

Anna McKissack  
1799-(abt) 1870  
Enslaved at Rippa Villa

1799 (abt) Anna was born in North Carolina. She was enslaved by Charles Sallard.

1814 December 20: Charles' daughter Rebecca Sallard married William McKissack. "The day after the marriage, Mr. Sallard put in McKissack's possession Ann, a female slave.." <sup>1</sup> A few months after the marriage Sallard additionally gifted Rebecca two more slaves, Patsy and Murphy. When their daughter Eleanor McKissack was born, Sallard gifted Eleanor a fourth slave named Sam.

\*\*\*Around this time, Anna was married to her husband Dick. William McKissack was known to marry his slaves himself, reading from the Bible\*\*\*

1815 (abt) Anna gave birth to her daughter Mary. <sup>2</sup>

1820 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Person County, NC listed William McKissack as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of seven free White people and eleven enslaved Black people. Two female slaves between ages 14 to 25, fitting Anna's age, were listed.

(abt) Anna gave birth to daughter Malinda.

1824 (abt) Anna gave birth to daughter Almira.

1825 (abt) Anna gave birth to son Madison

1827 (abt) Anna gave birth to child Roam.

1830 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Person County, NC listed William McKissack as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of nine free White people and twenty-three enslaved Black people. Three female slaves between ages 24 & 35, fitting Anna's age, were listed.

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<sup>1</sup> Tennessee. Supreme Court. Reports of Cases Argued And Determined In the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Louisville Ky.: Fetter Law Book Co., 1903.

<sup>2</sup> Mary appears to be the oldest child of Dick and Anna, however some children I do not have ages or years for. Ages for Mary, William, Caroline, Calvin, Milton, Roan and Clemson are as yet unknown.

1831 (abt) Anna gave birth to son Richard.

1835 (abt) Anna gave birth to daughter Harriet in North Carolina.

(abt) William McKissack moved his family and slaves from Person County, NC to Tennessee.

1836 (abt) Anna gave birth to daughter Margaret.

May 20: Eleanor McKissack and her husband Orville McKissack filed the initial complaint in the Giles County Court in Pulaski. They wanted possession of Anna, Patsy and Murphy the slaves that Eleanor's grandfather Sallard had given to the family.<sup>3</sup>

1838 (abt) Anna gave birth to son Clemson.

1840 The U.S. Federal Census enumerated in Maury County, TN listed William McKissack as head of household. The rest of the household members were listed with slash marks in their category designated by age, gender and race. The household consisted of ten free White people and forty-two enslaved Black people. Three female slaves between ages 24 & 35 are closest in age to Anna.

1841 (abt) Anna gave birth to son Calvin.

1842-1845 Orville and Eleanor McKissack continued to sue her father for "her" slaves. Orville stated that all the enslaved people given to William were not for his use. They were for the use of his first wife from her father Charles Sallard, therefore they should revert to Eleanor and Orville. There are many interviews. One interview is with Charles Sallard. The interview shows Charles to be very fragile in mind. It very strongly feels as if Orville and Eleanor were taking advantage of that fragile mind. Orville and Eleanor, knowing that William McKissack had no official deeds for the slaves from his first wife's father, got Charles Sallard to deed the slaves to them in the court. This was years after they were initially given to William McKissack's wife.<sup>4</sup> The slaves were specifically mentioned by name "**Murphy, Anna , Patty and the minors of Anna and Patty, to wit Mary, Elmira, Malinda, William, Roan[Room], Madison, Richard, Caroline, Harriet, Margaret, Henry, Milton, Calvin, Clemson the minors of**

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<sup>3</sup> Tennessee. Supreme Court. Reports of Cases Argued And Determined In the Supreme Court of Tennessee. Louisville Ky.: Fetter Law Book Co., 1903.

<sup>4</sup> Supreme Court Cases Ollie W. McKissack v. William McKissack, Giles County [https://supreme-court-cases.tennsos.org/search?search=1&search\\_fields%5B%5D=case\\_name%2Ccause%2Cnotes&county=all&start\\_year=&end\\_year=&search\\_keywords=mckissack](https://supreme-court-cases.tennsos.org/search?search=1&search_fields%5B%5D=case_name%2Ccause%2Cnotes&county=all&start_year=&end_year=&search_keywords=mckissack) (available online)

**Anna**, and Sarah Ann, Ellick, Arabella, Emmaline and two infants names not known the woman Patsy and any and all of the minors of said Negroes...”<sup>5</sup>

- 1850 William McKissack was enumerated as a slave owner in three different Counties:Lawrence County, Giles County and Maury County. He owned mills in Giles and Lawrence. It is unclear which property Anna and Dick and their children lived on.
- 1856 After William McKissack died in 1855, his human property was listed in an 1856 inventory in the courts in Maury County, TN. The slaves were split into six lots and distributed to William’s six children in January of 1856. Anna and her husband Dick were listed as follows:

<b>Dick, 65</b>	\$500	Carpenter
<b>Ann, 56</b>	\$300	farm hand

They were inherited by Susan McKissack Cheairs at Rippa Villa.

- 1862 Wartime letters from Nathaniel Cheairs, Susan’s husband, mentioned many names of his slaves.

April 22: Hello to..**Uncle Dick and his wife.**<sup>6</sup>

May 25: “Tell **Uncle Dick** and Nath to take good care of Miss Susan.”<sup>7</sup>

\*\*\*There is no post war personal information on either Anna or her husband Dick.\*\*\*

- 1872 August 9: Anna’s daughter, Margaret Curry, opened a Freedman’s Bank account. She listed her parents and stated that they were “dead.” This document is incredible because it also mentioned Margaret’s occupation, husband and siblings.

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<sup>5</sup> Anna and all of her children were listed here.

<sup>6</sup> Dick and Anna.

<sup>7</sup> All letters are part of the Cheairs/Hughes Papers Collection at TSLA.

No. 5157 RECORD of *Margaret Curry*

Date, *Aug 9. 1872*

Where born, *Henry county Tenn*

Where brought up, *do*

Residence, *on Ella Hughes*

Age, *32* Complexion, *Bright*

Occupation, *Chambermaid*

Works for, *Mr. Ditt*

Wife or Husband, *Henry*

Children,

Father, *Dick (dead)*

Mother, *Anna (dead)*

Brothers and Sisters, *William Madison  
Richard Mary Harriet Meinda*

REMARKS: *No one to draw out myself*

Signature *Margaret Curry*  
*marks*

<sup>8</sup> Curry, Margaret, U.S., Freedman's Bank Records, 1865-1874 (accessed ancestry.com)