NAMES OF HEADS OF FAMILIES

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This is likely Theodore "Theddy" Cole, first-born son of Maria and Thomas, who was 2 years old in 1840. Theddy would become a farmer and the property manager at Frederic Church's home, Olana, in his adulthood.

This is likely John A. Thomson, 64 in 1840. He was a merchant and gentleman farmer.

This represents a free white girl who possibly worked within the home.

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the Hudson Valley, this commonly involved cleaning and laundering, helping to care for the children, dairying, and preparing food alongside the Bartow sisters. Her role in the house was undoubtedly instrumental, yet she is presently unnamed in household letters. Based on her age (55-99 years), it is likely that she was born into slavery. To learn more about her and the other individuals who lived and labored on the historic property, visit thomascole.org/household.

John A. (Alexander) Thomson, misspelled here, was the owner of the household and uncle to Maria Bartow Cole and her siblings. This is likely the artist, Thomas Cole, 39 years old in 1840.

This is likely Mary B. Cole, second-born child of Maria and Thomas, who was 1 year old in 1840.

This likely represents Maria Bartow Cole and her sisters with some flexibility in their ages. Maria Bartow Cole was 27 in 1840; Harriet Bartow, 32; Frances Bartow, 25; Emily Bartow, 36. This might also account for Charlotte Thomson, a cousin who may have lived here, or a person who worked within the home.

*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.

1840 Census of Greene County, NY

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A Record of the Individuals Who Resided on the Historic Property

by the Marshal of the Southern District (or Territory) of New York SLAVES. DEAF AND DUMB, BLIND, AND INSANE WHITE PER-SONS, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. DEAF, DUMB, BLIND AND INSANE, CO LORED PERSONS, INCLUDED IN THE FOREGOING. SCHOOLS, &c. MALES. TOTAL. DEAF AND DUMB. 100 24 NAMES. under 24 This was the first U.S. Census to record the mental health of individuals through terms of 'insanity' and 'idiocy'. An overwhelming amount of free Black individuals were placed in these categories, and pro-slavery advocates saw this as an 11 people were recorded as living Here marks Thomas Cole's opportunity to argue that freedom was the cause of this disparity. on the historic property in 1840. occupation as an artist. 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 Here marks John A. Thomson's dissociation and possible signs of depression. She is later recorded as 'insane' agricultural occupation. 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.