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Hiram R. Stublefield

To } Freedom papers

S. Jenett, to **Moses Stublefield**

Rec [Received] for Record Nov 12

1855 & Recorded Nov

21 1855 M W Trader

Know all men by these presents that I H R Stublefield do bargain, sell & deliver unto S Jenett a negro boy named Moses a slave for life for five hundred & seventy five dollars and do forever warrant and defend the right to the said Jenett his heirs & assigns forever against all claims whatever, Aug 4, 1850.

H R Stublefield

State of Ohio Greene County ss, [scilicet-to wit] We Salvanis B. Files and Eli Millen both of Greene County Ohio do certify that we have been acquainted with the colored man named Moses, otherwise Moses Stublefield, whose name appears in the annexed and Bill of sale signed H R Stublefield and dated on the 4th day of August AD 1850, the said Files since Sept. 1850, and the said Millan since some time in 1852, and both say that he the said Stublefield has been for the last three years in the employ of Dr Joshua Martin of this place (Xenia) that he has had with him the foregoing Bill of sale and the fact of the purchas of the said Moses, By S. Jenett was by me well understood, and that he was bought [brought?] by said Jenett to this place Xenia in the state of Ohio where he has remained to the present time 17th November 1855, In presence of Wm Ellsbury

S. B. Files

Eli Millen

The state of Ohio Greene County, ss [scilicet-to wit], I James W Harper Judge of the Probate Court within & for said County do hereby certify that I am acquainted with S. B. Files & Eli Millen and their hand writing, and also with William Ellsbury the attesting witness, and am satisfied that their signatures to the above are genuine In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court, at Xenia this 17th day of Novr AD 1855

Seal

J. W. Harper, Probate Judge

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Joel Craig

To

Caroline King

Rec [Received] for record Jany 24

1856 and recorded February

13th 1856 M. W. Trader R G C [Recorder Greene County]

I do hereby certify that I was the lawful owner of Caroline King and that she was raised by me in Galitan County Ky and that she was brought by me to the State of Indiana and that I now give her her freedom by this instrument of writing so long as she may live

date

Florence Indiana Nov 26 1855, C. E. Hedges witness

Joel Craig

Wm G [Kuits?]

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Joshua Land

To

Mary Land et al

Recd [Received] for Record Dec 30 1856

Recorded Jan 17th 1857

M. W. Trader R. G. C. [Recorder Greene County]

Know all men by these presents that I Joshua Land of the County of A--- [Amite?] in the State of Mississippi in consideration of friendship and affection, and also of upwards of thirty years of valuable services rendered and performed by Mary Land et al my slave aged about 34 years and also in consideration of my regard for her children herein named and their services to me rendered. I do hereby emancipate liberate and forever free from all legal or binding obligations to me as slaves said Mary land a colored female and heretofore to the present date my slave by the Laws of said state aged about 34 years and also her said children my slaves by the laws aforesaid to wit, Martha Ann aged about 17 years Littleton aged about 12, Samuel aged about 10 Sarah Ann aged 7 Thomas aged about 6 John aged 2 Joshua aged 3 months to enjoy all the rights to which free white people are entitled by the laws of the State of Ohio and any or all the State of the Union. In testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and seal this Dec 30th 1856

Attest [Witness] M. D. Gatch

Joshua Land

Seal

John W. Lowe

State of Ohio

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned a Notary Public within and for the State of Ohio and County aforesaid the within named Joshua Land and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing deed of emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed this Dec 30th 1856

M. D. Gatch N. P. [Notary Public] **Seal**

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John G. Cocks

To

Slave Woman Mary

Rec. [Received] for Record Aug 28

1857 & Recorded same day

M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

In the Town of Xenia County of Greene and State of Ohio,

Know all men by these presents that I John G. Cocks, late of New Orleans, (now present as above -) for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand, and services rendered and actuated from feelings of humanity, have this day, set at liberty and by these presents do hereby emancipate liberate set free and forever release from slavery and servitude my Slave Woman Mary or Mary Williams – purchased by me, some eighteen years since of W. S. Scott. Mary, being now present as above in the county aforesaid and State of Ohio and accepting this deed of emancipation – said Mary is now about thirty five years old little above the medium height, is a mulatress about half and half, regular features, teeth bad having lost them mostly, and the said Cocks does hereby covenant to and with the said Mary that there exists no mortgage lien or conflicting titles or other obstacle to the fulfillment of this act, and that he binds himself, his heirs and assigns to forever abide by and defend this liberty without fee or reward or any further obligation from said Mary whatsoever Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of August (1857) eighteen hundred and fifty seven Executed in presence of

Saml [Samuel] T. Owens

John G. Cocks **Seal**

A. L. Trader

The State of Ohio

Greene County}ss. [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the subscriber a Notary Public within and for the county aforesaid personally came John G. Cocks and who acknowledged the signing and sealing of the within or foregoing instrument of writing to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and declared, In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal at Xenia this the 28th day of August A.D. 1857.

Seal

Samuel T. Owens Notary Public

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John G. Cocks

To

Slave Boy Delemicus

Red [Received] for Record Aug 28

1857 & Recorded Aug 29

1857 M W Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

In the County of Green town of Xenia State of Ohio

Know all men by these presents that I John G. Cocks, late of the City of New Orleans – now present as above in the county of Green State of Ohio for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand and actuated from feelings of humanity have this day set free and by these presents doth set free emancipate liberate and forever release from Slavery and servitude, my slave Boy, Delemicus, aged about, thirteen years, complexion light – quadron – or three quarters white, eyes black, hair dark, teeth defective and the child of Mary, purchased by me of W. S. Scott – said Delemicus was born my property, and the said Cocks doth covenant to and with said Delemicus that there is no mortgage Judgement, lien or other obstacle to the fullfillment of this deed of emancipation and that he said Cocks doth bind himself his heirs and assigns to forever defend, and abide by this act without fee reward or further obligation from said Delemicus, whatsoever Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of August (1857) eighteen hundred and fifty seven, Executed in presence of

Saml [Samuel] T. Owens

John G. Cocks **Seal**

A. L. Trader

The State of Ohio

Greene Co}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the subscriber a Notary Public within and for the County aforesaid personally came John G. Cocks who acknowledged the signing and sealing the within or foregoing instrument of writing to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and declared. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal at Xenia this the 28th day of August A.D. 1857

Seal

Saml [Samuel] T. Owens
Notary Public

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John G. Cocks

To

Slave Girl Angeline

Rec [Received] for Record Aug

28 1857 & Recorded Aug 29

1857 M W Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

In the town of Xenia & County of Green State of Ohio

Know all men by these presents that I John G. Cocks of the City of New Orleans, lately, now claiming residence in State of Mississippi present as above in said state and county, Green, and Ohio – for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar the love and affection I bear and actuated from feelings of humanity have this day, set free, and by these presents do hereby set free, emancipate liberate and forever release from slavery and servitude my Slave Girl Angeline aged about sixteen years pure white complexion small stature, blue eyes dark hair and teeth defective the child of Mary purchased of W. S. Scott, said Angeline was born my property, and said Cocks doth further covenant to and with said Angeline that there exists no mortgage judgement lien or other obstacle whatever to the fulfillment of this act of emancipation and that said Cocks doth hereby bind himself his heirs and assigns to forever defend and abide by this act, without further fee reward or other obligation from said Angeline whatsoever – Given under my hand & seal this 28th day of August (1857) eighteen hundred and fifty seven

Executed in presence of

Saml [Samuel] T. Owens

John G. Cocks **Seal**

A. L. Trader

The State of Ohio

Greene County} ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the subscriber a Notary Public within and for said county personally came John G. Cocks who acknowledged the signing and sealing of the within or foregoing instrument of writing to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and declared. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal at Xenia this the 28th day of August 1857

Seal

Samuel T. Owens Notary Public

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J. G. Cocks

To

Slave Girl Jamesetta

Rec [Received] for Record Aug 28

1857 & Recorded Aug 29

1857 M W Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

In the town of Xenia County of Green State of Ohio

Know all men by these presents that I John G. Cocks – late of New Orleans – now present in the County of Green and State of Ohio as above – for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand - the love I bear and actuated from feelings of humanity have this day set free and by these presents doth set free emancipate liberate and forever release from slavery and servitude, my slave Girl Jamesetta – now about eleven years old, three quarters white, black eyes and hair teeth defective, and the child of Mary, purchased by me of W. S. Scott, said Jamesetta was born my property – the said Cocks doth covenant to and with said Jamesetta that there is no mortgage judgement lien or other obstacle to the fulfillment of this deed of emancipation and that he binds himself his heirs and assigns to forever defend, and abide by this act without further fee reward or obligation – whatsoever from said Jamesetta Given under my hand & seal this 20th day of August (1857) eighteen hundred & fifty seven

Executed in presence of

Samuel T. Owens

John G. Cocks ****Seal****

A. L. Trader

The State of Ohio Greene County ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the subscriber a Notary Public within and for said County personally came John G. Cocks, and who acknowledged the signing of the within or foregoing instrument of writing to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and declared In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Notarial seal at Xenia this the 28th day of August A.D. 1857

****Seal****

Samuel T. Owens Notary Public

Deed Volume 36 pages 517-518

James Harvey Berry

To

Henry Berry

Rec [Received] for Record June 7

1858 & Recorded June 21

1858 M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

This Indenture made and entered into this twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight by and between James Harvey Berry of the County of Bath near Sharpsburg in the State of Kentucky, of the first part, and Henry Berry a colored person twenty one years old five feet ten & one half inches high (formerly the slave of the said party of the first part) party of the second part Witnesseth; that the said party of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for the further consideration of services work and labor, by the party of the second part for the said party of the first part heretofore rendered, done and performed, the said party of the first part has emancipated, liberated, manumitted, and forever set free that said party of the second part, and the said party of the first part by these presents, does hereby forever emancipate, liberate, manumit, set free, and discharge the said party of the second part, from all liability to service to said party of the first part, and to the heirs executors, administrators, and assigns of the said party of the first part hereby giving and granting to the said party of the second part the full right and liberty, to reside, live, go to, and travel wherever the said party of the second part may choose. In testimony whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day and year first above written Executed in presence of

J. J. Buckles

J. A. Sexton

James Harvey Berry **Seal**

The State of Ohio

Greene County}ss. [scilicet-to wit]

Before me J. A. Sexton a Notary Public in and for said County personally came the said James Harvey Berry the grantor in the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the same to be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed, In testimony whereof I have herewith subscribed my name and affixed my Notarial seal this 27th day of May A.D. 1858 **Seal** J. A. Sexton Notary Public G.C.O. [Greene County Ohio]

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James Harvey Berry

To

Charles Berry

Rec [Received] for Record June 7

1858 & Recorded June 21

1858 M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

This Indenture made and entered into this twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight by and between James Harvey Berry of the County of Bath near Sharpsburg in the State of Kentucky of the first part, and Charles Berry (formerly the slave of the said party of the first part) thirty three years old, five feet and nine inches high, and black, party of the second part, Witnesseth: that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar paid by the party of the second part, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, and for the further consideration of services, work and labor, by the party of the second part, for the said party of the first heretofore rendered, done, done and performed, - the said party of the first part has emancipated, liberated, manumitted, and forever set free the said party of the second part, and the said party of the first part by these presents, does hereby forever emancipate, liberate, manumit, set free, and discharge the said party of second part, from all liability to service to the said party of the first part, the heirs executors, administrators or assigns of the said party of the first part, hereby giving and granting to the said party of the second part the full right and liberty, to reside, live, go to, and travel wheresoever the said party of the second part may choose, In testimony whereof the said party of the first part has hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day and year first above written Executed in presence of

J. J. Buckles

James Harvey Berry **Seal**

J. A. Sexton

The State of Ohio

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me J. A. Sexton a Notary Public in and for said County personally came the said James Harvey Berry the grantor in the foregoing instrument and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the same to be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed, In testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my Notarial seal this 27th day of May A.D. 1858

Seal

J. A. Sexton Notary Public G.C.O.

[Greene County Ohio]

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William F. Smith

To

Marginia Smith

Laura Smith

William Smith

James Dick Smith

Robert & Edward Smith

Clark & Joseph Smith

Rec [Received] for Record July 14

1858 & Recorded July 22

1858 M W Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas William F. Smith of Washington County Mississippi, has this day at the County of Greene and State of Ohio, by his own voluntary act and by bringing the persons hereinafter named into the said State of Ohio, Manumitted, set free, enfranchised, and liberated from all service and Servitude to the said Smith, the following named persons, who were heretofore his Servants or Slaves for life by the laws of the said State of Mississippi viz [namely]: Laura Smith aged 32 years Mother of the following named children, said Laura is a Mulatto woman three fourths white, mole on right check and Scar on the left forehead about five feet 2 inches high, William Smith aged eighteen years light complected, black hair, and high cheek bones, James Dick Smith, aged 16 years very light complected, hair dark brown, Marginia Smith, aged 13 years, very fair complexion hair dark Auburn, Robert Smith, aged 9 years, very light complected hair auburn, Edward Smith, aged seven years, very light complexion, Clark Smith aged 5 yrs fair complexion, hair light, Joseph Smith aged eighteen months, quite fair. Now as evidence of said act of manumission and to confirm and establish the same the said William F. Smith, in consideration of the faithful services heretofore rendered to him by said Servants and the further consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars to paid by said Servants, the receipt whereof, being hereby acknowledged, doth hereby manumit, enfranchise, liberate and exonerate and set free said Laura Smith, William Smith, James Dick Smith, Marginia Smith, Robert Smith, Edward, Clark Smith, and Joseph Smith, mother and children as aforesaid, from all Service and Servitude of any kind and character whatsoever hereby declaring that they and each and every one of them are free persona, and owe no service or servitude whatsoever to said Smith his heirs or assigns, And the said Smith for his heirs administrators & executors, for the consideration before named covenants promises and agrees to and with the said Laura Smith, William Smith, James Dick Smith, Marginia Smith, Robert Smith, Edward Smith, Clark Smith, and Joseph Smith and their heirs, that he or they will never set up or assert any claim to said

parties or either of them, nor to their issue or the issue of either of them, In testimony whereof the said William F. Smith has hereunto set his hand and seal this fourteenth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred fifty eight. In presence of Wm [William] H Hunster

H Carey Jr.
State of Ohio

Wm [William] F. Smith **Seal**

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me H. Carey Jr. a Notary Public within and for the county aforesaid, personally came William F. Smith the grantor in the foregoing deed of manumission and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the same to be his voluntary act and deed for the consideration therein expressed, and for the reasons set forth In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this fourteenth day of July in the year eighteen hundred and fifty eight. **Seal**

H. Carey Jr. N.P.G.C.
[Notary Public Greene County]

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James Cotton

To

Hannah C. Cotton

Rec [Received] for Record Sept 1st 1858

& Recorded Sept 2nd 1858

M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas James Cotton of Claiborn county Mississippi is desirous of manumitting and liberating from servitude under the laws of said state Hannah Cummings Cotton a colored woman and slave of said James Cotton aged about 39 years being of slender form and in color darker than a mulatto, and in height about 5 feet five inches, also Octavia Cummings Cotton daughter of said Hannah of light complexion being lighter in color than a mulatto aged 14 years and tall of her age, also Camilla sister of said Octavia and daughter of said Hannah of same complexion of medium size for her age being 12 years old, also Orlando brother of said Octavia and Camilla of same complexion aged 9 years and stout built, and Priscilla sister of said Orlando of same complexion aged 7 years, of delicate proportion, also Douglass brother of said Priscilla of same complexion aged five years, all slaves of said James Cotton, with the view and intention of removing said slaves as they have heretofore been under the laws of Mississippi, from said state to the county of Greene in the state of Ohio, to a farm therein lately purchased by said James Cotton. Now know all men by these presents that I the said James Cotton do by this my deed of emancipation to take effect immediately upon the removal of said Hannah, Octavia, Camilla, Orlando, Priscilla and Douglass to said county of Greene in the state of Ohio in consideration of the faithful services to me heretofore rendered by said Hannah Octavia Camilla Priscilla Orlando and Douglass and the sum of one dollar to me by them paid manumit emancipate and forever set free the said Hannah Octavia Camilla Orlando Priscilla and Douglass Cummings Cotton, from all further servitude or service as my slaves as aforesaid, hereby declaring them forever free from the taking effect of said deed according to the laws of the state of Ohio, in testimony whereof the said James Cotton has hereto set his hand and seal this first day of september in the year 1858 executed in presence of

Thomas B. Perkins

Jas. [James] Cotton **Seal**

M. D. Gatch

The State of Ohio

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public within and for said county personally came the aforesaid James Cotton and acknowledged the signing sealing and execution of the

foregoing deed of emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes aforesaid, in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and Notarial seal this sept 1st 1858

Seal

M. D. Gatch N.P. [Notary Public]

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James Cotton

To

James & Tamer C. Cotton

Rec [Received] for Record Sept 1st 1858

& Recorded Sept 2nd 1858

M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas James Cotton of Claiborn county in the state of Mississippi is desirous of Liberating from servitude by his voluntary act, James Cummings Cotton a negro man aged 63 years being darker in complexion than a mulatto, about 5 feet and eleven inches high, slender make with gray hair, and Tamer C. Cotton of same complexion with gray hair being about 5 feet 8 inches high of slender make, about 68 years old, a female and wife of said James, with the view and intention of removing and locating the said James C. Cotton and Tamer C. Cotton heretofore slaves of said James Cotton by the laws of the state of Mississippi, from said state to a farm lately purchased by him said James Cotton in Greene county Ohio. Now as evidence of said act of manumission, know all men by these presents that I James Cotton of claiborn county Mississippi do by this my deed of emancipation to take effect immediately upon the removal of said James Cummings and Tamer Cummings Cotton to said county of Greene in the state of Ohio in consideration of the faithful services to me heretofore rendered by said James and Tamer Cummings Cotton and the sum of one hundred dollars to me by them paid, manumit, emancipate and forever set free the said James and Tamer his wife from servitude and all claims for service on my part whatever of whatever character, hereby declaring that from and after the taking effect of this deed as aforesaid they and each of them shall be forever free according to the laws of the state of Ohio, in testimony whereof the said James Cotton has hereunto set his hand and seal this first day of september in the year 1858 executed in presence of

Thomas B. Perkins

Jas. [James] Cotton **Seal**

M. D. Gatch

The State of Ohio

Greene county}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the undersigned a notary public in and for said county personally appeared the aforesaid James Cotton known by me to be the same James Cotton who owned said slaves and acknowledged the execution signing and sealing of the foregoing deed of emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed this september 1st 1858

Seal

M. D. Gatch N. P. [Notary Public]

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James Cotton

To

John & Asa Cotton

Rec [Received] for Record Sept 1st

1858 & Recorded Sept 3rd 1858

M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas James Cotton of Claiborne county of the state of Mississippi is desirous of manumitting and freeing from servitude under the laws of Mississippi John Cummings Cotton (brother of Douglass Cotton aged 17 years being about 5 feet 3 inches high slender make being a colored person and slave of said James Cotton under the laws of Mississippi of a somewhat lighter color than a mulatto. Also Asa Cummings Cotton a colored person slave of said James Cotton aged 13 years of color same as said John and of medium size for his age with the view and intention of removing said Slaves from Mississippi to the county of Greene in the state of Ohio to a farm therein lately purchased by said James Cotton. Now know all men that I James Cotton do by this my deed of emancipation to take effect immediately upon the removal of said John and Asa to said county of Greene in consideration of the faithful services heretofore rendered by said John and Asa as such slaves and of one dollar to me paid manumit emancipate and forever set free the said John and Asa Cummings Cotton from all further servitude as my said slaves hereby declaring them forever free from the taking effect of said deed according to the laws of the state of Ohio, in testimony whereof the said James Cotton has hereunto set his hand and seal this first day of September 1858 executed in presence of

Thomas B. Perkins

Jas. [James] Cotton **Seal**

M. D. Gatch

The state of Ohio

Greene county } ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the undersigned a Notary public within and for the county of Greene and state of Ohio personally came the aforesaid James Cotton and acknowledged the signing and sealing and execution of said deed of emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes therein expressed, in testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and official seal this September 1st 1858

Seal

M. D. Gatch N.P. [Notary Public]

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Free Papers

To

Clement Jenkins

Rec [Received] for Record March 14th

1859 & Recorded March 15th

1859. M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

No 412 – Clement Jenkins a free born boy of colour is this day numbered and registered in the clerks office of the county court of Pittsylvania according to law. The Said Clement Jenkins is of Yellow complexion seventeen years old the eighth day of May last, five feet three inches high has a large scar on the right side of the neck, another near the left side of the wrist of the left hand, another on or near the first joint of the thumb of the said hand, another on the middle finger of the said left hand near the first joint, without any other apparent mark or scar. Given under my hand as clerk of said court this 20th day of December 1847

Wm [William] H. Tunstall

At a court held for the county of Pittsylvania the 20th day of December 1847, it is certified by the court that the Register of Clement Jenkins a free born boy of colour has been truly made by the clerk in his office. Virginia. To wit: I William H. Tunstall clerk of the county court of Pittsylvania in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that the foregoing register and order of court are truly transcribed from the records of the said court. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said court, this 18th day of January 1857. This is a duplicate copy issued by order of court upon the representation that the original copy had been burned.

Seal Wm [William] H. Tunstall

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Philip Piper

To

Nelly Piper

Rec [Received] for Record June 29th

1859, & Recorded June 29th

1859. M. W. Trader R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas Philip Piper of Catahoula Parish in the state of Louisiana is desirous of manumitting and liberating from servitude under the laws of said state of Louisiana certain of his slaves under the laws of said state to wit, Nelly Piper Generally known by the name of Nelly a colored woman considerably darker than a mulatto being of medium size and height and about 35 years, slave of said Philip Piper as aforesaid, also another of his slaves being Amanda Piper generally known by the name of Amanda being also darker in color than a mulatto being the daughter of said Nelly aged about 15 years, also another slave of said Philip Piper aged about 12 years near the color of a mulatto and daughter of said Nelly known by the name of Adelia or Adelia Piper, also Alexander Piper son of said Nelly being near the color of a mulatto aged about 8 years, also Silas Piper aged about 2 years, a son of said Nelly, near the the color of a mulatto, the said Amanda, Adelia, Alexander and Silas all being of Good size for their ages and in good health said Adelia carrying a scar on the right side of her forehead received from a fall some years since. All slaves of said Philip Piper by the laws of Louisiana, with the view and intention of placing and settling in Greene county in the state of Ohio said slaves. Now know all men by these presents that I the said Philip Piper do by these presents and by this my deed of emancipation to take effect immediately in consideration of one thousand dollars by said Nelly and her said children paid and in consideration of valuable service by them rendered for me, hereby manumit emancipate and forever set free the said Nelly, Amanda Adelia Alexander and Silas Piper from all further servitude or service as my said slaves, hereby declaring them forever free from slavery or servitude under the laws of Louisiana or any other state In testimony whereof the said Philip Piper has hereunto set his hand and seal this June 29th 1859.

Attest [witness] M. D. Gatch

[?-illegible signature]

Philip Piper **Seal**

The State of Ohio

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me the undersigned a Notary Public within and for the county of Greene in the state of Ohio personally came Philip Piper and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing deed of emancipation to be his voluntary act and deed for the uses and

purposes therein expressed. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and official seal, this June 29 1859

Seal

J. M. Milburn Notary Public

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Margaret Waters

To

Edward Waters

Rec [Received] for Record Sept 13th

1859, & Recorded same day

Know all men that, I, Margaret Waters a free woman of color now a resident of the County of Greene and state of Ohio, the owner of a mulatto boy named Edward aged about fourteen years, by virtue of a bill sale duly executed to me by William S. Lamb Julia A. Lamb, S. Burton Thompson, Mary S. Thompson & Wm [William] B. Thompson do by these presents, in consideration of natural affection, emancipate and forever set free from all servitude to me, other than his duty to me, as a son to his mother, the aforesaid Edward, and request that this instrument be recorded in the records of the aforesaid county of Greene. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 31st day of August A.D. 1859. Witness W. A. Haines

Francis Harris

Margaret her X mark Waters **Seal**

State of Ohio,

County of Greene } ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me Francis Harris, a Notary Public within and for the county & State aforesaid personally came Margaret Waters the subscriber of the above instrument and acknowledged the same to be her voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and seal this 31st day of August A.D. 1859

Francis Harris

Seal

Notary Public

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E. C. Wilkinson

To

Henry

Recd. [Received] For Record Feb 20th

1860, & Recorded Feb. 20th

1860. T. C. Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

State of Illinois,

Morgan County, } ss. [scilicet-to wit] The undersigned owner of the negro man Henry, for reasons satisfactory to herself hereby authorizes and impowers William Bryan of the County of Fayette and State of Kentucky for her and in her behalf to cause said negro man, – now about forty years of age, – to be removed from the State of Kentucky, to the State of Ohio: hereby ratifying whatever her said agent may in her name in the premises do, as fully as tho' done by her in proper person. Witness my hand and seal, this 18th day of January, A.D. 1860.

E. C. Wilkinson. **Seal**

State of Illinois

Morgan County, } ss. [scilicet-to wit] I, Matthew Stacy, clerk of the county court, within and for said county, do hereby certify that Ethalinda C. Wilkinson, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, and who is known to me to be the identical person named in and who subscribed said Instrument, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office at Jacksonville this 18th day of January, 1860.

Mat. [Matthew] Stacy, clk. [clerk] **Seal**

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E. C. Wilkinson

To

Henry

Recd. [Received] For Record Feb. 20th,
1860, & Recorded Feb. 21st,
1860. T. C. Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

State of Illinois,

Morgan county, }ss. [scilicet-to wit] The undersigned, in consideration of the good conduct and faithful services of her slave, the negro man Henry, now about forty years of age, and with the desire to promote his welfare, and to enable him to reside with his family in the State of Ohio, does by these presents, (and subject to the conditions hereinafter expressed), free and manumit from all further service to her, or her heirs, the said negro man Henry. This Instrument in no manner to take effect, until the said Henry has become a resident of the State of Ohio, and to be void should he return to Kentucky to reside. In testimony whereof, I hereunto set my hand and seal this 18 January, 1860.

E. C. Wilkinson **Seal**

State of Illinois, Morgan County, ss. [scilicet-to wit] – I, Matthew Stacy, clerk of the county Court within and for said county, do hereby certify that Ethelinda C. Wilkinson, whose name is subscribed to the foregoing instrument of writing, and who is known to me to be the identical person named in and who subscribed said Instrument, this day personally appeared before me and acknowledged the same to be her act and deed for the purposes therein expressed. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the seal of my office at Jacksonville this the 18th day of January, 1860.

Mat. [Matthew] Stacy, clk. [clerk] **Seal**

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Mayor of Mobile, Ala. [Alabama]

To

Richard Williams

Rec. [Received] for Record Sept. 18th

1860, Recorded next day,

Thos. [Thomas] Coke Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

United States of America. The State of Alabama, City of Mobile. By Henry S. Severt acting Mayor of the City of Mobile, and Presdt [President] Board Common Council. To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting: The bearer hereof Richard Williams, Aged 40 years Colour Black, Five feet six and a half inches high, a free man of colour, a citizen of the United States of America, having occasion to pass into foreign countries, about his lawful affairs; these are to request all to whom these presents shall come, to permit the said Richard Williams, he demeaning himself well and peaceably, to pass wheresoever his lawful pursuits may call him freely and without any let or molestation, in going, staying and returning, and to him give all friendly aid and protection, as I would in the like case. In witness whereof, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Mayoralty of the City of Mobile to be affixed, at the Mayor's office of the said City, the twentieth day of April, 1857.

Attest. [Witness]

seal

David L. Cummins, Clerk

Henry S. Severt actg [acting] Mayor,

and Prest. C. C. [President Common Council]

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Henry W. Abbot

To } Free Papers

Richard Williams

Rec. [Received] for Record Sept. 18th

1860, Recorded next day.

Thos. [Thomas] Coke Wright, R.G.C.

The State of Alabama,

Mobile County } ss [scilicet-to wit]

Know all men by these presents, that I, Henry W. Abbott, of the City and County of Mobile and State aforesaid, for and in consideration of seven hundred dollars to me in hand paid by Richard Williams, (generally known by the name of "Dick") a slave, at and before the unsealing and delivery hereof, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have agreed and by these presents do agree to and with said boy, that during my life I will protect him against my debts and liabilities so far as in my power lies; That I will not sell him, or cause him to be sold for any consideration whatsoever; That if said boy can at any time obtain his freedom according to the laws of the State of Alabama, he has my full consent to do so, and that at my death he shall be free from all molestation in any manner whatever by or on the part of my heirs, executors or administrators. Witness my hand and seal this twenty seventh day of January, A.D. 1848. Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of T. C. Amory Dexter. Henry W. Abbot. **Seal**

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J. C. Smith

To} Bill of Sale

Richard Williams

Rec. [Received] for Record Sept. 18th

1860, Recorded next day.

Thos. [Thomas] Coke Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Whereas, I, Joseph C. Smith, of the City and County of Mobile, own a certain negro woman Slave, named Violet aged about thirty eight of dark complexion, and whereas one Richard Williams is desirous to purchase said girl for the purpose of emancipating her – now therefore, for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred and thirty-five dollars to me in hand paid, by the said Richard Williams, the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged, have bargained, sold and conveyed and by these presents do bargain, sell and convey unto the said Richard Williams all my right, title, interest and claim in and to said Violet – sometimes called Violet Grant, aged about thirty eight years and of dark complexion – To have and to hold the said Violet Grant to him the said Richard Williams, his heirs and assigns forever – and I do warrant and defend the title to the negro slave Violet to him the said Richard Williams, his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this the 17th day of July, 1851.

Test [Witness]: W. Booles

J. C. Smith

Seal

Jno. [John] Hall

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Joseph J. Todd

To } Manumission

Judy Todd, et al

Recd. [Received] For Record Nov. 17th

1860. Recorded Dec. 3rd 1860

Thos. [Thomas] Coke Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

This Instrument Witnesseth, that I, Joseph J. Todd of the County of Shelby and State of Tennessee, for the purpose of carrying into effect an intention mentally resolved upon by me, as evidenced by a writing executed by me on the 25th day of October A. D. 1853, and which is recorded in Note Book No. 3, page 50, of the Register's office of said County of Shelby, do, by these presents manumit and forever set free, from all claims of ownership of my own, and from those of any other person or persons, claiming from by or under me, as heirs or otherwise, the following named and described slaves, devised to me by my father John B. Todd, late of said county of Shelby, deceased, to wit: Judy Todd, a light mulatto woman, aged sixty-two years, about five feet four inches high; Helen M. Todd, light mulatto, aged twenty-three years, five feet six inches high, and her child George Lucas aged two and a half years; Martin V. Todd, a light mulatto aged twenty one years, five feet eleven inches high; Luther R. Todd, a light mulatto, aged nineteen years, five feet six inches high; and Henry H. Todd a light mulatto, aged seventeen years, six feet high. In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, requesting that the same be recorded in whatsoever county the said persons may hereafter reside, this seventeenth day of November A.D. eighteen hundred and sixty. Signed & sealed in presence of Chas. [Charles] C. Shearer

Francis Harris

J. J. Todd **Seal**

State of Ohio,

County of Greene } ss [scilicet-to wit]

Before me Francis Harris, a Notary Public, within and for the County and State aforesaid, personally appeared Joseph J. Todd, personally known to me to be subscriber to, and person designated in the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged the signing and sealing thereof, his voluntary act and deed. Witness my hand and Notarial seal, this 17th day of November A.D. 1860

Seal

Francis Harris
Notary Public

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W. O. Moseley

To

Douglass Moseley, et al

Rec. [Received] for Record Sept. 12th

1860, Recorded Sept. 13th 1860

T. Coke Wright, R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Be it remembered, that William O. Moseley of the County of Hinds in the State of Mississippi, on the 11th day of September, 1860, brought with him to Greene County in the State of Ohio, Douglas Moseley, (et al) a colored person aged seven years, being lighter in color than a mulatto, sprightly looking with straight hair resembling that of white persons, and a scar nearly one inch long on the back of the left hand. Also Medora Moseley, a colored person about 9 years old, same color nearly of Douglass, being a full sister of his, with hair resembling his, as above described. And Caroline Moseley, half sister of Douglass and Medora, being about nine years old, a dark mulatto, with a scar nearly one inch long over the right eye, hair slightly inclined to curl, from said County of Hinds in said State of Mississippi, where by the laws of said State, they were and are the slaves of the said Moseley. And whereas, the said slaves have been brought by said Moseley to said County of Greene, as aforesaid, for the purpose of being emancipated and made free from all obligations as slaves or persons owing labor or service to said Moseley by the laws of Mississippi or any other Slave State. Now know all men by these presents, that said William O. Moseley, in consideration of valuable services heretofore rendered for him by said Douglass, Medora and Caroline Moseley, and in consideration of \$3.00 by them paid, does hereby emancipate and forever set free said Douglass, Medora and Caroline Moseley, from all obligation to him as said slaves or persons owing service to him under the laws of Mississippi or any other State. In testimony whereof, said William O. Moseley personally known to me, has hereto set his hand and seal this September 12th 1860.

Attest [Witness]: M. D. Gatch

W. O. Moseley **Seal**

W. M. Coulter

State of Ohio,

Greene County}ss [scilicet-to wit]

Personally appeared before me the undersigned, a Notary Public in and for said County, the above named William O. Moseley grantor in the foregoing deed of emancipation, having with him in my presence also the said Douglass, Medora and Caroline Moseley, all personally known to me, and acknowledged the signing and sealing of the foregoing deed of emancipation to be his free and voluntary act and deed for the uses and purposes

therein expressed. In testimony whereof, I have hereto set my hand and Notarial seal,
this Sept. 12th 1860.

****Seal****

M. D. Gatch, N. P. [Notary Public]

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James A. Whiteside

To

Thos. [Thomas] Crutchfield

Rec [Received] for Record April 26”

1861. Recorded May 11”

1861. Thos. [Thomas] C. Wright R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Know all men by these presents that I have this day bargained & sold and do hereby transfer & convey to Thomas Crutchfield, for the consideration of one dollar, and the other considerations hereinafter named, a certain mulatto boy, named Albert, aged about three years, the title to which boy I do warrant unto the said Crutchfield his heirs & assigns against the claims of all persons whatever, But this conveyance is made in trust and confidence that said Crutchfield will permit Andrew Porter, a man of color, the father of said Albert, & who has paid me four hundred dollars for him, to have the possession, control, management and services of said boy Albert until he attains the age of twenty one years, and that he will, thereafter permit Albert to have the control and full benefit of his own time & services. Witness my hand & seal October 21st 1857.

Witness I. S. Gillespie}

James A. Whiteside **Seal**

State of Tennessee

Hamilton County}

Personally appeared before me Geo [George] W. Arnett Clerk of the County Court for said County, James A. Whiteside the maker of the foregoing Bill of Sale, with whom I am personally acquainted, and acknowledged the execution of said Bill of sale according to date & tenor of the same, witness my hand at office in Chattanooga the 10th day of March 1859.

Geo [George] W. Arnett – Clk [Clerk]

By I. P. McMillin – D.C. [Deputy Clerk]

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John J. Humphreys

To

Andrew Porter

Rec [Received] for Record April 26”

1861. Recorded May 11”

1861. Thos. [Thomas] C. Wright R.G.C. [Recorder Greene County]

Received of Andrew Porter, Twelve hundred dollars in full for the price of his freedom, but it is understood that the title to said Andrew is to remain in me, simply for the protection of the said boy, but he is to select his own business and have the right to control himself, and shall be entitled to whatever money and property he may acquire, as though he was free, during my own life. Chattanooga Tennessee 10” March 1857

Witness, Tom Crutchfield. }

John J. Humphreys

State of Tennessee,

Hamilton County }

Personally appeared before me Geo [George] W. Arnett clerk of the County Court for said County, John J. Humphreys the maker of the foregoing Bill of sale with whom I am personally acquainted and acknowledged the execution of said Bill of Sale, according to date & tenor of the same. Witness my hand at office in Chattanooga with seal of office attached, this 17th day of February 1859. **Seal**

Geo [George] W. Arnett – Clk [Clerk]

By I. P. McMillin D.C. [Deputy Clerk]