



chester County and State aforesaid, by an order of the Orphans' Court on the 14<sup>th</sup> of December 1851, slave for life. Do Have and Do Hold the said negroes Sarah & Child, as above bargained and sold unto the said Matthew Bishop, his heirs, Executors, administrators and assigns forever. In Testimony Whereof, we George H. Meekins, Robert Meekins and William S. Meekins, have hereunto set our hands and affixed seal this fourteenth day of February Eighteen hundred and fifty seven --


Signed, sealed and delivered

in presence of

Henry C. Woodlands J.<sup>c</sup>

George H. Meekins 

Robert Meekins 

William S. Meekins 

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit:

On this fourteenth day of February, in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and fifty seven, Personally appeared before me as Justice of the Peace, in and for said County, the within named George H. Meekins, Robert Meekins and William S. Meekins, and acknowledged the within Bill of Sale to be their respective act and deed, according to the true and true intent and meaning of the same: and at the same time came before me Matthew Bishop within mentioned, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the consideration set forth in this Bill of Sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth according to the true meaning of the act of Assembly of 1846 (Chapter 271) made and provided.

Acknowledged before

Henry C. Woodlands J.<sup>c</sup>


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William G. Hearn Do it remembered and it is here by Certified, that the following Deed of Manumission was received and recorded on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of March 1857, to wit:

Do all whom it may Concern, be it known, that I, William G. Hearn of Dorchester County, in the State of Maryland, for divers, good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of one Dollar Current money, to me in hand paid have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free my negro man named Henry Stevens, being of the age forty three years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named Henry Stevens, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me, my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hands and affixed my seal this twelfth day of January, Eighteen Hundred & fifty two --

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of us

James Reed Robert Bell

Wm G. Hearn 

Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: Be it remem

bered that on this twelfth day of January, Eighteen hundred and fifty two, personally appears William G. Hearn, party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber, as Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for said County, and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the negro man within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services to him or to any claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted according to the act of Assembly in such cases made & provided.

Acknowledged before

James Reed