

This Indenture made the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety Eight, by George Masingbird of the County of Bath and state of Virginia, Witnesseth That the said George Masingbird, agreeably to the act of Assembly in this case made and provided, divers good considerations moving him, thence, hath this day Emancipated and forever set free from his service, A Mulattoe man named Lewis, aged about Twenty years, formerly a slave of the said Masingbirds, which Mulattoe man named Lewis the said George Masingbird does hereby declare to be fully Emancipated & set free, from him, his heirs, &c. so far as the said act of Assembly so the same from the date of these presents, In Witness whereof the said George Masingbird, hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal, the day & Date aforesaid. — George Masingbird

Bath County October Court 1798.

This Indenture of Emancipation was acknowledged in Court by the said George Masingbird and Ordered to be Recorded —

Teste

Chas. Hammon S. C. C.

To all whom it may concern know ye that I Betty Donnelly of Bath County and state of Virginia for divers causes in these unto moving have Liberated and forever Emancipated a certain Negro Woman named Betty and so forever discharge her from all service that might be claimed by me or any other person or persons claiming for me, or in my Name, to the Intent that she the said Betty may enjoy full and perfect freedom from all service that might be claimed by me or any person acting for me or in my name in Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this Tenth day of Aprile one thousand seven hundred & Ninety Eight — 1798

Witness present
John Brown
Joseph Brown

Betty Donnelly

Bath County October Court 1798

This Indenture of Emancipation was proved in Court of the Bails of John Brown & Joseph Brown, and Ordered to be Recorded

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Shiff bond

Know all men by these presents that we John Oliver George Dodge John Brown Antio. Huston Thomas Witherspoon and his and jointly bond unto James Wood Esquire Governor of Virginia and his successors for the use of Commonwealth in the sum of thirty thousand dollars which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs executors and assigns jointly and severally jointly by these presents sealed with our seals and dated this 15th day of November 1798

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas the above bond John Oliver is appointed sheriff