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Timeline of Venture Smith's Life

Early Life

1729 — Born in Dukandarra, Guinea

1735 — Kidnapped by a tribe of Africans and put aboard a slave ship; Purchased by Robertson Mumford

1737 — Arrives in the colonies; Sent to Mumford's residence in Connecticut

Life in Slavery

1750 — Marries Meg, another slave

1752 — Daughter Hannah is born; Sold to Thomas Stanton of Connecticut

1760 — Sold to Colonel Oliver Smith

Life As a Free Man

1765 — Purchases his freedom from Colonel Smith

1769 — Purchases his sons

1773 — Purchases Meg

1775 — Purchases Hannah

1798 — Tells his life story to teacher Elisha Niles; story is then published

1805 — Dies on September 19th

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