

## Gloucestershire Record Office References to Black & Asian People, pre-1939.

Place	Reference	Date	Content	Notes
Bisley	P47 IN 1/1	22 November 1603	John Davies 'ye black' was buried.	Difficult to be sure that 'black' refers to his skin.
Arlingham	P23 IN 1/3	4 December 1668	Hannah, daughter of Thomas Liston, a Barbados merchant was baptised	most probably white.
Great Badminton	P32 CW 2/1	1678	'Gave unto 3 men that came from Barbados: 8d'	probably white indentured labourers returning to England.
Great Badminton	P32 CW 2/1	1678	'Gave unto 5 men that had been 3 years in slavery: 1s 8d'	could be black slaves; could be white sailors captured by Barbary pirates & enslaved in N.Africa or Turkey.
Driffield	P120 IN 1/1	5 June 1687	Jacob the servant of George Hanger Esq 'a moore' was baptised.	
Great Barrington	P36 IN 1/2	9 September 1705	George Tudor, 'a native of the Kingdom of Golconda', was baptised.	Golconda was the former name of Hyderabad.
Newnham on Severn	Q/SO4 1714-24	Easter 1715	John Prince 'a black boy lately bought into England' was apprenticed to John Trigge, Attorney at Law.	
Nymphsfield	P234 IN 1/1	31 December 1719	Daniel 'a black stranger' buried	
English Bicknor	Dean Forest Mercury 21/9/84	6 November 1721	Charles [Ashume] 'a black servant to Mr George Wyrall who departed this life...aged about 24'.	Gravestone inscription - no reference to colour in parish register.

Norton	P32 IN 1/1	30 September 1724	Mary, the wife of 'Black Samuel Cox' was buried.	Difficult to be sure that 'black' refers to his skin.
Gloucester	Gloucester Journal	24 August 1731	Charles Powell, a lusty, black fellow, said to be born in ..Monmouth, Ran away the 16th inst. from the service of Mr Viney of the City of Gloucester, with a blue Livery lined with yellow... and a dark brown wig: These are therefore to caution all Gentlemen & others from hiring him...	
Awre	Bishop's Transcript	3 October 1733	George Bristol 'a black', was baptised.	
Sherborne	P289 IN 1/2	12 August 1736	George, a black slave, was baptised.	
Hinton-on-the-Green	Bishop's Transcript	27 February 1736/7	' was bap'zd a Negro by the name of Jno Caesar Hinton.'	
Gloucester, St.Nicholas	P154/15 IN 1/2	19 August 1737	'John son of Catrna, a black woman belonging to Mr Vernon, base born', was baptised.	
Twyning	P343 IN 1/1	17 April 1767	Peter 'a black boy of Peter Hancock, Esq' was baptised.	
Nympsfeld	P234 IN 1/2	20 June 1773	Francis London 'a servant to the Rt.Hon. Lord Ducie supposed to be 17 years of age - a native of Africa' was baptised	
Almondsbury	Bigland <i>Historical Monuments Part 1 1791</i>	17 March 1773 16 February 1776	James Long (d. 17 March 1773) and Charles Morson (d. 16 Feb 1776). 'They were natives of Africa and servants to Sir James Laroche at Over [Over Court, Almondsbury], who caused this stone to be erected.'	Gravestone inscription
Tidenham	Bishop's Transcript	18 October 1776	William Gloucester 'a black negroe' was buried.	

Rodborough	P272 IN 1/2	1 July 1778	‘William Jubiter – black’, was buried.	
Tidenham	Bishop's Transcript	24 October 1780	John Romes 'a black negroe', Charlotte Braithwaite 'a black negroe' & Elizabeth Millington 'a black negroe' were baptised.	
St Briavels	P278 IN 1/4	25 February 1780	John Coolin, an African brought from ‘Goree’, was baptised.	
Littledean	P110 IN 1/3	28 July 1782	Romiack, a black, was buried	
Stroud	P320 IN 1/6	28 February 1786	Adam John Parker, Negro, 32, was buried. Parish Funeral.	Parish funeral indicates poverty.
Newland	P227 IN 1/4	6 February 1788	Thomas Pipes, an East Indian Black, was baptised at Coleford.	
Frocester	P153 IN 1/3	4 November 1790	William Frocester, supposed to be about 11 or 12 yrs old, born on the island of Barbados and now a servant of Edward Bigland Esq. residing in Jamaica, was baptised.	
Bristol: St Philip & St Jacob	D260 (Coroner's Account)	24 February 1792	Samuel Sewer, a black, found dead in Messrs Wilcox & Co glasshouse, 22 February. Verdict: Visitation of God.	Visitation of God = natural causes
Gloucester: St Michael's	P154/14 IN 1/3	25 February 1795	Julius Cesar, a black drummer, was buried	
Thornbury	P330 IN 1/5	5 June 1797	Susanna Young, late of St Elizabeth, Jamaica, a free woman of colour aged 55 was buried. Died at and brought from Alveston.	
Tidenham	P333/1 IN 1/2	29 January 1800	Peter Evans, a negro, was buried.	
Stroud	P320 IN 1/6	24 May 1800	‘A Negroe man age about 40 yrs’ was buried.	

Stroud	P320 IN 1/6	7 May 1801	William Ellis, son of Qualquay Assedew, a Negro of Guinea, aged 12 years, was baptised.	
Gloucester: St Mary de Crypt	P154/11 IN 1/3	27 November 1802	Thomas Williams, a negro of the parish of St Mary de Crypt, was buried.	
Tidenham	P333/1 IN 1/2	24 November 1805	Dido, a female negro belonging to Sir George Bolton, was buried.	
Cheltenham: St Mary's	Bishop's Transcript	21 October 1810	Romeo Hamilton, a negro, was buried.	
Longhope	D2667	1814-1840	Deeds relating to a small estate near Little London inherited by Duncan Thompson Stephens, the son of John Stephens of Churcham (sea-captain) and Mary Thompson, a free quadroon woman of St Elizabeth, Jamaica	According to his niece Beatrice Cunningham, one of the deponents of 1840, Duncan had learned his trade somewhere in the west of England before returning to Jamaica to carry on the trade of saddler at Black River. He died there in 1821.
Hasfield	P166 IN 1/6	9 April 1815	Wm Hamlet, son of African parents aged about 16 years as alleged, of Hasfield, servant, was baptised.	
Bisley	D149 R38	5 July 1815	Testimonial from Richard Raikes supporting the application of John Hart, Writing Master, to the post of master at Bisley Blue Coat School 'Unfortunately he is a Mulatto, a native of the West Indies...	
Cheltenham: St Gregory's	D4290 pp 1/1	16 February 1816	James Hudson, a Negro aged about 30 years, was baptised.	
Cheltenham: St Mary's	Bishop's Transcript	12 July 1817	Mingo, a black man, 30 years old, was buried.	

Cheltenham: St Mary's	Bishop's Transcript	13 August 1817	Margaret Walden, spinster, a 'person of collar', was baptised.	
Hasfield	P166 IN 1/6	21 July 1820	James Austin, son of African parents aged about Thirty years as alleged, of Hasfield, servant, was baptised.	
Cheltenham	PS CH RA 2/1 [Settlement examination]	November 1820	Edward Williams: born in the island of Santa Cruiz in the West Indies, and has been in England about 7 years... About 2 years ago was hired by Mr [?Breesnall] who then lived in London for a year at wages of 20 guineas...	
Minchinhampton	P217 IN 1/18	20 June 1826	Thomas Davis, 'an infirm travelling Black', was buried. 67 years old	
Tetbury	P328/1 IN 1/19	10 March 1827	Mary Ann Elding, about 40 years old, was buried. 'a travelling woman, the wife of a man of colour'	
Cheltenham: St Mary's	P78/1 IN1/10	10 May 1828	Baptised: 'Samuel son of Saul and Gertrude, surname unknown, natives of Madagascar, slaves.'	
Newent	D5102/22/G67	7 October 1829	Thomas Bloomsbury 'a Native of Africa and for...55 Years a faithful servant to the late Samuel Richardson Esq.'	Gravestone inscription - no reference to colour in parish register.
Cheltenham: St Mary's	Bishop's Transcript	6 August 1831	Jane Ross was baptised. Parents unknown. An adult, born a household slave at the Cape of Good Hope, now the servant of Major Robertson.	

Gloucester	GBR G3/G 3/2	8 January 1834	'Hassan' and 'Milmahomed'. Each described as 'A man of Culler and cant speak English'. 'Idle and disorderly Persons... found wandering and gathering Alms in the streets of this city'.	Imprisoned with hard labour for 3 days each.
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/5 (Gaol Register)	24 March 1849	John Collins, sailor, native of Antigua, aged 19. 2 months hard labour for larceny. 'Left his home 10 yrs ago. Since then has been at sea in a merchant ship...'	
Hasfield	P166 IN 1/6	27 August 1865	John Wulledi M'dogo [son of] African parents unknown was baptized	
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/6 (Gaol Register)	6 September 1867	Henry Dyson, 20, Antigua; David Hunt, 25, W.Indies; Emmanuel Davidson, 22, W.Indies; all Men of Colour together with James Kear, 24, W.Indies, Mulatto; Mariners; jointly charged with stealing a wooden bottle and a quantity of bread & cheese & cider. Remanded overnight.	
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/6 (Gaol Register)	20 August 1875	William Bailey, pedlar of Pennsylvania, America, blackman. Charged with sleeping rough at Littledean.	
Eastington	P127 IN 1/17	29 February 1876	Ann Johnston, a woman of colour, 35 years old, was buried.	
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/6 (Gaol Register)	12 August 1879	John Delen, 35, 'mallotta' [?mulatto] from Calcutta. 7 days imprisonment for drunkenness at Newnham-on-Severn.	
Cheltenham: Christchurch	P78/3 IN 1/2	26 July 1882	Ruth an adult Native of Madras, Ayah in the service of Colonel Rowlandson, was baptised in the Tamil Language.	

Littledean	Q/GLi 16/7 (Gaol Register)	16 & 23 September 1886	Frank Decrews, 34, 'man of colour' born at Demerara. Begging at Cinderford (16 <sup>th</sup> ) & Drunk & Disorderly at Ruspidge (23 <sup>rd</sup> ). 7 day Hard Labour on each count.	
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/7 (Gaol Register)	10 December 1888	Robert Allen McCall, cook & baker of South Africa, complexion 'black'. Theft of valuables to value of £6-10s. Committed to Assizes for trial.	Sentenced to 6 months imprisonment.
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/7 (Gaol Register)	6 August 1890	John Shields 'American man of colour' drunk at Cinderford	Sentenced to 7 days imprisonment with hard labour.
Cirencester	P86 IN 1/9	21 February 1894	Sidh Bisill Mahli, child of Nizam Ull Din and Rasham Bibi Mahli of Badoo-Mahli, Punjaub, India, was baptised. Father's occupation: private gentleman.	
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/8 (Gaol Register)	18 December 1897	Henry Mitchell, no fixed abode, Blackman, aged 62. On remand charged with theft	Sentenced to 1 month's imprisonment with hard labour.
Littledean	Q/GLi 16/8 (Gaol Register)	6 November 1914	Tommy Roney, labourer, no fixed abode, a Negro born in Johannesburg. Larceny	Sentenced to 6 months imprisonment with hard labour.
Leckhampton	D8831/1/3	[1915-1918]	Photograph of 4 black wounded soldiers at Leckhampton Court Red Cross Hospital.	
Cinderford	D3921 V/8	1927	In Memoriam: Dr M.L.Bangara 1881-1927. Doctor at Cinderford 1914-27.	
St Briavels	D7979 5/4	c.1930	Testimonial and subscription for Dr R.N. Nanda at St Briavels c.1923 – c.1945	