

Recognizing Cesar, Prince, Caesar, Mark Lee/Lewis, & Others Enslaved on This Land



We acknowledge
and honor those
who lived and
worked on this
land now
occupied by our
headquarters.

There are very few surviving records of Black Cantabrigians, but the following facts are what we have gathered so far.

From 1684 to 1733, two generations of the white Hooper family lived in this house that they built on the traditional homelands of the Massachusett people.

Cornelius Waldo, a white man who bought the house in 1733, enslaved at least three people we know of: a man named Cesar, a boy named Prince, and a woman whose name we don't know. We don't know if they lived here or in Boston.

In 1758, a white couple, Joseph and Rebecca Lee, moved into the house. The Lees enslaved a man named Caesar and also likely enslaved a man named Mark Lee/Lewis.

Find more information about these individuals and other enslaved people on our website:
historycambridge.org/anti-racism-work