

personally appeared Susanna Lane party to  
 the within instrument of writing, before me  
 the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the  
 State of Maryland for the said county and  
 acknowledged the same to be her act and  
 deed for the purposes within mentioned  
 and the negroes within named to be  
 henceforth manumitted and freed —  
 according to the last will and testament  
 of the within named Ann Lane

acknowledged before.

B. Welch of Ben.

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Recorded the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of May 1814.

Maryland<sup>st</sup>. This Indenture made and  
 entered into this sixteenth day of May in the  
 year of our Lord eighteen hundred and fourteen  
 Between Susanna Gaither of Ann Arundel  
 County and State aforesaid of the one part,  
 and negroes Mary Ann, Harriett and Nelson  
 the property and Slaves of the aforesaid  
 Susanna Gaither agreeable to the laws of  
 our Land. And whereas the said Susanna  
 Gaither for the consideration of a —  
 conscientious principle the feelings of  
 nature, charitable disposition and the  
 natural rights of man or of the human  
 species founded upon a belief that it  
 was the intention of the divine dispensator  
 of the world upon the creation of man  
 that all should be free. And whereas,  
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