SIXTH GENERATION SECOND GENERATION THIRD GENERATION FOURTH GENERATION FIFTH GENERATION John Butler / born c. 1683 / bought freedom • Sarah Butler / died in slavery • Thomas Butler / status uncertain Monica Butler / died in slavery Robert Butler / freed in May 1790 Monica Butler / died in slavery Stephen Butler / freed in Oct 1791 • Harry Butler / freed in May 1790 Hopey Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Charles Butler / freed by British in Revolutionary War Charles Butler / died in slavery Thomas Butler / freed in May 1790 Charles Butler / freed in May 1790 Harry Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Monica Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Mary (Milley) Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Sarah Butler / born c. 1688 / died in slavery Eleanor Butler / died in slavery Samuel Butler / died in slavery Abigail Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Prudence Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Sarah Butler / freed in May 1792 Sal Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Ned Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Nace Butler / freed in May 1793 Susannah Butler / died in slavery William Butler / freed in May 1792 Samuel Butler / freed in May 1792 Len Butler / freed in May 1790 • John Butler / freed in May 1792 Eleanor Butler / freed in May 1792 Abigail Butler / freed in May 1790 Bloodlines to Freedom Sarah Butler / freed in May 1792 Sarah Butler / died in slavery • Mary (Molly) Butler / died in slavery Benjamin Butler / freed in May 1792 Stephen Butler / freed in May 1792 Jeremiah Butler / freed in May 1790 Samuel Butler / freed in May 1792 Nelly Butler / freed in May 1792 Edward (Ned) Butler / freedom suit failed; died in slavery Joseph Butler / freed in May 1790 Nace Butler is one of the runaway slaves profiled in Hopey Butler / freed in May 1792 Freedom Bound. He and his siblings, who also won their Jenny Butler / freed in May 1792 George Butler / freed in May 1790 freedom through the court system, were the children of Nancy Butler / freed in May 1792 Mary (Milley) Butler / freed in May 1792 Mary Butler, a great-granddaughter of Eleanor "Irish Nell" Charles Butler / "sold away" and died in slavery John (Jack) Butler / died in slavery Robert Butler / status uncertain Butler and "Negro Charles." Their father, William Butler, Eleanor Butler / died in slavery • Nace Butler / status uncertain was a grandson of Eleanor and Charles through another Catherine Butler / born c. 1690 / died c. 1760 / freedom uncertain • Lydia Butler / freed in May 1792 Henrietta Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Sarah Butler / freed in May 1792 Jane (Jenny) Butler / died in slavery Mary (Milley) Butler / freed in May 1792 Nace Butler / escaped in 1785 / freed in Oct 1787 Lazarus Butler / freed in Oct 1787 Letitia Butler / born c. 1762 / freed in May 1792 Elizabeth Butler / freed in Oct 1792 Samuel Butler / freed in May 1792 Teresa Butler / freed in May 1796 Nace Butler / died in slavery Margaret Butler / died in slavery Mary Butler / born c. 1757 / freed in June 1791 • Flora Butler / freed in May 1792 Clara Butler / freed in May 1796 Mary Butler / died in slavery Tracey Butler / freed in May 1792 Charley Butler / freed in May 1796 Eleanor "Irish Nell" Butler • Matthew Butler / freed in May 1796 Ignatius Butler / born c. 1731 / freed in May 1792 Lewis Butler / freed in May 1796 William Butler / born c. 1723 / freedom suit failed; died in slavery* Thomas Butler / freed in October 1793 Peggy Butler / born c. 1740 / freed in Oct 1793 & "Negro Charles" Clare (Clarissa) Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Lucy Butler / freed in October 1793 Patrick Butler / freed in May 1790 Bet Butler / born c. 1724 / freed in Oct 1791 Ignatius Butler / freed in May 1792 Abigail Butler / died in slavery Bridget Butler / freed in May 1792 John Butler / born c. 1730 / freed in 1789 Lydia Butler / born c.1754 / freed in May 1792 Eleanor Butler came to Maryland as • Jess Butler / sold out of state Henrietta Butler / freed in May 1792 Fanny Butler / freed in May 1792 • Chloe Butler / freed in Oct 1791 an indentured servant, married Jane Butler / died in slavery Jerry Butler / sold out of state Mary Butler / freed in May 1792 Phillis Butler / sold out of state Phillis Butler / died in slavery Charles, a slave, in St. Mary's County Jane Butler / freed in May 1792 Augustus Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Henrietta Butler / freed in May 1792 Lucy Butler / freed in May 1792 in August 1681, and was effectively Ignatius Butler / born c. 1749 / freed in Oct 1791 Barbara Butler / freed in May 1799 Joanna Butler / freed in May 1792 enslaved by his master. Their children Anne Butler / born c. 1709 / freed before May 1791 Molly (Milley) Butler / freed in May 1791 Anne Butler / freed in May 1792 Alley Butler / freed in May 1799 Moses Butler / freed in May 1792 were also enslaved. Agnes Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Elizabeth Butler / freed in May 1799 Frank Butler / freed in May 1792 • Nace Butler / freed in May 1792 Eleanor Butler / freed in Oct 1791 • Linda Butler / freed in May 1799 Katy Butler / freed in May 1792 Rebecca (Beck) Butler / born c. 1715 / freed in May 1791 Because of oral storytelling traditions, Lymus Butler / freed in May 1792 Teresa Butler / died in slavery Basil Butler / freed in May 1799 Henrietta Butler / status uncertain later generations remembered the Jane (Jenny) Butler / died in slavery Ralph Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Stephen Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Luke Butler / freed in May 1799 Mathias Butler / freed in Oct 1793 couple's tale, sued for their freedom, Nell Butler / died in slavery Charles Butler / freed in May 1792 • Francis Butler / freed in Oct 1793 Charles Butler / freed in May 1799 Thomas Butler / status uncertain and won—if they could prove they Jeremiah Butler / died in slavery Josias Butler / status uncertain were Eleanor Butler's descendants Linda Butler / freed Joe Butler / freed in May 1798 Abraham Butler / freed in May 1792 Monica Butler / died in slavery Anthony Butler / freed in May 1791 through a direct female line. Anne Butler / freed in May 1791 Nace Butler / freed in May 1798 Eleanor Butler / died in slavery **Electius Butler / freed in May 1792** Margaret Butler / died in slavery Lucy Butler / freed in May 1794 William Butler / freed in May 1796 Benjamin Butler / died in slavery Jane Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Anne Butler / died in slavery This diagram shows the female Butler Anne Butler / freed in May 1794 • Mary Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Rachel Butler / freed in May 1793 Rebecca Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Joe Butler / freed in May 1794 Gerard Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Charity Butler / freed in Oct 1791 Ignatius Butler / freed in May 1796 Eleanor Butler / died in slavery Henrietta Butler / born c. 1726 / freed in May 1793

Elizabeth (Betty) Butler / died in slavery

Eleanor Butler / died in slavery

Henrietta Butler / died in slavery

Jane Butler / freed in Oct 1793

Moll Butler / second youngest child of Eleanor / died in slavery

Anne Butler / youngest child of Eleanor / died in slavery

Lucy Butler / died in slavery

Clement Butler / freed in Oct 1791

Sarah Butler / freed in May 1792

Giles Butler / freed in Oct 1791

Jacob Butler / freed in Oct 1791

Anne Butler / died in slavery

Stephen Butler / died in slavery

Thomas Butler / freed in May 1792

Anne Butler / born c. 1753 / freed in Oct 1793

William Butler / born c. 1746 / freed before Oct 1796

William Butler / freed in May 1792

Clement Butler / freed in May 1792

Henrietta Butler / freed in May 1792

Lewis Butler / freed in May 1792

George Butler / status uncertain

Rachel Butler / status uncertain

Anne Butler / status uncertain

Henry Butler / status uncertain

Anthony Butler / freed in Oct 1793

Edward Butler / status uncertain

William Butler / status uncertain

Elizabeth Butler / freed in May 1796

Mary Ann Butler / status uncertain

Henrietta Butler / status uncertain

Josias Butler / status uncertain

Agnes Butler / died c. 1792 (suit pending at death)

Minta Butler / freed in Oct 1793

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bloodline and highlights the family members who won their freedom in court, vividly demonstrating the power of the family's oral history.
