within last Will and Testament of Sarah Melvin late of Worcester County deceased and made oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that he did see the said Sarah Melvin the testatrix sign and Seal this Will and that he heard her publish pronounce and declare the same to be her last Will and testament that at the Time of her so doing she was to the best of his Apprehension of sound and disposing Mind Memory and Understanding and that he and James Tilghman the other Subscribing Witness to this Will who is since dead respectively subscribed their Names as Witnesses thereto in the presence and at the Request of the Testatrix and in the presence of each other. Before Matthew Hopkins Reg. Wills for Wor. Cty.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Copy of the original Will, and probate thereof of Sarah Melvin deceased now on file in the Office of the Register of Wills for Worcester County in the State of Maryland I have hereto set my Hand and affixed the public Seal of my Office this 11th day of May Anno Domini 1818.

(Orphans Court Seal)

Matthew Hopkins Reg. Wills for Wor. Cty.

The Respondent then on his Part proved that the said Sarah Bradshaw died without ever having had or without leaving any Children or issue about the Time last mentioned and that Negro Lisk the Petitioner is the same Negro Lisk mentioned in the Bill of Sale or Deed of Gift aforesaid from Morgan Bradshaw to Sarah Bradshaw, the Respondent then proved his intermarriage with Polly Bradshaw the Daughter of the said Morgan Bradshaw. The Petitioner then by her Counsel prayed the Court to direct the Jury that by Virtue of the said Bill of Sale or Deed of Gift and by Operation of Law therein the whole Interest of Morgan Bradshaw in said Negro and the absolute Property therein Vested in said Sarah Bradshaw and that the said Negro Lisk under the Will aforesaid is entitled to her Freedom, which Prayer the Court sustained and directed the Jury accordingly to which opinion and direction the Respondents by his Counsel, prayed leave to except and that the Court would sign and seal his Bill of Exceptions according to the Form of the Statute in such Cases made and provided and which is accordingly done this thirteenth day of November 1818.

James B Robins (Seal)

William Whittington (Seal)