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Abiel Jenners, 1774 - 1824

Abil Jenner

Abiel Jenners was born 5 January 1774 in Concord, Middlesex Co., Massachusetts. His parents were David Jenners and Sarah Buttrick. The Buttricks were an old Middlesex County family and I will post more about them at some point. David Jenners is one of our mysteries. I have found Abiel's name spelled "Abial" and his surname spelled "Janners" and "Jenner."

On 16 March 1789, Abiel appeared before a local justice of the peace, Ephraim Wood, and requested that Joseph Buttrick be named his guardian. Abiel was 15 years old. I suspect that the Joseph Buttrick named as his guardian was his maternal grandfather. He did, however, have an uncle named Joseph Buttrick who this might have been; that uncle Joseph was only 20 years old in 1789, so I believe Abiel's guardian was his grandfather. On 9 April 1789, Joseph Buttrick, Willard Meriam, and Nathan Barrett filed a bond with Oliver Prescott in Middlesex Co., Massachusetts, related to Joseph acting as Abiel's guardian. Joseph was named as principal and Willard and Nathan were listed as 'surety.' On these documents, Abiel's father, David, is named and noted as having "absconded."

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According to family documents, Abiel moved from Concord to Washington City (now D.C.) in June 1795 when he was 21 years old.

On 17 May 1796, Abiel married Deborah Young in Washington City. The "Washington Gazette" for 11-15 June 1796 says, "Married... May 17, Mr. Abial Jenners, to Miss Deborah Young." Deborah was the daughter of William Young and Ruth Jackson.

Abiel and Deborah's first child, Martin, was born 25 April 1797 in Washington City.

A few references have been found to Abiel in Washington City. In July 1797, there was mail waiting for him at the post office. In September 1797, Abiel turned a mulatto man over to the sheriff of Prince George's Co., Maryland.

Abiel and Deborah's second child, William Morduit Jenners, was born 9 November 1798 in Washington City.

In January 1799, a letter from Concord, Massachusetts was waiting at the post office for Abiel.

On 25 April 1800, the following notice appeared in a Washington newspaper: "Taken up as a Stray and brought before me by Abiel Jenners, a bay mare her legs, main [sic] and tale [sic] black, no visible Mark or brand shod before, about four years old and thirteen hands high. - Com Coningham Enrolled April th 28th 1800."

On 3 June 1800, a daughter, Sarah, was born to Abiel and Deborah.

Abiel and his family were living in Washington at the time of the 1800 Federal Census. The following individuals were listed in the household: 2 males under ten (probably Martin, age 3, and William, age 2); 1 male between 16 and 26 (probably Abiel, age 26); 1 female under ten (probably Sarah, age less than a year); 1 female between 26 and 45 (probably Deborah, age 27) and three slaves.

These slaves were probably Juda, Flora, and Jeffry, the three slaves named in the indenture dated 12 December 1800 between Abiel and his widowed mother-in-law, Ruth (Jackson) Young. Abiel owed Ruth \$800 and he deeded the three slaves, a horse, and a cow to Ruth in payment of the debt. The indenture reads: "This Indenture made this twelfth day of December in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred by and between Abiel Jenners of the City of Washington of the one part and Ruth Ann Young Adimistratrix of the Estate of William Young deceased of the other part. Whereas the said Abiel Jenners did some time ago receive and order from the said Ruth Ann Young upon the Commissioners of the City of Washington which was accepted and paid to the said Abiel amounting to the sum of Two Thousand two hundred and twenty two Dollars and whereas a part thereof to with the sum of eight hundred Dollars remains unaccounted for by the said Abiel and is now due from him to the said Ruth Ann Young. Now for securing to her the said sum of Eight hundred Dollars in manner herein after mentioned This Indenture Witnesseth that the said Abiel Jenners for and in consideration of the previous [?] and of the further sum of five shillings to him in hand paid by the said Ruth Ann Young the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged Hath given Granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth give grant bargain and sell to her the said Ruth Ann Young one negro woman named Flora and her two Children named Juda a Girl and Jeffry a boy One Grey Horse bought of Timothy Beane and one red Cow with a white face. To have and to hold the Same negroes Horse and Cow to her the said Ruth Ann Young her Executors Administrators and Assigns to Her and their Sole use and [unreadable word] for ever - provided that if the said Abiel Jenners, his executors or Adminsitrators shall well and truly pay or cause to be paid unto the said Ruth Ann Young her Executors, Administrators or assigns the aforesaid sum of eight hundred Dollars with all lawful Interest due thereon in one year from the date

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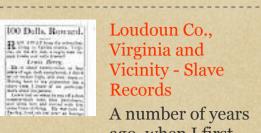
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Amariah Frost Enrolled December 30th 1800"			<ul><li>September (10)</li></ul>
			<ul> <li>August (10)</li> </ul>
On 27 June 1801, Abiel and Deborah's daughter, Sarah, died. She was a year	old. Her grave has not been found.		
In January 1802, Abiel moved his family to the Broad Run area of Loudoun C	Co. Virginia and sottlad on a farm ha named "Concord Farm " This "	plantation" was located	► July (13)
along Broad Run and Horsepen Run in southeastern Loudoun Co. and consis			<b>June</b> (17)
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In May of 1802, Abiel petitioned the county regarding a road near his farm:	"Loudoun Co., VA Road Case #127		April (13)
Loudoun County [unreadable] May the 11th 1802 - On the Petition of Abiel William Horseman or any three of them being first qualified before some Ju of Broad Run to the So. Side of his plantation and make Report thereof to th	ustice of this County do view the most convenient way for turning th	ne ox road from the ford	
<i>Teste C Binns Clk</i> In Obedience to an Order from the county Court of Loudoun to us Directed f	for Viewing a way to Turn the Ox Road. We being first Sworn are o	f Opinion that the way	
shown to us by Abiel Jenners is Nearer and as good or better Ground for a I Ford on the South Side of Broad Run then leaving the Old Road to the Right South part of Mr. Jenners Plantation into the Old Road. Given under Hands the 4th Day of December 1802.	Road than where the Road Runs at present the way shown to us was	s Beginning at the Old	
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The within Commissioners were Qualified before me according to the law gr [written across paper *for Abiel Jenners*] Jenners, Abiel	iven under my hand the day & year aforesaid	John Lyons"	
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From looking on the map near the area where I believe Abiel's land was, I see discussion in the above document.	e that current day Rt. 606 is also called "Old Ox Road." I suspect this	s is the road under	
On 23 July 1802, a son, David, was born on Abiel's farm near Broad Run in L	Loudoun Co., Virginia.		
On 9 May 1803, a deed for two lots of land consisting of about 633 acres was will not include the full deed here, but it refers to land along Broad Run and I Janney.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
On 16 March 1804, a daughter was born to Deborah and Abiel. They named	her Sarah Y. Jenners.		
By 1805, Abiel had moved again. This time to "Hamilton Farm" near Paolian	Springs near Waterford in Loudoun Co. In April 1805 a deed was	s recorded showing Abiel	
purchasing 358 acres from John Hamilton and his wife, Winifred. A deed of guaranteed that Abiel would pay the \$7,177 for the land within three years. T	trust between Abiel and Deborah, Robert Braden, John Littlejohn an	nd Charles Binns,	
to local sources, this piece of land is located along Rt. 662 between Rt. 9 and $$		neo Dennett. Necorunig	
On 29 April 1805, Abiel bought fire insurance for his house and barn from th		ne barn for \$1200.	
A deed dated 11 June 1806 indicates that Abiel sold Hamilton Farm to Samue	el Brook for the same amount he paid (\$7,177). However, other indic	cations are that the	
family was still living on Hamilton Farm for a few years after 1806.			
On 19 February 1807, Deborah gave birth to twins: a son who died at birth an	nd was not named and a daughter, Mary Dulin Jenners.		
On 21 March 1807, Abiel wrote the following note which is apparently in his o	own handwriting:		
"To the Clerke of Loudoun County, Sir, you will please to strike of the suit ag	aginst Mr. John Virt in Chanceru to stau moneu in John McIlhoneu'	s hands as we have	
settled the business and the money is going to him. Test - George Crop. Abi		o nanao ao ao naoc	
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In 1808, an indenture was filed by Robert Braden, John Littlejohn and Charles Binns releasing Abiel from the deed of trust that guaranteed his purchase of Hamilton Farm. He had paid them what he owed and the farm was now his.

On 26 June 1809, Deborah gave birth to another set of twins: a son who died at birth and was not named and another son, Saurin Jenners.

On 1 February 1810, Abiel was named executor in the will of Stiles Jackson in Loudoun County. I have not yet determined how Stiles might be connected to Abiel, but I do know that his mother-in-law's maiden name was Jackson, so that may be the connection. Stiles left a widow, Elizabeth, and a minor son, John. Abiel was named John Jackson's guardian.

In June 1810, Abiel attended the estate sale of Joseph Braden, Sr. and purchased a drawing knife.

While there are plenty of documents placing Abiel in Loudoun Co., Virginia in 1810, I have not found him on the federal census for that year. His name appears on many county documents as a witness or a party to the proceedings during this time.

On 15 January 1811, a son, Alba, was born on Hamilton Farm in Loudoun County.

On 18 April 1813, Abiel and Deborah's youngest child, Ann, was born.

On 25 March 1815, Abiel was named one of 12 directors of the Loudoun Company, the first bank formed in Loudoun Co. at a meeting held at Joseph Talbott's tavern on Main Street in Waterford, Virginia. On 24 November 1815, at a meeting of the Loudoun Company directors, Abiel was appointed to meet a deputation in Winchester on 27 November 1815 to prepare a petition to the Virginia legislature regarding a charter for the bank. On 26 January 1816, Abiel was one of the directors appointed to examine the books and accounts of the Loudoun Company. And on 28 September 1816, Abiel was re-elected as a director of the Loudoun Company.

In December 1816, he was one of the men appointed to appraise the property of Joseph Braden, Jr. after Joseph's death.

On 14 December 1819, Abiel was one of the men named to settle a dispute over land between William and Jane (Caldwell) Wright and Jane's brother, Moses Caldwell.

On the 1820 census, Abiel is found with his family outside Waterford in Loudoun Co., Virginia. The household included 18 slaves.

In February 1820, Abiel was named administrator of the estate of Stephen Ball. And in 1821, he was named executor of the estate of John McGeath. In March 1821, Abiel vouched for his son, David's milling business in an advertisement in the Genius of Liberty.

In November 1821, Abiel bought William Wright's farm from William's heirs. The following advertisement appeared in the Leesburg newspaper, "Genius of Liberty," on 18 December 1821: "WILL BE SOLD, To the highest bidder, On Saturday, the 29th Inst. in the town of Waterford, THE FIVE SLAVES, belonging to the estate of Wm. WRIGHT, deceased, and consisting of three males and two females. Terms of sale will be 60 days credit. Abiel Jenners, and Samuel Paxson, Administrators. Dec. 18, 1821. -- 69ts."

David Jenner's memoirs state, "1822... this year father built the house at the Rite's place and lived there one year..." The Wright farm was apparently located just north of Waterford.

According to the account book of an unidentified Waterford merchant, Abiel Jenners made the following transactions during 1822-23: 16 April 1822 "1 pr shoes returned, 4 3/4 yds cotton;" 6 Feb 1823 "1 lb nails;" 12 Feb 1823 "6 yds cotton, 1/2 lb yarn #14, 1 pr specticles (sic), 1 nest? ceder (sic) ware per wife;" 15 Feb 1823 "1 pr snuffers?, 1/2 lb cotton yarn;" 26 Feb 1823 "1/2 lb cotton yarn returned;" 28 Feb 1823 "1/4 yd silk, silk th'd;" 15 March 1823 "1 bottle spirits turpentine;" 24 March 1823 "12 lb nails;" 26 March 1823 "6 lb nails;" 28 March 1823 "to James Higdon's note \$20;" 2 April 1823 "8 lb nails;" 3 April 1823 "14 lb nails;" 29 April 1823 "4 3/4 yds cotton per wife;" 29 April 1823 "to Asa Brown \$2.50;" 9 June 1823 "1/2 yd Jaconete (?) muslin, 1/2 lb roll brimstone;" 2 August 1823 "2 oz Indigo, 1 box pins, 1/2 pr ditto per wife;" 11 August 1823 "iron furnished Powell Shry \$10;" 27 August 1823 "cr Ben Kins \$4.23;" 24 Sept 1823 "1 yd book muslin, 1 pr gloves per Salley."

On 15 February 1824, Abiel wrote his will. It follows: "I Abiel Jenners of Loudoun County do make this my last will in manner following. First as soon after my decease as the Crops on hand are taken care of, I will and direct that all my Personal property including Slaves shall be sold on the Usual Terms of such sales Reserving however to my beloved Wife Deborah all the furniture about the house and provisions such as the land produces to keep her one year. this I give to do with as she pleases. And for the payment of my Debts I will first the sale of the sale of the farm I bought of George Tavner [?] and if that and the money owing to me and the sale of the Personal property will not pay off my Debts, the land I bought of William Wright's heirs must be sold but if it will sell for as much as will pay up by reserving my Wife her life Estate in it to be sold in that Way and give her the life Estate in it. And Further I hereby give her all and every part and parcel of my Estate that shall be left after the payment of my Debts. And if anything is left after her decease I give it to my five youngest children having given the three Eldest One Thousand Dollars each heretofore. Lastly I do hereby appoint my Worthy Friend John Braden my Executor to carry this my Will into effect empowering him to make all conveyances for My lands and further I hereby empower him or either of my sons to make or complete any conveyances to land that I have been concerned in in any way. My Executor is to sell my Ninth share in the Farm belonging to the heirs of Michel Cooper deceased. Michel of Whom I bought it will make conveyance to the purchaser. Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of February in the year of our Lord 1824. Abiel Jenners {Seal}

At a court held for Loudoun County October 11th, 1824 a Paper purporting to be the last Will and Testament of Abiel Jenners deceased was presented to the Court and proved to be in the hand writing of Abiel Jenners dec'd by the oaths of Rich. H. Henderson, Thos Marlon and John H. McCabe and ordered to be recorded and on the notice of John Braden the Executor therein named who made oath therein according to Law, Who together with John Wright and Robert Braden his securities entered into and acknowledged their Bond in the penalty of Thirty Thousand Dollars conditioned according to Law. A certificate is granted him for obtaining a probate thereof in due form. A Copy Teste C Binns, Cl[erk]"

On 13 April 1824, Abiel's daughter, Sarah (Sally), married Jonathan Bradfield at the family home on the Wright Farm in Loudoun Co., Virginia.

On 6 May 1824, Abiel was one of the signers of a petition of Waterford area residents regarding flour prices.

On 10 May 1824, Abiel witnessed two deeds for Robert Braden which provided land for Robert's sons, Noble and Burr. Burr would later marry Abiel's daughter, Mary.

Abiel Jenners died at 6 p.m. on his farm near Waterford, Loudoun Co., Virginia, on 26 September 1824. He was 50 years old. He was buried in Waterford Union Cemetery. There is no date on Abiel's tombstone. His tombstone reads: "In Memory of Abiel Jenners, What the no Sculptur'd Monument thy Virtues Scan O Earth, thou never didst contain a better Man".

The following notice appeared in the "Genius of Liberty," October 5, 1824 (Tuesday): "Abiel Jenners departed this life on first day (Sunday) evening about 6 o'clock on the 26th ultimate in the 52 year of his age. He was born at Concord in the state of Massachusetts and emigrated when a young man to the city of Washington at which place he married Deborah Young, a native thereof, and removed with his family to this county in 1802, where he has resided ever since. He was a very industrious and skilled farmer, a kind neighbor and useful citizen having served for several years in the station of a magistrate, with reputation to himself and advantage to the neighborhood. Sensible as the loss of such a man is felt by a community, it is in the domestic circle and in the bosom of his own family that that loss is irreparable. He was a kind husband and very affectionate father and spared no expense within the limits of his circumstances (which were not inconsiderable) to educate and provide for his children. Long will they mourn his loss; but there is one who has promised to be a husband to the widow and a father to the fatherless, if they put their trust in him. Let not therefore, the afflicted mourn as those without consolation."

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"Genius of Liberty" Leesburg, VA, 5 Oct 1824, pg 3

In November 1824, an inventory of Abiel's estate listed as property: "1 black woman (Hannah), 1 black man (Lige), 1 man (Cupid), 1 man (Sam), 1 man (Thornton) considered an encumbrance." One other slave has been identified, a Lewis Berry, who ran away from his new master in June 1826.

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R. AN AWAY from the subscriber, bia, living in Fairfax county, Virgi- nia, on the 4th inst. a negro man na- med Lewis, and calls himself	
Lewis Berry.	-
He is about twenty-three or four	
years of age, dark complected, 5 feet 8	
or 10 inches high, and well made	
short time, I know of no particular	
mark about his person.	
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country-cloth coat, blue pantaloons, and black hat; and carried with him	
some linen clothing. He was born in	
Fairfax, lived the last year at George	
Henry's, in Loudoun, and for many years previous with A. Jenners, near	
Waterford, where he is well known to	
every persons and where he has a free	
mulatto wife, and where he will no	
doubt direct his course, or to some free state. I will give, to any person	
apprehending and securing in any jail	
of this state, said negro, fifty dollars;	
or, if taken in any other state, one	
John B. Hunter.	
June 13, 182623 5t	

On 2 November 1824, the following ad appeared in the local newspaper, "The Genius of Liberty:" "Loudoun Land for Sale Will be offered for sale on the 18th November inst. on the premises all the real estate of the late Abiel JENNERS. This property is situate within a mile of the town of Waterford on the road leading from thence to Nolands Ferry and consists of Two Tracts of Land Adjoining: The one containing one hundred and ten acres to which is attached a mountain Wood Lot of thirty acres, distant about one mile. The buildings upon this tract, are of the most commodious kind, the Mansion House having, upon the lower floor, four rooms, and upon the second five lodging chambers together with all necessary out houses. Besides a very good Orchard there were planted out last fall one hundred fruit trees of the first character, all of which are in a flourishing condition. A large portion of the tract is enclosed with a stone fence--it is at present in a highly improved condition from the application of plaster and clover. Within thirty steps of the door there is a large and never failing spring of the purest water. The other tract contains one hundred and sixty acres, a very large proportions of which is finely timbered--This tract is also in a high stage of improvement at present. There was strewed upon a portion of this land, summer before last, about one thousand bushels of lime, the advantage of which is now beginning to develop itself in a very striking manner. A large portion of this tract is also inclosed [sic] with a stone fence. The buildings are good--fine water--an excellent orchard, and abundance of good meadow land well taken in timothy. There have been sown down this fall, upon the two pieces, one hundred acres of small grain. These farms will be sold together or separate to suit purchasers. the terms--one third of the purchase money in hand, and the balance in one, two, three, and four years. There will be offered for sale at the same time, A Lot Of two or three acres upon which is a good log Dwelling and Stables, adjoining the large tract above described. Also one-ninth share of a Tract of Land Of which Michael COOPER died seized, situate in the German Settlement. The Personal Property will be offered for sale upon the same day, among which are NINE shares of Stock in the Ashby Gap Turnpike. [placed by] John BRADEN, Executor" The sale took place on 18 November 1824.

John Braden was still filing accountings regarding Abiel's estate in Loudoun County as late as June 1832.

Please see my posting on Deborah (Young) Jenners for the story of the family after Abiel's death.

Posted by Sue Beach at 5:41 PM

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