

1847.

Permit granted  
to Eleja Brown  
May 23<sup>rd</sup>

We recommend Eliza Brown a free woman of colour  
to the Orphans Court of P. S. County who desires  
to be temporarily absent in the District of Columbia  
for the purpose of visiting her relatives and  
friends

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1847.

Owen Knotts

J. B. Sawney  
J. Tyler

ordered by the Court that Eliza Brown  
have a permit granted her to leave the  
State of Maryland and return in pursuance  
of the acts of assembly

May 25<sup>th</sup> 1847

Wm. B. Marshall

Wm. B. Hill

State of Maryland Prince George, County Del.

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of June 1847 personally appears Fran-  
-cis M. Bowie before me the Subscriber a  
Justice, <sup>of the Peace</sup> in and Said County, and make oath on  
the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God, that Negro  
Man James Brown is the same Negro Willid  
free by the last will and Testament of Louisa  
Magruder, and that he is about Twenty five  
years old

W. Beer M

Pa. Dec. Nov. 1847.

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County  
to wit:

On this 6<sup>th</sup> day of November in  
the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred  
and forty seven, before me, the subscriber  
one of the Justices of the peace in and  
for said County, personally appeared  
Roderick M. M. Gregor and made oath  
on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty  
God, that the certificate of free  
papers granted by Aquila Beale,  
late Clerk of Prince Georges County  
Court to Ellen Hanson were de-  
stroyed in ~~my~~<sup>the</sup> presence of him the  
said M. Gregor.

Sworn to before,

J. B. Cross, J. P. Seal

State of Maryland —  
Prince George's County — Do wit:

On this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February in  
the year 1848, personally appeared  
Benedict F. Knott, before the subscriber  
her, a Justice of the Peace in and  
for said County, and made oath  
on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty  
God that Negro woman, Adaline  
Newman, aged about thirty years  
was set free by the last will  
and testament of Matilda,  
Mudd, of the County aforesaid,  
in the year 1823, and that she  
The said Adaline, is the same person named in the  
Will of M. Mudd — Sworn before: Geo: W. Wilson  
" J. P.

Maryland - Prince George's County - To wit

On this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, in the year of  
our Lord eighteen hundred and 48.  
48 personally appeared Robt.  
W. Hunter, before the subscriber, a  
Justice of the Peace of the State of Mary-  
land, in and for Prince George's  
County, and made oath on the Holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God that negro  
Mary Gustay Goby, aged about twenty  
years, is to the best of his knowledge  
and belief the ~~negro~~ <sup>negro</sup> liberated by  
the last will and testament of Mrs.  
Mary G. Hardy, as of record will appear.

Sworn before by W. Wilson  
J.P.

State of Maryland Prince George's County to wit:—

On this Seventeenth day of April in the year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and fifty eight, before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, Personally appeared Mrs. Elizabeth Sibly and made Oath on the Holy Gospel of Almighty God that Negro Man James Williams, bound to her, as per instrument of writing made out and subscribed to by John Anderson and Abraham Clark Esquires on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of December 1831. and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills is free, and that she does by this her voluntary act, release from the said James Williams, Negro man, from all and singular the obligations meant or intended to be meant in said instrument of writing.

Given under my hand and seal  
This day and year <sup>just</sup> above written.

R. P. M. Seal  
28



State of Maryland  
Prince Georges County, I do hereby certify that on  
this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1849 before the Subscribed  
Justice of the Peace & as for said County, personally  
appeared Charles Slippy of said County & made  
oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty God

that he he knows the Papers he has  
produced in the within enclosed  
as the Papers now presented this paper  
is the same person as therein described  
as described — Done before me

J. J. Albert J. P.

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to Wit  
On this 25 day of Oct 1848 before the Subscriber  
a Justice of the Peace for said State in and for said  
County personally appeared John T Hodges and  
Made Oath on the Holy Evangelists of all mighty  
God that Negro John aged Twenty One Dark  
Complexion about five feet Two or three inches  
is entitled to his freedom papers under the  
will of the late Elizabeth Allen recorded in  
the Register of Wills Office in Prince Georges  
County

Sworn to before  
R. Hardisty J. P.

Manly Oct.

I hereby certify that Richard  
C Hardisty before whom the above affidavit  
was made and whose name is thereto subscribed  
was at the time of so doing a Justice of the  
Peace duly commissioned and sworn of the  
State of Maryland in and for Anne  
Arundel County

In testimony whereof  
I have to subscribe my name  
and apply the Seal of Anne  
Arundel County Court this  
25<sup>th</sup> Day of October 1848  
hundred and forty eight.

Jos. H. Nicholson Clerk  
Anne Arundel County Court

Phil Chew Esq  
Rag Mills  
Rock County

I hereby certify that Dianna was born  
slaves about the year 1825 and that  
and mother were both liberated by Geo  
which will appear by reference to the  
and testament of said deceased

Robert H  
Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> 1869

Maryland - Prince Georges county to wit

On this 2nd day of April 1849, appeared  
Mr L. B. Han, before the Subscribers  
a Justice of the Peace, in and  
for said County, and made  
oath on the Holy Evangelists of  
Almighty God that negro woman  
[Theresa Butler (formerly Theresa  
Brooks) is a free born woman,  
and that her mother and re-  
puted father were left freely  
Will of Mrs. Mary G. Harby -

Sworn before

G. W. Wilson 972

We the subscribers, Justices of the Peace in and  
for Prince Georges County by virtue of the act of assembly  
entitled "A Supplement to a Supplement to the act intitled  
an act for the better regulation of apprentices" have  
bound out placed and by these presents do bind out  
and place as an apprentice George Butler a boy of  
colour an orphan aged eight ~~years~~ years some time  
in March last past unto Isaac Woodcock yeoman  
until he the said George Butler shall arrive to the  
age of twenty one years during which time he shall  
well and truly behave, conduct and demean himself  
in every respect as a good and faithful apprentice  
ought to do towards his said Master and the said  
Master shall furnish and provide for his said appren-  
tice good and sufficient meat, drink, clothes, washing,  
lodging and other requisite necessaries during his  
apprenticeship to teach or cause him to be taught  
the art or occupation of a husbandman in the different  
branches thereof and when free to give his said appren-  
tice a suit of clothes worth forty dollars or that sum  
in current money as he the said apprentice may  
choose witness our hands this fifteenth day of August  
in the year 1823

To The Registrar Mills for  
Prince Georges County.

John Baden J<sup>es</sup> J<sup>es</sup>  
Jos. Young J<sup>es</sup> J<sup>es</sup>

(over)



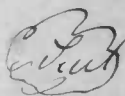
Maryland Prince Georges County  
I Thilmon Chew Register of Mills for said  
County do hereby certify that the aforesaid is a  
true copy of the original indenture of Apprenticed-  
ship of George Butler filed recorded in my office

In testimony whereof I have hereunto  
set my hand and affixed the  
Seal of my office this 1<sup>st</sup> day  
of March 1834 Thilmon Chew  
Register of Mills for  
Prince Georges County

Maryland Charles County

I, Mary Cooksey, a widow of Isaac Cooksey late  
of Charles County deceased do hereby Certify that I  
acknowledge to Comply with the foregoing Indenture  
of apprenticeship of George Butler in furnishing him  
requisite necessaries during his apprenticeship and  
where free to Give said George Butler Forty  
dollars the amount of money aforesaid as witness  
my hand & seal the third day of March in the year 1834 -

signed & acknowledged

Mary Cooksey 

before the subscriber a Justice  
of the peace for Charles County  
on the day & year aforesaid

Daniel S. Townsland



State of Maryland

Peace, George County, I do hereby certify that on the 20th day of May 1849 before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in & for said County personally appeared Nathan P. Cook, as made oath to the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that the within named John Gray Butler is the person named in Subscribed

as a certain copy when the aforesaid individual has obtained the wife requested by

Said dea

Jan 1849

J. S. Salt

J.P.

John Butler's  
Signature of  
John Butler

1849

Primer Gorges county - To wit;

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October in year  
eighteen hundred and forty nine  
personally appeared Walter Smith  
before the subscribers a Justice  
of the Peace of said county, and made  
oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God that negro woman Phoebe  
Ann Smith is a free woman, and was set  
free by the will of Miss Elizabeth Allen  
after serving a term of years - which  
said term of service expired or  
as about the 18<sup>th</sup> April 1849 - to the  
best of his knowledge and belief -

Geo: W. Wilson  
1799

Prince Georges County - To wit  
on this first day of January in the  
year 1850, personally appeared George  
H. Waters before me a Justice of the  
Peace of said County and made oath  
on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty  
God that negroes Henry Banks &  
Mason Banks, the boys bequeathed to  
Samuel Cooksey by James Cooksey  
to serve until they were twenty-one  
years of age - and then to be free  
has now arrived at the age of twenty  
one years and is therefore entitled to their  
freedom under said will of James  
Cooksey -

Sworn before

Wm. Thomas J. P.

Prince Georges County To wit on this 10<sup>th</sup> day of  
November anno Domini 1851 personally appeared  
Nathan P. Cooksey before me a Justice of the  
peace of said County, and made oath on  
the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God that negro  
Charles Henderson Brooke bequeathed to John  
W. Eastwood by James Cooksey to serve until he  
was Twenty one years of age and then to be  
free has now arrived at the age of Twenty one  
years and is therefore entitled to his freedom  
Under said will of James Cooksey

sworn before

J. H. Loring J.P.

Dear Sir  
To the Clerk of D.C. County Court  
Adriel and Mary, two slaves left free by the  
will of Muresey Owens and to serve a certain <sup>time</sup> to  
James Owens - will apply to you for their Certificate  
of freedom This is to certify that they have served  
out there time and Request you will issue there  
Certificates And Oblige  
his  
James Owens  
Clerk  
October 11th 1851

On this 11<sup>th</sup> day of Nov. 1837. Came before me the Sub<sup>2</sup>  
Scriber a Justice of the Peace in and for ~~the~~ Prince Georges  
County and State of Vir<sup>g</sup>. Nob. O. Eornantw, and made oaths  
on the Holy Evangelij of Almighty God. that Adriel and  
Mary are free persons of Color and became entitled to  
their freedom under the will of Muresey Owens

Inwitnessed

N. H. Sanborn J. P.

26<sup>th</sup> day of March 1831

5 feet 2 Inches

5 feet 10 In

This is authorize Washington who is free  
under the will of Elizabeth Allen  
to obtain his free papers,  
December 24<sup>th</sup> 1851 John T. Hodges

Washington Good feet 11. Inches high of dark complexion  
having a scar on the right cheek



68

28

---

91.

12

---

103

20

10

105

100

---

245-

n

March 2<sup>d</sup> 1852

The Register of Wills for Prince Georges  
County May with safety deliver the free papers  
I called for to Mr Arthur Humphrey, agreeable to  
the receipt you gave me his description  
is 5 feet 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  inches high, brown colour, with  
a scar under the right <sup>cheek & about the</sup> corner of his mouth  
caused by a burn J. C. Humphrey

I William A. Sartin Reg. of Hills for Prince Georges  
County, do hereby certify that the bearer hereof  
Negro man Henry five feet five inches high &  
about 42 years of age who calls himself Henry  
Jones born and raised in the family of William  
Pumphrey, dark complexion, having a scar  
between the under lip and chin and one on the  
fore finger of his right hand, is a free man  
of Col. and became entitled to his freedom  
by will of the last will and testament of  
Sdgd Pumphrey late of said county deceased  
bearing date the 12<sup>th</sup> day of August 1827. duly  
proven and recorded in the office of the  
Register of Hills for said county on the 11<sup>th</sup>  
of December 1827.



In testimony whereof I hereunto  
subscribed my name and affix  
= at the Seal of the Orphans  
Court for Prince Georges County  
this 6<sup>th</sup> day of October 1853

Test:

William A. Sartin  
Reg. of Hills

Maryland Prince Georges County Sec.

I William A. Darboe Register of Wills for the aforesaid county in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that Benjamin who calls himself Benjamin Shields, is of a dark complexion, five feet ten and a half inches high, has a small scar on his right forehead and on his right arm a few inches above the wrist, was set free by the last will and testament of William Cooper bearing date the twenty first day of August in the year of our Lord 1851 now on record in my office



In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court of Prince Georges County this sixth day of June Anno Domini 1854  
Test: William A. Darboe Register of Wills

I identified upon oath by William Cooper June 6<sup>th</sup> 1854 and the said Cooper also testifies positively to the occurrence of the contingency upon which said negroes freedom depended  
William A. Darboe

Maryland  
Prince Georges County - Let.

I William A Jarboe Register of Wills for said county in said State do hereby certify that the bearer hereof Mary Elizabeth Thomas a bright mulatto girl four feet and eleven inches in height heretofore bound to the late Owen Norfolk by the Orphan's Court of said county who did upon the application of said Norfolk extend the said Mary E. Thomas' term of service on the eighteenth day of February eighteen hundred and fifty one, until December 25<sup>th</sup> eighteen hundred and fifty five, or one year and that no further extension of her term of service appearing on the records of my office, she the said Mary E. Thomas is free and at liberty to dispose of her services as she chooses,

Seal

In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand  
and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court this  
twenty eighth day of December eighteen  
hundred and fifty five  
William A Jarboe Register of Wills for  
Prince Georges County —

W. Benson This is to certify that Sandy  
Henson is entitled to his free papers under the  
will of the late Elizabeth Allen of Prince Georges Co.  
Aug<sup>t</sup> 20<sup>th</sup> 1856. respectfully  
John J. Hodges

Height 5 ft  $\frac{3}{4}$  in.  
one small scar on the left eye lid

I do hereby certify that the bearer hereof  
Gustavus Williams aged about twenty-five  
years is a free man having <sup>servic'd</sup> me till he was  
twenty-one years old and is entitled to  
his free papers given under my hand this  
fifth day of January 1857.

William K. Slape



Notary and Prince Georges County Sat  
I William A. Scarboe Reg. of Wills for said county  
do hereby certify that one  
who calls himself Sandy Munson the right full  
bearer hereof having attained his twenty  
first year is entitled to his freedom under  
the last will and testament of Elizabeth  
Allen late of said County deceased, bearing  
date November 25<sup>th</sup> 1831 and duly admitted  
to probate in my office on the fifth day  
of January 1832. The aforesaid Sandy  
Munson is of bright copper color rather  
thick set five feet and one inch in height  
of pleasant aspect and considerably bow-  
legged and about twenty five years of age

In testimony whereof I shew  
my hand and affix the seal  
of the Orphans Court of Prince  
Georges County this fourth day  
of April Anno Domini 1857  
William A. Scarboe  
Reg. of Wills for P. G. Co.

Apr. 24<sup>th</sup> 1857

Identified upon oath by  
William Hills  
Wm. A. Scarboe Reg.



Mearyland Prince Georges County To Wit  
I William A. Scarborough Register of Wills for said  
County in said State do hereby certify that  
the bearer hereof Negro man Gustavus common-  
ly called Gustavus Williams about twenty  
five years of age five feet nine inches high  
of bright copper color, High cheek bones and  
of pleasant aspect with a large scar on the  
inside of the right arm between the elbow  
and shoulder is entitled to his freedom  
by virtue of the last will and testament  
of Mr. Dennis Sturidge. late of Prince Georges  
County deceased. and bearing date the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1833. duly proven and  
recorded according to Law

(Seal)

In Testimony Whereof I  
hereunto set my hand  
and affixed the Seal of  
the Orphans Court for  
Prince Georges County this  
11<sup>th</sup> day of September Anno  
Domini 1857  
William A. Scarborough Register of Wills

Authenticated by Phileas Jones on oath

Megnes

Ben and  
Lucy —

Left free by  
Mary, Charles

State of Maryland.

Prince Georges County, Md.  
I William A Tarbol Register of wills for  
Prince Georges County do hereby Certify that  
Mays Woman Suck, who calls herself Sucky  
Brookes the bearer hereof, of light complexion  
five feet one inch and a half high, with  
the marks of a scarification on the back  
of her neck, and a scar on the left  
elbow & Occasioned from a bite is  
a free woman of color and because free  
entitled thereto by a codicil to the last will  
and testament of Mary Chesley late of  
said County deceased bearing date May  
the eighth eighteen hundred and thirty  
seven and by proven and now upon  
record remaining in the office of  
the Register of wills for Prince Georges  
County.

In testimony whereof  
I hereunto set my hand  
and affix the seal of the  
Orphans Court of Prince  
Georges County this 24<sup>th</sup> day  
of May Anno Domini 1858  
Lest

Wm A Tarbol Reg  
of wills for  
P.G. County

May 24<sup>th</sup> 1858

Then came Mary Ann Lanham one  
of the witnesses to aforesaid married codicil  
to the last will and testament of Mary Chesley  
late of Prince Georges County deceased and she made  
oath that the negro woman Suck mentioned

in the above certificate of freedom  
is the same Negro ~~Slave~~ mentioned  
in the Codicil to the last will and  
testament of Mary Chesley late of  
said County deceased. & left free by said  
Codicil

Sworn before <sup>1858</sup> Wm. S. Jarboe  
Reg<sup>r</sup>

State of Maryland

Prince Georges County sit:

I William S. Jarboe Register of wills for  
Prince Georges County do hereby Certify  
that the bearer hereof Negro Man Ben  
who calls himself Ben Waring rather  
light complexion - five feet three inches  
and a half high a scar on the back of his  
neck and a long scar in the forehead run-  
ning to the left eye and two upon the left  
wrist is a free man of color and  
became entitled thereto by a codicil to  
the last will and testament of Mary  
Chesley, late of said County deceased  
bearing date May the eighth eighteen  
hundred and thirty seven duly  
proven and now upon record remain-  
ing in the office of the Register of wills  
for said County

In testimony whereof I  
hereunto set my hand  
and affix the seal of the  
Court of Prince Georges County this 24<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1858  
Wm. S. Jarboe Reg<sup>r</sup>



May 24<sup>th</sup> 1858.

Then came Mary Ann  
Lanham one of the witnesses to the  
aforegoing named Cozic to the last  
will and testament of Mary Chesley late  
of Prince Georges County deceased and  
made oath on the Holy Evangel of  
Almighty that Negro Man Ben mentioned  
in the foregoing Certificate of freedom  
is the same Servant Ben that is  
mentioned in the aforesaid mentioned  
Cozic to the last will and testament  
of the said Mary Chesley and  
left free by said Cozic

Sworn Before

Wm. Warburton  
Clerk

1858

Copy of Abraham  
Clark's free  
papers—

*[Faint, illegible handwritten text, likely bleed-through from the reverse side of the page.]*

State of Maryland

Prince George's County, Md.

I William Sharpe Register of Wills for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that Abraham Clark a free man of color the bearer hereof of light complexion is five feet six inches high with a small scar in the forehead near the edge of his hair and a larger scar on the

Poplar Hill 5 Aug 58  
Wm A Sharpe Esq  
Register Wills  
Dear Sir

You will perceive by the Will of the late R. C. Small that Abraham Clark was emancipated

I therefore authorize you to give him the necessary papers Mr Mitchell informed that you stated it was necessary for him to appear before you in person

Very Respectfully  
Henry Garrison Esq  
one of the Executors  
of R. C. Small dec'd

State of Maryland

Prince Georges County, Md.

I William Harboe Register of Wills for the State and County aforesaid do hereby certify that Abraham Black a free man of color the bearer hereof, of light complexion - is five feet six inches high, with a small scar in the forehead near the edge of his hair and a large scar on the Cap of the left knee occasioned by a burn when a small child, is a free man of color and became entitled to his freedom there to by the last will and testament of Robert D. Sewall late of said County deceased, bearing date of December the thirty first eight hundred and fifty two, duly proven and now upon Record remaining in the office of the Register of Wills for Prince Georges County

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphans Court of Prince Georges County this tenth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight

Test

Wm Harboe Reg of  
Wills for P. G. Co.



Maryland Prince Georges County Dec:

I William Harboe Register of Wills  
for the County in the State aforesaid do  
hereby certify that Negro Man Frank  
who calls himself Francis Duckett  
is a free Man of Color, of dark complexion  
five feet six inches high has a scar on  
the right side of his throat, and a small  
one over his right eye, and also a dark  
spot on the back of his right hand  
Near the wrist, said Frank Duckett  
is one of the children of Negro woman  
Nancy, left by the last will and testament  
of Ann Hall late of said County deceased  
bearing date the fifteenth day of May in  
the year eighteen hundred and fifteen  
duly proven and now upon record  
in my office, to William and Grafton  
Hall, to serve for a term of years, and  
then to be liberated and set free, and  
also her children to serve the males  
until they arrived to the age of thirty  
five and the females until they  
arrived to the age of thirty one and  
then to be liberated and set free, the  
said Francis Duckett having arrived  
at the age of thirty five is therefore  
entitled to his freedom - he being  
identified this third day of March  
eighteen hundred and fifty one by  
William P. Hall to be a son of the afore-  
said Nancy - and also that the said  
Frank was arrived to the age of  
thirty five

In testimony whereof  
I hereunto set my hand  
and affix the Seal of



Regio Tom.

Regdells Office

Ann Arbor 21<sup>st</sup> Aug<sup>r</sup> 1860

My Dear Sir

The term of service of the Negro  
I am alluded to in your letter was ex-  
tended 10 months on the 27<sup>th</sup> Octo-1857  
by order of Court

Yours Truly

B. E. Covert

Regdells  
2003

Mr. Chew

State of Maryland. Sec.

I William A. Jarboe Register of wills for Prince George's County in the State of Maryland do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, a Mullatto (who calls himself Tom Prince) is a free man of color, five feet eight inches high with a scar on the back of his right hand and round black mole near the corner of his right eye, he is about ~~two~~ two or three years old, became entitled to his freedom by the last will and testament of Martha H. Cox late of, said County deceased, bearing date the ninth day of February eighteen hundred and twenty two duly proved according to law and now upon record remaining in my office, said Tom having been identified by ~~Wm. S. Sasser~~ W. S. Sasser & N. S. B. Chew to be son of Eleanor named in said will.

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan's Court for Prince George's County this 8<sup>th</sup> day of September A.D. 1860—

Test

William A. Jarboe Regr.  
of wills for Prince George's  
County—

Maryland Prince Georges County St  
I William A Justice Register of  
wills for said County, and State of Maryland  
do hereby certify that the bearer hereof  
African Negro woman five feet one inch  
high of light colour who was born in the  
family of Alice Duval late of said County  
deceased & State of Maryland was Liberated and  
set free by the last will and Testament  
of the said Alice Duval bearing  
date the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1863 and  
duly proved and now upon record  
remains in the Registry Office  
for the said State & County of Prince  
George and her heirs her heirs her  
heirs said Alice Duval at the death  
of said

9  
I certify that Mary Lankam is one of the persons  
claiming freedom under the Will of Mrs. Mary

Robert [unclear]



Copy that Nancy Lanham is one of the girls which  
freedom under the Will of Mr. Mary G. Hardey

Robert. W. Hunter

I certify that Charlott Larnham is one of the girls which  
claim freedom under the Will of Mrs Mary G. Searcy

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Jane Garrison is one of the girls which  
claims her freedom from the Will of Mary G. Hardy

Robert W. Hunter


I certify that Betty Johnson is one of the  
claimants her freedom from the Will of Mary G.

Robert

I certify that Adeline Bush is one of the girls  
which claims freedom under Mrs. Mary Green Hardy  
Mill

Robert W. Hunter  

---



I certify that Lucy Cogan is one of the girls which  
claim freedom under the will of Mrs Mary G. Harvey

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Matilda Bogin is one of the girls  
which claim freedom under the will of Mr. Mary G. Ward

Robert M. Hunter



I certify that Overton Cogan is a Boy which claims  
his freedom under the Will of Mary & Hardy

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that John Cogg is a Boy which claims his  
freedom under the Will of Mary G Hardy

Robert W. Sturtevant

I certify that Cassie Cogy is one of the girls  
which claim her freedom from the Will of Mrs Mary G. Hardey

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Sally Bowser and Charity Brooks  
are girls claiming freedom from the Will of Mary Gettard

Sally Bowser 5 feet  $3\frac{3}{4}$   
Charity Brooks 4 11  $\frac{1}{2}$

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Basil Brooks is one of the Boys which  
claims his freedom under the Will of Mary G Hardy

Book 5.4 Index

Robert W. Hunter

I certify that Chloe Shorter is one of the girls which  
claim her freedom from the Will of W. Mary G. Stancy

Robert G. Stunter

I certify that Eliza Lee is one of the Girls which  
claim her freedom from the Will of Mary G Harney

Robert W Hunter



Prince George's County - to wit:

Then came Walter Smith, and made  
oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty  
God that negro Woman Caroline  
Smith, was left by the will of Betsy Allen  
of Prince Geo County, a slave for a term  
of years ie until she arrived at the  
age of twenty one — and that, to the  
best of his knowledge <sup>and belief</sup> the said negro  
woman has served out the term  
of years in said Will and is now  
free —

Sworn before

Geo: Wilson

W.

Dear Sir

you <sup>are</sup> will fully authorize to  
give my Henson his pre-papers at any  
time that he may present this

Yours obs

John T. Hodge

Mr. Chew

This is to authorize Mary Ann to receive her  
free papers

John T. Hodges

Wm. Philip Chew

Maryland.

Prince Georges County, to wit: I William H. Harboe Register of wills for Prince Georges County, in the State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof Martha Forbes, is a free woman of color, five feet three inches & a half high bright complexion with two small moles on the left side of her neck and one on the back of her neck aged about thirty two. became entitled to her freedom by the last will and testament of **Clement Holladay**, late of Prince Georges County deceased, bearing date August the 6<sup>th</sup> Eighteen hundred and twenty five duly proven and now upon record remaining in my office - said Negro woman is the daughter of Caroline, one of the Negroes mentioned in <sup>the clause in</sup> said testator's will which says all the rest of my Negroes to be sold for their time or term of servitude and the said Negro woman Caroline was purchased by one Alexander McFee now deceased, and served out her time with him, as also the bearer of this Certificate Martha Forbes her daughter, who, according to the information of Alexander McFee given on oath she became entitled to her freedom at the age of thirty, and in and through him this Certificate is given

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Orphan Court for Prince Georges County this 5<sup>th</sup> day of March A.D. 1860  
Wm. H. Harboe Regr.

Martha Foster  
free papers -

State of Maryland. Prince Georges County, s.d.  
I William H. Jarboe Register of wills for  
the County in the State aforesaid,

do hereby Certify that the bearer hereof  
Matilda Gray is a free woman of color  
five feet three inches high of very bright  
Complexion aged about 40

became entitle to her freedom by virtue  
of the last will and testament of Elizabeth  
M. Pherson late of Prince Georges County  
deceased, bearing date March 24<sup>th</sup>  
eighteen hundred fifty five.

only proven and now upon  
Record remaining in my office  
the aforesaid Negro woman  
Matilda Gray, being identified  
under oath before me by  
Geo. W. Morton Esq.

In testimony whereof  
I hereunto set my hand  
and affix the Seal of the  
Orphans Court of Prince  
Georges County this 10<sup>th</sup> day  
of November 1863 -

Wm. H. Jarboe Reg

Copy of  
Natalia Gray's  
free papers.



Maryland Prince Georges County to wit:  
I William A. Jarboe Register of  
Wills for Prince Georges County, in the  
State aforesaid do hereby Certify that the  
barrister at law, Sarah Brown is a free woman  
of color five feet two inches and a half  
high, brown complexion with a black  
mole on her cheek and a scar on her  
left wrist near the hand, (Aged about  
thirty three) became entitled to her  
freedom by the last will and testament  
of William Beams late of said County,  
deceased, said Sarah Brown (then  
Sarah Beall) being one of the negroes  
left free by a clause in said William  
Beams will which sets at Liberty  
or manumits, all his negroes which  
said will bears date September the  
twenty fourth eighteen hundred and  
seventy seven, proved according to  
Law and now upon record remain-  
ing in the office of the Register of  
Wills for Prince Georges County.

And the said Sarah Brown having  
been identified before me by Jeroni-  
ah Mullikin to be one of the negroes  
left free by the aforesaid last will  
and testament referred to above

In testimony whereof I hereunto  
set my hand and office the seal  
of the orphans court for Prince Georges  
County this ninth day of January A.D.  
1860 — Doct  
Wm A. Jarboe Reg-



1860  
Copy of  
Sarah Brown

---

free paper -

Maryland - Prince Georges County to wit

I William Harboe Register of wills for Prince Georges County in the state aforesaid do hereby certify that the bearer hereof, Silby, <sup>She is</sup> is a free woman of Color, five feet three inches and a half high dark complexion with a small scar hardly visible in the left eye brow age about thirty six, became entitle to her freedom by the last will and testament of Martha H. Cox late of said County deceased, bearing date February the nineteenth eighteen hundred and twenty two, duly proven and now upon record remaining in my office, said Negro woman Silby is the daughter of Matilda mentioned in said will to serve fifteen years, and her increase to serve until they arrived to the age of thirty years, and then have their freedom, and the said Silby having served her time as specified in said will, with one Alexander McKee, now deceased, and being this day Identified by Alexander McKee jr. to be the Negro woman as set forth in this instrument of writing this therefore is to be her Certificate of freedom.

In testimony whereof I hereunto  
set my hand and affix the seal of  
the Escheator Court for Prince Georges  
County this fifth day of March  
A.D. 1860

Teste

Wm Harboe Register  
of wills for P. G. Co.

Sibly sheets  
free papers -