

WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF WILLS
(Certificates of Freedom)
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Job Martha 7.

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John Lee 13.

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Waters Richard D.
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The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that on an examination of the records and papers in the office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, that the last will and Testament of William Booth, late of the County aforesaid, deceased, bearing date the 20th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, was proved and recorded in my office on the fifth day of August A.D. 1853, in Liber B. Folios 235, 236, 237 & 238, one of the will records of Washington County, and that the said William Booth, by his said will did among other things devise and direct as follows: "Item, I will and direct that my negro servants Manuel, Benjamin, Isaac and Richard be free from the date of my decease, and from that period be released from all slavery, labor and servitude." And I do further certify that the bearer hereof, negro Isaac (Potter), whose age is about 36 years, whose height is about five feet five and one half inches, whose complexion is dark, and the little finger of his right hand bent, and who as appears by the said last will and Testament became free on the death of the said William Booth, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said Isaac Potter was raised in Washington County, Maryland, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this 21th day of May 1854.



James Wason,
Register of Wills for
Washington County, Md.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that, in an examination of the records and papers in the office of the Register of Wills of Washington County that the last will and testament of William Booth, late of the County aforesaid deceased, bearing date the 20th day of August A.D. 1850, was proved and recorded in said office on the 5th day of August A.D. 1853, in Liber C. folios 235, 236, 237 & 238, one of the will records of Washington County, and that the said William Booth by his said will did among other things devise and direct, as follows, "Item, I will and direct that my negro servants Manuel, Benjamin, Isaac & Richard be free from the date of my decease, and from that period be released from all Slavery Labor and Servitude." And I do further certify that the bearer hereof, Negro Richard (Waters) whose age is about 31 years whose height is about 5 feet 8 1/2 inches high, whose complexion is dark, and who is marked by a scar on the right wrist, and who as appears by the said last will and testament became free on the death of the said William Booth, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said Richard (Waters) was raised in Washington County, Maryland, and is at this time a resident of said County.



In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public Seal of my office this 17th day of June A.D. 1854,
James Wason, Register of Wills for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that in an examination of the records and papers of the Office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, that the last Will and Testament of William C. Drury, late of the County aforesaid, deceased, bearing date, the 24th day of December 1840, was proved and recorded in said office, on the 16th day of March 1841 in Liber D folios 457 to 458, and that the said Wm C. Drury, by his last Will and Testament, among other things did devise and bequeath as follows, "I do will and direct that all the Slaves of which I did possess or to which I may in any wise be entitled, at the time of my death, and who may be above the age of twenty one years, at the time of my death, shall be free and discharged from servitude and that all of such Slaves, as shall be under the age of twenty one years, at the time of my death, shall also be freed and manumitted, as they respectively attain the age of twenty one years." And I do further certify that it hath been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof, Negro Andrew Enoch Brown, whose height is about 5 feet 10 1/2 inches, whose age is about 24 years, whose complexion is dark, and whose figure is slender, and who as appears by said Will became free at the age of 21 years, is one of the identical persons, who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid; and that the said Andrew Enoch Brown, was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.



In testimony whereof, I do hereunto set my hand, and affix the Seal of my Office this 19th day of June 1857.
James Wason
Register of Wills for the Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County.
 To wit: I hereby certify to all whom it doth or
 may concern, that on an examination of the records and
 papers in the Office of Register of Wills for Washington
 County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of
 Jeremiah Mason, late of the County aforesaid, deceased, bearing
 date September 28th 1849, was proved and recorded in the
 said office on the 2nd day of October A.D. 1849, in Folio
 C. Folios 45 & 46 and that the said by his Will, did
 among other things, devise and direct that as follows: "I
 will and direct that my servants William Porter and
 George Porter shall be entitled to their freedom when they
 shall have arrived at the age of thirty years." And I
 do further certify, that it has been proven by such testi-
 mony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof, negro
 William Porter, whose height is about 5 feet 7 1/4 inches,
 whose age, ^{as represented by J. S. Mason, one of the Executors of said Will,} is about thirty years, whose complexion is black,
 and who is without perceptible marks on his person, is
 one of the identical persons who was manumitted or
 freed as aforesaid, and that the said negro William
 Porter was raised in Washington County and is at
 this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
 hand and affixed the Public Seal of
 my office this 31st day of October A.D.
 1854.

James Mason, Register
 of Wills Wash. Co. Md.

I hereby certify that said William
 Porter was thirty years of age on the 15th
 of June 1854.

John S. Mason off. Secy

To the Hon. The Orphans Court of Washing-
 ton County
 The undersigned, Executor of the
 last Will and Testament of Sarah Jacques
 late of Washington County deceased, would res-
 pectfully report that Charlotte Lockman
 a slave of the said Testatrix, was, by her said
 last Will and Testament from the time of
 her death, directed to be manumitted -
 that at the time the said Will was
 admitted to probate the said Charlotte
 was under the age of forty five years
 that he makes no claim to the said
 Negro woman as Executor aforesaid
 but hereby agrees that she may be
 regarded as free, and permit granted
 her to remain in the State of Mary-
 land. And that he has made no claims
 upon the said Negro as Executor
 aforesaid. Since the probate of the said
 Will, the other personal property
 being abundantly sufficient to
 pay debts.
 January 12 1855. Isaac Nesbitt, Est.

State of Maryland, Washington County to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that in examination of the records and papers in the office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last will and Testament of Sarah Jacques, late of the County aforesaid, deceased bearing date A.D. March 3rd 1835 and recorded in said office on the 21st day of March 1837, in Wills D. folios 261, 262 & 263. One of the will books of said County, and that the said Sarah Jacques, by her will among other things did devise and direct as follows, "I give and bequeath my negro woman Charlotte free at my death" And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof negro Charlotte Lockman, whose height is about 5 feet 1/4 inches, whose age is about 35 years, whose complexion is dark, and the thumb of whose right hand is shorter than that of the left, and who as appears by said Will and Testament became free on the death of the said Sarah Jacques is the identical person who was freed or manumitted, and that the said Charlotte was raised in Washington County and is at this time, a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office this 12th day of January A.D. 1855.

James Jason, Register
of Wills Wash. Co. Md

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The State of Maryland, Washington County
to wit: I hereby certify to all whom it doth or
may concern, that on an examination of the records
and papers in the office of Register of Wills for
Washington County, aforesaid, deceased, bearing date the
that the last will & testament of Margaret B. Blackwell
late of said County deceased was proved and recorded
in the said office on the 15th day of March, in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and
fifty five, in Liber C. Folio - and that
the said Margaret B. Blackwell by her will among
other things did devise and direct, as follows: "I will
and fully set free my Slaves Pally, Patsy, Lucy,
Mary Ellen, George, Ell. Catharine and Charles,
and forever manumit them."

And I do further certify, that it has been proven
by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that
the Bearer hereof, negress Pally (Peyton) whose height
is about 5 feet 1 1/2 inches, who will be aged 38 years
on the 25th day of August 1855, whose complexion is
dark mulatto, and who is marked by a scar on
her right arm, and who as appears by said Will
and Testament became free on the 15th day of March
1855, is one of the identical persons who were man-
umitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said
negress was raised in Washington County, and is at
this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the Public Seal
of my office this 21st day of April
A. D. 1855.
James Mason, Register of Wills
for Washington County.

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The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:
I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that
on an examination of the records and papers in the of-
fice of Register of Wills for Washington County, aforesaid,
that the last will & testament of Margaret B.
Blackwell late of said County, deceased, was proved
and recorded in the said office on the 15th day of
March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred & fifty five in Liber C. Folio, and that
the said Margaret B. Blackwell, by her will among
other things did devise and direct among other things,
as follows: "I will and fully set free my Slaves,
Pally, Patsy, Lucy, Mary Ellen, George, Ell. Catharine
and Charles, and forever manumit them."

And I do further certify, that it has been proven
to me by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the
Bearer hereof, negress Patsy (or Martha Job) whose height
is about five feet one & one quarter inch, who will be aged
36 years on the 15th day of October 1855, whose complexion
is dark, and who is marked by a scar above her left
eye, and who as appears by said Will and Testament became
free on the 15th day of March 1855, is one of the iden-
tical persons who were manumitted or freed as aforesaid,
and that the said negress was raised in Washington
County and is at this time a resident of said County.
And I do further certify that it has been proven to me by satisfac-
tory testimony, that Charles (William), an infant about
fourteen months^{old}, without perceptible marks - the son of the
said Patsy, (or Martha Job.) is one of the identical ne-
gress who was manumitted or set free as aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and affixed the Public Seal of my office
this 21st day of April, A. D. 1855.
James Mason, Register of Wills
for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, Court.

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that on an examination of the records and papers in the office of Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last will and Testament of Margaret B. Blackwell, late of said County, deceased, was proved and recorded in the said office on the 15th day of March A. D. 1855, in Liber C. folio -

and that the said Margaret B. Blackwell by her said will among other things, did devise and direct as follows: "I will and fully set free my slaves, Sally, Patsy, Lucy, Mary Ellen, George, Ell. Catharine and Charles, and hence manumit them." And I do further certify, that it has been proven to me by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the Bearer hereof, neycess, Lucy (Ann Winder) whose height is about 5 feet 2 1/4 inches, who will be aged 15 years, on the 22nd day of May 1855, and whose complexion is dark mulatto, and who as appears by said will & testament became free on the 15th day of March 1855, is one of the identical persons who were manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said neycess was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my office this 21st day of April A. D. 1855.



James Wason, Register of Wills for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, Court.

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and papers in the office of Register of Wills for said County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of Margaret B. Blackwell, late of said County, deceased, was proved and recorded in the said office on the 15th day of March in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five in Liber C. folio.

and that the said Margaret B. Blackwell, by her said will among other things did devise and direct as follows: "I will and fully set free my slaves, Sally, Patsy, Lucy, Mary Ellen, George, Ell. Catharine and Charles, and hence manumit them."

And I do further certify, that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the Bearer hereof, neycess Mary Ellen, (Montgomery) who will be aged 13 years September 5th 1855, whose complexion is black, and who as appears by said will and testament became free on the 15th day of March 1855, is one of the identical persons who were manumitted or freed as aforesaid and that the said Mary Ellen was raised in Washington County and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my office this 21st day of April A. D. 1855.



James Wason, Register of Wills for said County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that on examination of the records and papers in the Office of Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of Margaret B. Blackwell, late of the County aforesaid, deceased, was proved and recorded in the said office on the 15th day of March, A.D. 1855, in Libra C. Folio - and that the said Margaret B. Blackwell, by her will among other things, did devise and direct as follows: "I will and fully set free my slaves, Sally, Patsy, Mary Ellen, George, Ed. Catharine and Charles, and forever manumit them."

And I do further certify, that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the Bearer hereof, negro, George (Albert Barnes), whose age was 12 years, March 10th 1855, whose complexion is dark, and who is marked by a scar on the back of his right hand near the wrist, and who as appears by said will & testament became free on the 15th day of March 1855, is one of the identical persons who were manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said negro was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the public Seal of my office this 21st day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1855

James Wason, Register.

State of Maryland, Washington County to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and papers in the office of Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears, that the last will and testament of Margaret B. Blackwell, late of the County, aforesaid, deceased, was proved and recorded in the said office, on the 15th day of March 1855, in Libra C. Folio - and that the said Margaret B. Blackwell, by her will, among other things, did devise and direct as follows: "I will and fully set free my slaves, Sally, Patsy, Mary Ellen, George, Ed. Catharine and Charles, and forever manumit them." And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof, negro, Ellen Cath. (Montgomery) who was aged 12 years on the 25th day of February, 1855, whose complexion is mulatto, and who is very near-sighted, and who as appears by the said will & testament became free on the 15th day of March 1855, is one of the identical persons who were manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said negro was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my Seal and affixed the public Seal of my office this 21st day of April A. D. 1855.
James Wason, Register of Wills for Washington County.

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The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit
I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern,
that on an examination of the records and papers
in the office of Register of Wills for Washington
County, it appears that the last Will and Testament
of Jacob Middlekauff, late of the County aforesaid, doth
bearing date the 13th day of October A.D. 1832 was
proved and recorded in the said office, on the 14th day
of February A.D. 1834, in Liber D. folios 104, 105 & 106,
and that the said Jacob Middlekauff, by his said Will
did, among other things devise and direct as follows;
"Item, It is my will that at the death of my wife
my servant girl Eliza shall be emancipated, provided
she show to be free is not to become the property
of my son John Middlekauff. And I do further
certify, that it has been proven by such testimony as
is satisfactory to me that the Bearer hereof negro
Eliza (Male) whose height is about 4 feet 11 1/2 in-
ches, whose age is about 32 or 33 years, and whose
complexion is dark, and who, as appears by said Will
& Testament, became free ^{on the 21st day of June} in the year A.D. 1855,
is the identical person who was manumitted or freed
as aforesaid, and that the said negro Eliza was
raised in Washington County, and is at this
time a resident of Washington County. I have also
seen to be free agreeably to the condition of said Will.
In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and affixed the public seal of my
office, this 21st day of June A.D. 1855

James Mason, Register
of Wills for Washington
County, Maryland

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State of Maryland, Washington County, do wit:
I hereby certify to all to whom it doth or may concern
that on an examination of the records and papers in the Office of the
Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last
Will and Testament of Esther Middlekauff, late of Washington
County aforesaid deceased, bearing date the 11th day of December
A.D. 1848, was proved and recorded in the said Office, on the
26th day of May A.D. 1854, in Liber D. folios 234 and 235;
and that the said Esther Middlekauff by her said Will, did
among other things devise and direct as follows: "I order and
direct that my negro boy Levi shall be set free at the earliest
opportunity allowed by the laws of the state." And I do further
certify, that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory
to me, that the Bearer hereof, negro Levi (Lee) whose age is
about 17 years, whose height is about 5 feet 7 inches, and whose
complexion is very black, and who as appears by the said last
will and testament, became free on the 26th day of May A.D.
1854, is the identical person, who was manumitted and or freed
as aforesaid, and that the said Negro Levi (Lee) was raised in
Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said
County.

In testimony whereof, I James Mason,
Register of Wills for Washington County
aforesaid, do hereunto set my hand and
affix the public seal of my office this 20th
day of November 1855.

James Mason

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all to whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records & papers in the Office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last will & testament of Richard Kegan, late of the County aforesaid deceased, bearing date the 19th day of April in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and forty three, was proved and recorded in said Office, on the 29th day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty, in Liber C, folios 82, 83, and 84 and that said Richard Kegan by his said will, among other things did devise and direct as follows, "Item, It is my will that my negro woman Hannah shall be free the 1st day of January eighteen hundred and fifty six."

And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof, Negro Hannah Sucket, whose age is about years, whose height is about 5 feet 5 inches, of stout person & whose complexion is rather a dark mulatto, and who as appears by said last will & testament, became free on the 1st day of January 1856, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said Negro Hannah Sucket was raised in Washington County aforesaid & is now a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the public seal of my office this 8th day of January A.D. 1856.



James Mason
Register of Wills for Washington County.

Papers in above case filed with the Court papers of this year, 1856.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all to whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and papers in the office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last will and testament of John W. Brinkman late of the County aforesaid deceased, bearing date the 27th day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty one, was proved and recorded in said Office on the twenty third day of March, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty five, in Liber C folios 276 & 277, and that said John Brinkman by his said will, did among other things devise & direct as follows, "Item, It is also my will & desire that my negro man named Rafe, his wife Sally and their youngest daughter, Elizabeth shall be free at my decease, and my other negroes named Rafe, Richard and George, shall be set free at the age of twenty eight years."

And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof, Negro Rafe, whose age is about 28 years, whose height is about 5 feet 7 inches, whose complexion is black, & who has a scar on the third finger of his left hand, and who as appears by said last will & testament became free at the age of 28 years, is the identical person, who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said Rafe was raised in Washington County aforesaid, and is now a resident of said County.



In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & affixed the public seal of my office, this 11th day of March A.D. 1856.

James Mann
Register of Wills for Washington County.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify that to all whom it doth or may concern that upon an examination of the records and papers, in the Office of the Register of Mills for Washington County aforesaid, it appears that the last will & testament of George Lefever, late of said County deceased, bearing date the 26th day of July in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight Hundred and forty eight, was proved and recorded in said office, on the 30th day of April, in the year of our Lord, One thousand Eight hundred and fifty, in Liber & folios 67, 68, 69, 70 & 71, and that said George Lefever by his said will, among other things, devise and bequeath as follows, viz "I also give and bequeath to my son Henry my girl Jane until she is twenty eight years age, &c." "And it is my will and desire that after my said servants shall have respectively arrived at the age of twenty eight years they shall be entitled to their freedom &c."

And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof Negro Jane, whose height is about 5 ft 2 inches, whose age is 28 years, who is of dark complexion & of rather full face, and who as appears by said last will & testament became free at the age of 28 years, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said Jane was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand & affix the public seal of my office, this 15th day of July 1856.

James Mason
Register of Mills of Washington County

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that upon an examination of the records and papers, in the Office of Register of Mills for Washington County, it appears that the last will & testament of Peter Schnell, late of said County deceased, bearing date the 26th day of March 1836, was proved & recorded in said office, on the 29th day of March 1836, in Liber & folios 209 and 210, and that said Peter Schnell by his said will did among other things devise and bequeath as follows, "my little yellow girl May, my yellow boy William, my yellow girl Caroline, my yellow boy Richard, my little boy Jacob, and my black boy Ruben, are all to be sold to good and humane masters, until they arrive at the age of twenty seven years, when they are to be free."

And I do further certify that it hath been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof Negro William (Curtis) whose age is about 27 years whose height is about 5 feet 9 inches, whose complexion is yellow, and who as appears by said last will & testament, became free at the age of 27 years, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid: and that said William was raised in Washington County, and is now a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand, and affix the public seal of my office this 29 day of July 1836.

James Mason
Register of Mills for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and the papers in the office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last Will & Testament of Henry Brewer, late of said County, deceased, bearing date August 15th 1831, was proven and recorded in the said office, on the 30th day of January 1838, in Liber D. folios 315, 316, 317 & 318, and that the said Henry Brewer, by his will did among other things, devise and direct as follows:

"And I direct and declare that my two negro boys, slaves named Otto & Joseph shall be released from all manner of slavery and free from all servitude to my heirs executors & administrators forever, and it is my desire that they be purchased by or divided to some of my sons, and kept by them until they shall arrive to the age of twenty five years, respectively, at which age I declare they shall be free as aforesaid." And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the Bearer, hereof negro Joseph Pellis, whose height is about five feet, five inches, whose age is about 28 years, & who is of stout build & of dark complexion and without any mark on his person with the exception of a scar on the right side of his neck, and who as appears by the said will became free at the age of 25 years is one of the identical persons who was manumitted and freed as aforesaid, and that said Joseph was raised in Washington County and is at this time a Resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 27th day of January, A. D. 1857.

James Mason, Register of Wills
for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and the papers in the office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of Washing^g Francis Breathed, late of said County, deceased, bearing date the 5th day of June, in the year of our Lord 1835, in Liber D. folios 218, 219 & 220, and that the said Francis Breathed, by his said Will among other things, did devise and direct, that as follows: "Firstly: I give and bequeath to my servant Rob^t his freedom, but he shall serve John & Raimy Breathed, and their heirs until he shall arrive at the age of twenty eight years." And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof negro (Robert D. Thompson) whose height is about five feet and six and three fourth inches, whose age is about twenty eight years, of black complexion & man- with a mark on the back of his neck caused by poison, and who as appears by the said will became free at the age of twenty eight years, is the identical person who was manumitted and freed as aforesaid, and that said Rob^t or (Robert D. Thompson, was raised in Washington County and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 3^d day of June A. D. 1857.



James Mason, Register of Wills
for Washington County.

The State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and the papers in the office of the Register of Wills for Washington County it appears that the last will and testament of Joseph Gabby, late of Washington County, deceased, bearing date the 10th day of February, in the year of our Lord 1855, was proved, and recorded in the said office on the 19th day of June, 1857, in Libra Tolera and that the said Joseph Gabby, by his said Will among other things did devise and direct, that "Them. My colored woman Jane shall have her freedom at my death," and I do further certify that it has been proven to me by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof negeeb Jane Dorsey, whose height is about five feet 3 1/2 inches, whose age is about years, and whose complexion is dark mulatto, and who as appears by said last will and testament became free on the death of said Joseph Gabby, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said negeeb, Jane Dorsey, was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.



In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 6th day of October, A. D. 1857.

James Mason, Register of Wills
for Washington County.

The State of Maryland Washington County, to wit:

J. William Logan, Register of Wills, in and for said county, do hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that it appears from the last Will and Testament of Meroy Ankony, late of Washington County, deceased, made on the 9th day of July A. D. 1857 and admitted to probat on the 11th day of August A. D. 1857, and duly recorded in my office, that the bearer hereof a Negro man named Jacob Hammett, is duly manumitted and set free by the said last Will and Testament, said Jacob is five feet six and a half inches high, a scar above the right eye, a small scar in the forehead, and also a scar on the nose, of a light complexion, and is about thirty four years of age.



In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 22nd day of December 1857.

Wm Logan Register of
Wills for Washington County.

State of Maryland Washington County, to wit:

I William Logan, Register of Wills in and for said County, do hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that it appears from the last Will & Testament of Peter Smiley, late of Washington County deceased, made on the 26th day of March 1836, and admitted to Probate on the 29th day of March 1836, and duly recorded in my office, that the bearer hereof a Negre woman named Caroline Curtis, is duly manumitted and set free by the said last will and Testament, said Caroline is about five feet high, of light complexion, and about Twenty Seven years of age.



In testimony whereof I do hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 22^d day of June 1855.

William Logan Register of
Wills of Washington County.

State of Maryland Washington County to wit.

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern that on examination of the records and papers in the Register Office of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the last will and Testament of Jacob Jones, late of said County, deceased, bearing date the 26th day of June A.D. 1846, was proved in said Office, on the 2^d day of March A.D. 1847 & Recorded in Liber D. folio 727 & 728, and that said Jacob Jones, by his said Will, did among other things, devise and direct as follows. "I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Potts, one Negre Boy John, born August 18th 1830. To serve as a slave until he arrives to the age of 28 years" And I do further certify, that it has been proved by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof a Negre John Mary Beatty, whose age is 28 years, whose height is 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, and whose complexion is black, and who as appears by the said last will and Testament, became free on the 18th day of August A.D. 1855, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said aforesaid John Mary Beatty was raised in Washington County aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said County.



In testimony whereof I, Wm Logan Register of Wills of Washington County aforesaid do hereunto set my hand and affix the public seal of my office this 19th day of August A.D. 1855.

Wm Logan Register

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

D. William Logan, Register of Wills of said County, do hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern, that it appears from a record to the last Will and Testament of Joseph Reel, decd. bearing date the 8th day of November, A.D. 1830, and admitted to Probate on the 8th day of February A.D. 1831 & duly recorded in my Office in Liber C. folio 317, and that said Joseph Reel, by said Record to said Will, among other things, did devise and direct, as follows. "I do hereby certify that it is my will that my slave "Sarah" shall be free when she arrives to thirty five years of age. And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof, Negro, Emily Keegan, whose height is five feet, five inches high whose age is thirty five years, of dark copper complexion, and with a scar over her nose & is a daughter of said Slave Sarah, mentioned in said Joseph Reel's will, as appears by the said Will became free at the age of thirty five years & that said Emily was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of the same.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of my Office this 18th day of August A.D. 1858.

Wm Logan Register

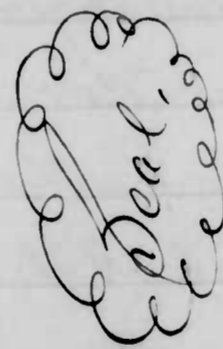


State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on examination of the records and papers in the Register Office of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the Last will & Testament of Henry Andony, late of said County deceased, bearing date the 9th day of July, A.D. 1857, was proved in said Office on the 11th day of August, A.D. 1857, & recorded in Liber C. folio 389 & 390, and among other things devise & direct, as follows: "I do hereby certify that it is my will that my servant men known by the names of Edward, Perry, Michael, Isaac and Jacob & my servant woman Louisa to be free at my death." And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof, Negro Perry Smith, whose age is 33 years, whose height is 5 feet, 5 inches, whose complexion is a dark copper color, & who has a scar over the right eye, and who appears by the said Will & Testament became free at the death of the said Henry Andony, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said Negro Perry Smith was raised in Washington County of aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Public seal of my Office this 14th day of October, A.D. 1858.

Wm Logan Register

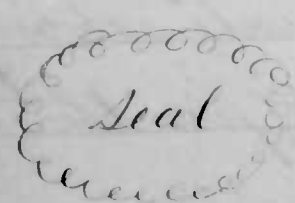


State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that on examination of the records and papers in the Register Office of Mills of Washington County, it appears that the last will and testament of Henry Antkew, late of said County deceased, bearing date the 9th day of July A.D. 1857, was proved in said office on the 11th day of August A.D. 1857 & recorded in Liber E. folios 389 & 390. did among other things, devise and direct as follows "I do hereby certify that it is my Will that my servant men, known by the names of Edward Perry, Michael, Isaac & Jacob & my servant woman Louisa, to be free at my death," and I do further certify, that it has been proved by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof Louisa Norrey, whose age is about 40, whose height is 5 feet 3 inches, whose complexion is a dark copper color, and who appears by the said Will and Testament, became free at the death of the said Henry Antkew, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said Negro, Louisa Norrey, was raised in Washington County aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I, Wm Logan Register of Mills of Washington County aforesaid, do hereunto set my hand and affix the Public seal of my Office this 7th day of March A.D. 1859.

Wm Logan Register

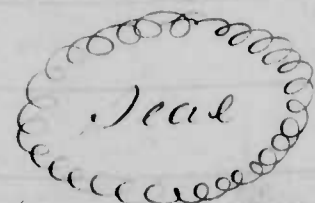


State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern, that on examination of the records and papers in the Register Office of Mills of Washington County, it appears that the last will and testament of Jonas Stogmin, late of said County, deceased, bearing date the 13th day of May, 1846, was proved in said office on the 8th day of August 1848 and recorded in Liber D. folios 821, 822, 823, 824 & 825, and among other things did devise and bequeath as follows, "I give, devise and bequeath unto my son ^{Jonas} Stogmin the whole of my plantation, in Washington County, Maryland whereon I now live, together with all my personal property, money on hand, and money due to me at the time of my death, whatsoever to him his heirs and assigns forever. Excepting nevertheless my Negro slaves, all of who each and every one of them that are over the age of thirty six years are to be free after my decease." And I do further certify that it has been proved by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof Moses Butler, whose age is about fifty years, whose height is 5 feet 6 inches, whose complexion is dark, who has a scar in his right cheek, whose left eye is defective and who appears to be one of those referred to in the said Will and testament, became free at the death of said Jonas Stogmin, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that the said Negro Moses Butler was raised in Washington County aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I, Wm Logan, Register of Mills of Washington County aforesaid do hereunto set my hand and affix the Public seal of my office this 26th day of August A.D. 1859.

Wm Logan Register



State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern, that upon examination of the records and papers in the Register's Office of Wills of said county, it appears that the last will and testament of Jonas Hogmin, late of said county, deceased, bearing date the 13th day of May 1846, was proved in said Office on the 5th day of August 1848, and recorded in Liber D, folios 821, 822, 823, 824, & 825, and among other things did devise and bequeath as follows, "I give devise and bequeath unto my son Andrew Hogmin, the whole of my Plantation in Washington County Maryland, together with all my personal property, money on hand and money due me at the time of my death whatsoever to him his heirs and assigns forever, excepting nevertheless my Negro slaves, all of who each and every one of them that are over the age of thirty six years are free after my decease. And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof John Butler whose age is about fifty years, whose height is 6 feet 1 inch whose complexion is Black, and who has a small scar on his right hand wrist, and who appears to be one of those ascertained in said last will and testament, became free at the death of said Jonas Hogmin, is one of the identical persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said county,

In testimony whereof I, Wm Logan, Register of Wills of Washington County aforesaid, do hereunto set my hand and affix the Public seal of my Office this 30th day of August. A.D. 1859.

Wm Logan Register



State of Maryland Washington County to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on an examination of the records and papers in the Office of the Register of Wills for Washington County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of Thomas Mains late of Washington County aforesaid, Deceased, bearing date the 5th day of August, A.D. 1845, was proved and recorded in said Office on the 20th day of June A.D. 1848, in Liber D, folios 819 and 820, and that the said Thomas Mains, by his said Will, did among other things devise and direct as follows. "I also Will and agree that Philip my Black Man be free and at liberty in a month after my decease, also my Black Girl Harriett, all the remainder of my Black Family are to stay as they are for two years, then to go to the Parish Priest for two years more, then be free."— And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof, Negro Philip Lewis, whose age is about 21 years, whose height is about 5 feet 6 1/2 inches, whose complexion is Black, and who has a scar on his left arm, also a small scar on his nose, and who has an impediment in his speech, is one of the identical persons, that was manumitted or freed as aforesaid. And that said Philip was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Public Seal of my Office this 2nd day of May A.D. 1860.

Wm Logan Register of Wills
for Washington County.



State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I, hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that on an examination of the records and papers in the Office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the Last Will and Testament, of Catharine Alter, late of Washington County, aforesaid, deceased, bearing date the 19th day of September A. D. 1857, was proved in said Office on the 16th day of April A. D. 1861, and recorded in Liber D, folios 371, and 372, and that the said Catharine Alter, by her said Will, did among other things devise and direct as follows, "It is my Will and desire that my Negroes shall be sold to persons living in this County, with the provision also that they are not to be sold out of this County under any circumstances, they will be sold to serve until they respectively arrive at the age of Thirty Five Years, when they are to be set free."

And I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof Sarah Hemsley, whose age is over Thirty Five Years, whose height is Five feet and three inches, whose complexion is Black, and who has a scar on her left thumb, and a scar on the 2nd finger of her right hand, occasioned by Felons, and who appears to be one of those referred to in said Last Will and Testament and was manumitted as aforesaid at the age of Thirty Five years; And that said Sarah was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I, hereunto set my hand and affix the Public Seal of my Office this 29th day of May A. D. 1861.



Wm Logan Register of Wills, of
Washington County

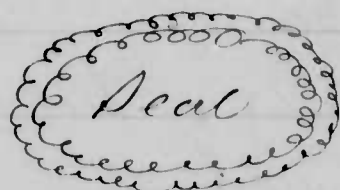
Petition of Executors, filed with papers in the case.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I, hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that on examination of the records and papers in the Office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the Last will and testament of Elizabeth Prather, late of Washington County aforesaid deceased, bearing date the 25th day of November A. D. 1847, was proved and recorded in said office on the 8th day of January A. D. 1848, in Liber D, folios 792, 793 & 794, and that the said Elizabeth Prather by her said Will, did among other things, devise and direct as follows "I will and bequeath to my son Jonathan Prather my Negro boy Henry, until said Henry shall have arrived at the age of twenty eight years at which time said Negro boy Henry shall be entitled to his freedom". And the said Jonathan Prather being now here present and consenting to the certificate being issued, and I do further certify that it has been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer hereof, Negro Henry White whose age was nearly eight years on the 30th day of September last past, whose height is six feet, whose complexion is light, is straight in person and walks erectly and having no perceptible marks upon the person is the identical person, that was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said Henry White was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

In testimony whereof I, hereunto set my hand and affix the Public Seal of my Office this 2nd day of October A. D. 1861.

Wm Logan Register of Wills
of Washington County.



State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern, that on examination of the records & papers in the office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the last Will and Testament of Jacob Jones, late of Washington County aforesaid, deceased, bearing date the 30th day of June, A.D. 1846, was proved and recorded in said office on the 2^d day of March A.D. 1847, in Liber D. folios 727. 728. 729. and that the said Jacob Jones, by his said Will, did among other things, devise and direct as follows: "I also give and bequeath unto my daughter Susan Potts, one other girl "Mary" born July 30th 1835, to serve as a slave until she arrives to the age of twenty five years" and I do further certify, that it hath been proven, such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof Negro Mary Benton, who was twenty five years of age on the 30th day of July last past, whose height is 5 feet 6 inches, whose complexion is of a light copper color & whose thumb on the left hand is crooked, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and that said Mary Benton was raised in Washington County and is at this time a resident of said County,

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affixed the Public seal of my office this 12th day of October A.D. 1861.

Wm Logan Register of Wills
of Washington County.



State of Maryland, Washington County to Wit;

I hereby certify to all whom it may or doth concern, that on examination of the records and papers in the Office of the Register of Wills of Washington County, it appears that the Last Will and Testament of Peter Schnellley, late of Washington County, Deceased bearing date the 26th day of March A.D. 1836 was proved and recorded in said Office in said Office on the 29th day of March 1836, in Liber D. folios 209 + 210, and that the said Peter Schnellley by his said Will, did among other things devise and direct as follows, "That my Yellor Boy Richard shall be sold by my Executors hereinafter named to a humane Master, until he shall attain the age of Twenty Seven Years, when he shall be free". And I do further certify that it hath been proven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me, that the bearer hereof Negro Richard Curtis, who is about Twenty Nine Years of age, whose height is Five Feet, eight inches, whose complexion is Yellor, whose left knee is stiff and who has a scar on his left wrist, is the identical person who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid; and that said Richard was raised in Washington County, and is at this time a resident of said County.

Seal

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and affixed the Public Seal of my Office, this 22nd day of May A.D. 1861.

Wm. Logan Register of Wills
of Washington County.

State of Maryland, Washington County, to Wit:
 I, _____ hereby certify to all whom it may, or doth
 concern, that on examination of the records and papers in the
 Register's Office, of Wills of Washington County. It appears that
 the last Will and Testament of Mrs. Catharine Miller,
 late of said County, deceased, bearing date the 17th day of
 September A.D. 1831. and was admitted to probat in said
 Office on the 16th day of April 1837. and recorded in Lib. E.
 Folios 371 & 372, and among other things, did devise and
 bequeath as follows:

Item, "This my Will and desire that my negroes shall
 be sold to persons living in this County, with the provision
 also that they are not to be sold out of this County: under
 any circumstances, they will be sold to serve until they
 respectively arrive to the age of thirty-five years, when they
 are to be set free." And I do further certify that it has been pro-
 ven by such testimony as is satisfactory to me that the bearer
 hereof Mary Douglas whose age is about 36 years, whose
 height is 5 feet 3 inches, whose complexion is very Dark, who
 has a mould on the left cheek & one on the forehead, and who
 appears to be one of those negroes referred to in the said last
 Will and Testament, became free at the age of 35 years,
 which occurred in March A.D. 1862, is one of the identical
 persons who was manumitted or freed as aforesaid, and
 that the said Mary Douglas was raised in Washington
 County aforesaid, and is at this time a resident of said
 County.

In testimony whereof, I, Wm Logan, Register
 of Wills for Washington County, aforesaid, do
 hereunto set my hand and affix the official
 seal of my office, this 12th day of June A.D.
 1863.
 Wm Logan, Register.

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 47,252 were photographed by the undersigned on this date. *Certificates of Freedom Talbot County and Washington County*

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By ELAINE HUNT

DATE March 17, 1987

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