

Slavery on the Main Street of Deerfield - 1752

This is a "1752 snapshot" of slavery on the main street of Deerfield. I estimate the total population on Deerfield's main street as about 300 in 1752. The map below gives my best estimate (based on a variety of sources: tax lists, fragments of tax lists, church records, wills, letters, store accounts, inventories, a few secondary sources such as Sheldon's *History of Deerfield*, etc.) of who the slaves were and to whom they belonged. I show **21 slaves (7% of the total population)**, belonging to **12 different families**. For lot numbers, etc., see McGowan & Miller, *Family & Landscape*, 1996. Numbers in { } are modern street numbers of sites where enslaved African-Americans lived in 1752. The map shows all current buildings on the main street (with street numbers of the slave sites), and two other approximate sites where no building now stands: Elijah Williams's store and Abijah Prince's home.

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