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The Prices

Betsey Alexander of whom much has been said in the preceding chapter, was both a Price and a Campbell. The Prices were of English origin and of gentle birth, possessing a coat of arms and an ancestral home. John Price, the oldest known member of the family, removed from England to St. Eustatius, one of the Dutch West Indies islands, about the middle of the eighteenth century, and in 1747 married Sarah, daughter of Samuel Jenkins. Sarah was then seventeen years old. Her father is recorded as having died in 1752. 1730-1848

John and Sarah Price had two children—Elizabeth, born in 1750, and Mary, or Polly, born in 1752. Where John Price was married, or when he died, or where Samuel Jenkins lived at the time of his death, is not known; but in 1765, at the time of Elizabeth's marriage, the family resided on the English island of St. Kitt's, twelve miles from St. Eustatius.