

When he died, in 1648, a "Neager maide" belonging to him was appraised at 25 pounds.



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Rector ELISHA WILLIAMS (Colonel, Clergyman and Judge), was the owner of a squaw slave. He records the birth of two of her children: *Ambo*, 5 June, 1715, and *Desire*, 17 Feb., 1717. John Wiard sold his Negro, *Anthony*, his freedom in 1711.

Judging from the number of manumissions recorded, there must have been many negro slaves in Wethersfield. Some of the facts connected with the grant of their freedom are interesting.

In November, 1766, *Quash Gomer* bought his freedom from JOHN SMITH for 25 pounds. Gomer's grave is marked by a suitably inscribed stone in the cemetery. In March, 1768, SARAH WEBSTER freed, unconditionally, *Pop*, inherited by her from her mother [widow] MARY WARNER. In October, 1769, DAVID BELDING [Belden] released *Jupi-*