Certificate of his freedom under said last Will and Testament in due form of law. Your Petitioner further states that after the period last aforesaid he was told that he was free and went at large and acted as a free man with the knowledge and assent of the executor and heirs at law of the aforesaid Samuel Brohawn his late master, and continued so to act and be regarded from the period last aforesaid until the first day of August Eighteen hundred and forty nine when he was arrested in the City of Baltimore where he was, and had been for some time residing with his family, as a free man with the knowledge and assent of the heirs at law and personal representatives of the said Samuel Brohawn by Mr ——— Spencer, who married the widow of your Petitioners aforesaid late master, as a runaway slave and committed to the Jail of Baltimore City and County as such, where he is now confined. Your petitioner in conclusion asserts his freedom and claims to be discharged from his aforesaid imprisonment and prays your Honorable Court to grant him such relief as his Case requires, and to discharge him as a free man from Custody in which he is held. And as in duty bound &c.

Jt. G. W. Teackle Atty for petitioner.

The Exhibit B referred to in the foregoing petition is as follows, to wit: —

In the name of God Amen I Samuel Brohawn of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland being sick and weak in body, but of sound and disposing mind memory and understanding, considering the certainty of death and the uncertainty of the time thereof and being desirous to settle my worldly affairs, and thereby be the better prepared to leave this world when it shall please God to call me hence do therefore make and publish this my last Will and Testament in manner and form following, that is to say: —

First and principally I commit my soul into the hands of Almighty God and my body to the earth to be decently buried at the direction of my Executor herein after named, and after debts and funeral charges are paid and my wife, thirds taken out I devise and bequeath as follows. — Item I give and bequeath unto my wife Susan Brohawn the sum of one thousand dollars to her and her heirs forever. Item, my Will and desire that my son John Brohawn should have all the ballance of my property, both real and personal but should my wife Susan Brohawn have a child within nine months from this date begotten of my body, then it is my will and desire that my property, both real and personal be equally divided between them. — Item, my Will and desire is that all my negroes be free at the age of thirty eight years provided the leave the State of Maryland and do not return there to reside in the course of thirty days after they arrive to the age of thirty eight years, and should they return to reside in the State of Maryland my Will

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is then that they shall be slaves to my heirs. And lastly I do hereby constitute and appoint Daniel Martin to be sole Executor of this my last Will and testament revoking and annulling all former Wills by me heretofore made, ratifying and confirming this and none other. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this nineteenth day of October one thousand eight hundred and thirty one.

Signed sealed published and declared by Samuel Brohawn the within named testator as and for his last Will and testament, in the presence of us, who at his request, in his presence and in the presence of each, of each other have subscribed our names as Witness thereunto. —

Samuel Brohawn (Seal)

John Brohawn, Stephen J. Walters, Whitefield Woolford.

Dorchester County Sc. On the 26th day of October Anno Domini 1831, then came Daniel Martin the within named Executor and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that the aforegoing instrument of writing was delivered in his hands for safe keeping and that it is the true and whole last Will and testament of Samuel Brohawn late of Dorchester County, deceased, and that he doth not know of any other of a younger date. —

Certified by. W. W. Eccleston Reg. W. D. C.

Dorchester County Sc. On the 27th day of October Anno Domini 1831, then came John Brohawn, Stephen J. Walters and Whitefield Woolford, the three subscribing Witnesses to the within and aforegoing last Will and Testament of Samuel Brohawn late of Dorchester County, deceased, and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God, that they did see the Testator therein named sign and seal this Will, that they heard him publish pronounce and declare the same to be his last Will and testament, that at the time of his so doing he was to the best of their apprehensions, of sound and disposing mind, memory and understanding; and they respectively subscribed their names as Witnesses to the Will in the presence and at the request of the Testator and in the presence of each other. —

Certified by. William W. Eccleston Register W. D. C.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is truly and correctly copied from the original Will of Samuel Brohawn late of Dorchester County, deceased, duly executed and proved and remaining in my office of record

(Seal) (Seal of office) I have hereto set my name and seal of my office affixed, the 28th day October Anno Domini 1831.

W. W. Eccleston Regr W. D. C.

Maryland Sc. To all persons to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: KNOW Ye, that the last Will and Testament of Samuel Brohawn of Dorchester County, deceased, hath in due form of law been exhibited, proved, and recorded, in the Office of the Register of Wills for Dorchester County, a Copy of which is to these presents annexed, and administration of all the goods, chattels, and credits of the deceased is hereby granted and committed unto Daniel Martin, the Executor by the said Will appointed.

(Seal of office)

(Witness)