

District of Columbia

Be it remembered that on this twenty eighth day of April 1821 before me Alexander Moore Register of Wills for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia came John W. Robinson and John Roach two of the subscribing witnesses to the last will and Testament of Nancy Rickles deceased and proved the same in due form of law.

Alex. Moore
Reg. Wills

Know all Men by these presents that I Saml Benson for and in consideration of the sum of Ten dollars to me in hand paid by my Brother John Thomas Ricketts. The receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged confessing myself paid and satisfied and for divers other considerations and causes here by these presents given granted sold and confirmed to my said Brother my three slaves, Patty aged about forty five years with her daughter Hannah aged about fifteen years also her daughter Nancy aged about eight years. The said slaves to be held & owned by my said Brother and May his wife during their natural lives or to either of them that may out live me that is to say for the following purposes and for no other purpose.

To wit That my said Brother at any date after my demise if he see proper may manumit and discharge my said slave Patty and her two described children Hannah and Nancy, each a either of them as they arrive at Twenty five years of age. Otherwise that he may or shall give up the said slaves to my Brother David Ricketts at any date he may. Brother John Thomas Ricketts see proper to do so and for my Brother David to act by us provided in the first place for my Brother John Thomas. That they or either of them shall not at any rate be sold or disposed of in any shape out of our own Family when I am satisfactorily convinced they will be well provided for and treated with humanity and should the said slaves or either of them or their offspring live after the demise of my said Two Brothers, then and in that case they shall descend to my nephew John Thomas Ricketts & subject to the same regulations as first made and provided with my Two Brothers. That neither of the said slaves or their offspring,

offspring shall be sold out of the Family as Slaves nor even as servants for a few years and should any sale of the kind be made the same shall be a complete Act of Manumission to the said slaves including the offspring and posterity so sold and disposed.

In testimony whereof I Saml Benson the donor or Giver have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal, and also that John Thomas Ricketts the Contractor in like manner has hereunto affixed his hand & seal done this sixteenth day of November in the year of our Lord 1820

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
A. C. Vactor
Peter Wise

Saml Benson

John Thomas Ricketts

At a session of the Orphans Court for the County of Alexandria in the District of Columbia the 29th day of May 1821 this instrument of writing purporting to be the last will and Testament of Saml Benson deceased was proved in due form of law by the oaths of Augustine Pearson and Peter Wise the witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.

Teste
A. Moore
Reg. Wills

Know all Men by these presents that we Samuel Perkins and Simon Dearborn are held and firmly bound unto Robert Young Esquire Judge of the Orphans Court of Alexandria County County in the District of Columbia and his successors in office in the sum of five hundred dollars lawful money of the United States to the payment whereof well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs our executor and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this Eleventh day of June 1821.

The conditions of the above obligation is such that if the above bounden Samuel Perkins shall well and truly perform the office of Administrator of Charles Perkins late a soldier in the United States service deceased according to law and shall in all respects discharge the duties of him required by law as administrator