

This paper doll represents a man named Caesar, who was an enslaved postillion at Stratford. He was born in 1766, and he was the son of the enslaved cook Caesar. Postillions would be in charge of the horses and would ride on them, in front of a carriage, or act as a footman and ride along the side of a carriage. They wore very formal clothes, called livery, which normally included a short jacket to the waist, some lace, decorative woven tape, gilt buttons, white shirt, stock tie, white leather breeches, white gloves, decorative cap, leather boots and iron leg-guards. In cold weather, great coats were also provided. Caesar, Jr. would have traveled all over the region with the Lees, and would have been well-known throughout the colony.

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