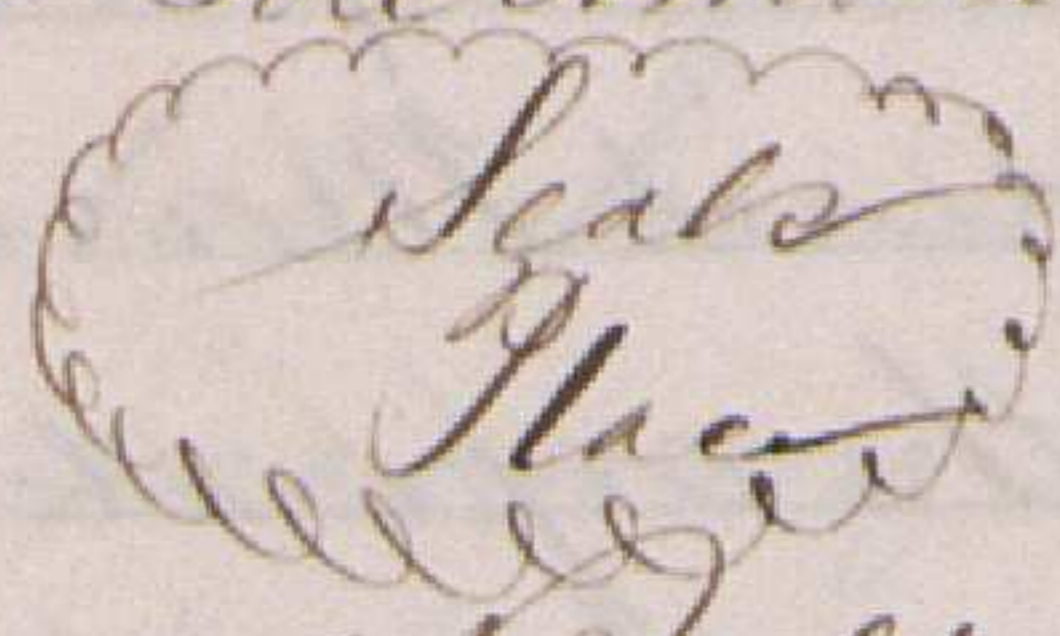


State of Maryland, Baltimore City, Sec.

I hereby certify that William H. Hayward Esquire before whom the annexed acknowledgment was made and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore, duly commissioned and sworn.



In testimony whereof I hereto set my hand and affix the seal of the Superior Court of Baltimore City, this 6th day of April A. D. 1857

Edw. Downing Secy. G. J. Hornech. Clerk of the Superior Court of Baltimore City.

Recd. to be recorded on the 17th day of April 1857. Same day recorded & examined per

W. H. Washington C. K.

Delivered to J. E. Mayfield Nov. 11th 1837

Indenture of Apprenticeship Maria T Bell (negro) to Robert Silly

This Indenture made this thirteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty seven. Between Maria T Bell of

Howard County and State of Maryland (Colored) of the one part, and Robert Silly of the said County & State of the other part. Witnesseth, that the Maria T Bell negroess hath placed and bound out by these presents doth place and bind out her daughter Susan, who on the twenty fifth day of December next will be of the age of ten years, as an apprentice to the said Robert Silly, the said Susan T Bell to dwell with and serve the said Robert Silly from the date of these presents until the twenty fifth day of December in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty five when the said Susan T Bell negroess shall attain to the age of eighteen years. During all which time and term the said Susan T Bell negroess shall the said Robert Silly well and faithfully serve in all such lawful businesses as the said Susan T Bell shall be put to by her master according to the power and ability of her the said Susan and honestly and obediently in all things shall behave herself towards her said master and honestly and orderly towards the rest of the family of the said Robert Silly. And the said Robert Silly on his part doth hereby promise covenant