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## The Queen Family

The Queen family from Prince George's, Anne Arundel, Charles, and Harford Counties, Maryland, and Washington, DC, sued for their freedom between 1791-1810, claiming they were descended from a free woman named Mary Queen. These cases and the families who brought them were important in American history.

- ♦ *Edward Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1791)
- ♦ *Ann Queen v. Rev. Sylvester Boarman* (Harford County, 1794)
- ♦ *David Queen v. Rev. Sylvester Boarman* (Harford County, 1794)
- ♦ *Nancy Queen v. Rev. Charles Sewell* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *John Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Nicholas Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Betty Queen & others v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Winifred Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Billey Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Charity Queen & son v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Phillis Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Sucky Queen & daughter v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Mary Queen & others v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Sally Queen & others v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Philis Queen & others v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Thomas Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Bill Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Bet Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Priscilla Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Simon Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Nan Queen & others v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Lewis Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Proteus Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Kesiah Queen & son v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Jarvis Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Prince George's County, 1794)
- ♦ *Winifred Queen v. Solomon Sparrow* (Anne Arundel County, 1796)
- ♦ *Charles Queen v. Rev. John Ashton* (Anne Arundel County, 1796)
- ♦ *Moses Queen v. Henrietta Sanders* (Charles County, 1808)
- ♦ *Nancy Queen v. Rev. Charles Neale* (Charles County, 1808)
- ♦ *Priscilla Queen v. Rev. Francis Neale* (Washington, DC, 1810)
- ♦ *Hester Queen v. James Nevitt & Richard Nally* (Washington, DC, 1810)
- ♦ *Alexis Queen v. John Davis* (Washington, DC, 1810)
- ♦ *Mima & Louisa Queen v. John Hepburn* (Washington, DC, 1810)



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The Queen family tree is based on court records from the National Archives in Washington, DC, and the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis, as well as Jesuit archival records at Georgetown University.

- Mary Queen - d. abt 1759
  - Nanny Cooper (a.k.a. Queen) - b. abt 1720
    - Thomas - b. 1735
    - Mary Queen - b. 1737
      - Priscilla Queen - b. abt 1762
      - Nanny Queen - b. abt 1755 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
      - Kate Queen - b. abt 1758
      - Rachel Queen - b. 1760
    - Priscilla Queen - b. 1744 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Ralph Queen - b. 1745
    - Fanny Queen - b. 1751
    - Mima Queen - b. 1755
    - Simon Queen - b. 1759 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Henny Queen - b. 1760
      - Ann "Nanny" Queen - filed freedom suit in 1794 against Sylvester Boarman
    - David Queen - b. abt 1764 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against Sylvester Boarman
  - Phillis Queen - b. abt 1721 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Susanna "Sucky" Queen - b. 1740 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Betty Queen - b. 1745 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Proteus Queen - b. abt 1750 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Gervais (Jarvis) Queen - b. abt 1750 - filed freedom suit in 1794 against John Ashton
    - Edward "Ned" Queen - b. 1754; d. 1798 - filed freedom suit in 1791 against John Ashton
    - Mary Queen - b. May 17, 1757 - filed freedom suit in 1791 against John Ashton
    - Sall Queen - b. 1758; d. bef 1763
    - Johnny Queen - b. 1759; d. bef 1763
    - Margaret "Peggy" Queen - b. January 7, 1761
    - Winifred Queen - b. 1763 - filed freedom suit in 1796 against Solomon Sparrow
- + Thomas Barm or Barnes ? - Overseer at Fingaul Plantation, Md.
  - Ralph Queen(?) - b. abt 1724
    - + Nell ?
      - Nell - b. 1750
      - Ralph Queen - b. 1752

If you have any information to contribute to the project about this family, please let us know.

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