

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS  
(Schweninger Collection)  
WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF  
WILLS (Petitions and Orders) State of  
Maryland vs. Thomas Rice: petition of  
Thomas Rice and Hiram Good 18 December  
1855; court order to sheriff [1855]; court  
order on Thomas Rice 18 December 1855;  
court order on Hiram Good 18 December  
1855  
Pennsylvania free blacks arrested as runaway  
slaves; remained in jail from summer to  
December before released  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF  
WILLS (Petitions and Orders) Petition of  
Isaiah Thompson: bill 12 December 1855;  
court order 21 December 1855  
Thompson seeks revocation of his indenture  
because of his master's refusal to provide  
"necessary wants"; bill found in packet titled  
"Orders of Court relating to free Negroes";  
described as a "negro boy" he is allowed to  
seek another master; unusual case of black  
successfully suing a white  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF  
WILLS (Petitions and Orders) Petition of  
George W. Post: bill 15 January 1856; court  
order 15 January 1856  
Illegitimate mulatto indentured servant Sarah  
Westenberger caused a "great deal of trouble"  
for her master, and the court extended the  
indenture  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF  
WILLS (Petitions and Orders) William B.  
Kennedy vs. Negro Emanuel Stephenson: bill  
12 February 1856; answer 15 February 1856;  
decree 15 February 1856  
Defendant denies charges of bad character  
and absconding; bill dismissed  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY REGISTER OF  
WILLS (Petitions and Orders) Permits to  
Free Negroes--whites "respectfully  
recommend" with "certificates of character"  
for the following:: certificate for George  
Wagoner 1 May 1856; permit to George  
Wagoner 2 May 1856; certificate for Louisa  
Butler 20 May 1856; certificate for Nancy  
Anderson 20 May 1856; certificate for  
Harriet Lynch 20 May 1856; certificate for  
Cesar Pepers 21 May 1856; certificate for  
Susan A. Murray 3 June 1856; certificate for  
Ann Miller 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Charles Reeder 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Esther Briscoe 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Mary Gwinn 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Joseph Snively 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Maria Briscoe 17 June 1856; certificate for  
Sallie Ambrose 20 June 1856; certificate for  
Nannette Graham 23 June 1856; permit to  
Nanette Graham 24 June 1856; certificate for  
Jane Barnes 30 June 1856; permit to Jane  
Barnes 1 July 1856; certificate for John  
Henry August 1856; permit to John Henry 5  
August 1856  
Travel permits sought by free people of color  
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