Extracts from Deeds of Manumission.

From a certain Aralanta Purnell of Worcester County in the State of Maryland, to Negro Maria. bearing date the fourteenth day of April Anno Domini 1840.

The said Aralanta releases from slavery forever, the said Maria of the age of twenty seven years. — Deed of manumission on filed in my office April 15th 1840

Extract of a Deed of manumission from a certain Aralanta Purnell of Worcester County in the State of Maryland to Negro Catharine, dated the fourteenth day of April 1840

The said Aralanta release, from slavery the said Catharine, of the age of twenty five years. Deed of manumission filed in my office April 15th 1840.

In Testimony that the aforegoing are truly extracted from the original deeds of manumission now on file in my office, I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Worcester County Court this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and Forty.

Gordon M. Handy Clk

Register's Office Carroll County April 28th 1840

In conformity with the requisitions of an act of the general assembly of Maryland, passed December Session 1831. Chapter 281. Entitled an act relating to the people of color of this State, I John Baumgartner Register of Wills, for Carroll County, transmit to the board of managers of Maryland, for removing the people of color of said State, since my last return from the ~~people of color~~ last will and Testament of Eli Bennett late of Carroll County deceased, admitted to probate in the Orphan's Court, for said County on the 27th day of April 1840. a copy of a clause contained in said will relating to the manumission of a negro man in the words & figures following to wit.

"Item I will and devise my negro man called Ben to be free on the first day of September 1840. and that my executrix shall give him fifty Dollars, out of ~~my~~ money she may hereafter collect."

I also in conformity & obedience to the aforesaid act of assembly herewith transmit a copy from the list signed by Rachel Bennett the executrix of said will, and filed therewith in the following words, and figures to wit. "A list of the slaves manumitted by the last will and Testament of Eli Bennett late of Carroll County deceased,

One negro man named Ben to be free on the first day of September 1840. aged twenty eight years the 15th day of July next 1840.

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of office this 28th day of April 1840.

Test John Baumgartner Regr. of Wills for Carroll County Maryland.

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