, Eden, W side S of Gough,
f p (p. 87)
- (1827) Dorgan Jno. ship carpenter, 20 Philpot, near Thames
(p. 79)
Durgan John, ship carpenter, Philpot, near Thames (p. 83)
- (1829) Dorgan John, carpenter, 20 Philpot near Thames f p (p. 89)
Dorgan & Baily, ship wrights, Philport (Philpot?) f p
(p. 89)
Durgan John, carpenter, 20 Philpot near Thames (p. 94)
(Dorgan and Durgan are probably the same man.)
- (1831) Bailey Thomas, ship carpenter, 13 Philpot st (p. 21)
Durgan John, ship carpenter, 20 Philpot st (p. 116)
- (1833) Bailey Thomas, ship carpenter, 9 Philpot st (p. 15)
Dorgen (Dorgan?) John, ship carpenter, Philpot st (p. 57)
- (1835-1836) Bailey Thomas, ship carpenter, 2 Philpot street (p. 12)
Dorgan John, ship yard, w Falls av. near the
drawbridge; dw 20 Philpot st (p. 72)
- (1837-1838) Dorgan John, ship wright, 20 Philpot st (p. 114)

SAW DOUGLASS LEARN LETTERS

Mar. 25, 1909
DEATH OF MRS. McALLISTER RE-
CALLS INCIDENT.

She Was An Old Resident of This
City, and Died at Pocahontas,
Va., Aged 77 Years—Her Father
Built Many Famous Baltimore
Clippers—It Was In His Ship-
yard That the Negro Slave Was
Taught His Alphabet by Trac-
ing Letters On the Sand.

Point, at that time lived Mrs. Thomas Auld, an exceedingly worthy woman who ultimately became the owner of Fred Douglass, the extraordinary negro slave afterwards achieving such remarkable distinction. Douglass, as he relates in his autobiography, was sent to Baltimore when very young by his master, Col. Edward Lloyd, of Talbot county, that he might have motherly care at the hands of Mrs. Sarah Auld, a relative of Colonel Lloyd.

The late Mrs. McAllister and her only brother, Joseph Bailey, had, as boy and girl, on an adjoining farm, in Talbot county, known Douglass well, and their father, Mr. Bailey, was so attracted by the boy's intelligence that when he came to Baltimore Mr. Bailey gave his great attention and sympathy. Accordingly, he used to take the little slave to his shipyard with him daily, and here the boy would spend much time in play with Joseph Bailey and one or two other lads. Mrs. McAllister was wont to say that the career of Frederick Douglass actually started from her father's shipyard, and under her father's encouragement, for it was there that he was taught his alphabet, on which his future advancement in scholarship and learning primarily depended.

Douglass was very eager to learn how to read, and Mrs. McAllister used to say that finally Joseph Bailey began to teach the slave boy the 26 letters of the alphabet. The method was exceedingly novel. Joseph Bailey traced a letter or so of the alphabet in the sand of the shipyard day by day, and these Douglass conned one by one. In due time the whole alphabet, on which the slave boy was to rear a superstructure of broadest learning and most genuine intellectual culture, was imprinted in his mind along the shore of the Patapsco. Douglass never forgot this service, and throughout his life was a warm friend of Mrs. McAllister. Her brother Joseph was lost at sea on one of his father's ships shortly after the above event.

In his autobiography, Douglass heartily and feelingly alludes to Joseph Bailey, and, indeed, throughout the pages of that remarkable book (thought by some to be equal to "Uncle Tom's Cabin") he dwells gratefully on the memory of those days of his early youth.

Mrs. McAllister is survived by a family of five children: Thomas B. McAllister, the contractor on West North avenue, in this city; George B. McAllister, inventor, Washington, D. C.; Mrs. W. T. Barbour, wife of William T. Barbour, proprietor of Pocahontas Inn, Pocahontas, Va.; Mrs. Alice B. Hoover, of New York, and Mrs. Kate M. Allen, of St. Louis, Mo. An only surviving sister, Mrs. Caroline B. Newman, resides in Pittsburg, Pa.

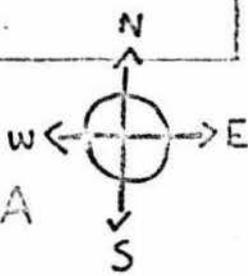
Mrs. Alice B. McAllister, formerly a resident of Baltimore, but in recent years located in New York city, N. Y., died yesterday at the Pocahontas Inn, Pocahontas, Va., while on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. William T. Barbour, of that place. Mrs. McAllister had reached the advanced age of 77 years, but was in full possession of her bodily and mental health until recently, when she developed a cardiac affection, of which she died. Arrangements will be made for the removal of Mrs. McAllister's body to this city, where the interment will take place at Greenmount Cemetery.

Mrs. McAllister was an old resident of this city and was especially well known in East Baltimore, where she resided on South Broadway for possibly a quarter of a century. In the early days of the growth of Methodism in the Eastern section of the city, no one was more closely identified with earnest church work. She was an old member of Broadway Methodist Episcopal Church and during the two decades she was connected with the church was conspicuously in touch with all the social activities of East Baltimore Methodism. Many years ago she removed to Louisville, Ky., whence she afterward went to live in New York city.

The father of Mrs. McAllister was Thomas Bailey, who was a prominent shipbuilder in this city. The firm of which he was a member—Dugan and Bailey—was established for many years on Black street, in this city, in the period between 1800 and 1850, and from their shipyard was launched a large proportion of the famous "Baltimore clippers," or those swift sailing vessels which, in the annals of our merchant marine, preceded our steam-propelled vessels. Near Mrs. McAllister's father's residence, on Fells

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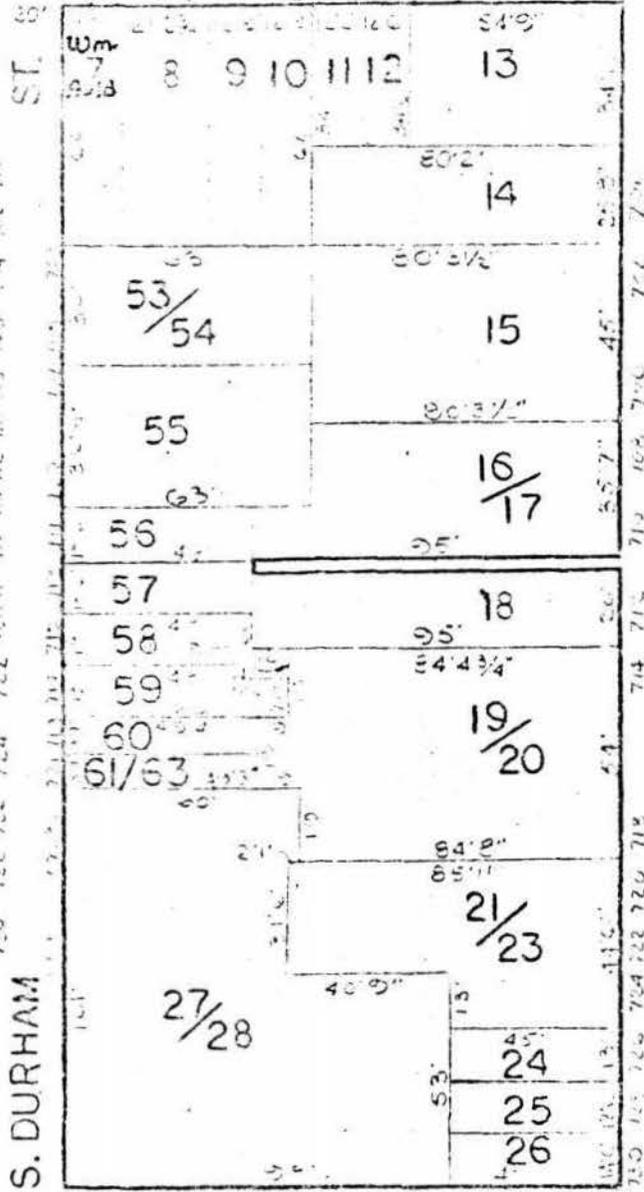
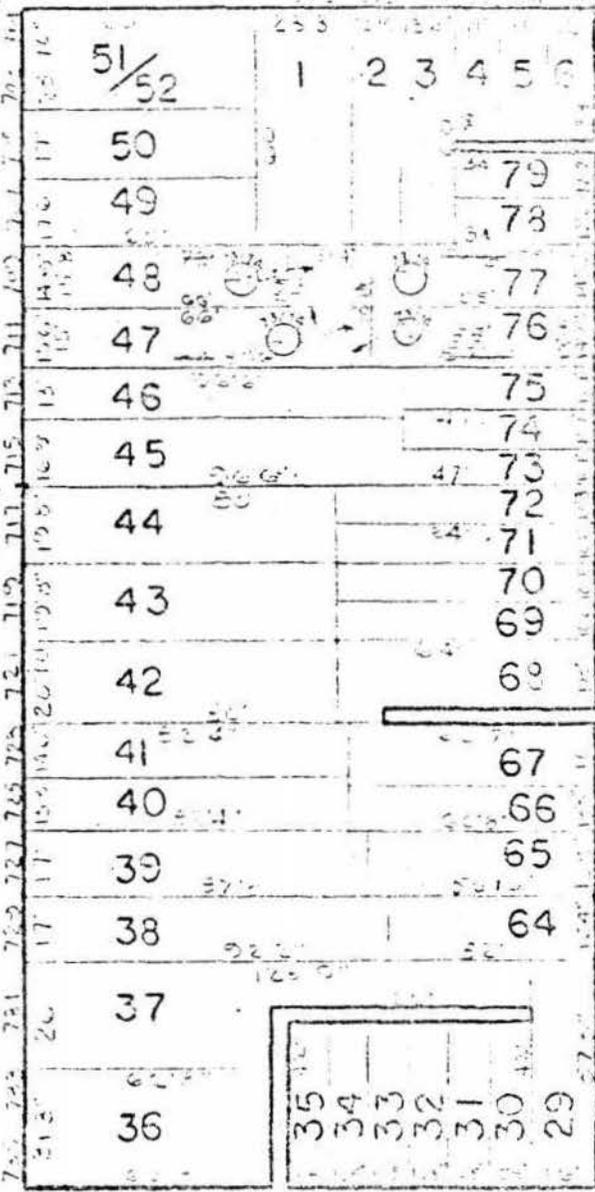


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S. ANN

S. DURHAM

S. WOLFE

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ST.

1862

City of Baltimore
 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
 Property Location Division
 Ward 2 Section 6
 Block 1846
 (March 1967)

Scale 1"=50'

(March 1967)

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Home of Frederick Douglass (Auld House)
Block 1846 Lots 007
Baltimore City
Baltimore East Quad.

