Extract from the last Will and Testament of John Bamhaus late of Washington County, deceased, Admitted to probat by the Orphans Court of Washington County, on the 23rd day of March Anno Domini 1855.

"Item 2nd. It is also my will and desire that my negro man named Rafe, his wife Sally, and their youngest daughter named Elizabeth, shall be free at my decease, and my negroes named Rafe, Richard, and George shall be set free at the age of twenty eight years, and their time of servitude to be sold by my Executors hereinafter named at private sale, and not to be sold out of the County."

State of Maryland, Washington County, to Wit:

In testimony that the above is a true Extract from the last Will & Testament of John Bamhaus, deceased, of record and remaining on file in my office

I James Mason, Register of Wills of Washington County, do hereunto set my hand & affix the Public Seal of my office, this 21. day of March 1855.

James Mason.

State of Maryland
Montgomery County set } In the last will and Testament of John Willson late of said County deceased and duly recorded in my office on the 17th day of October 1854. is the following bequest to wit:

Item I manumit and set free all my black people males and females on certain conditions, that they will agree to go to the new setting County called I think Liberia, and all and any one that is capable and willing to go, I give to the males One hundred dollars each, and to the females fifty dollars each, to be paid to them by Executors it must be understood that some is too old, I leave with my executors to provide for out of my estate. Duglis has a free wife. I wish them to live together on said Lot during his life, and to have the use of said lot and firewood,

I give my black peoples one year after my death to make up their minds to go to this new Country amongst their own Colour, which I have thought will be the best for them, at the expiration thereof, if they choose prefer servitude, then my said executors may sell them at private sale giving them the free privilege of chusing their own masters or Mistresses, and to be sold on such terms, as will enable the purchaser, to treat them well, and give bond for said permance as I dont wish to hold out Inducement to dissolve man and wife, those that is so situated that they cant go without, I give thirty dollars a piece and set free, those that under age is to serve to 25 years, all that is born after the making this will I set free at the age of 25 on the above stated terms,

Item – I give to Colization Society the sum of five hundred dollars, for the purpose of removing free

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