

**Andrew Thompson**  
*People of London Town, Maryland\**

Andrew Thompson was a rope-maker who was active in London Town during the 1750's. Thompson posted an advertisement in the *Maryland Gazette* announcing his move from James Dick's house in London Town to "John Golder's near the Town Gate in Annapolis."

ANDREW THOMPSON,  
 R O P E - M A K E R,  
*In Annapolis, who formerly lived with Mr. James  
 Dick, in London-Town,*

**I**S now removed to Mr. *John Golder's*, near the  
 Town-Gate, where he carries on the ROPE-  
 MAKING BUSINESS in all it's Branches, and  
 where all Persons may be supplied with ROPES  
 of any Kind, black or white: And all those who  
 shall be pleased to favour him with their Custom,  
 may depend on being faithfully served with the  
 best of Ropes, by

*6* Their most humble Servant,  
 ANDREW THOMPSON.

N. B. He has plenty of TRACES and  
 PLOUGH - LINES by him, which he will  
 sell at the most reasonable Rates.

*Maryland Gazette, 2 June 1757*

The source of Thompson's personal wealth and his reasons for leaving James Dick's are unknown, but it is reasonable to assume that he would seek to enter into a business partnership with a man like Dick who would need a lot of rope for his mercantile endeavors. In 1760, Thompson took on the fourteen year old orphan James McGill as an apprentice. It is possible that Thompson himself had been an apprentice assigned to study under a professional rope maker during his childhood. The date of Thompson's birth and death, as well as his business success after leaving Dick's house are unknown.

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\* As the research into colonial London Town's inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.