Item. I will & desire that the whole of the increase of my negroes, shall as they respectively arrive at the ages, the females of 25 yrs. and the males of 35 yrs. shall be free as also, if I have omitted to name any of my slaves that they shall be free at the above ages of 25 and 35 yrs.

I am unable to state the ages of the foregoing slaves and will not be able to ascertain it until there is a return of Inventory, when I shall communicate to your Board on the subject.

Yours, Washington Gaither, Reg. Wills for Howd. Dist

Extract from the Last Will & Testament of Thos. Worthington of Wm.

Item. I give to my brother Nicholas Worthington of Wm, the following named negroes, to serve him ten years from the time of my decease, and then to be free, namely Moses, Walter, David, Joshua, Zacharial & Amos. Item. I also give to my said brother Nicholas Worthington of John, my three negro boys, Nicholas, Cornelius, and Archibald, to serve him to the age of 25 yrs. & then to be free. And I give to my brother Nicholas Worthington of John my negro girl named Rachel, living with Nathan Porter, to serve him until she arrives to the age of 20 yrs. & then to go free, her & her increase if she has any within that time. I also give to my brother Nicholas Worthington of John, five negro girls, namely, Bet, Mary, Sary, Dilly, and Maria, which last is living with Franklin Cassidy, to serve him until they arrive to the age of 20 yrs. and then go free, them and their increase, if they should have any within the time of their servitude, be it understood that all the children that may be born during the servitude of their mothers are to be free so soon as their mothers are free; and my will is that if my said brother Nicholas Worthington of John should not see proper to keep those five negroes girls himself, he can sell them for the above mentioned term and retain the money so obtained for his own use & benefit. Item. I also give to my said niece Elizabeth Waters, my negro girl named Juliet, now in her possession to serve her the said Elizabeth Waters 3 yrs. from the time of my death, then to be free, her & her increase if there should be any during that time. Item. I will my old woman called Maria, free at my death, and to be paid every year for fifteen yrs. by my Executor the sum of 10$ out of my Estate. I also give to Maria five negroes, namely Hannah, Zeno, Pennus, Acksa, and Ephraim to serve her, the males to the age of 21 & the females to the age of 16 yrs. and then to be free, them and their increase if there should be any within the time of their servitude. Item. I will my negro woman called Nan, free at my death, and I give to Nan five negroes, namely Edwina, Stella, Rebecca, Milliano, & Reuben, to serve her, the males to the age of 21 and the females to the age of 16 yrs. and then to go free, them and their increase if they have any within that time. Item. I will my negro woman called Nanny to be free at my death, her and all her children, her children to serve her, the males to the age of 21 and the females to the age of 16 yrs. and then to be free, them and their increase. Item. I will my negro called Lydia and all her children free at my death. Item. My will and desire that my negro boy called John, be put to learn some useful trade and serve to the age of 20 yrs. and then go free. Item. I will & bequeath unto my nephew John H. Worthington my two lads to serve him to the age of 25 yrs. and then be free. Item. It is my will and desire that my Executor shall select two sober, discreet, honest men to prize the ages of all the before mentioned negroes from their appearance and the best information they can obtain, so that they may serve accordingly, and my will further is that all my negroes shall remain on my farm or farms until the crops are saved and then be disposed of according to my will. Item. I give & bequeath unto my brother Nicholas Worthington of John, all the rest & residue of my estate both real & personal, to him his heirs & assigns forever, including two negroes Eliza and Sidda, Eliza to serve him three yrs. and Sidda to the age of 21 and both be free.

I will also give you the ages of the foregoing slaves as soon as there is a return of Inventory — this will bear date the 19th April 1829, and no doubt but the slaves are all pretty much free by this time — The Executor is Charles Worthington Dorsey and in the will of Henry Welling, his wife Sarah and William Welling are left Executors.

Yours very respectfully,
Washington Gaither, Reg. Wills for Howard District of A. A. Co.

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