

\*From 1800-1840, the individual permitted to speak to the census taker on behalf of the household was limited to a free person over 16 years of age. Recording prioritized the head of household and their direct family. Often times, names were misspelled and ages fluctuated. For Black individuals, specificity was not prioritized (note the gap in age documentation for free persons of color above), and many people were left out of census records and other federal documents entirely.

*Southern*

New York

SLAVES.

This added category was also in the interest of the newfound establishment of mental institutions in the country. Frances Bartow, sister to Maria Bartow Cole, was one of a growing number of individuals sent to attend the Hartford Retreat for the Insane between 1846-1848. Frances was seen to have experienced dissociation and possible signs of depression. She is later recorded as ‘insane’ in an 1870 census of the household. To learn more about Frances and other individuals who lived and labored on the property, visit [thomascole.org/household](http://thomascole.org/household).

