

*Understanding  
Maryland &  
Montgomery County's  
Black History and Culture  
Through Biographies*

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# Africans in the Maryland Colony

1634

English settlers in St. Mary's City in Southern Maryland

The first cargo ship with 13 Africans arrives in St. Mary's City.

1642



Mathias de Sousa was the first black Marylander. Of African and Portuguese descent, he was one of nine indentured servants brought to Maryland by Jesuit missionaries and was on the ARK when Lord Baltimore's expedition arrived in the St. Mary's River in 1634. His indenture was finished by 1638 and he became a mariner and fur trader. In 1641 he commanded a trading voyage north to the Susquehannock Indians and, in 1642, sailed as master of a ketch belonging to the Provincial Secretary John Lewger. De Sousa departed and returned to this river many times. He anchored near here and Lewger's Manor House at St. John's. While attending the 1642 legislative assembly of the colony, he was active in the activities

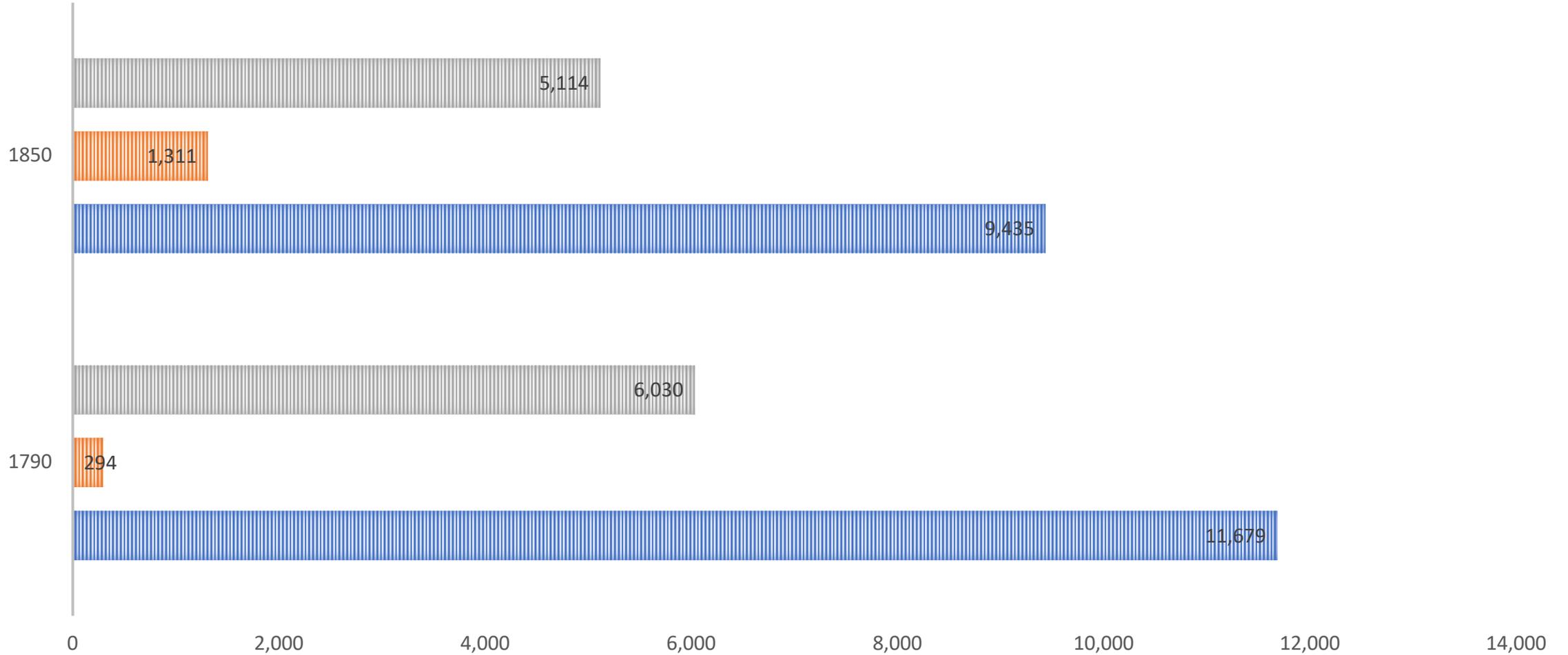
# Maryland Legalizes Slavery

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# POPULATION IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY 1790 & 1850

■ Slave Population   ■ Free Black Population   ■ White Population



Cecília  
Ann  
Hanson

No	Name of Emigrant	Age	By whom emigrated	In what Co.	Occupation	Destination	How sent	When sent	Cost paid	General Remarks
256	Mary Nelson (see page 118)			Calvert Co.		King's Arms	by	21 June 1735		
256	Thomas Nelson									
257	Mary Nelson									
258	Thomas Nelson									
259	Thomas Nelson									
260	John Nelson									
261	Elizabeth Smith	46								
262	Mary Ann Smith (see page 118)		King's Arms	Calvert Co.						
263	Elizabeth Smith (see page 118)	13								
264	Elizabeth Smith	11								
265	Elizabeth Smith	8								
266	Mary Smith	8								
267	Mary Smith	2								
268	Elizabeth A. Smith	1m	John's free							
269	Elizabeth Thompson	26y	George D. Benson	Calvert Co.						
270	Mary Ann Thompson	20y	George D. Benson							
271	Elizabeth Thompson	1m								
272	Elizabeth Thompson	1m								
273	Thomas Blackman	11	George D. Benson							
274	Elizabeth Ann Hancock	13	George D. Benson							
275	Richard Kent	20								
276	William Kent	21	John Hancock	Calvert Co.						
277	Elizabeth Chambers Kent		John's free							
278	Anna Maria	17	George Williams	Baltimore						
279	Luke Malter	58	Thomas	Calvert Co.	Charger			King's Arms 25 June 1735		
280	Anna Malter (see page 118)	35	Richard by Luke Malter							
281	Anna Malter	10								
282	Thomas	10								
283	Thomas	11	Free born							
284	Abeliah	9								
285	William	8								

||| Sidney (Charity)



# William Still

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*"I shall never forget hearing my mother speak of the night when she fled. She went to the bed where her two boys were sleeping—kissed them—consigned them into the hands of God and took her departure for the land of liberty."*

*~ William Still*



The Civil War



Scotland  
A.M.E.  
Church



Racial  
Segregation  
in  
Montgomery  
County

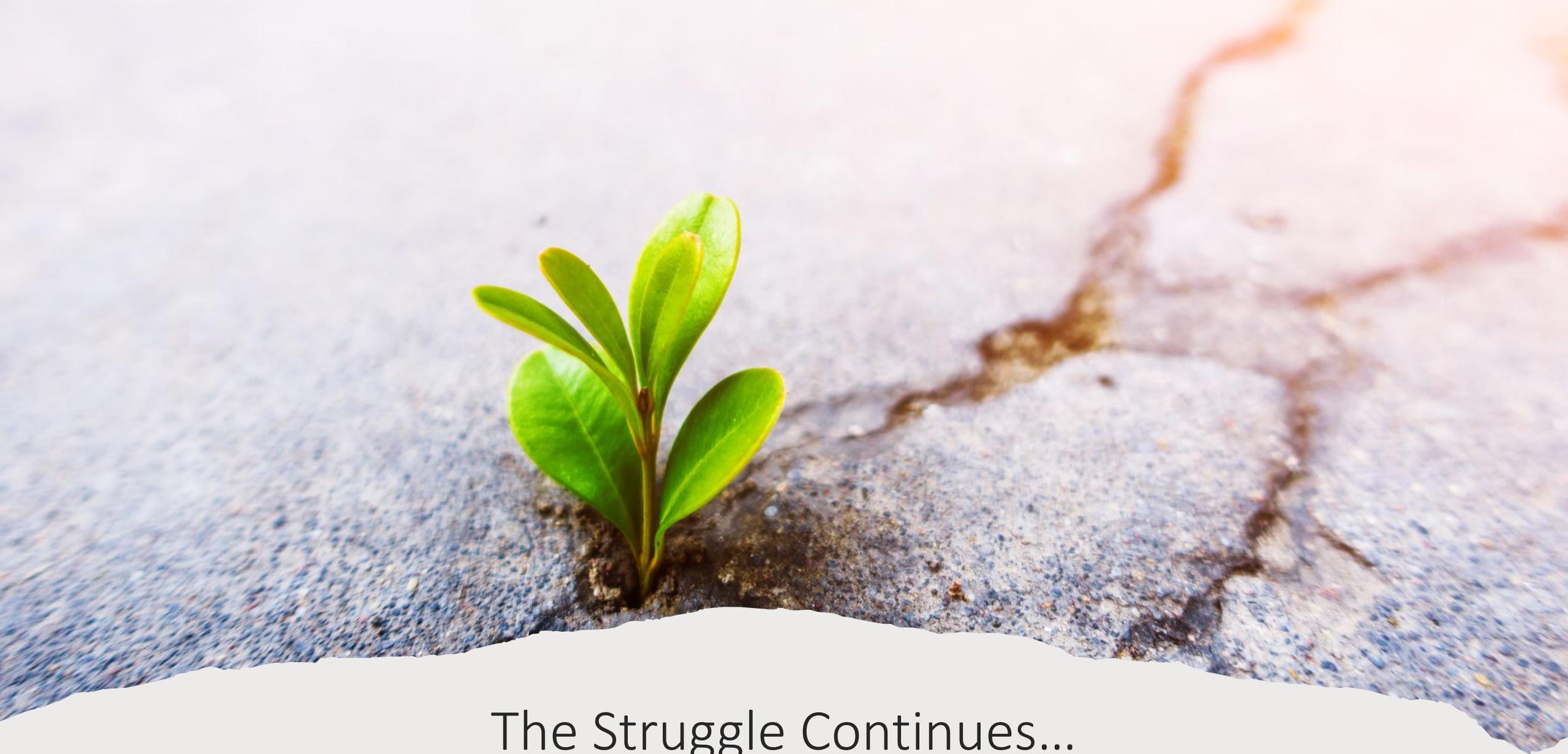
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# The Freedom Movement & Gloria Richardson

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The Struggle Continues...