

Book - Marriages of Caroline County  
Caroline County marriage register -- **Moses Boker to Sarah Matter** 1799, Feb 1  
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1820 United States Federal Census

Name:	Moses Coker
Township:	Election District 2
County:	Caroline
State:	Maryland
Enumeration Date:	August 7, 1820
Number of Persons - Engaged in Agriculture:	3
Free Colored Persons - Males - Under 14:	2
Free Colored Persons - Males - 14 thru 25:	3
Free Colored Persons - Males - 45 and over:	1
Free Colored Persons - Females - Under 14:	3
Free Colored Persons - Females - 14 thru 25:	1
Free Colored Persons - Females - 26 thru 44:	1
Total Free Colored Persons:	11
Total All Persons:	11

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1830 United States Federal Census

Name: Moses Coker  
Home in 1830: District 1, Caroline, Maryland

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<https://familysearch.org/pal:/MM9.3.1/TH-266-11024-5479-62?cc=1786457>

1840 United States Federal Census

Name:	Moses Coker
County:	Caroline
State:	Maryland
Free Colored Persons - Males - 10 thru 23:	2
Free Colored Persons - Males - 24 thru 35:	3
Free Colored Persons - Males - 55 thru 99:	1
Free Colored Persons - Females - 10 thru 23:	2
Free Colored Persons - Females - 24 thru 35:	2
Free Colored Persons - Females - 55 thru 99:	1

Total - All Persons:	11
Persons Employed in Agriculture:	3
Total Free Colored Persons:	11
Total All Persons:	11

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#### 1850 United States Federal Census

Name:	Moses Coker	(Ancestry indexed as 'Mary')
Age:	76	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1774	
Birth Place:	Maryland	
Color:	Mulatto	
Home in 1850:	Caroline, Maryland	
Family Number:	593	

#### Household Members:

Name	Age	
Moses Coker	76	(Ancestry indexed as 'Mary')
Catherine Coker	40	

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#### 1860 United States Federal Census

Name:	Moses Coker
Age in 1860:	90
Birth Year:	abt 1770
Birthplace:	Maryland
Home in 1860:	Caroline, Maryland
Race:	Mulatto
Gender:	Male
Post Office:	Greensborough

#### Household Members:

Name	Age
Moses Coker	90
Kitty Coker	30
Daniel Chase	30

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The connection of Moses Coker to the Cheswold group:

Although there is not a specifically-worded, indisputable record "proving" such, this Moses Coker, Sr. appears to be the grand-uncle (aka great-uncle) of the Moses Coker of Cheswold. In the will of Moses Coker, Sr., there is a line which reads:

>> I give and bequeath to Moses Coker, grandson of Daniel Coker, the sum of two hundred dollars.

(A lot of money for 1867)

As we know, the Moses Coker (1849-1898) of Cheswold was the son of James Coker (b. ca. 1816 in MD) and Eliza Jackson (b. ca. 1814), and James Coker was in turn the son of Daniel Coker, Sr. (b. ca. 1766 in MD) and Sarah \_\_\_\_\_ (b. ca. 1783 in MD). I believe this Daniel Coker, Sr. to be the brother of Moses Coker, Sr. (b. ca. 1774).

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Will of Moses Coker, 16 Jul 1867, Caroline Co, MD. WGN #B [CR83], pp. 231-233

In the name of God, Amen ~ I, Moses Coker of Caroline County in the State of Maryland, being of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and considering the uncertainty of the frail and transitory life and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs and be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence, do therefore make, ordain, publish and declare this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following ~ that is to say ~

First and principally I commit my soul unto the hands of Almighty God, and my body to the earth to be decently buried in a flat top Gum coffin by any executor hereinafter named. And after my debts and funeral charges are paid and fully discharged and satisfied, the residue of my estate both real and personal I give and bequeath as follows, to wit ~I give and bequeath to my daughter Catharine Coker the sum of three hundred dollars to be paid to her in installments of eighteen dollars a year with the interest of the principal which may be due at the time of said payment to be paid to her by my executor as long as she may live if said sum of three hundred dollars is not all consumed ~

I give and bequeath to Mahala Barrett my daughter the sum of one hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Abner Coker my son the sum of one dollar ~

I give and bequeath to my granddaughter Sarah Augusta Thomas, daughter of Clementine Wyatt, the sum of fifty dollars. To the remainder of the children of Clementine Wyatt, I give and bequeath the sum of one dollar each ~

I give and bequeath to my grandson [Eben?] Baynard the sum of fifty dollars ~

I give and bequeath to Jeremiah Baynard, my grandson, the sum of fifty dollars ~

I give and bequeath to my grandson Eugene Baynard the sum of one dollar ~

I give and bequeath to John Henry Parker, my son in law, the sum of twenty dollars.

I give and bequeath to Moses Coker, grandson of Daniel Coker, the sum of two hundred dollars.

I give and bequeath to Patrick Henry Coker the sum of one dollar ~I give and bequeath to my granddaughters, the daughters of Abner Coker, the sum of fifty dollars each to be paid when they arrive at full [sic] by my executor.

To pay and satisfy the above bequeaths I will that the farm or tract of land adjoining the lands of Kenny Dill and the farm where John Lockerman now lives, and situate on the East side of the public road leading from Greensboro to [Quilton's] Saw Mill, being the same land purchased of William Hughlett and containing one hundred and forty nine acres more or less, the same to be sold to the highest bidder, [reserving?] all of land on the South side of the mill road, and applied as herein before specified ~

I give and bequeath the entire residue of my estate both real and personal to my grandsons John Henry Coker, John Wesley Coker and Felix Coker, sons of Abner Coker to be equally divided among them share and share alike to be paid to them when they arrive at age, and if either of the above named three boys should die before they arrive at age the entire interest of the minor deceased to go to Abner Coker the father of said boys ~

I likewise make and constitute and appoint Andrew B. Roe of Caroline County State of Maryland to be executor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking all former will [sic] by me made ~

In witness whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my seal this eighth day of September one thousand eight hundred and sixty four.

his  
Moses X Coker            {seal}  
mark

The above written instrument was subscribed by the said Moses Coker in our presence and acknowledged by him to each of us to be his last will and testament.

Witness ~

Saml. Councell

A. Ridgaway

William [Massey?] [Mafrey?]

Caroline County to wit

The 16th July 1867

Then came Andrew B. Roe the executor named in and by the foregoing will and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that he knows of no will or [illegible] of Moses Coker, late of Caroline County deceased other and of a later date than the foregoing instrument of writing, and that he received the same from the testator on or about the eighth day of September 1864.

Cert. by Robt. W. Todd, Regr. of Wills for Caroline County

Caroline County to wit

The 16th July 1867

Then came Samuel Councell and William [Massey?] [Mafrey?], two of the subscribing witnesses to the foregoing last will and testament of Moses Coker late of Caroline County deceased, and severally made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that they did see the testator therein named sign and seal this will, that they heard him publish, pronounce and declare the same to be his last will and testament, that at the time of so doing he was to the best of their [apprehences?] of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding, and that they together with Alexander Ridgaway, subscribed their names as witnesses to this will, in the presence and at the request of the testator, and in the presence of each other.

Cert. by Robt. W. Todd, Regr. of Wills for Caroline County

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<http://www.lynncjackson.com/family/coker-m1.htm>

Moses Coker

Moses Coker, possibly the son of Philip Coker, was born in Maryland sometime around 1764. He lived most of his life in Caroline Co., MD where he died on 18 July, 1867 at the age of 103 years. The American Union Newspaper contained the following obituary:

\* AU 18 July, 1867--Moses Coker an old colored citizen of this county died at his residence in the first district last week aged 103 years. He was respected by our white citizens who knew him as a man of truth, promptness and punctuality in all his dealings. He had acquired considerable property, owning at the time of his death some 3 or 4 farms. His estate is valued at \$15,000 which he leaves to his children and grandchildren."

A great deal of information can be gleaned from the probate records and inventories filed at the time of his death.

The will mentions :

- \* daughter: Mahala (Coker) Barrett
- \* daughter: Catherine Coker
- \* son: Abner Coker
- \* grandchildren: Sarah August Thomas (daughter of Clementine Wyatt), Eben Bayard, Jeremiah Bayard, Eugene Bayard, John Henry Coker, John Wesley Coker, Felix Coker
- \* son in law: John Henry Parker
- \* Moses Coker (grandson of brother Daniel Coker)
- \* Patrick Henry Coker

There is no mention of a wife so she, presumably died sometime before the will was written.

Known children of Moses Coker include:

1. Unknown Coker who married John Henry Parker
2. Catherine Coker (b.c.1810)
3. Susan Coker married Unknown Baynard
  - \* children of Susan and Unknown Baynard Eben Baynard
  - \* Jeremiah Baynard
  - \* Eugene Baynard
4. Abner Coker (1814-1890)
5. Mahala Coker, married Charles Barrett
6. Clementine Coker, married (unknown) Wyatt\*
  - \* children of Clementine and Benedict Wyatt Sarah August Wyatt
7. Patrick Henry Coker (d.c. 1886)