Aged Freeport Mother Triumphant Over Odds

This week there died in Freeport one of the pioneer Negro residents of the village and probably its oldest resident, who was universally respected by the older residents who had known her all their lives.

Mrs. Henrietta Jarvis, who died last Sunday at the age of 94, was a native of New York City. Her daughter, Mrs. Henrietta Jackson, says her father came from Indian stock. When Mrs. Jarvis was five years old the family moved to Freeport and she lived in the village for 89 years until her death.

At the age of 18 Mrs. Jarvis married and raised a large family. Her husband died when the children were still small and she supported them by taking in washing, doing housework and any other means of earning a livelihood. She is survived by three sons, three daughters, 24 grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren and four great-great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Jarvis was left a widow before the Bethel A.M.E. Church of Freeport and she was an active member in it throughout most of her life. She was often complimented on the fine character of her family, some of whom are now property owners in the village and all of whom are respected as good, thrifty and industrious citizens.

Mrs. Jarvis was left a widow before the day of widows' pensions and other forms of welfare. She succeeded admirably in holding her family together with her own hands and with a strong character and maternal instinct. Few mothers could take greater pride in their accomplishments and few are entitled to feel they have succeeded so well.