

Jemima *People of London Town, Maryland¹*

Dr. Richard Hill enslaved at least forty people.² When debt began to catch up with him in London Town, he moved to the island of Madeira across the Atlantic. While visiting family in Philadelphia in 1761, Dr. Richard Hill died. In his will, he included this bequest: "I leave to my grand daughter Mary Bisset one Negro girl named Jemima now in Madeira."³

Whether Jemima was originally in Maryland and moved to Madeira, or was moved from Madeira to Maryland to join the girl she was now given to is unknown.

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 Sarah Hartge, "Richard Hill (b. 1698 - d. 1762)," *Maryland State Archives Biographical Series*, SC 3520-15900, October 12, 2012, accessed March 22, 2018, <<http://msa.maryland.gov/megafile/msa/speccol/sc3500/sc3520/015900/015900/html/15900bio.html>>.

³ Kerns, Mechelle, *London Town: The Life of a Colonial Town*, unpublished master's thesis, UMBC, 1999, page 168.