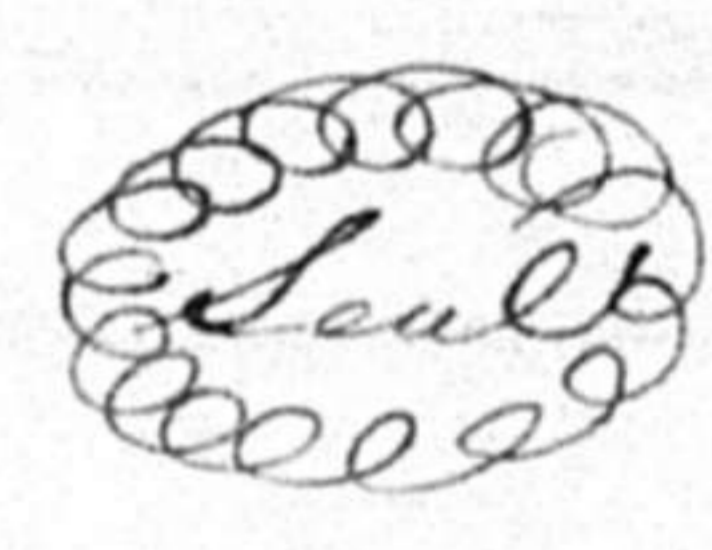


Instrument of writing, and do severally acknowledge the same to be their respected act & deed, and the said Catharine et al. Davis, wife of the said Henry G. Davis, did sign, and seal the said Instrument of writing before me, & out of the presence, and hearing of her said husband, and being by me privately examined apart from, & out of the presence, and hearing of her said husband whether she doth sign seal, acknowledge, and execute the foregoing Instrument of writing voluntarily, and freely, and without being induced to do so, by fear, or threats of, or ill usage by her said husband, or by fear of his displeasure declared, and acknowledges that she doth. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, on the day & year above written.

J. M. Harding.

Gideon Bantz & Julia Bantz } N<sup>o</sup> 2624. Equity. In the Circuit Court for Frederick  
his wife, and others. } County, sitting as a Court of Equity.  
Peter Sower Bantz } J. William S. Bantz of Frederick County, State of  
Maryland. - next the eldest son, and one of the  
heirs of Gideon Bantz, late of Frederick County State of Maryland, deceased, do hereby elect to take all those lots, or parts of ground, situate, lying & being on Church Street, Frederick Town - Containing the late dwelling House, and two yards of said Gideon Bantz, described in Exhibits N<sup>o</sup> 3. & 4. in this Cause at the sum of seven thousand, two hundred and fifty dollars. the valuation thereof made by the Commissioners appointed in this cause, and pray the Court, that I may be allowed to pay the same in Cash. and I do hereby refuse to take the residue of said Estate, at the valuation thereof made by the Commissioners appointed in this cause. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal, on this 11. day of December in the year eighteen hundred and fifty five -  
Signed, sealed & deliv<sup>d</sup>. in the presence of } Wm. S. Bantz.   
Wm. J. Rofs.

Gideon Bantz & Julia Bantz his } N<sup>o</sup> 2624. Equity  
wife & others } In the Circuit Court, for Frederick County,  
as a Court of Equity. I Gideon Bantz of  
Frederick County, State of Maryland,  
eldest son, and one of the heirs of Gideon Bantz, late of said County dec<sup>d</sup>. -  
do elect to take all the lot of ground, and part of a tract of land " called Young  
acres being part of Tasters - Chance" situate in Frederick County, State of  
Maryland, containing ten acres, two rods & thirty five square perches  
of land, described in Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 6. in said Cause, at the sum of  
one hundred & thirty dollars, per acre, making in the aggregate the sum  
of thirteen hundred & ninety three dollars, and twenty six cents the val-  
uation thereof made by the Commissioners appointed in this cause. I do  
also elect to take all these pieces, or parcels of land, situate in the County  
and State aforesaid, being parts of a tract of land, called " The Reserve  
on Tuscorora" described in Exhibit N<sup>o</sup> 7. in said Cause & containing two  
hundred and thirty acres of land, more or less, at the sum of Three dol-  
lars per acre, making in the aggregate, the sum of six hundred & ninety  
dollars, the valuation thereof, by the Commissioners appointed in this  
Cause, and I do pray the Court to allow me to pay for the same in Cash.  
and I do refuse to take the residue of the Estate of said Gideon Bantz -  
dec<sup>d</sup>. at the valuation thereof by said Commissioners appointed in -  
this cause.