

In the Last Will and Testament of Rebecca H. Elder deceased bearing date the fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three, are the following clauses, viz:

" Item. I will and bequeath unto Ruth E. Shipley my Negro
" Slave Henrietta Maria until she arrives at the age of twenty
" five years and then to be free, and in case Ruth E. Shipley
" dies before said Slave is twenty five years old, the said Slave
" and her children to be free at twenty five."

" Item. I give and bequeath unto my nephew Robert H. Shipley
" my best bed and bedding, the ballance and residue of all my
" property to be equally divided between my two Nieces Ruth E. Ship-
" ley and Julia Ann B. H. Shipley except my Negro woman slave
" Harriet and her child Garraphilia the said Harriet to be
" free at my death or serve my sister Ruth for the term of two
" years and then to be free with her child Garraphilia. - "

And in the codicil to the foregoing last Will and Testament of Rebecca H. Elder deceased bearing date the thirteenth day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the Eleventh day of August in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three, is the following clause viz:

" Whereas I did will and bequeath to my Niece Ruth E. Shipley
" my female slave Henrietta Maria until she arrives at the age
" of twenty five, and in case said Ruth E. Shipley dies before
" the said slave is twenty five, then the said slave to be free."

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