

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS
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1836
John Hanson

The bearer hereof John Henson a coloured
man who was manumitted by the Will
of Doctor Wm Beanes of this County and
who obtained from me a certificate of his
freedom on the 14th Nov. 1828 has this
day presented to me an affidavit that
he has had the Certificate stolen from
him, and desires to obtain a duplicate, will
be permitted to pass and repass to W. J. J.
Jennings with whom he lived. - I have
declined giving the duplicate, thinking
that time had better be allowed him to
find the original I have thought proper
to issue this pass -

J. Chew Reg. Just.
for F. G. C. J.

Sept. 9 1832

May 31st 1838

Dear Volentine will call at your office for
his free papers he was set free by Rachel
O'Brian in the year 1818 by her last will
and testament

Wm Philmore & Co
Register of Wills in
Upper Marlboro

I am with perfectly
Respect

Wm Gourdine

Executor of Rachel O'Brien

Maryland Prince Georges County &c.

On this 8th day of August anno Domini
1834 personally appears William Jones
before me a Justice of the peace in and
for the County and State aforesaid, and makes
oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God
that the bearer hereof *negro Thomas*, or
Thomas Hepburn, about five feet 8 inches
high, of light complexion, and having a
scar on the right side of his face, ^{occasionally}
as he says, by a barn is one of the negroes
liberated and set free by the last will &
Testament of James Aldridge late of
Prince Georges County deceased, Sworn to before

Richard D. Burroughs J.P.

Maryland Prince George County, Va.

On this 8th Day of August: anno Domini 1834.
personally appears William Jones before me a
Justice of the peace in and for the County and
State aforesaid, and swears with on the
Holy evangelists of Almighty God, that the Beams
hereof Negro Simon Gassaway about: five feet: 10
Inches high and light complexion. and Jacob Kershop
about: 5 feet: 10 1/2 Inches high, and Negro woman Hagar
Kershop. about: 5 feet: 6 Inches high ^{about: 5 feet: 4 1/2 Inches high} and Judy Ann Ford
and Rebecca Habern about: 5 feet: 6 Inches high is free
of the Negroes liberated and set free by the last
will and Testament of James Aldridge late
of Prince George County deceased.

Subscribed Richard D. Burroughs J.P.

I hereby certify that Bulanda is
I den the same Negro woman well known
by my Mother ^{Geo. McWells} in the year 1823 &
1824 after serving 15 years

Oct 1st 1835 - William Wells Jr

Hereby Certify that this Negro

Mr William Wells of George
Daine Georges County

By Tom.

My Dear Brother. Amherst April 26

I avail my self
of this opportunity to address a few
lines to you. and hope they may
find you and your family enjoying
good health. thank God I am tolerable
well and the family are well.
I again have to ask the favour
of you to go to Marlborough with
Tom and see that he gets his
free papers. his time left by his
Master to serve me expired on the
first day of January. eighteen hun
dred and thirty five. and I discharged
him on that day. which was expe
ctation of the fifteen year Mr Wells
left him to serve. from yours with
with sincere respect
Sarah Wells

No please to give my love to
Mrs Wells and ask her if
she will please to send me
a small sprig of rose. and one of lavender
and a few cabbage and lettuce and cannot
send you a few red sh if she

has them to spair. I will be quite full
for any kind she can spair a few years
or years if she ~~has~~ them to spair. and
send them by Tom. Yours with regard

W. H. Webb

No

Mr Chew Esq

Upper Marlborough
So F County Md

Mr Chew please to give matilda her papers
Her time will be by the note she has one child
Bonne sence ~~the~~ she has been free the
child name Robert was Bonne guly the 22 1836
the child are free & send by ~~sum~~ matilda
at moat of james & Harveys please to send
it back againe by matilda
April the 18 1836 John W. Harvey

State of Maryland Prince Georges County. July 15. 1830

Then Came Sarah Hall of said County before the
Judge of Justice of the Peace for said County
and made Oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty
God that the bearer hereof is a child about thirty
five years about five feet five inches high dark
Complexion a small scar on the left knee
born and raised in the County of said Prince Georges
Person named in the will of Anne Hall deceased
to be free at thirty five years of age which time
has expired

Sworn Before

Zadock Duval

State of Maryland Prince Georges
County to wit

In this second day of February 1878
hundred and thirty seven. Personally
appears Thomas Grimes of said County
and State and made oath on the
Holy Evangel of Almighty God
that a certain Thomas Moore a
free man of Colour of said County
did by his last will and testament
which is recorded in the registers
office of Prince Georges County,
leave his Grand Son John Garner
a man of Colour - free - and that
he has presented the said John Garner
before me this day and sworn
that this man is the identical
John Garner named in the
will of the said Thomas Moore

C. W. Moore

before

Geo. W. Harper J. P.

To Phil^m. Chew. Esq.

Register of Mass for
Prime Books

Certificate
of Theodore W. Williams

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Maryland Prince Georges County to wit,
On this 4th day of February 1837 personally
appears before me the Subscriber a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County, Mr. Thea-
dore M. Williams and makes oath on
the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that
the bearer of this, a negro girl named
Nanny, was the property of the late Capt. Henry
Austen Magruder, and by his last will &
testament left free at when she arrived
at the age of seventeen or eighteen.

sworn before.

Bryce E. Gantt

To the Register of Wills of Prince Georges Co.

I have examined the girl men-
tioned above, & by her own the forego-
ing certificate - she is a bright black
or brown colour, height 1³/₄ met. height as
nearly as I can ascertain without her shoes - has
a very small scar on her 4th finger of the
left hand occasioned from a burn, & a slight
sore on the 1st joint of the fore finger, left hand,
she has no other visible marks about
her -

Respectfully
Yours &c
Bryce E. Gantt

Prima Georgia County Court, On this 9th day of May 1837,
personally appears Thomas S. Case before me a Justice of the
Peace in and for the County aforesaid, swears Oath in the
Holy Evangel of almighty God that the following named &
described Negroes, ~~White~~ Negro Man Andrew Magruder
a black man, five feet nine & half inches high, about
fifty years of age, having no large toe on his left foot, Negro
Man Abram Magruder a black man five feet seven and
a half inches high, aged forty four years, small scar on the
right temple, scar on the upper lip, scar a crop the instep
of his right foot - Henrietta Bowling five feet two inches
a half high, about 23 years of age, having a small scar on
her left wrist of Negro Girl Lucy Bowling, five feet 4 1/2 inches
high, aged about 18 years, small scar on the left wrist,
are the four Negroes liberated and set free by the last will
and testament of William Johnson Rawlings late of Prima
Georgia County deceased.

Thomas S. Case
Justice of the Peace

Maryland Prince Georges County Court
On this 2^d day of June 1837. Came
before me the subscriber a Justice of the
Peace in and for the state and County
aforesaid. Phileas Jones. and made
Oath in the Holy Name of Almighty
God that David Duckett a ~~free~~ man
of Color, is a free man, and became
entitled to his freedom ^{under the will} of Ann Hall,
late of said County dec^d. and is the
reputed son of a negro woman Nancy
also a free woman under said will,
Given under my hand this
day & year aforesaid.
M. H. Sanborn J.P.

Testified by
Amos Phileas Jones &
Amos Carrick

Maryland Prince Georges County to wit: 2 Sept^r 1837

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace
for said County appeared Rich^d. M. Waring and
made oath on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty
God that Dorsey Brooks, the bearer hereof, was
originally the property of Mrs. Elizabeth M^{rs}. Daniel
and by her devised to Mrs. Martha Wheeler, to
serve for a term of ^{years} specified in said will,
which said term has expired, and that he
is entitled to a Certificate of freedom -
reference being had to the said will, will
more fully appear - He is of a dark
Complexion feet inches high, and
is to his knowledge the identical person
named in the said will. Sworn to the
best of his knowledge and belief
before.

Samuel Duvall

The bearers here of Ellen ^{and} Caroline
I have frequently seen at ^{Late} Doct William
Beanes and always understood that they
were daughters of Martha Beane

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R J COTT

Feb 18th 1839

On this 15th ~~Prine~~ Prince George County to wit
The 15th day of March 1840 came
Theodore M Williams before the Subscriber
and made oath that the beaver of the
Mysa Gil Hinny or Henry Williams is entitled
to her freedom under the will of the late
Henderson Magruder of said County Henry is
about 20 years of age 5 feet 1/2 inches high has
a scar under the chin and two on the
breast occasioned by a burn -

Sworn before



To the Clerk of Prince
George County Court

I certify that Augustus Cozy is one of the Boys
described in Mrs Mary Green Hardeys Will as
being entitled to freedom. Robert W. Hunter

October 14th 1840

I certify that Jerry Brooks is one of the Boys
named in Mrs Mary Green Hardoy as entitled
to his freedom by her Will Robert W Hunter
October 14th 1840

I certify that Glenn Brooks is one of the Boys
described in Mary Green Hardys Will as being
entitled to freedom

October 14th 1846 Robert W Hunter

I certify that Thomas Hutton is one of
the described in ~~Mr~~ Mary Green
as being entitled to Freedom

October 14th 1840

Robt

I certify that Ralph Miles is one of the Boys
described in Mrs. Mary Green. Wardcy's Will as
being entitled to Freedom Robert W. Hunter
October 14th 1840

That Hannibal Graham is one of the Boys
freed under the will of Mary J. Harlow

1840

Robert W. Hunter

Prima Geary County Court On the day & year first within
October 21. 1840 } mentioned come Robert H. Sanborn of
made oath on the Holy Evangelis of almighty God that he heard
his mother Julia Sanborn say that the pro man Cornelius See
shate the property of Basil Walton was born in May 1798, was
now in his forty third year of age
Test

Phil Chew R. J.

This is to certify that Jonathan Cogg is one of the Boys
claiming freedom under the Will of William G. Hardy

October 28th 1840

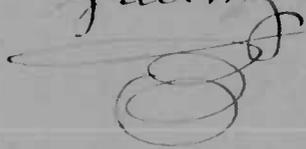
Robert M. Hunter

To wit

State of Maryland Anne Arundelle County,
Nov^r the 12th 1840

To the Clerk of
Princeg^s County Court Greeting Whereas a certain
Sarah Peach of Princeg^s County and State aforesaid
deceased did by will bearing date
twenty seventh day of July eighteen hundred and
twenty one ^{reference to which will more fully show} leave and set free from all manner
of servitude after the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and thirty nine a certain negro girl
named Levisa aged about twenty six years
Now this is to certify that this is the identical
girl or woman therein named under the follow
ing Identity that is to say she is about five feet
three inches and one quarter ^{high} she is fairly proportioned
rather a pleasant countenance with a good set
of teeth with a split or division in the nail of
the middle finger of the left hand caused by a
prize pin when packing Tobacco

Given under my hand and seal
the day and year above written
a Justice of the Peace in and
for Anne Arundelle County and State aforesaid
Sam^l D. Hamilton

Sevinan, certifica^{ce}
To the clerk of
Prog. City court
Maryland
Greeting


~~July~~ Aray was Born November 1809
the day of the month St. Paul
she was 31 last November

Thomas H Howard

I certify that Henrietta Slater is one of the
claim her Freedom under the Will of Mary G
January 18th 1841.

Edw. W.

Dear Sir The boy French who was set free by Miss
Elizabeth Allen has met with the loss of his papers
from what I can learn I am fully satisfied they were
burnt.

Very respectfully
Yours
John W. Hoag

Wm. French

May 30th 1841

This is to certify that George Johnson is one of the Boys
claiming freedom from bill of Maryland. Hardey

August 6th 1841

Robert M. Hunter

5 felt 12 1/2 inches
High

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Maryland Prince Georges County to Wit

On this 27th day of September 1841 before me
the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace
for said County appears Nathaniel Tait and
makes oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty
God that John Ray, the bearer hereof was
late the property of Henderson Magruder
Deceased, and was sold after the death of said
Magruder, for a term of years specified in
the said Deceaseds Will, which said term
has expired, and that he is entitled to a certi-
-ficate of Freedom - as reference to the said
Will will more fully appear, and that he is to
his knowledge the identical person named
in the said Will.

I sworn to before

Thos. M. D. Baden

John A. Ray's
Certificate
of Freedom
D. L.

Prince Georges County Md^o to wit
on this 9th day of March 1842 came Theodore M
Williams and testified on oath that Negro girl
Sarah Linn is entitled to receive her free Papers
from the Court of said County. Sarah is about 17
years of age of dark brown complexion has
a scar on the first finger of the left hand
occasioned by a burn. Sarah is one of those
servants set free by last will of Henderson
Magawden late of this County.

Sworn before

J. J. [Signature]
[Signature]

Maryland - Prince George's County -
to wit.

I certify that on this 6th day of
December 1842, personally ap-
peared before me, the subscriber
a Justice of the Peace of the said County,
William P. Hall, and made oath
on the Holy Evangelical and Almighty
God that negro woman Rachael
Ockett, aged thirty-one years, of
dark complexion, five feet one
and a half inches high - a scar
on her right hand near the mid-
dle finger - and one of her front teeth out
the late Mrs. Ann Hall for a term
of years, has served out the time
of her slavery, and is now, a
free woman,

Sworn before
Geo. W. Wilson

Nottingham Penna Genl City
Dec: 16th 1847

I hereby certify that the bearer of this negro Frisky
has been living with me up to the present time
as a slave having been purchased as a slave
~~for~~^{for} a term of years - his time is now up -
this is therefore to certify that said Negro man
Frisky is now a free man.

B. Brall

On this 5th day of July 1843 Came
Theodore M. Williams and made oath
on the Holy Scriptures of allmighty god
that Negro Daniel called Daniel
Williams is entitled to his freedom under
the last will and testament of Andrew
Mapuder ^{late of} Prince Georges County.
Daniel is of dark complexion, five feet
five inches high, has two scars near
together below the elbow, and a scar
on the left hand.

Sworn before

J. M. M. M.

Filed
July 16th.
1843

July 26th 1813

Dear Sir

The bearer of this Albert Burgess
a yellow man is entitled to his Freedom papers
by Will of Mrs Aphelia Mullen, you will discover
from the papers he will hand you that he is
entitled to his Freedom papers, I have known
Albert, some 5 or 10 years, as servant in Geo. H
Lauham, & part of ^{the} time free I believe, to be
as worthy as any man of colour, therefore
I will take it ^{as} a particular favour of you if
you will give him his Freedom papers

Yrs Resptly
Wm Bryan aff'd

John B. Brooke Esqr

August 7th 1843.

Mr. John Tyler.

Dear Sir

This is to certify that
the bearer, Nancy Clarke is entitled to
her freedom, by the last will and
testament of My Aunt Miss Louisa
Magruder late of Prince Georges County
Deceased.

You will oblige me if you
will give her a certificate of
freedom

Yours
Respectfully
J. M. Bowie

Mr. John Tyler.

Register's

Office.

Prince Georges County
G. D.

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Mr. John Lytle

Marlborough

Francis Clarke

Maryland Prince Georges County Sec.

On this 16th ^{Decr} 1843 personally appears Hanson
Cunham before me the subscribed a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County and makes oath
on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, that negro
Francis Davis is the said ^{boy} ~~son~~ ^{by} the last
Will and Testament of a Mary Green Starkey
and that he is eighteen years old.

Given before
J. B. Starkey

State of Maryland Prince Georges Cty.
on this 9th day Jan^y 18th 18th C^o in
The said Mr. Williams has made
oath on the Holy Gospel of Almighty
God that Negro Girl Amy calls her-
self Amy Addison, is entitled to her free-
dom under the Last Will and testa-
ment of Henderson Mapridge late of said
County. Amy is 21 or 22 years old has a small
dent on the left hand near the thumb and
is 4 feet 11 inches in height

sworn before
J. Williams

Maryland Primes Georges County to wit
On this 8th day of January 1844. Camd Robt.
St. Lamborn before me the subscriber a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County and makes
oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God
that negro Girls Jane Maria & Lucinda
commonly called Jane Maria Betts and
Lucinda Wood and the Children of Elyza
Johnson who was entitled to her freedom
under the last Will and Testament
of George B. Liper -

Swoon before
Geo: W Wilson
JP

Maryland Prince Georges County Feb

On this 29th day of Apr 1844 came Ruth Etcherson
widow of Joseph Etcherson before me the under-
-signed & made oath in the Holy Evangeliz of almighty
- God that Negro Basil who calls himself
Basil Washington is the son of Negro woman stated
mentioned in Rachel O'Briants Will late of said
County deceased and that said Basil is now
twenty seven years of age
shown before Phillip Key

Prince George's County - To wit:
On the 3rd day of May in the year
1844, personally appeared at J. P.
Cooksey, before me, a Justice
of the Peace of said County and
made oath on the Holy Evangel-
gels of Almighty God that beyond
man John A. Brooks, the boy
bequeathed to John W. Eastwood by
James Cooksey, to serve until was
twenty one years old, and then
to be free, has now arrived
at the age of twenty one years,
and is therefore entitled to his
freedom under said will

Sworn before Geo W Wilson
JP

From Georgia's Court, To wit:

On this 25th day of June in the year 1844,
before the subscriber, a Justice of the
Peace of said County, personally appeared
John T. Beavins and made oath on the
Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that negro
woman Mary Bowling, (now with him) is
the same negro woman named in the
will of the late William J. Rawlings, and
by said Rawlings set free in said Will

Geo: W. Wilson J.P.

Magistrate's fee 12¹/₂ c^{ts}

Rose Mount July 2. 44.

Dear Sir

The Pleas of this Negro Ogleton
was left free by the Will of Miss Martha Cox
and has been free for several years.
He wishes to get his freedom papers
You will be right in letting him have
them.

Respectfully Yrs &c

Benj. Franklin

D. H. E. G.

Chem Esj

for Ogleton Esj

Register
up. Mail

Kitty, Negro woman belonging to the estate of William
J. Rawlings who was to be set free after a certain time
was sold under execution to pay the debts of said W. J.
Rawlings for life do not therefore grant her a certificate
of freedom
Upper Marlboro August 10th 1814 John Tyler

Prince George's County - To wit:

On this 23rd day of September 1844, personally
appeared John H. Hopkins, before one a Justice
of the Peace in and for said County and
made oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty
God that negro man Daniel Reed, aged thirty-
years, of dark complexion, five foot six
or eight inches ^{high}, affected in the right eye, is
a free man, having been set free
by John Chew deceased; as of record in the
last will and testament of the said John
Chew, now filed in the Orphans Court of said
County, will appear.

Sworn before Geo. W. Wilson

1844
John H. Hopkins
affidavit


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On the 3. day October 1844 James Moore of
Williams and made a will on the Holy Trinity of the
mighty god that Negro Girl Sophia is entitled to her
freedom under the last will of Henderson Magruder
of Prince Georges County, Sophia is of dark color
plexion five and a quarter inches high and is
now about nineteen years of age.

Witness
hand before

J. W. Moore

James
Williams
Certificate

To James Harper

Dear Sir

The Bearer William
Brown. Who was purchased by your Brother
Dr. Robt. H. Harper from the Estate of my
Aunt Louisa Magruder, to serve until he
arrived at the age of twenty five. His term
of service having expired you will grant
him a certificate of freedom

May 13th 1846.

Your
Respectfully

J. M. Bowie

N. B. The return of the sale was made
in April 1829.

J. M. B.

To J. James Harper

Register of Wills

To
J^r James Harper
Register of Wills
P. G. County

Prince Geo County, to wit

On this fifteenth day of November 1845
before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for
the said County personally appeared William D Dorey
and made oath on the holy Evangelij of Almighty
God that that Lucy Walker a yellow woman
the bearer of this is free by the will of the late Ann
Hall of said County. She is about 34 Years of
Age 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high and bright mulatto

Sworn before

Wesley Hyatt
J P

Filed
Nov 15th 1845

Maryland Prince Georges County Court

On this 31st day of October 1846. Came Richard Hawley
before me the undersigned a justice of the Peace in and
for said County and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of
Almighty God that negro man Tom who calls himself
Tom Burley is one of the negroes named in the last will
and Testament of Rich^d H. Duvall late of Prince Georges County,
deceased, to be free at his arrival to the age of ~~thirty~~
thirty five years In Witness Whereof

L. B. Cross, J. P.

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County, Md.

On this eighth day of December 1846, before
the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace
in and for said County and State, personally
appeared George Gloyd and made oath on
the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, that
the bearer John Proctor, was originally the
property of John Chew late of said County
deceased and he knew him personally
to be the Boy John named in the Will of
the said John Chew to be free at a certain
age

Given under my hand & Seal
this 8th day of December 1846

E. G. Mack L.P. Seal

George Gloyd
affidavit

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County, Md.

On this eighth day of December 1846, before
the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace
in and for said County and State personally
appeared George Gloyd and made oath on
the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God, that
the bearer John Proctor, was originally the
property of John Chew late of said County
deceased and he knew him personally
to be the Boy John named in the Will of
the said John Chew to be free at a certain
age

Given under my hand & Seal
this 8th day of December 1846

E. G. Innes J. P. Seal

George Lloyd,
affidavit

I recommend Eliza Bond a free woman of colour
to the Orphans Court of D. C. County who desires
to be temporarily absent in the District of Columbia
for the purpose of visiting her relatives and
friends

May 25th 1847.

OWEN KENT

J. W. Waring
J. Tyler

ordered by the Court that Eliza Bond
have a permit granted her to leave the
State of Maryland and return in pursuance
of the acts of assembly

May 25th 1847.

Thos. Marshall

Wm. B. Hill

1847.
Dennit printed
to Rega Brown
Henry 23 "

State of Maryland Prince George, County, etc.

On this 11th day of June 1847 personally appears Francis M. Bowie before me the Subscriber a Justice ^{of the Peace} in and said County, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that Negro Man James Brown, is the same Negro Willid free by the last will and Testament of Louisa Mayruder, and that he is about Twenty five years old

Francis M. Bowie

State of Maryland, Prince George's County
to wit:

On this 6th day of November in
the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and forty seven, before me, the subscriber
one of the Justices of the peace in and
for said County, personally appeared
Roderick M. McGregor and made oath
on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God, that the certificate of free
papers granted by Aquila Beale,
late clerk of Prince George's County
Court to Ellen Hanson were de-
stroyed in ~~the~~^{the} presence of him the
said McGregor.

Sworn to before,

J. B. Cross, J. P.

10th Dec. Nov. 1847.

State of Maryland -
Prince Georges County - Do wit:

On this 25th day of February in
the year 1848, personally appeared
Benedict F. Knott, before the subscr^{ibed}
her, a Justice of the Peace in and
for said County, and made oath
on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty
God that Negro woman, Adaline
Newman, aged about thirty years
was set free by the last will
and testament of Matilda,
Midd, of the County aforesaid,
in the year 1823, and that she
The said Adaline, is the same person named in the
Will of M. Midd sworn before me
Geo: W Wilson
" J. P.

Maryland - Prince George's County - Town

On this 23rd day of March, in the year of
our Lord eighteen hundred and
forty-eight, personally appeared Robt.
W. Hunter, before the subscriber, a
Justice of the Peace of the State of Mary-
land, in and for Prince George's
County, and made oath on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God that negro
boy Gusty Goby, aged about twenty
years, is to the best of his knowledge
and belief the negro liberated by
the last will and testament of Mrs.
Mary B. Hardy, as of record will appear.

Sworn before by: M. Wilson
JP

State of Maryland Prince George's County to wit:—

On this Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and sixty eight, before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth Sibley and made Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that Negro Man James Williams, bound to her, as per instrument of writing made out and subscribed to, by John Anderson and Abraham Clark Esquires on the 27th day of December 1831. and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills is free, and that she does by this her voluntary act, release from the said James Williams, Negro man, from all and singular, the obligations meant or intended to be meant, in said instrument of writing. Given under my hand and seal this day and year ^{past} above written.

J. P. M. Seal.

State of Maryland
Baltimore County, Md., I hereby certify that on
this 17th day of April 1849 before the Substituted
Justice of the Peace & as for said County, personally
appeared Charles Slippy of said County & made
oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty God

that he he knows the papers he has written
contained in the within enclosed of writing
as that the paper now presented this paper
is the same person as therein mentioned
as required —

Subscribed

J. L. Albert J. P.

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to Wit
On this 25 day of Oct 1848 before the subscriber
a Justice of the Peace for said State in and for said
County personally appeared John T Hodges and
made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that Negro John aged Twenty One Dark
Complexion about five feet Two or three inches
is entitled to his freedom papers under the
will of the late Elizabeth Allen recorded in
the Register of Wills Office in Prince Georges
County

Sworn to before
R. Hardisty J. P.

Maryland Act.

I hereby certify that Richard
C. Bricker before whom the above affidavit
was made, and whose name is therein subscribed
was at the time of so doing a Justice of the
Peace duly commissioned and sworn of the
State of Maryland in and for Anne
Arundel County

In testimony whereof
I hereunto subscribe my name
and affix the Seal of Anne
Arundel County Court this
25th Day of October Eighteen
hundred and forty eight.

Jos. H. Nicholson Clerk
Anne Arundel County Court

I hereby certify that Dianna was born
slaves about the year 1823 and that
and mother were both liberated by Geo
which will appear by reference to the
and testament of said deceased

Robert
Nov 3rd 1869

Phil G. Haro Esq.

Rag Mills

W. County

Maryland - Prince Georges county, to wit

On this 2nd day of April 1849, appeared
Mr L. Ba Han, before the Subscribers
a Justice of the Peace, in and
for said County, and made
oath on the Holy Evangelists of
Almighty God that negro woman
Theresa Butler (formerly Theresa
Brooks) is a free born woman,
and ~~that~~ her mother and re-
puted father were left free by
Will of Mrs. Mary G. Hardy -

Sworn before

Geo W. Wilson, J.P.

We the subscribers, Justices of the Peace in and
for Prince Georges County by virtue of the act of assembly
entitled "A Supplement to a Supplement to the act intitled
an act for the better regulation of apprentices" have
bound out placed and by these presents do bind out
and place as an apprentice George Butler a boy of
colour an orphan aged eight ~~years~~ some time
in March last past unto Isaac Crooksey yeoman
until he the said George Butler shall arrive to the
age of twenty one years during which time he shall
well and truly behave conduct and demean himself
in every respect as a good and faithful apprentice
ought to do towards his said Master and the said
Master shall furnish and provide for his said appren-
-tice good and sufficient meat, drink, & clothes washing
-clothing and other requisite necessaries during his
apprenticeship to teach or cause him to be taught
the art or occupation of a husbandman in the different
branches thereof and when free to give his said appren-
-tice a suit of clothes worth forty dollars or that sum
in current money as he the said apprentice may
Choose witness our hands this fifteenth day of August
in the year 1823

To The Register of Wills for
Prince Georges County.

John Baden J. C. C.
Jos. Young J. C. C.

(over)

Maryland Prince Georges County
I Thilmon Chew Register of Mills for said
County do hereby certify that the aforesaid is a
true copy of the original Indenture of Apprenticed-
ship of George Butler filed & recorded in my office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto
set my hand and affixed the
Seal of my office this 1st day
of March 1834 Thilmon Chew
Register of Mills for
Prince Georges County

Maryland Charles County

I Mary Cooksey a widow of Isaac Cooksey late
of Charles County deceased do hereby Certify that I
acknowledge to Comply with the foregoing Indenture
of apprenticeship of George Butler in furnishing him
requisite necessaries during his apprenticeship and
warrant free to Give said George Butler Forty
dollars the amount of money aforesaid as witness
my hand & seal the third day of March in the year 1834 -

Mary Cooksey 

signed & acknowledged

before the subscriber a Justice
of the peace for Charles County
on the day & year aforesaid

Daniel Towns hand

State of Maryland
Peace Commission
1849 before the Subscribes a Justice of the Peace
in & for said County, the said appeared before
P. Cooke, as made oath in the Holy Evangel
of Almighty God that the within named John
Grove Butler is the person named in & substituted

in a certain application the aforesaid
has obtained the wife bequeathed
said decedent

Sanctus

J. H. Calvert
J. P.

John W. Smith

Prothonotary of

St. Charles

John of George

1849

Prince Georges county - To wit;

On this 23rd day of October in year
eighteen hundred and forty nine
personally appeared Walter Smith
before the Subscribers a Justice
of the Peace of said county, and made
oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that negro woman Phoebe
Ann Smith is a free woman, and was let
free by the will of Miss Elizabeth Allen
after serving a term of years - which
said term of service expired on
or about the 18th April 1849 - to the
best of his knowledge and belief -

Geo: W Wilson
J.P.

Prince Georges County - To wit
on this first day of January in the
year 1850, personally appeared George
H. Waters before me a Justice of the
Peace of said County and made oath
on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty
God that negroes Henry Banks &
Mason Banks, the boys bequeathed to
Samuel Cooksey by James Cooksey
to serve until they were twenty-one
years of age - and then to be free
has now arrived at the age of twenty
one years and is therefore entitled to their
freedom under said will of James
Cooksey -

Sworn before

W. L. Thomas J. P.

Prince Georges County To wit on this 10th day of
November anno Domini 1851 personally appeared
Nathan P. Cooksey before me a Justice of the
peace of said County, and made oath on
the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that Negro
Charles Henderson Brooke bequeathed to John
W. Eastwood by James Cooksey to serve until he
was Twenty one years of age and then to be
free has now arrived at the age of Twenty one
years and is therefore entitled to his freedom
Under said will of James Cooksey

sworn before

J. H. Lamborn J.P.

Dear Sir
To the Clerk of D. J. County Court
Adriel and Mary, two slaves left free by the
will of Murrey Owens and to serve a certain ^{time} to
James Owens will apply to you for their Certificate
of freedom This is to Certify that they have served
out there time and Request you will issue there
Certificates And Oblige
James ^{his} Owens
November 11th 1837

On this 11th day of Nov. 1837. Came before me the Sub-
scribe a Justice of the Peace in and for ~~the~~ ^{the} District of Georgia
County and State of Ga. Nob. O. Cornwell, and made a Oath
on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God. that Adriel and
Mary are free persons of Color and became entitled to
their freedom under the will of Murrey Owens

Inwitness

N. H. Sanderson J. P.

26th day of march 1831

5 feet 2 inches
5 feet 10 in

This is authorize Washington who is free
under the will of Elizabeth Allen
to obtain his free papers,
December 24th 1851 John T. Hodges,

Washington Fred feet 11. Inches high of dark complexion
having a scar on the right cheek

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$$\begin{array}{r} 20 \\ 10 \\ 105 \\ 100 \\ \hline 245 \end{array}$$

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March 2^d 1852

The Register of Wills for Prince George
County May with safety deliver the free papers
I called for to Mr Arthur Humphrey, a great
the receipt you gave me his description
is 5 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches high, "Brown colour" with
a scar under the right ^{cheek & about the} corner of his mouth
caused by a burn J. C. Humphrey

I William A. Sauter Reg: of Hills for Prince George
County do hereby certify that the bearer hereof
Negro man Henry five feet five inches high &
about 42 years of age who calls himself Henry
Jones born and raised in the family of William
Pumphrey. Dark complexion, having a scar
between the under lip and chin and one on the
fore finger of his right hand, is a free man
of Col. and became entitled to his freedom
by virtue of the last will and testament of
Sdgd Pumphrey late of said county deceased
bearing date the 12th day of August 1827. duly
proven and recorded in the office of the
Register of Hills for said county on the 11th
of December 1827.



In testimony whereof I hereunto
subscribed my name and affix
ed the Seal of the Ophorans
Court for Prince George County
this 6th day of October 1853
Test:
William A. Sauter
Reg: of Hills

Maryland Prince Georges County Sct:

I William A. Darboe Register of Wills for the aforesaid county in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that Benjamin who calls himself Benjamin Shields, is of a dark complexion, five feet ten and a half inches high, has a small scar on his right forehead and on his right arm a few inches above the wrist, was set free by the last will and testament of William Cooper bearing date the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord 1851 now on record in my office

Seal of
Office

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court of Prince Georges County this sixth day of June Anno Domini 1854
Test: William A. Darboe Register of Wills

I identified upon oath by William Cooper June 6th 1854 and the said Cooper also testifies positively to the occurrence of the contingency upon which said negroes freedom depended
William A. Darboe

Maryland
Prince Georges County Let.

I William A Jarboe Register of Mills for said county in said state do hereby certify that the bearer hereof Mary Elizabeth Thomas a bright mulatto girl four feet and eleven inches in height hereofore bound to the late Owen Norfolk by the Orphans Court of said county who did upon the application of said Norfolk extend the said Mary E. Thomas term of service on the eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifty one, until December 25th eighteen hundred and fifty five, or one year and that no further extension of her term of service appearing on the records of my office, she the said Mary E. Thomas is free and at liberty to dispose of her services as she chooses

Seal

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand
and affix the seal of the Orphans Court this
twenty eighth day of December eighteen
hundred and fifty five
William A Jarboe Register of Mills for
Prince Georges County —

Mr. Benson This is to certify that Sandy
Henson is entitled to his free papers under the
will of the late Elizabeth Allen, of Prince Georges Co.
August 20th 1856. respectfully signed John S. Hodges

Height 5 ft 3/4 in.
• one small scar on the left eye •

I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof
Gustavus Williams aged about twenty-five
years is a free man having ^{been} ~~been~~ ^{servic'd} till she was
twenty-one years old and is entitled to
his free papers given under my hand this
fifth day of January 1857.

William Kinsler

Newland Prince Georges County Sat
I William A. Scarboe Reg: of Hills for said coun-
ty in said State do hereby certify that one
who calls himself Sandy Nunson the rightfull
bearer hereof having attained his twenty
first year is intitled to his freedom man-
the last will and testament of Elizabeth
Allen late of said County deceased, bearing
date November 25th 1831 and duly admitted
to probat in my office on the fifth day
of January 1832. The aforesaid Sandy
Nunson is of bright copper color rather
thick set five feet and one inch in height
of pleasant aspect and considerably bow-
legged and about twenty five years of age

In testimony whereof I shew
my hand and affix the seal
of the Orphans Court of Prince
Georges County this fourth day
of April Anno Domini 1837
William A. Scarboe
Reg: of Hills for P. G. Co.

Apr: 24th 1837

Identified upon oath by
William Hills
Am: A. Scarboe Reg

North Carolina Prince Georges County To Wit
I William A. Harboe Register of Wills for said
County in said State do hereby certify that
the bearer hereof Negro man Gustavus common-
-ly called Gustavus Williams about twenty
five years of age five feet nine inches high
of bright copper color, High cheek bones and
of pleasant aspect with a large scar on the
inside of the right arm between the elbow
and shoulder is entitled to his freedom
by virtue of the last will and testament
of Mr James Standige late of Prince Georges
County deceased, and bearing date the
12th day of April 1833. duly proven and
recorded according to Law

(Seal)

In Testimony Whereof I
hereunto set my hand
and affixed the Seal of
the Orphans Court for
Prince Georges County this
11th day of September Anno
Domini 1857
William A. Harboe Register of Wills

Indentified by Phileman Jones on oath

State of Maryland.

Prince Georges County, etc.
I William A Jarboe Register of wills for
Prince Georges County do hereby certify that
Maggie Woman Suck, who calls herself Sucky
Booker the bearer hereof, of light complexion
five feet one inch and a half high, with
the marks of a scarificator on the back
of her neck, and a scar on the left
elbow & Occasional former a bile is
a free woman of color and became free
in virtue thereof by a council to the last will
and testament of Mary Chesley late of
said County deceased bearing date May
the eighth eighteen hundred and thirty
seven and by proven and now upon
record remaining in the office of
the Register of wills for Prince Georges
County.

In testimony whereof
I hereunto set my hand
and affix the seal of the
Orphans Court of Prince
Georges County this 24th day
of May Anno Domini 1858

Wm A Jarboe Reg
of wills for
P.G. County

May 24th 1858

Then came Mary Ann Larkham one
of the witnesses to foregoing named council
to the last will and testament of Mary Chesley
late of Prince Georges County deceased and made
oath that the negro woman Suck mentioned

in the above certificate of freedom
is the same Negro ~~Slave~~ mentioned
in the Council to the last will and
testament of Mary Chesley late of
said County, appeared. & left free by said
Council

Sworn before ^{Wm} H. Jarboe
" " Reg^r

State of Maryland

Prince Georges County set:

I William H Jarboe Register of wills for
Prince Georges County, do hereby certify
that the bearer hereof Negro Man Ben
who calls himself Ben Waring rather
light complexion - five feet three inches
and a half high a scar on the back of his
neck and a long scar in the forehead run-
ning to the left eye and two upon the left
wrist - is a free man of color and
became entitled thereto by a codicil to
the last will and testament of Mary
Chesley, late of said County, appeared
bearing date May the eighth eighteen
hundred and thirty seven duly
proven and now upon record remain-
ing in the office of the Register of wills
for said County.

In testimony whereof I
hereunto set my hand
and affix the seal of the
Court of Prince Georges County this 24th
day of May 1858
Wm H Jarboe Reg^r

May 24th 1858

Then came Mary Ann Larkham one of the witnesses to the foregoing named Cozic to the last will and testament of Mary Chesley late of Prince Georges County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty that Negro Man Ben mentioned in the foregoing certificate of freedom is the same servant Ben that is mentioned in the aforesaid mentioned Cozic to the last will and testament of the said Mary Chesley deceased and left free by said Cozic

Sworn Before

Wm. H. Darbee
Clerk

Deposits
Ben and
M. R. —
Sept 2nd
Mary. 1863

Poplar Hill 5 Augth 58
Mr A Daboe Esq
Requitor Mills
Dear Sir

You will perceive
by the Will of the late R^d & Swallow
that Abraham Clark was manifested
I therefore authorize you to give
him the necessary papers Mr Mitchell
informed that you stated it
was necessary for him to appear
before you in person

Very Respectfully
Henry Garwood Esq
one of the Executors
of R^d & Swallow Clerk

State of Maryland

Prince Georges County Det.

I William Harboe Register of Wills for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that Abraham Black a free man of color the bearer hereof, of light complexion - is five feet six inches high, with a small scar in the forehead near the edge of his hair and a large scar on the Cap of the left knee occasioned by a burn when a small child, is a free man of color and became entitled to his freedom there to by the last will and testament of Robert D. Sewall late of said County deceased, bearing date of December the thirty first eight hundred and fifty two, duly proven and now upon Record remaining in the office of the Register of Wills for Prince Georges County

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphans Court of Prince Georges County this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

Det

Wm Harboe Reg of Wills for P. G. Co.

1858 —

Copied of Abraham

Lincoln's free

paper —

Maryland Prince Georges County Set:

I William Harbac Register of Wills
for the County in the State aforesaid do
hereby certify that Negro Man Frank
who calls himself Francis Duckett
is a free Man of Color, of dark complexion
five feet six inches high has a scar on
the right side of his throat, and a small
one over his right eye, and also a dark
spot on the back of his right hand
near the wrist, said Frank Duckett
is one of the children of Negro woman
Nancy, left by the last will and testament
of John Hall late of said County deceased
bearing date the fifteenth day of March
the year eighteen hundred and fifteen
duly proven and now upon record
in my office, to William and Crafter
Hall, to serve for a term of years, and
then to be liberated and set free, and
also her children to serve the males
until they arrived to the age of thirty
five and the females until they
arrived to the age of thirty one and
then to be liberated and set free, the
said Francis Duckett having arrived
at the age of thirty five is therefore
entitled to his freedom - he being
identified this third day of March
eighteen hundred and fifty nine by
William P. Hall to be a son of the afore-
said Nancy - and also that the said
Frank has arrived to the age of
thirty five

In testimony whereof
I hereunto set my hand
and affix the seal of

The orphan Court for
Prince Georges County this
third day of March Anno
Domini eighteen hundred
and fifty nine

Let John Harboe Register
doe Agwill for P. S. G.

Key Wells Office

Ann Arbor 21. Aug^s 1850

My Dear Sir

The term of service of the negro
I am alluded to in your letter was ex-
tended 10 months on the 27th Octo - 1857
by order of Court

Yours truly

B. E. Grant

Key Wells
20th

Mr. Chew

Regio Tom

State of Maryland. Sec.

I William A. Jarboe Register of wills for Prince George's County in the State of Maryland do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, a Mullatto (who calls himself Tom Grimes) is a free man of color, five feet eight inches high with a scar on the back of his right hand and round black mole near the corner of his right eye, he is about thirty two or three years old, became entitled to his freedom by the last will and testament of Martha H. Cox late of said County deceased, bearing date the ninth day of February eighteen hundred and twenty two duly proved according to law and now upon record remaining in my office, said Tom having been identified by J. H. Sasser & R. S. B. Chew to be son of Eleanor named in said will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court for Prince George's County this 8th day of September A. D. 1860 -

Test

William A. Jarboe Regr
of wills for Prince George's
County -

Maryland Prince Georges County St
I William A Garboe Register of
wills for said County, and State of Maryland
do hereby certify that the bearer hereof
African Negro woman five feet one inch
high of light colour who was born in the
family of Alice Duval late of said County
deceased & State of Maryland was Liberated and
set free by the last will and Testament
of the said Alice Duval bearing
date the 22nd day of June 1843 and
duly proved and now upon record
in the Registry Office
for said State & County of
her name her heirs personal
messrs said ~~heirs~~ at the death
of said

I certify that Mary Lankam is one of the Ge
claim freedoms under the Will of Wm. Mar

Robert

copy that Nancy Lanham is one of the girls which
freedome under the Will of Mrs Mary G. Hardey

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Charlott Larham is one of the girls who
claim freedom under the Will of Mrs Mary G. Starkey

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Jane Camron is one of the girls which
claims her freedom from the Will of Mary G. Hardy

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Kitty Johnson is one of the
children her freedom from the Will of Mary G.

Robert

I certify that Adeline Bush is one of the girls
which claims freedom under Mrs. Mary Green Hardy
will

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Lucy Logan is one of the girls which
claims freedom under the Will of Mr. Mary G. Hardy

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Matilda Bogin is one of the girls
which claims freedom under the will of Mr. Mary G. Hardy

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Overton Cogy is a Boy which claims
his freedom under the Will of Mary G Hardy.

Robert M. Hunter

I certify that John Cogy is a Boy which claims his
freedom under the Will of Mary G Hardy

Robert W. Stanton

I certify that Cassie Cogy is one of the girls
which claim her freedom from the Will of Mrs Mary G. Hardey

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Sally Bowser and Charity Brooks
are girls claiming freedom from the Will of Mary G. Hardey

Sally Bowser. Feet 3 1/4
Charity Brooks 4 1/2 11 1/2

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Basil Brooks is one of the Boys which
claim his freedom under the Will of Mary G Hardy

Sept 5. 4 inches

Robert W Hunter

I certify that Chloe Shorter, is one of the girls which
claims her freedom from the Will of W^m. Mary G. Hardy

Robert G. Hunter

I certify that Eliza Lee is one of the Girls which
claim her freedom from the Will of Mary G. Harney
Robert W. Hunter

Prince George's County - to wit:

Then came Walter Smith, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that negro Woman Catherine Smith, was left by the will of Betsy Allen of Prince Geo County, a slave for a term of years ie until she arrived at the age of twenty one — and that, to the best of his knowledge ^{and belief} the said negro woman has served out the term of years in said will and is now free —

Sworn before

Geo. M. Wilson

W.

Dear Sir

you are fully authorized to
give my Henson his pre-papers at any
time that he may present this

Yours obs

John S. Hodge

Wm. Chew

This is to authorize Charles
Ince papers

of Philip Chew

to receive for
John P. Hayes

CERTIFICATE OF CAMERA OPERATOR

I hereby certify that the documents represented by the micrographics appearing on this roll of film designated as Reel No. CR 47, 249 were photographed by the undersigned on this date. *Prince Georges County - Certificates of Freedom Affidavits of Freedom*

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Reel ends with 1863

By E. L. Hunt

DATE March 10, 1987

MdHR Commission