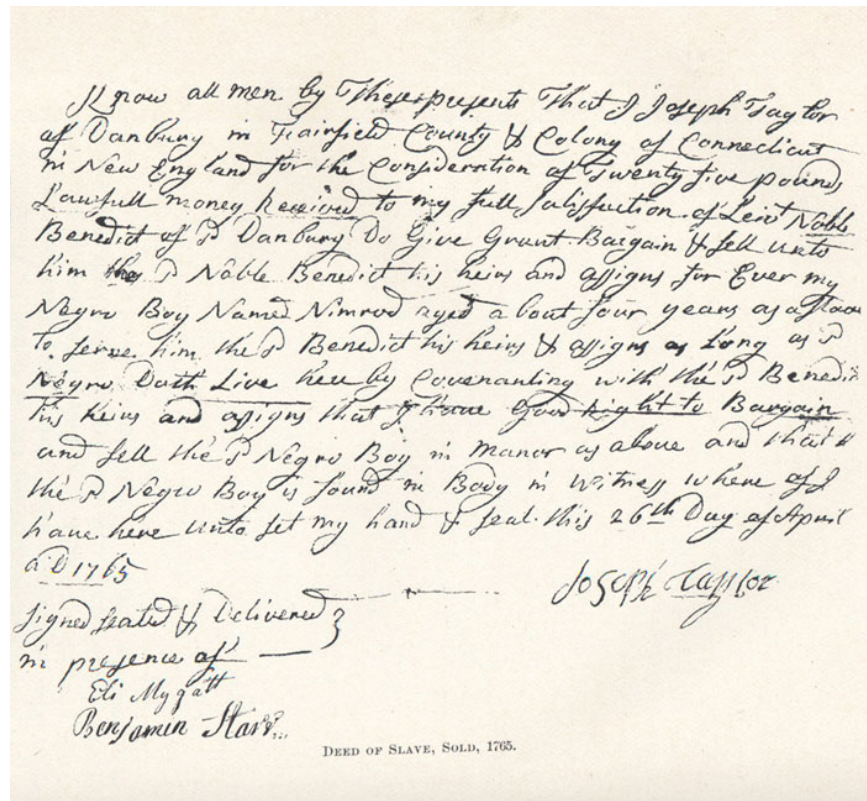


**Deed of Sale for "Negro Boy"**

Danbury, CT 1765

James Montgomery Bailey, *History of Danbury, Conn. 1684-1896* (Burr: New York, 1896), image facing p. 40

This deed documents the 1765 sale of a "Negro Boy Named Nimrod aged about four years" by Joseph Taylor of Danbury, Connecticut, to Lieutenant Noble Benedict of the same city, for a sum of twenty-five pounds. According to Bailey, Joseph Taylor was born in 1703. His will, dated May 1793, granted freedom to all of his slaves and also designated funds for the ongoing support of his "Negro Servant Patience, who is now somewhat advanced in years, and hath been both to me and my parents a good, kind, and faithful servant" (Bailey p. 48). She apparently received all of his household furniture, as well.



**Transcription of Deed of Slave, Sold, 1765**

Know all men by these presents that I Joseph Taylor of Danbury in Fairfield County & Colony of Connecticut in New England for the consideration of Twenty five pounds Lawfull money received to my full satisfaction of Lieut. Noble Benedict of Danbury Do Give Grant Bargain & Sell unto him the [aforesaid] Noble Benedict his heirs and assigns for Ever my Negro Boy Named Nimrod aged about four years as a slave to serve him the [aforesaid] Benedict his heirs & assigns as Long as [aforesaid] Negro Doth Live herby covenanting with the [aforesaid] Benedict his heirs and assigns that I have given right to Bargain and Sell the [aforesaid] Negro Boy in Manor as above and that the [aforesaid] Negro Boy is Sound in Body in

witness where of I have her unto Set my hand & Seal. this 26th Day of  
April AD 1765

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of

Eli Mygatt  
Benjamin Starr

Joseph Taylor