Extract from the Will of William Jordan, late of Carroll Co. decd. admitted to probate in the Office of the Register of Wills for Carroll Co. on the 4th of July 1853.

"Item, I leave my colored girl Honour to my son James "Jordon in trust for the term of twelve months, for the use "& benefit of my three youngest children - the said term to "expire twelve months after my death, & after the expiration "of said term my said colored girl Honour to be free & emancipated forever." 4744

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Extract - from the last Will & Testament of Samuel Clay late of Carroll Co. decd. admitted to probate in the Office of the Register of Wills for said County Sept. 6th 1853.

"It is further my will, wish, & desire that my servant "man Stephen shall not serve any or either of my children after my decease - I want Stephen to go at liberty, if he shall "choose to do so." 4745

Extract from the last Will & Testament of Elijah Bond, late of Carroll Co. decd. admitted to probate in the Office of the Register of Wills for said County Sept. 26th 1853.

"It is my Will & desire & I hereby direct that my servant boy Sam is to be set free on the first day of January 1854, & my servant girl Fanny to be set free on the first day of January 1859, & my servant boy Perry to be free on the first day of January 1865, & they are hereby severally manumitted, & shall be furnished with proper papers by my Executors to enable them to leave the State, if the laws of the State shall then require their removal - And I hereby direct my heirs to pay out of my estate to each of my said servants at the time of their freedom as aforesaid the following sums in current money namely, to Sam the sum of fifty Dollars - To Fanny the sum of Twenty five dollars - to Perry the sum of Twenty five dollars - And if during the continuance of the servitude of the said Fanny she shall have any issue of her body begotten, then I do hereby determine, grant & agree, that the state or condition of said issue, shall be that of freedom, & I do hereby manumit & set free the said issue - 4746 4747 4748

Extract from the last Will & Testament of William Houck late of Carroll Co. decd., admitted to probate in the Office of the Register of Wills of Carroll Co. 27th March 1854.

"And further my will & intention is, & I do hereby order, will "& direct my Executors hereinafter named, as soon as convenience "will admit after the death of my wife Lucy to dispose of my said "yellow boy named Ben by appraisement either to my Son Elias "or George the appraised amount (Elias having the preference) & "should neither take him at the appraisement he shall be sold "at public sale for the unexpired term of Forty four years "of age, not to be taken out of the State, & when he shall arrive at the age of forty four years, I do hereby declare him "manumitted, in the same manner as if I were present "to execute a deed of manumission." 4749

Extract from the last Will & Testament of Greenbury Shipley, late of Carroll Co. decd. admitted to probate 8th May 1854.

Will dated 14th June 1851.

Fourth. "I also will & bequeath to my wife Ann Shipley my "negro girl Martha, now about Seven years of age, to serve "til she attains the age of Twenty five years, then said "Martha to be free. Should my wife die before said Martha to my son Edwin G. Shipley, to serve him until she "is twenty five years old". 4750.

Seventh - I also will & bequeath to my daughter Mary Ann Hobbs, my colored girl Mary, at present about five years old to serve until she attains the age of Twenty five years then to be free. Should Mrs Hobbs die without children living before the said girl attains twenty five, then she is to serve the remainder of her term with my son Edwin G. Shipley 4751.

Eight - I will & bequeath that my servant man Lewis & my servant woman Minerva shall be free at my death; & should the said Minerva give birth to any more children prior to my death, they each are to serve my two sons, Wm G. Shipley & Edwin G. Shipley, until they attain the age of Twenty five years each to be free as he or she attains that age. said servants so bequeathed are not to be sold or otherwise disposed of. 4752 4753.

Eleventh - I also will & bequeath to my son Wm G. Shipley my colored boy Joshua to serve until he attains the age of twenty five years & then be free. 4754

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