

← KODAK SAFETY FILM

"It is my will, and I hereby manumit & set free, my Negro man, named Nicholas on Condition that he goes to Liberia, but should he refuse to go, then he is not to be free but to remain a slave during life, and to enable the Colonization Society of Frederick County, or the American Colonization Society, to send him to Liberia should he be willing to go. I hereby authorize and empower my executors, to hire him out, as long as may be necessary, to raise from his services, a sum of money sufficient to effect his transportation and to apply the same for that purpose."

Maryland, Frederick County, to wit.

I do hereby certify the foregoing to be a true extract from the Testament & last Will of William N. Ritchie late of Frederick County a/c'd, duly proved and recorded in the office of the Register of Wills of said County, that the Will bears date on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of December 1829, and was filed for record on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of May 1831

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of office this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of December 1833.  
G. M. Eichelberger Reg<sup>r</sup>  
of Wills for Frederick  
County, Maryland

Frederick Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 1833

Dear Sir

I Rec<sup>d</sup> yours of the 30<sup>th</sup> ult<sup>o</sup> & in conformity thereto  
forward the above authenticated extract. For your trouble please accept the  
thanks of your Respect<sup>l</sup> friend  
& Ob<sup>l</sup> Serv<sup>t</sup>

Alb<sup>n</sup> Ritchie

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