

1853 April 8<sup>th</sup> Received of John W. Parker the sum of one dollar in lieu of a stamp on this Bill of Sale

Francis J. Henry Clerk

Silas Woodland & Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following Bill of Sale was received and  
 from & recorded on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853 To wit  
 Thomas Jones & Whereas it was the desire of my Father in law Thos. Jones that his negro woman Mary  
 a slave for life should be free in her old age on account of her faithful services to him and he did on the 30<sup>th</sup>  
 day of November 1850 convey her to me with other property in Consideration of love and affection with the  
 full confidence on his part that I would in due time consent to her freedom and whereas I have not since  
 the death of said Thomas Jones in view of his wish in regard to her expected any service to me from her,  
 and she is now desirous of purchasing her freedom through her father in law Silas Woodland a free man & her  
 labor for him - Know all men by these presents that I Thomas Jones of Wm of Dorchester County State of  
 Maryland in Consideration of the premises and of the faithful services of said Mary to me during the life  
 of her former Master Thomas Jones of John and for my regard & affection for her as a servant and also in  
 Consideration of the sum of Twenty five dollars to me in hand paid by said Silas Woodland have granted  
 bargained sold and delivered and by these presents do grant bargain sell and deliver to the said Silas Woodland  
 the said the said negro woman Mary aged about forty seven years To Have and To Hold the said Mary  
 to him the said Silas Woodland his Executors administrators and assigns against me my Executors administrators  
 & against every other person or persons whomsoever - In witness whereof we have hereunto set our names and  
 affixed our seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853

James Craig

John W. Woolford

Thomas Jones (Seal)  
 Silas Woodland (Seal)  
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State of Maryland, Dorchester County to wit: On this 30<sup>th</sup> day of March 1853 before me one  
 of the Justice of the peace in and for said County appeared Thos. Jones and acknowledged the foregoing  
 instrument of writing to be his act and deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof and the act  
 of assembly in such Case made and provided

James Craig J. P.

On this thirtieth day of March 1853 personally appeared Silas Woodland and made oath on the Holy  
 Evangelist of Almighty God that the above bill of Sale is a true and bona fide bill of Sale and the  
 Consideration therein mentioned is just and true as set forth in said paper

James Craig J. P.

Nancy Jones & Be it remembered and it is hereby Certified that the following Bill of Sale was  
 from & received and recorded on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of April 1853 to wit  
 John W. Woolford & Know all men by these presents that I John W. Woolford of Dorchester County  
 and State of Maryland for and in Consideration of the sum of one hundred, Doz - Current money to me in  
 hand paid by Nancy Jones widow of Danwood and resi of County and State aforesaid at and before the  
 sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof I the said John W. Woolford do hereby acknowledge  
 have granted bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said Nancy  
 Jones widow of Danwood, her Executors administrators and assigns one negro boy by the name of Henry  
 Maer said Henry Maer being now seven years six months and seven ten days of age and to serve the said  
 Nancy Jones her Executors administrators or assigns untill he be forty years of age which expires on the 31<sup>st</sup>  
 of Aug. in the year eighteen hundred and eighty five at which time he is to go out free and clear of all servitude To  
 Have and To Hold the said negro boy Henry Maer above bargained and sold to the said Nancy Jones widow  
 of Danwood her Executors administrators and assigns during the said time of servitude and no longer. And I  
 the said John W. Woolford for myself my heirs Executors and administrators, the said negro boy Henry Maer into