KODAK SAFETY FILM

Ellicotts Mills, March 7, 1843.

To the Board of Managers for
the Maryland Colonization Society &c
Gent.

~~Gentlemen~~ In accordance with the act of General Assembly for 1831, chap. 281, I herewith present you extracts from the last will & testament of Henry Melling late of Howard District, dec^d. and also from the last will & testament of Thomas Worthington of John of said District, dec^d. —

An extract from the Last will & testament of Henry Melling

Item. I will & bequeath to my wife Sarah, my negroes, George, Lindy and Lucy to serve five yrs after my death and then to be free, as also Flora, Charles, John Allen, Isaac, Rosina and Ellen Oliver the females to serve until they are twenty five yrs. of age, and the males until they are thirty five yrs of age and then to be free. Item. I will & bequeath to my niece Sarah Shipley my negro girl Lydia, to have & to hold said slave until she arrive at the age of 25 yrs, after which the said Lydia shall be free. Item. I give & bequeath to Sarah Frances Richardson, my slave Emily, to have & to hold said girl until she shall arrive at the age of 25 yrs. after which she shall be free. Item. I will & ~~think~~ desire that my negroes Lloyd, Sam, Nathan, Abraham, Milly, Lydia, Dule & Betty shall be free at my death. Item. I will & bequeath to Rachel Maria Clarke, my negro girl in her possession, to have & to hold said girl until she shall arrive at the age of 25 yrs. after which she shall be free. Item. I give my man Peter to serve six years, my boy Clinton to serve until 35 yrs. of age and my girl Phebe to serve until she is 25 yrs. of age to my nephew William Melling after their terms are out then to be free, as also, my boy Dick to serve until he arrives at the age of 35 yrs. afterwards to be free. Item. I will & bequeath to my nephew Henry Melling, my girl Harriet & child Ned, Harriet to serve seven yrs. & Ned until 35 yrs. of age then to be free. Item. I will & bequeath my girl Deborah, to John D. Worsey's wife, Nancy, to serve until 35 yrs. of age, then to be free. Item. I will & bequeath to my nephew Henry Warfield's son, Henry, my negro boy Perry, to serve him until he arrives at the age of 35 yrs. after which he shall be free. Item. I will & bequeath ~~to~~ my ~~nephew~~ girl Mary, to Henry Warfield's wife Julia, to serve until 25 yrs. of age afterward, to be free. —

Cont

The following is the names of the several negroes set free by Betsy Banning Hicks late of Caroline County deceased, in and by her last will and Testament, together with their ages as near as I can ascertain them —

Emory aged 43 years on the 8th of October 1842.
Thomas aged 42 years on the 7th of February 1843.
Rachel aged 36 years on the 4th of June 1842.
Mary aged 36 years on the 24th of December 1842.
Emily Ann daughter of Mary aged about 9 years.
Mary Ellen daughter of Mary aged about 7 do
Charlotte daughter of Mary aged about 5 do —

Giles Hicks Exr
of Betsy Banning Hicks

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