

DOCENT INFORMATION 2023

Governor Dick – the Man

- Governor Dick was a slave who worked for the Grubb family (1700's).
- There is a possibility Dick originally came from Africa as he had tribal markings on his temples.
- "Governor" was a term of respect for his skill and work ethic. He was not named for any actual governors.
- An article in the *Lebanon Daily News* April 17, 1796 offers a \$20 dollar reward for return of a slave known as Dick (alias *Governor Dick*).
- We have many questions about Governor Dick's life. Research into what his life might have been like is ongoing.
- Robert H. Coleman is pictured in the display because his fortune is due partly to the efforts of slaves like Governor Dick and other laborers.
- At one time, there was a collier's hut located at the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and Gettysburg Avenue by the Hall of Philosophy. The huts were built in the style of the structures that were used to "cook" the wood to turn it in to charcoal.
- Colliers, **charcoal burners**, would continually move to be close to the source of the area to be logged.
- An acre of trees was needed to make one day's supply of charcoal for an iron furnace.