Register of Wills for Baltimore County -

I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my Office this fourteenth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundres and thirty five -

Test.- D. M. Perine. Register of Wills for Baltimore County

In the last Will and Testament of Joseph Pearce deceased which bears date the twenty sixth day of January in the year Eighteen hundres and twenty nine, and which was proven on the twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundres and thirty five, among other expressions are the following, viz -

"Imprimis. I will and bequeath to my daughter Rachel"
"Pearce one coloured girl named Sophia to serve until she"
"is thirty years old and then she is to have and injoy her"
"freedom, and if she has any children they are to be free"
"at the same age. I also do will that she nor her children"
"shall never be sold- said girl was born the 8: day of July"
"one thousand eight hundred and twenty seven"
"Then I will and bequeath to my son Luke Wyle"
"Pearce one coloured man named Samuel a slave for his"
"life, and one black woman named Lucy a slave for her"
"life, but her children that she may hereafter have I do"
"will that they shall serve until they are thirty years old"
"and then to have and enjoy their freedom. I also do will"
"that thease children shall never be sold; and I also"
"give to my son Luke Wyle Pearce two coloured twin"
"boys named Nelson and Jarratt to serve until they are"
"thirty years old then to have and injoy their freedom"
"and I also do will that thease boys shall never be sold"
"said boys was born the 11: day of July one thousand eight"
"hundred and twenty four"

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Extract taken from the Original Will of Joseph Pearce deceased

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