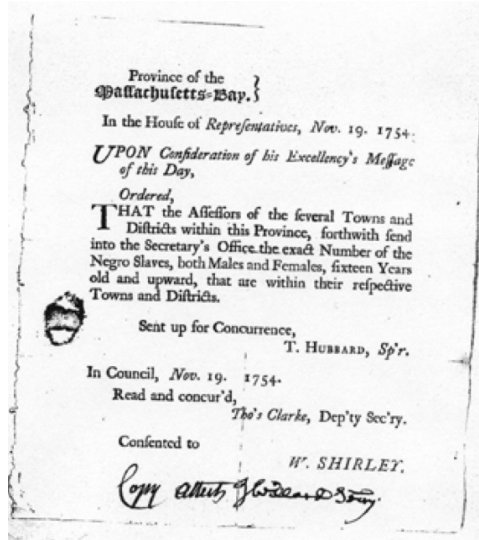


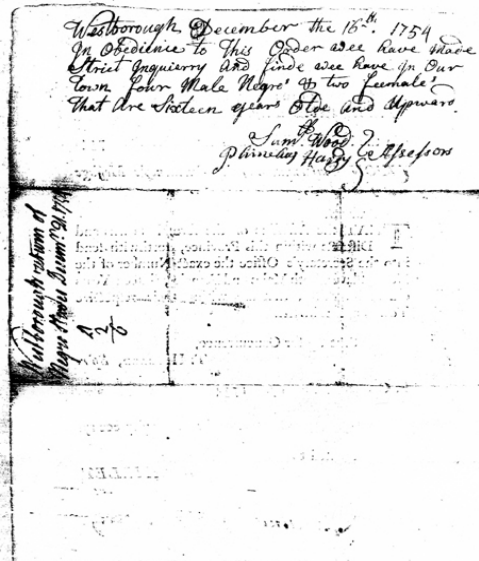
Enslaved Persons in Westborough, 1754

According to <https://primaryresearch.org/the-1754-slave-census/>, “In 1754, Governor William Shirley had ordered that an enumeration of all slaves, both male and female, over the age of sixteen be completed by each town. This included Maine since it was still part of Massachusetts.”



“In total, the records of 119 towns have been preserved with a total of 2,720 slaves being counted.”

In Westborough, the assessors counted six enslaved persons over the age of sixteen – four men and two women:



Westborough. December the 16th. 1754
In Obedience to This Order wee have Made
Strict Inquirry And finde wee have In Our
town four Male Negros & two females
that Are Sixteen years Olde And Upward.

Sam^r Wood } Assessors
Phinehus Hardy }