

knowledge himself bound, and by these presents doth contract, promise and agree, to teach the said apprentice, the trade of a Hammer, and to supply him with suitable clothing, and maintenance during his apprenticeship; and when free to give him Twenty dollars and two suits of clothes as freedom dues. And the said John D. Parker, doth further contract, promise and agree to give the said apprentice in lieu of education the sum of twenty five dollars, in addition to the freedom dues above required to be given. - In Witness Whereof, we hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seals to this Indenture, this 25<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty seven. -

Signed, sealed and delivered  
in the presence of  
E. W. Sampson

In W. Hodson Seal Judges of the  
L. M. Ross Seal Orphan's Court  
Levin James Seal for Dorchester County  
John D. Parker Seal  
mark

John M. Beckwith do remember and it is hereby Certified, that the following Man-  
mission was received and recorded on the 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1857, to wit:  
I, John M. Beckwith of Dorchester County and State of Maryland,  
do hereby manumit and set free my negro slave William Morris, aged  
about forty five years of a dark Chestnut Complexion, his freedom to commence from the  
date of these presents. Witness my hand and seal, this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May, Anno Domini 1857.  
Test. G. J. Conway  
Samuel Conder  
John M. Beckwith Seal

State of Maryland, Dorchester County, to wit: I hereby Certify, that  
on this 30<sup>th</sup> day of May 1857, before the subscriber, as Justice of the Peace of the State  
of Maryland, in and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared John M. Beck-  
with, and did acknowledge the foregoing Deed of Manumission to be his act. -  
Sam. W. Sampson J. Peace

William A. Dwyler do remember and it is hereby Certified, that the following  
Bill of Sale was recorded on the 2<sup>d</sup> day of June, 1857, to wit:  
I, Samuel S. Byrnes of Dorchester County, in consideration of  
Seven Hundred Dollars, paid me by William A. Dwyler, of same  
County, do hereby bargain and sell to the said William A. Dwyler, negro girl Maria, aged  
about seven years & negro girl Rachel aged about thirteen years slaves for life. Witness  
my hand & seal this 2<sup>d</sup> day of June, in the year Eighteen hundred & fifty seven. -  
Test. Samuel S. Byrnes Seal

Charles Cockran do hereby Certify that on this 2<sup>d</sup> day of  
June 1857, personally appeared before the subscriber as Justice of the Peace for Dorchester  
County aforesaid, Samuel Byrnes, and acknowledged the foregoing Bill of Sale to be his  
act. -  
Charles Cockran