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Task 4 – Legacies of British Slave-ownership

How many individuals with Welsh residences were compensated after the abolition of slavery? 68

Then, choose ONE Welsh slave-owner to concentrate on, and answer these questions:

Latimer Whittle born c. 1813 Ireland - died 29.4.1891 Jamaica

1. What biographical information can you glean the slave-owner? For instance, what was their profession or education?

Born in Belfast, Latimer Whittle was the eldest son of Grace Mary Whittle (1789-1819) and Francis Whittle. Latimer's maternal grandfather had been Richard Latimer, the owner of a sugar plantation at Peter's Rock, St. Andrew's, Jamaica, who had died in 1813 leaving most of his estate to his daughter. On her death, the estate passed to her children in a trust fund. Latimer's father had been a businessman and merchant, and briefly Member of Parliament for Westbury in 1809-10. Francis was involved in the slave trade, being part owner of the Devonshire in 1801 and the Bonny in 1802 and is recorded as selling thirty slaves in 1816 for £3235. (Information from the Slave Voyage Database from Task 3) Latimer was a civil engineer and businessman, married twice and had five children. In his life he lived in Ireland and Seaforth but was living in Castle Street, Abergavenny at the time of his compensation claim. He later went to live in Jamaica, with some of his children, where he died in 1891.

2. Where did the slave-owner possess properties?
It is recorded that on 2nd November 1835 he claimed £2435 7s 9d in compensation for the freeing of 123 enslaved people from the estates of his maternal grandfather.
3. Which (and how many) properties did the slave-owner receive compensation for?
He was compensated for 123 slaves on the property of Peter's Rock in Jamaica.
4. How many slaves in total was the slave-owner compensated for? 123
5. How much (in £s) compensation did the slave-owner receive in total? £2435 7s 9d
6. Did the slave-owner have personal or familiar connections with other slave-owners, and if so who?
It does not say on this database whether Latimer Whittle had connections with other slave owners, but his father certainly did.
7. What (if any) legacies of the slave-owner remain apparent in present-day society? Are they connected to any significant institutions, for instance? None recorded on database.