all her children whatsoever ages they may be. by ~~and~~ whatever name they may be known or called and wherever they may now be whether in the State of Maryland, the State of Pennsylvania or elsewhere; all of the said negroes being able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and them the said negroes above named We do hereby declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from any and all manner of servitude to us and each of us our & each of our heirs executors & administrators forever

True Extract

Test Henry Bruce Clerk of Allegany County Md

In the last Will and Testament of Richard H. Battee deceased, bearing date the fifth day of January in the year of our Lord one thous. and eight hundred and thirty one, and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the twenty eighth day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty eight, is the following Clause, viz:

"I do hereby liberate, manumit, and release from bondage and "slavery all negro or mulatto servants or slaves which I am now, "or any time hereafter may be, entitled to, or acquire right in, at the "ages hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, Males at twenty eight "years of age, and females at twenty five years of age. And I do "hereby further declare it as my Will that all the issue and descen-"dants of any such female servants or slaves born during their respec-"tive terms of servitude, shall if males, be free at twenty eight years "of age, and if females be free at twenty five years of age."

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 first day of August in the year of our Lord one thous. and eight hundred and forty eight.

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

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