

# The Merikens

FREE BLACK AMERICAN SETTLERS IN TRINIDAD 1815-16

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## First Company pages 25-28

BLUNDERS, Isaac **b** \*1790 [s1]BOOM, Robert **b** \*1784 [s1]

BOWIE/Buey, James MD.St Mary's, St

Leonard's Creek [John R PLATER]

12.06.14; **CM** 20.06.14 as Buey;**b** \*1794; **1823** as Bowie, **w** Charlotte & 3 **c**; **d** 11.09.55, Birkin Hall.*Bowie is pronounced Buey in the home locality to this day* [s1]BROWN, George **b** \*1799 [s1]BURTLEY, Philip **b** \*1790-2BUTLER, Daniel 1 **b** \*1793 [s1]COLE, Job **b** \*1792 [s1]COVENTRY, Sandy **b** \*1793 [s1]CRANEY, William 2 **b** \*1788 [s1]DOWNING, Andr. **b** \*1792 [s1]

EDWARDS, Mingo VA.Westmoreland

[Elizabeth BUCKNER] 18.07.14;

**CM** 25.07.14; **b** \*1798; **1823 sr**Minerva; **M18** [s1]HAMPSTEAD, Assix **b** \*1794-96HANDY, William **b** \*1788; **s** William  
*born after flight* [s1]HOMER, George **b** \*1791 [s1]HUDGINS, Davy **b** \*1794-6HULL, Robert **b** \*1796 [s1]JACKSON, Philip **b** \*1787 [s1]JOHNSON, Frank **b** \*1793 [s1]KILLGO, Richard **b** \*1795-6LONG, Arnold **b** \*1792 [s1]LYALL, Abraham **b** \*1790 [s1]MAKELL, James **b** \*1785 [s1]NUTT, John **b** \*1791ROBINSON, Lewis **b** \*1789 [s1]SHIELDS, Thomas **b** 24.12.1790SIGNAL, Jacob **b** \*1792 [s1]SMITH, John 1 **b** \*1793 [s1]SPAWLEY, John **b** \*1792-4TOWNSEND, Job 1 **b** \*1777 [s1]TURNER, Reuben **b** \*1787 [s1]WILLIS, Robert **b** \*1793 [s1]WOOD, Joseph **b** \*1792 [s1]

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BRANSON, Newyear **b** \*1789CHAMBERS, John **b** \*1796CLAYTON, Jeremiah **b** \*1794CONTEE, Aaron VA.King George,  
Hooe's Ferry [Abraham B HOOE;carpenter] 17.07.14; **CM** 28.07.14;**b** \*1797; **1823** as CountyCRANEY, Peter **b** \*1778CRANEY, William 1 **b** \*1788-94DAWSON, Woolsey **b** \*1792-93DUNMORE, Charles **b** \*1786FLETCHER, James **b** \*1791GANT, Richard **b** \*1795GAYLES, David **b** \*1794GRIFFIN, Charles **b** \*1789-90HALL, Frank **b** \*1774HAMPSTEAD, Nat **b** \*1784-86HAMPSTEAD, Toby **b** \*1794HENDERSON, Chas **b** \*1786HUDGINS, Currell **b** \*1791-94JAMES, Charles **b** \*1799-01LEADER, Matthew **b** \*1793LUCRES, Paul **b** \*1792PARKER, James **b** \*1779-89PARN/Pain, Dymond **b** \*1790SEWELL, Peter **b** \*1789SPARKES, Jesse **b** \*1789-90STEWART, Reuben **b** \*1792WIGGANS, Joseph **b** \*1789WILLIAMS, Raleigh **b** \*1784

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BAILEY, Anthony **b** \*1796BEATON, Kennedy **b** \*1793BECKET, Mark **b** \*1774BROOM, Emery **b** \*1795BROWN, Guy **b** \*1793-4CURRY, Armstead **b** \*1793-4CUSTIS, Joseph **b** \*1786CUSTIS, Nat **b** \*1789-90DUKES, Sorney **b** \*1793-95GIBSON, Robert **b** \*1784GRACE, Moses **b** \*1779HAMPSTEAD, Kennel **b** \*1798HUDGINS, John **b** \*1790-94JOHNSON, John **b** \*1792JONES, Prince **b** \*1776LEE, William **b** \*1795-7MARTIN, Isaac **b** \*1798MEYNARD, Daniel **b** \*1799MURRAY, Jacob **b** \*1789PAYNE, Rice **b** \*1792PHILLIPS, Spencer **b** \*1788SEWELL, John **b** \*1787-90SHIELDS, Charles **b** \*1794SMALLWOOD, Jos. **b** \*1787SMALLWOOD, Th. **b** \*1779TARLTON, Lewis **b** \*1801TURNER, Harry **b** \*1784WHEELER, Thomas **b** \*1784

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ARMSTEAD, Prince **b** \*1789BROOKES, John **b** \*1790BUTLER, Barsle **b** \*1792CARTER, Dean **b** \*1787CRAYTON, Bob **b** \*1795CRAYTON, Joseph **b** \*1793CURRY, Simon **b** \*1790GIBSON, Atwell **b** \*1792GRIMES, Robin **b** \*1794HAMPSHIRE, Abel **b** \*1778HOY, Samuel **b** \*1799HULL, Joe **b** \*1792JUSIP, Daniel **b** \*1791LAWSON, William **b** \*1797LEWIS, Sandy **b** \*1776LIMBO, David **b** \*1795POLLYFIELD, Billy **b** \*1784POTOMAC, Billy **b** \*1786-89SMITH, Jacob **b** \*1789STUART, Charles **CM** 12.12.14;**b** \*1781; **G18**

McNISH, Allick GA.Camden,

Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William

McNISH] 11.02.15; **CM** 14.02.15; **b**\*1780, Africa; **1823** moved to 5th Co,hospital: *mal d'estomac*, **w** Diana [s1]

McNISH, Jeremiah GA.Camden,  
Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William  
McNISH] 11.02.15; **CM** 14.02.15; **b**  
\*1795; **1823** moved to 5th Co [s1]  
McNISH, Polydore GA.Camden,  
Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William  
McNISH] 14.02.15; **CM** 14.02.15; **w**  
Nancy, **c** Betsey, Enee ; **1823** moved  
to 5th Co, **w** Nancy & 4 **c**; **C22**  
PATTERSON, Wam **b** \*1790  
PIRATE, Johnson **b** \*1793  
THOMPSON, Vinct **b** \*1796  
TRUMP, Andrew **b** \*1789  
TURNER, Adam **b** \*1784-89  
WILLIAMS, Lee **b** \*1791

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BAILEY, Ellis **b** \*1794  
COOPER, Benjamin **b** \*1783  
COOPER, Bill **b** \*1783  
COOPER, Hopkins **b** \*1780  
COOPER, Harry **b** \*1785  
COOPER, Jack **b** \*1785  
COOPER, Plenty **b** \*1787  
COOPER, Titus **b** \*1786  
FLOYD, Cesar **b** \*1775-85  
FLOYD, William **b** \*1775-85  
GIBSON, Nero **b** \*1785  
KING, Samuel **b** \*1780  
OGILBY, Mingo **b** \*1780  
OGILBY, Pierre **b** \*1779  
PARKER, Jack 1 **b** \*1765  
SMITH, Davy **b** \*1790  
SUARROW, Antonio EF.St John's  
[SUAREZ] 24.01.15; **CM** 09.02.15;  
**1823** hospital: *mal d'estomac*, **w**  
Rachel; **C58**  
WIGGAN, Bessick **b** \*1789  
WOOD, Spence **b** \*1794  
WOOD, Ben **b** \*1789  
WOOD, Dick **b** \*1792  
WOOD, Lewis **b** \*1790  
YOUNG, Raleigh GA, Milledgeville  
[Henry YONGE] 20.02.15;  
**CM** 20.02.15; **1823** gone. [Although  
Henry Yonge made his claim from

Milledgeville in Georgia, it is likely  
that Raleigh joined Nichols's CM  
company in East Florida, after  
escaping from Georgia to the maroons  
in Florida.]

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BAILEY, Daniel **b** \*1791  
BEECHAM, Manto **b** \*1778  
BEECHAM, Stephen **b** \*1794  
BROOKES, John 2 FE, Apalachicola:  
20.04.15; **CM** Nicolls's Company  
before April 1815, main body  
01.07.15; **1823** gone  
COOPER, Cesar 1 **b** \*1794  
COOPER, Fortune **b** \*1788  
COOPER, Francis **b** \*1787  
COOPER, George **b** \*1781  
COOPER, Hannibal **b** \*1780  
COOPER, March **b** \*1788  
COOPER, Scipio **b** \*1788  
COOPER, Timothy **b** \*1780  
HALL, John **b** \*1790  
HELSEY, Carbin **b** \*1790  
JOHNSTON, George **b** \*1780  
LEE, Jacob VA: 09.08.14;  
**CM** 12.08.14 corporal; **1823** moved  
to 3rd Co  
MATTHEWS, Prince **b** \*1795  
NUTT, Hiram **b** \*1791  
PARLING, January **b** \*1778  
WILEY, Lucas **b** \*1792-93  
WILEY, Charles **b** \*1789-90  
WILEY, Cyrus **b** \*1789-90  
WILEY, January **b** \*1774-75  
WILEY, John **b** \*1793-94  
WILEY, Nero **b** \*1781-82  
WILEY, Richard **b** \*1795-96

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ANDERSON, Anthony **b** \*1810  
ANDERSON, Hannah **b** \*1809

BUTLER, Elsey **b** \*1799  
BUTLER, Jane **b** \*1796-7  
BUTLER, Lucy **b** \*1814  
CRAYTON, Jacob **b** \*1808  
DUNMORE, Hannah **b** \*1808  
EDWARDS, Minerva VA.King George,  
Potomac R [John B MASON; house-  
servant] 02.10.14; **b** 1798; **br** Mingo  
EDWARDS, Mingo **b** \*1804  
EDWARDS, Terry **b** \*1790  
GIGEY, Nancy **b** \*1808  
GIGEY, Thomas **b** \*1810  
HANDY, Charlotte MD.StMary, [Miel  
WISE] 01.09.14; **b** \*1796; **h** William  
(1st Co), **c** William  
HANDY, Dolly, James©, Sophy©  
*Invalid entries: not part of the Colonial  
Marines families group*  
HANDY, William© VA: **b** Tangier  
Island in the British camp 08.09.14,  
**mr,fr** Charlotte, William (1st Co)  
HUTT, Betsy **b** \*1806-7  
LONEY, Chena **b** \*1812  
McNISH, Betsy© GA.Camden,  
Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William  
McNISH] 13.02.15; **b** 1812/13;  
**mr,fr** Nancy, Polydore [s1]  
McNISH, Eve/Enee© GA.Camden,  
Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William  
McNISH] 13.02.15; **b** 1813/14;  
**mr,fr** Nancy, Polydore [s1]  
McNISH, Nancy GA.Camden,  
Crooked R [Gatehouse Est: William  
McNISH] 11.02.15; **b** \*1795 'country  
born' i.e. America; **h** Polydore,  
**c** Betsey, Enee; **1823** 4 **c**; **d** 21.03.54,  
3rd Co [s1]  
McNISH, Sarah **b** \*1778  
SEWELL, Clarissa **b** \*1807-09  
TURNER, Hannah **b** \*1790  
WILEY, Aggy **b** \*1805-06  
WILEY, Daffy **b** \*1781-82  
WILEY, Franky **b** \*1799-00  
WILEY, John **b** \*1810-11  
WILEY, Prince **b** \*1812-13  
WILEY, Sophia **b** \*1779-80  
WILEY, Susan **b** \*1805-06

WILEY, Sally **b** \*1798-99  
WRIGHT, Mary **b** \*1798

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[Additional note, Dec 2002] Their  
settlement was south-west of the *Mission  
of Savanna Grande* (today's Princes Town)  
near the village of *Manahambre*.

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[Additional note, Dec 2002] Some names  
in this list which cannot be identified in  
Nova Scotia lists of American refugees of  
the 1812 War appear to match family  
names of Black Loyalist settlers in Nova  
Scotia following the War of American  
Independence; further research is  
currently in progress

BUTLER, Jane GA.Glynn,  
St.Simon's [Pierce BUTLER] 05.02.15;  
**b** \*1797; **h** Harry & **c**  
EDWARDS, Minerva *Duplicate entry: see  
families of the Colonial Marines, p50*  
HARRISON, Will **b** \*1807-08  
JOHNSON, John **b** \*1802-5  
JOSEPH, John **b** \*1795  
LANE, Joe **b** \*1791  
PARKER, William **b** \*1775  
RICHARDS, James LA.New Orleans,  
Lake Borgne: 23.01.15; *landed at Port  
of Spain but found later at the  
settlement; 1823 gone*  
ROGERS, Jas **b** \*1766-86  
WILEY, Wally **b** \*1770-71

### Trinidad Registry

LONEY, Nellie *Duplicate entry: see  
families of the Colonial Marines, p51*  
WEST, Peggy **b** \*1813  
WILLIAMS, James **b** \*1791