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RE: *The Peters' Family: Faces of Maine*

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Sometime around 1782, Sarah Peters was taken from her home in Guinea on the west coast of Africa and delivered to the District of Maine as a slave on a ship owned by Captain James McIntyre. Soon after, Massachusetts outlawed slavery, and somehow Sarah managed to hire a local attorney and successfully sue for her freedom. She married a man named Amos Peters, himself a mixed race African-American and Native American Wampanoag, as well as a Revolutionary War veteran (*there it is - the Knox connection*).



Together they raised a large, mixed-race family, and settled near South Pond, a good distance away from the central village of Warren, Maine. By the 1820s, they had their own school district, were part of the Baptist church, and had a good deal of land. Their descendants went on to establish one of Maine's largest black communities in the state's history.

Now, on Thursday, August 17, at 6pm at Watts Hall, 174 Main Street, in Thomaston, Knox Museum and Thomaston and Warren Historical Societies will present Dr. Kate McMahon, a Washington, D. C. Howard University graduate, to fill in the missing details. Admission is free, and all are encouraged to attend.

For more information contact Knox Museum Collections Manager Matthew Hansbury at collections@knoxmuseum.org or 354-0885.

PHOTOS:

- 1) The Peters Family. Warren Historical Society photo.