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CHRONOLOGY: MERCY

1676 Florana born

1647 anti-priest laws in New England

1649 Toleration Act in Maryland

1651 Vaark born born to Rebekka

1654 repeal of Toleration Act; Calvery overthrown

1655 first slave auction by Virginia Charles I and II

1658 Cromwell dies; James restored to throne

1659 anti-Quaker laws passed in Virginia

1659/61 four Quakers executed ones [1689-1692]

1660 Charles II becomes king and Calvert overthrown

1660 Rebekka born yet provinces 'no longer 'private' # 1745

1660 tobacco market glutted each, hold office, etc.

1660/61 "Fifth Monarchy" men hanged; two 'drawn and quartered'

1662 Lila born

1664 act declaring baptism of slaves does not free them

1672 Vaark arrives in America

1672 Charles' mistress, Louise, gives birth

1676 Rebekka arrives in America

- 1676 Lila taken to Vaark's farm
- 1676 Florens born
- 1677 girl born to Rebekka
- 1678 male infant born to Rebekka
- 1679 male infant born to Rebekka
- 1680 male infant born to Rebekka
- 1680/88 Maryland a palatinate under Charles I and II
- 1682 girl Patricia Vaark dies
- 1682 Florens arrives at farm
- 1688 William and Mary enthroned [1689-1692]
- 1689 anti Catholic revolt; 2nd Lord Calvert overthrown
- 1691 Maryland a 'royal province' [no longer 'private'] til 1715
- 1691 Catholics forbidden to teach, hold office, etc.
- 1692 2nd repeal of Religious Toleration Act

OUTLINE: MERCY 3. FLORENS (b. 1676-

1691
1. Florens: 1st per. p.v.; Begins her journey and her "journal" through garden snake crawling to doorstep to die—the sign of a death to come. Descriptions of her love for the smithy. Fear of loneliness w/o him, in the wilderness to find him, and being away from "home."

2. Sir [Jacob Vaark]: His 1682 visit to Province of Maryland to settle accounts with a planter. Takes Florens in payment of partial debt re: loss of ship and its cargo of slaves. His ambition, religious [anti-Catholic] prejudice; admiration and envy of planter's grand house; conflict with the restraint of his own religion and the attractiveness of the "sumptuousness" of planter's life. How this is not the "old days" but modern; and how it is a place where a farmer can become a squire, a modest man a gentleman. Laughs at little girl in woman's shoes. The mother will not be traded; agrees however to the daughter's purchase.

N.B. between 1682 and 1691 he will make 9 purchases—until the last when he gets sick 1691

3. Florens in wagon; the escape of slaves of both races [who are identified by geography not race.]; they murmur their stories and where they are going; she experiences a different kind of loneliness when they leave. Describes the death of Sir.

4. Lila: confusion of identity—Indian, Christian, servant? slave?—she dislikes all. Tired of the anger and discomfort that has settled in her heart, she finds the appearance of Florens a godsend. Her real loneliness is for land/home [where one has nothing and everything]

Little Deer "Like a Deer" (She said Like a deer is what she said. They heard "Lila" so that was the first clue that

5. Florens: meets Indian girls [Algonquin family?]. The encounter is welcoming, more than friendly. She watches them care for a baby strapped to its board. (Is this what Lila is missing?)

who she was, was not up to her. The second was religious instruction. One instead of many—intimacy & "control" lost to the One power.

Nanticoke
TK

waits a month in a tavern to be picked up

*17th style
backless
heels
pointy-toe
11-black
1-red*

*but a real
friendship
with Mistriss*

or 1200000s

stet

Rebecca

6. Mistress: "He brought her a black one this time. Mute, she thought. Thoughts on her marriage ("I shat in a bucket for eight weeks (in public)" to get to her husband. Loss of her four babies in rough country. He now wants a periwig and a big, grand house. Wants for farm as a hobby—not as life support. The business that takes him south is profitable, but makes her nervous—socially and morally. He dies from smallpox. After his burial, she gets the spots then the blisters on her face. Sends Florens to the smithy who had cured Soledad. Writes letter that will protect her from anyone who stops her.

as told to Lila

Switch 8 with 6?

7. Florens: arrival at village, taken in by a woman whose daughter has just been accused of the craft; the interrogation is the next morning. The mother has beaten the daughter's legs bloody to convince the village the daughter is not a demon. Before the questioning they are curious about Florens. She shows them the letter. They must decide between the proof in the letter [of who she is] and the proof of her skin. She is very very black and could be the daughter of the Black Man [a version of one of Satan's minions]. They decide to decide later; distracted from the daughter with the question, the mother helps her get away. This is the first time Florens knows she is ~~black as in~~ 'inferior' by color instead of ~~class~~ status

7.

8. Soledad: About her baby which dies and her illness which the smithy cures her of. Also her background and relationship to Sir and Mistress etc. *Doesn't like Florens; feels superior living in house. Favours from Sir. Ridicules Florens love for smithy; but grateful to him for cure. He covers her blisters w/ mud and makes her drink directly from cow's teat.*

9. Florens: arriving at Smithy's, seeing the child he is caring for. Jealous. He leaves to tend to Mistress. While he is gone she is obsessed by the child; it stares at her, won't speak to her; she thinks it is threatening her; attacks it (as the woman protecting her daughter with bloody-ing leg flesh did). Its cries and suffering jolt her from the blood lust, and she tends to it as the Indian girls did their baby. Bandaging its legs, etc. Smithy returns. Child crawls to him on infected legs. He is aghast. Expels her.

is black too and

Sister(?)

* 10. Mother [?] telling why she let daughter go: was being passed from planter to planter's wife at night. Knows her vain, "prettified" daughter will not be spared that. The boy will be.

11. Florens: returns to farm. Mistress is recovering. Florens sleeps in the new, unfinished house. Writing on the floors and walls her story by lamp light at night (when she feels a belonging). During the day (at work) she feels shame. Not sure if the shame is her child flogging, her race, or her abandonment. Hopes for mercy.

* She witnesses and understands the "blossom of race" and Florens undergoes and its debilitating consequences. Recognizes that her efforts to protect daughter from gender/female/sexual exploitation may have been successful, but against racial demonization there was no psychological defense.

Sees her daughter spend each night in the new house ^{in a room} on the upper floor - lamp lit all night on her knees.

↓ goes all the way to Florens return & watching her writing on the floor

1647 anti priest laws in New England

1649 toleration act in Maryland

1651 Vaark born (died with 400 men)

1654 repeal of toleration act

1655 1st slave auction in Virginia (on a farm)

1658 Cromwell dies; James restored

1659 anti Quaker laws passed

1659-61 four Quakers executed

1660 Charles II king (to Rebekka)

1660 Rebekka born (Rebekka)

1660 tobacco market glutted

1660-61 Fifth monarchy men hanged; two drawn and quartered

1662 Lina born (Lina)

1664 (Virginia) baptizing slaves does not free them

1665-6 plague and London fire= virulent anti-Catholicism (fighter of Macaulay)

1669 Sorrow born (many protestants) crowned (reign 1689-1692), Glorious Revolution

- 1672 Vaark arrives in America
- 1673 Test Act [who is Catholic?]
- 1676 Bacon marches with 400 men
- 1676 Rebekka arrives in America
- 1676 Lina purchased/ taken to Vaark's farm
- 1676 Florens born
- 1677 girl born to Rebekka
- 1678 anti Catholic hysteria
- 1678 male child born to Rebekka
- 1679 male born to Rebakka
- 1680 male born to Rebekka
- 1680-88 Maryland a Palatinate under Charles II
- 1682 Patrician dies
- 1682 Florens taken to Vaark farm
- 1685 James II (protestant son of Charles II) restored; slaughter of Macaulay
- 1688 William and Mary (protestants) crowned [reign 1689-1692]; Glorious Revolution

1689 anti Catholic revolt; second Lord Calvert overthrown

1691 Maryland royal, no longer private [until 1715]

1691 Catholics forbidden to teach or hold office in Maryland

1692 second repeal of Toleration Act

Rye House Plotter =
Colonel Richard
Bumbold
Hung in June 1685

green
hastings

1675

Algonquin (New Eng)

Susquehanna (Virginia/Maryland)

1676 - June 23 - Bacon
marches
w/ 400 men

2/203

~~heads
beads~~

~~Sp. men
& native women~~

~~poor &
mestizos,~~

~~Zambos
mulattos~~

~~natives & blacks~~

~~Creoles with blacks~~

~~criollos~~

~~Spanish (white)
& native~~

~~lower class~~

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16 shillings

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were a moveable
feast he
understood the journey
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moving from
Algorquini
to Susequebanna.~~

- 1647 anti-priest laws in New England
- 1649 Toleration act in Maryland
- 1651 Vaark born
- 1654 repeal of toleration act
- 1655 first slave auction in Virginia
- 1658 Cromwell dies; James restored
- 1659 anti-Quaker laws passed in Virginia
- 1659-61 four Quakers executed
- 1660 Charles II is king
- 1660 Rebekka born
- 1660 tobacco market glutted
- 1660-61 Fifth Monarchy men hanged; two drawn and quartered

- 1662 Lina born
- 1664 act re: baptism of slaves does not free them
- 1665 & 6 bubonic plague and London fire (latter leads to virulent anti-Catholicism)
- 1672 Varrk arrives in America
- 1672 Charles' mistress (louise) gives birth
- 1673 Test Act--who is Catholic
- 1674 *Bacon marches w/400 men*
- 1676 Rebekka arrives in America
- 1676 Lila purchased taken to Vaark's farm
- 1676 Florens born
- 1677 Patrician born to Rebekka
- 1678 anti-Catholic hysteria
- 1678 male born to Rebekka

- 1679 male born to Rebekka
- 1680 male born to Rebekka
- 1680-88 Maryland a palatinate under Charles II
- 1682 Patrician dies
- 1682 Florens taken to Vaark farm
- 1685 James II "Restored" [protestant son of Charles II]
- 1688 William and Mary, protestants, crowned (1689-1692) Glorious Revolution
- 1689 anti-Catholic revolt (second Calvert overthrown)
- 1691 Maryland royal, not private (til 1715)
- 1691 Catholics forbidden to teach or hold office in Maryland
- 1692 second repeal of toleration act

October 1682 Vaark in Maryland

✓ April 30
1690

~~Ma~~ Vaark dies

~~Florens goes to fetch Smithy.~~

May 1

Mistress falls ill

May 4

Florens goes to fetch Smithy.

- leaves wagon

~~7~~ - 1 night in woods

✓ 7th

Rebecca suffering

✓ Lina watching - sees mother 10:00 p.m.
runaways & notes sick for 3 days
Florens at

7th 5:30 p.m. Widow's house

8th 4:00 p.m. Florens leaves Widow's house.

Lina:
gone 3 days

9th

A.M.

arrives at Smithy's

✓ 10th

Smithy not back

Sorrow gives birth (Will & Scully)

11th

4:00 p.m.

Smithy returns

12th

NOON

Florens back at farm.

May 12 to } writing
June 30 }

~~May 30~~

May 30.

June 1 - Will and Scully (helping
planning escape.
hiding tools etc.
for the journey)

↓ describes
Florens
return
banquet

restore
Vaark
place
but)

"They assumed
the house it was
Vaark's rooming
house at night..."

1676 Lila taken to Vaark's farm

1676 Florens born

1677 girl born to Rebekka

1678 male infant born to Rebekka (TEST Act)

1679 male infant born to Rebekka (Exclusion Crisis)

1680 male infant born to Rebekka; Sorrow taken to Vaark's farm. ^{1679-?} James

1680/88 Maryland a ^{private} palatinate under Charles I and II

1682 girl Patricia Vaark dies (5^{at} years old)

1682 Florens arrives at farm (16 years old)

1688 William and Mary enthroned [1689-1692]

1689 anti Catholic revolt; 2nd Lord Calvert overthrown - "Glorious Revolution"
Lord Baltimore as "Lord the proprietary."

1691 Maryland a 'royal province' [no longer 'private'] til 1715

1691 Catholics forbidden to teach, hold office, etc.

1692 2nd repeal of Religious Toleration Act; Salem witch hysteria

(1690 Vaark dies, Mistress ill, Florens goes to fetch the Smithy

1690
1682
8

1690
1682.

8 years new
before house
built.

Sarrom
~~6.1669.~~

~~1680~~ to Vaark's farm

1675 (at 9) rescued?
=

10	rescue	1679
11	Sawyer	
12	Vaark	1679-80

1679
12

1667

S. 14 years old when H. arrived

1679 b.
1669 Vaark

10

1690

CHRONOLOGY: MERCY

the Florens section

1644-5

1647 anti-priest laws in New England

1649 Toleration Act in Maryland

1651 Vaark born

1654 repeal of Toleration Act; Calvery overthrown; 23 Jews fleeing Port. INQUISITION arriving in New Amsterdam.

1655 first slave auction by Virginia

1658 Cromwell dies; James restored to throne

1659 anti-Quaker laws passed in Virginia

1659/61 four Quakers executed in Massachusetts by Puritan

1660 Charles II becomes king

1660 Rebekka born (Beginning of 'Restoration' 1660-1688)

1660 tobacco market glutted

1660/61 "Fifth Monarchy" men hanged; two 'drawn and quartered'

Charles II
61 - Coronation

1662 Lila born (Witchcraft panic (62-65) in Hartford, Conn.)

1663-65 Bubonic plague (England)

1664 act declaring baptism of slaves does not free them (12 baptists condemned to die - Charles pardons them)

1666 London fire

1672 Vaark arrives in America

1672 Charles' mistress, Louise, gives birth

1676 Rebekka arrives in America

(same year (summer) that huge war in Mass/ Wampanoag)

[1667] Sorrow born

1667 Dutch Sail up Channel and Boston

year of
hope burning
in effigy

1670 Lila to Christian family

1674 Lila to Vaark.

1679-80 Sorrow to Vaark farm

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Notes: Florens/Mercy

Sorrow:

② It was while lying in the meadow at the edge of the forest, listening to Twin tell a favorite story—the one about mermaids, fish girls, with pearls for eyes and heavy locks of seaweed racing one another, riding the backs of whales—that she first saw the smithy and Florens coiled around each other. Twin had just gotten to the part where gulls seeing foam trailing the fleet like shooting stars joined the race when Sorrow put one finger t her lips and pointed with another one. Twin stopped speaking and looked. The man and the girl were rocking and unlike farm animals in heat, this female was not standing quietly under the weight and thrust of the male. Yonder in the grass was not the silent submission to a slow going in a hay loft or a hurried one behind a cord of cherry wood that Sorrow knew. This here female stretched, kicked her heels and whipped her head left right, to fro. It was a dancing. She rolled and twisted from her back to his. He hoisted her up against a tree; she bent her head into his shoulder. A dancing. Horizontal one moment, another one vertical.

Sorrow watched until it was over; until stumbling like tired old people, they dressed themselves. Finally the smithy grabbed her hair, yanked her head back to put his mouth on hers. Then they went off in different directions.

① [Sorrow] woke up with a warm wet cloth on her forehead and cool fingers holding her hand.

[Rebekka]

Loneliness. After ~~such a~~ day of loneliness so rough tears threatened, he would return—
just in time. And though her welcome might be edgy with the resentment involuntary
solitude creates, it was smoothed to oil when after supper he took up his fife and
embarrassed the song birds who believed they owned twilight.