AFFAIRS OF BIAS STANLEY (COLORED) OF NEW HAVEN AND ESTABLISHMENT OF COLORED CHURCH HERE.

6 drafts of inscription for tomb of Bias Stanley.
9 drafts of inscription for tomb of Margaret Stanley.
Letter from A. G. Beman to Deacon Bias Stanley; New Haven, March 7, 1843.
Last will and testament of Bias Stanley, Nov. 12, 1833.
Passport for Bias Stanley signed by John Jennings; Philadelphia, Oct. 11, 1796.
Letter recommending Bias Stanley by Fitch Wheeler; New Haven, Jan. 8, 1823.
Letter recommending Bias Stanley by Lyman Atwater; New Haven, Aug. 7, 1832.
Certificate of character for Bias Stanley, signed by 14 people.
Letter from Richard Augustus to Tobias Stanley; New York, Aug. 21, 1841.
Agreement between Timothy Dwight and Bias Stanley; April 14, 1817.
Remarks of Mr. C --------, Jan. 13, 1826.
Proposal for a Society to prevent Slander.
Constitutional Articles of the African United Society of New-Haven; Oct. 21, 1824

* Separate cards made at request of Mr. Foster Rice.
In memory of
Ben Stanley
born in Chester, Pennsylvania
and in New Haven, Connecticut
August 22, 1854
aged 85.

Deacon of the Temple Street Church
of Colored People
to which after faithful service
during many years,
he devoted the earnings of his life

"The hoary head is a crown of glory
if it be found in the way of righteousness."
In memory of
Brias Stanley,
born in
New Haven, Aug. 1854,
aged 82.

For many years
Deacon of the Temple St.
Church of Colored People.
His life
its faithful supporter;
In death
its liberal benefactor.

"This heavy head is a crown of glory,
if it be found in the way of righteousness."

Deacon of the
Temple St. Church
of Colored People;
to which, after faithful
service during many years,
he devoted at least
his whole estate.

Eck, Dec. 1885.
In Memory of
Rev. Stanley
born in Chester, Conn.,
died in New Haven Conn.
August 22, 1855
aged 875

After years of faithful service
as Deacon of the Temple Street
Church of Colored People
he devoted to their benefit
the earnings of his life

"The hoary head is a crown of glory
if it be found in the way of righteousness."

Epitaph
In Memory of
Margaret
wife of Deacon Brian Stanley
b. in New Haven Conn.
November 12, 1811,
aged 81.

Thoughtful for her people
she generously completed
her husband's charities,
and bestowed her savings
on her church and on
poor widows of her color.

"The daughters of my dispersed
shall bring mine offering"
On the third tablet

This worthy colored couple, walking together in the fear of God for more than 50 years, by industry and frugality saved near ten thousand dollars, which they gave to Christ for the education of youth and the support of her church among their people.
In Memory of
B. B. Stanley
born in Chester, Pennsylvania
died in New Haven, Connecticut,
August 22, 1854,
aged 85.

Deacon of the Temple Street Church
of Colored People
to which after faithful service
during many years,
he devoted the earnings of his life.

"The hoary head is a crown of glory
if it be found in the way of righteousness."
In Memory of

Burr Stanley

Born in Chester, Pennsylvania
Died in New Haven, Connecticut
August 22, 1854
Aged 85

Deacon of the Temple Street Church
Of Colored People
to which, after faithful service During many years,
He devoted his whole estate

"The hoary head is a crown of glory
If it be found in the way of righteousness."
In memory of
Margaret
wife of Deacon Bra' Stanley
born at
New Haven, Connecticut
November 12, 1861
aged 81

Careful for her people
and completing the charity
she has been
for their poor widows
and their desolate ones.

"The daughter of my dispersed
shall bring more offering."
In memory of
Margaret, eldest of
Deacon Bier Stanley,
said November 12, 1811,
aged 81

Caring for her people,
especially for those of her own sex
filling up the measure of
continuing and completing the charity
of her departed husband
she gave her property
for their welfare

"The daughter of my deceased
shall bring mine offering"
Leviticus 3:10

careful for her people
and completing the charity of her husband
she gave her property
for their widows and destitute ones."
Thoughtful for her people, she generously completed her husband's charities, and bestowed her savings on her church, and on poor widows of her color.
For third tablet

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This worthy couple,
by industry and frugality,
saved near ten thousand dollars, which they devoted
to the cause of religion
and humanity.
In memory of Margaret, select of Deacon Bia'or Stanley, died in New Haven, Connecticut, November 12, 1861, aged 81.

Careful for her people, especially for those of her own set completing and continuing the charities of her departed husband, she gave her beneficence for their welfare.

"The daughter of my dispersed shall bring mine offering." Deuteronomy 3:10 verse.
New Haven, March 7, 1842

Dear Sir,

The church after listening to your statements about the money belonging to it, and also your resignation of the office of Treasurer, and request, that another should be appointed in your stead, to whom you might hand the funds belonging to the church. Whether the funds of the church should be presented to you for the faithful manner in which you had discharged the important trust committed to you for many years since, and at the same time permitted us to hope, and pray that the evening of your days may be serene and peaceful, as befitteth those days of a long and virtuous life; and that while you live in our midst, the church and society which has so long been and object of your solicitude and help may still be a lamp in your presence to give it spiritual prosperity, and in your missionary work, assistance for its temporal welfare. By what you have done, and what you have to do, the blessing of Almighty God rest upon it; and cause that many souls shall be saved through it as crowns of your rejoicing and as trophies of Redeeming Grace.

Yrs of the Church,

By vote of the Church, Deacon Sibley Lathrop has been appointed Treasurer, to whose you will hand the remaining funds, and the notes of which your report spoke.

A.G. Burnam
In the name of God Amen.

I, James Henry, of the city of Philadelphia, being of sound mind do make this my last will and testament that is to say after my just debts, funeral expenses are paid I give to my lawful born daughter Margaret and to her heirs aforesaid for as much of my estate as is a personal item do hereby constitute the same aforesaid as an executor of this will. I do hereby constitute the aforesaid executors of this will.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 12th day of December A.D. 1833 in presence of the subscribing witnesses.

James Smith

Sarah Smith

Rebecca C. Smith
City of Philadelphia

Permit the bearer Stanley Dias a free black man to pass to Burlington ferry in Bucks County
unprotested, he behaving with propriety.

Given under my hand ye 27th day of October 1786

John Jennings
Alderman
New Haven, January 8th, 1823

I have boarded with Dr. Jenney for the best part of 2 years. I have never wounded at his Table any extravagance of either eating or drinking, or at his House any conduct unconnected with hotel and mess room or that is not directly

Now I believe that he would content to be neither at his House that would not be proper at every other place.

John Wheeler
This May certify that I am well acquainted with Mr. Stanley & that
ever he agrees to he will perform
respecting this Cow. 4th
New Haven August 9th 1832

Dart Warren

re: payment

or Jas. Freeman & James H. Freeman
I hereby certify, that I have been well acquainted with Mr. Stanley of Newhaven, a colonet-Mine, for about twenty years, and half of which time he has lived in my family; and that for ten years, I have also been well acquainted with his Wife Margaret, who has lived in my family, that they have several years past kept a good boarding house. Newhaven 3 January 1823.

Isaac Mills

I cheerfully unite in certifying that the facts contained in the above and foregoing certificate are true.

Mrs Isaac Mills

We have lived with Mr. Stanley for several years, and have never heard any thing against him or those associated with him.

Nathan Bick

Mrs Anna Bick

David Daggett

G. D. Dwight

Geo. Bradley

Dear Sir,

Stanley lived with my father more than fifty years, and more than sixty and believe them perfectly trustworthy in every respect, both as to their morality and sobriety, and have known very dear

with propriety.

Mary Anne Bradley

Mrs David Daggett
This is to certify that I have been acquainted with Mr. Stanley for the last eight years & have never known or heard of any conduct of his or his wife unbecoming a christian or that would in any way influence his moral character.

New Haven, Jan. 13, 1822

Nathan Smith

We have the satisfaction to say, we have lived in Mr. Stanley's house nearly 2 years, the next door to his own dwelling & have always observed a general propriety of conduct in his family & have frequently heard Mr. & Mrs. Stanley say they would not allow any impropriety of conduct in any of their boarders. We have frequently been in the house at the time the boarders were at meals, when I have remarked the decorum & order of his house.

Ann & J. Miller

The subscribers being well known of any disorderly conduct at the house of Byles Stanley nor any acquaintance with his moral character or manners.

Levi & Lissa Munday

Dr. Linnod
C. O. Jocelyn
1834

Deacon Bird Stanley
College St.

Mr. Ernley

Mr. Shemery
New York Oct. 31st 1834

Mr. Stuart Stanley

Dear Sir,

The bearer Mr. Isaiah Edney has an important invention which I have with other friends advised him to go to New Haven and New to Professors Olmstead and to President Day and Professor Silliman to get their opinion upon it. The engine he takes with him, and as it will be very convenient for those gentlemen to see it at your house, I have advised Mr. Edney to call and see if you can accommodate them a day or two in your family. The hope that it will be found that Mr. Edney's invention will be of great service and will help the reputation of the colored people to have one of their members make any important improvement in the Mechanic Arts. My regards please to give to Mr. Stanley. Respectfully,

[Signature]

Simon Schuyler
Mr. Tobias Stanby
New Haven
6-3
New York Aug 21st

Mr. Tobias Stanley,

Dear Sir, I write this to introduce to you Mr. Leuchford Leon, an oppressed Brother from North Carolina. I became acquainted with him in Alabama last and find him every way worthy of sympathy and place the fullest reliance in his statement by affording him any assistance which may in your power you will oblige.

Yours, sincerely,

Richard Augustus
This agreement made and entered into between Mr. Simeon D. Scelley and the African Methodist Episcopal Church Committee on the other part all of New Haven Witnesseth That Whereas the said Simeon D. Scelley hath accepted a call from the above Society as their Minister Therefore we both covenant and agree to supply the desk the first and third Sabbaths in each and every month and perform the Ministerial duties of the Church for the term of one year beginning on the 13th Sabbath in Oct. 1825, Will the Said Committee on their part doth covenant and agree to pay said Simeon D. Scelley the sum of fifty dollars in quarterly payments. In witness whereof we have set our hands this 7th day of Nov. 1825. In presence of

Prince Eley
John Gibson

Simeon D. Scelley
Bian Stanley
Wm. Davenport
Prince Cooper
Levis E. Augustus

New Haven, Connecticut.
It is hereby agreed between Timothy Dwight and
dias Stanley, that the said Dias shall have the lot belonging
to the late Dr. Dwight, standing on the Hartford Turnpike, for
the coming season, for the purpose of cultivation, on the following
conditions. Timothy Dwight shall furnish half the seed
he shall furnish the manure & cart it on to the lot.
Dias shall do all the work, such as plowing, planting,
weeding, hoeing, etc. furnish half the seed, spread the manure
& gather all the crops on the field. The crop shall be divided
equally between the two parties, & each party shall take
from his share of the crop. — J. Dwight
Dias x Stanley his mark

New Haven

April 14, 1817
Mr. C. Remarks that the Episcopalian and Methodists were deprived of any privileges in the union society.

Thought it very important that those of his own should continue in the same order of word and doctrine as himself.

That he had been very much disappointed with regard to the conduct of the union society (meaning the Episcopalian and Methodists) that had not had a fair proportion of the use of worship in the same.

That he objected to have a colored minister.

That the union society could not be called a Christian society because the sacrament was not administered there.

That he was very much surprised at the observation made by the Baptist minister to have the communicants partake of the sacrament at their respective churches or where they had been in the habit of so doing—because they (meaning the Baptists) did not commute with any Christians but those of their own order.

Signed: 
Mr. Branor 13th Jan'y 1826.
to the Church — The question has long been in agitation to know how peace and happiness may be secured in the Church — some of us know that it is our duty to form ourselves into a society for the purpose of putting a stop to slander and back-biting in the Church — It has often been remarked, that the sin of intercession was the prevailing evil of the Church. It may be to some extent, but not half so much as the sin of slander — we can hardly trust each other, some will pretend friendship till they get something to set the fire of malice agog which generally goes through the whole Church. I am asked to prevent this and for that purpose would form ourselves into a society with some things like the following rules — The members of the society shall pledge themselves to abstain from speaking of the faults of brethren or sisters, except to the offender himself. They shall not be busy bodies meddling with affairs which do not concern themselves. Hints or insinuations calculated to make unfavorable impressions toward a brother or sister shall be considered an offence. The members of the society will not hold fellowship with those preachers who are guilty of these things. Let their circumstances in life be what they may — we feel that we are all liable to sin in this respect and we wish to guard against it ourselves and discontinue it in others with these views we subordinate ourselves friends to peace and happiness in the Church.
Constitutional Articles

The Constitution of the
African United Ecclesiastical Society of New Haven

Overture

We, the descendants of Africans residing in New Haven, being the
first group of African Americans, assembled to promote piety, improve the morals, promote society, and increase religious knowledge amongst ourselves, and the following constitutional purposes:

1. This association shall be denominated the "African United Ecclesiastical Society of New Haven".

2. The Society shall consist of all persons of African descent who subscribe to this association or shall have held seats in the house or shall annually pay into the treasury such sum as may be assessed upon them by the committee.

3. The annual meeting of the Society shall be in the month of December at the time and place designated by the committee, at which meeting there shall be a moderator, clerk, treasurer, and a committee of not less than five to take care of the financial concerns of the Society. The Society may be dissolved and the committee elected to dissolve may hold special meetings.

4. The Society, when convened on the foregoing, may make such rules and regulations as may be deemed proper or necessary for the benefit of the Society, not contrary to or inconsistent with this Constitution.

5. The object of this association is to unite the efforts of all denominations of Christians amongst us in the support of public worship.

and that view, that the Honorable William Johnson and Prince George have lately purchased a convenient house for public worship for the sum of six hundred and forty pounds, and secured the rest purchase money with interest and have expended about twenty thousand dollars, and more, and the same in trust for the use of said Society. Furthermore, the purchase money with interest when due, and if hereby declared with the consent of said trustees that the said house is open to all denominations of Christians, as long as the interest of the purchase shall be made to them, and when the principal and
Interest shall be paid the said horse, Irene, to be long to said horse and to perform intercourse and to give to each denomination a fair proportion of the said horse's meal, and the same shall be under the superintendence and control of the committee, who shall be the treasurer, receiving every dollar which it can be done and it shall be the duty of all the members to attend and worship decently in the mode of the denomination of any time using the house.

The ships in the house shall be annually rented in decent manner by the committee. The ships shall be direct (provided he highest sum on any ship of five shall not exceed five dollars) and the committee to keep the interest and principal of the same, and the same shall be disbursed—after which they shall keep all the ordinary expenses of the society.

The committee may from time to time adjust the members of the society in such manner as seems proportionate to their several abilities, and to see that the same shall be necessary to defray the current expenses. Provided the committee shall in no case allow any individual of this society more than three dollars (

and further no member shall in no case allow himself to be entitled to vote in any society meeting.

Yourselves, whereby we subscribe our names.

New Haven 16th October 1821.