

Bill of Sale from  
Nancy Smith.

to

Basil S. Benson

Know all Men by These Presents, That I, Nancy  
Smith of Anne Arundel County and State of Maryland  
-nd, for and in consideration of the sum of two hundred  
dollars lawful money of the United States in hand  
paid by Basil S. Benson at or before the sealing and

delivery of these presents, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged I have  
granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant bargain and  
sell, unto the said Basil S. Benson his Executors, Administrators and assigns  
my negro woman Henrietta Robinson and her two children, John and  
Lewis Robinson the woman to serve the said Basil S. Benson his Executors Adm-  
-nistrators, and Assigns until the twenty third day of December in the year  
of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred and Sixty two, when she will be  
thirty five years of age (35) and then to be again my property the two children  
John and Lewis and all that may hereafter from the date of these presents be  
born of her body to be the slaves for life or at the pleasure of the said  
Basil S. Benson his Executors Administrators and Assigns —

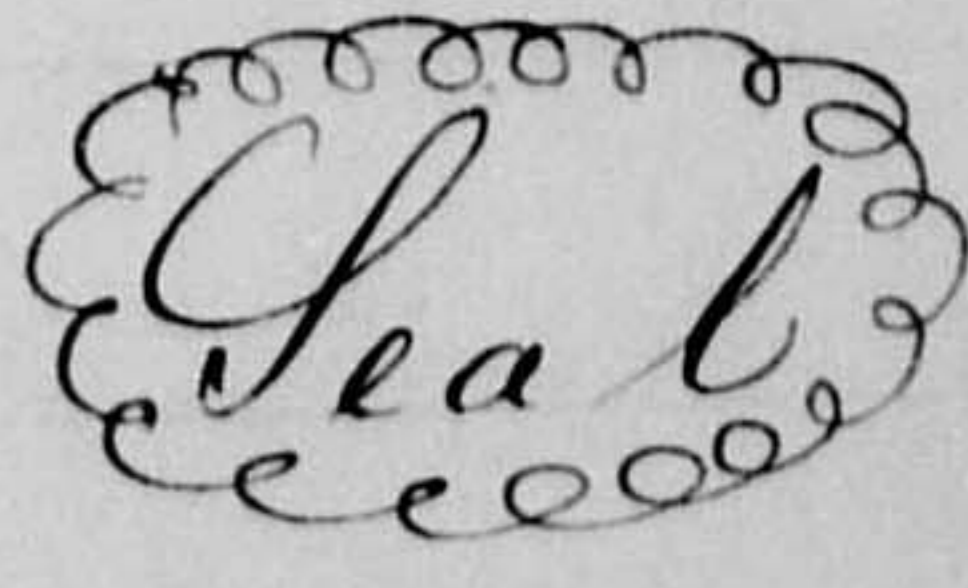
To Have and To Hold the said described Negro Woman and her two children  
and all of them born of her body, the woman until the date above written, and  
the children forever to the said Basil S. Benson his Executors Administrators  
-tors, and Assigns forever and she the said Nancy Smith for herself, her Heirs  
Executors and administrators the said property doth convey unto the said  
Basil S. Benson his Executors, Administrators and assigns, against the  
said Nancy Smith her ~~Executors~~ and administrators, and against all  
and every other person or persons whatsoever, shall and will warrant  
and forever defend by these presents —

In Witness whereof, she hereunto set her Hand and seal this Nineteen  
-nth, day of May Eighteen Hundred and forty eight

Signed Sealed and Delivered

in the presence of

W. H. Dorsey

Nancy Smith 

Anne Arundel County, St.

Be it Remembered, That On this Nineteenth day of May 1848, before  
the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace for said State and County appears  
Nancy Smith and acknowledges the above Instrument of writing to be her  
act and deed, according to the true intent and meaning thereof —

Acknowledged before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace  
of State of Maryland in and for said County On the day above written  
W. H. Dorsey.

5 Sides Recorded 23<sup>rd</sup> day of May 1848. —