A list of the negro slaves manumitted by the last Will and Testament of William Patterson, admitted to Probate by the Orphan's Court of Baltimore County, and which is directed to be filed therewith, by the act of Assembly of 1831. c. 281. section 3, by the Executors of the said Will

Richard Brice aged about	48 years
Lucy Brice (wife of Richard)	46
Jane Wilson (daughter of D.)	30
William Green	60
Barney Birchmore	36
Violet	45
Sue	40

W. Patterson
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} Executors of the last Will & Testament of William Patterson deceased.

In the third Codicil to the last Will and Testament of William Patterson deceased, which said Codicil bears date on the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty four - and which was proven on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and thirty five, is the following Paragraph. viz

"6 The state of Slavery in this Country has often"
"engaged my attention & given me much concern,"
"for we know not what to do with those unfortunate"
"people or how we can get rid of them useful to them-"
"selves & without too much sacrifice to their owners,"
"nevertheless I have as respects myself concluded"
"that all the Slaves I may die possed of shall be set-"
"free at my decease on the following terms & conditions"
"viz. all over 30 years of age to be free at my death"
"all under 30 years of age male & female to serve until"
"they shall attain 30 years of age respectively,-"
"My two female house servants Violet & Susan to be"
"free at my decease, and provided they survive me"
"they are to be allowed a pension out of my Estate of"
"Forty dollars a year each to be paid them by my"
"Executors half yearly during their natural lives"

And

In the fourth Codicil to the last will & Testament of the said William Patterson deceased,- which said fourth Codicil bears date on the sixth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and thirty five - and which was proven on the twelfth day of February in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred & thirty five, is the following paragraph, viz -

"I want Violet & Susannah to have an annuity of Fifty"
"dollars a year, each, as long as they live instead of Forty"
"dollars"

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