In the last Will and Testament of Richard G. Wellford, deceased bearing date the Sixth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one, and exhibited, filed and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the fifteenth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four, is the following Clause, viz:

"Secondly I give and bequeath to my Wife Eleanor Matilda the following Negroes namely, a Negro woman Mary and her children Frances, Rachel, Robert and Jno under the following restrictions that is during her widowhood, and in the event of my wife Eleanor Matilda marrying again then and in that case I give and bequeath to the said Slaves their freedom, charging my said Executors with taking the necessary steps to have them emancipated according to law.

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Extract taken from the Original filed and remaining in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my Office this Second day of December in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty four. –

Test: D. M. Perine, Register of Wills for Baltimore County. –

In the last Will and Testament of Edward Grice, deceased bearing date the twenty third day of July in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the Sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four, is the following Clause, viz:

"Item. I order and direct that my Executors hereinafter named shall immediately after my decease hire out my Negro Man called "Nathaniel Hall" and collect the wages of his labour until they shall have received the sum of four hundred and fourteen Dollars, at which time they shall manumit and set him free from further service,"

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Extract taken from the Original filed and remaining in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my Office this Second day of December in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four. –

Test: D. M. Perine, Register of Wills for Baltimore County. –

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