

Henney
People of London Town, Maryland¹

When William Wootton died in 1744, his property was inspected and valued in a probate inventory. This list of Wootton's worldly possessions was intended to help settle any disputes over the dead man's will. Included in this list of tools and furniture are the human beings that Wootton held in slavery.

Henney is listed here with ten other people of color. The entry is short, stating only that she is "a girl" and four years old. The men who wrote the list gave her a value of £18.² Wootton may have intended her to work his tavern, or help with the ferry crossing he controlled.

¹ 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.

² Kerns, Mechelle, *London Town: The Life of a Colonial Town*, unpublished master's thesis, UMBC: 1999, page 305.