

Chapter 1 : Paris Was Our Mistress by Samuel. Putnam

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Early life[edit] Sally Hemings was born about to Betty Hemings " , a biracial woman born into slavery. Her father was their master John Wayles " Squares denote men and circles denote women. Bold strokes indicate slaves. They had a white maternal grandfather and two white paternal grandparents. Since in Virginia slave law, children born to enslaved mothers were considered slaves under the principle of partus sequitur ventrem: Elizabeth "Betty" and her children, including Sally Hemings, and all their children, were legally slaves, although the fathers were the white masters and the children were majority-white in ancestry. As the mixed-race Wayles-Hemings children grew up at Monticello, they were trained and given assignments as skilled artisans and domestic servants, at the top of the slave hierarchy. None worked in the fields. After his youngest daughter, Lucy Elizabeth, died in , [25] Jefferson sent for his surviving daughter, nine-year-old Maria Polly Jefferson, to live with him. The teenage slave Sally Hemings was chosen to accompany Polly to France after an older slave became pregnant and could not make the journey. According to Abigail Adams , "The old Nurse whom you expected to have attended her, was sick and unable to come. She has a Girl about 15 or 16 with her. Petit, arranged transportation and escorted the girls to Paris. In a letter to Jefferson on June 27, , Abigail wrote, "The Girl who is with [Polly] is quite a child, and Captain Ramsey is of opinion will be of so little Service that he had better carry her back with him. But of this you will be a judge. She seems fond of the child and appears good naturd. Jefferson paid wages to her and James while they were in Paris. Sally Hemings also was learning French. Whatever the weekday arrangements, Jefferson and his retinue spent weekends together at his villa. She was about 16 at the time. She agreed to return with him to the United States, based on his promise to free their children when they came of age at This would not have been unusual for Jefferson as well; white society simply expected these men to be discreet about such relationships. Those Jefferson records that have survived mutilation and purge note that Hemings had six children after her return to the US: It is not known whether she was literate, and she left no known writings. It was space that had been converted to other public uses in Its goals include telling the stories of all the families at Monticello, both slave and free. As a slave, she could not have a marriage recognized under Virginia law, but many slaves at Monticello are known to have taken partners in common-law marriages and had stable lives. No such marriage for Hemings is noted in the records. While Sally Hemings worked at Monticello, she had her children nearby. The three boys all learned to play the violin , which Jefferson himself played. His sister Harriet Hemings, 21, followed in the same year. Jefferson freed five slaves in his will, all males from the extended Hemings family, including Madison and Eston Hemings, his two "natural" children. Harriet was the only female slave he allowed to go free. As the historian Edmund S. His entire estate, including the people he enslaved, was sold to repay his debts.

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