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Deed of Manumission: Elizabeth W. Snowden to Fanny Ridgely and others

Received 13th Nov 1838 to be recorded and was the same day recorded in Liber H.B. No. 11 one of the land records of Prince Geos County- and examined by Aq Beall -K

Know all men by these presents that I Elizabeth W. Snowden of Prince Georges County in the State of Maryland, believing that natural freedom is the right of all men, do hereby set free and manumit the following negroes and their issue at the respective periods of time and in the manner following to wit: Negro Fanny aged about thirty-three to be free from the date hereof. Negroes Rebecca aged six years and Ellen aged about two years children of said Fanny to be free from the date hereof- Negro Hazel aged about forty one to be free on the first day of January Eighteen hundred and forty- negro Henny aged about forty three to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred & thirty nine- negroes Nace(?) aged about eleven years Let aged about nine years Ann Elizabeth aged about five years & Sarah Jane aged about one year children of Henny & Hazel aforesaid to be free the same Nace on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty three the said Let on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty one the said Ann Elizabeth on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty five and the said Sarah Jane on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty nine- Negro Sukey [sic] aged about thirty one years to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty- Negroes Talitha [sic] aged about ten years Phido [sic] aged about three and Alice aged about one year children of the aforesaid Sukey to be free the said Talitha on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty the said Phido to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty seven the said Alice on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty nine- negro Ned, a son of Sukey, aged about five years, to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty nine- Negro Mary aged about twenty six to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty one- negroes William aged about five years and Mary aged three years children of the aforesaid Mary to be free the said William on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty

five the said Mary on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty seven- Negro Hannah aged about twenty four to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty two- negroes Mary aged about three years and Lucy aged about one year children of the aforesaid Hannah to be free the said Mary on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty seven the said Lucy on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty nine- Negro Sarah aged about twenty three to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty three- Negro Rachel aged about nineteen to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty- negroes Robert aged about four and Pris aged about two years children of the aforesaid Rachel to be free the said Robert on the first day of January eighteen hundred and sixty the said Pris on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty eight- Negro Isaac aged about thirty eight years to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty one- Negro Bill aged about twenty seven to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and forty two- Negro Charles aged about thirteen to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty one- Negro Sam aged about eleven to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty three- Negro Henry aged about eleven years to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty three- Negro Lewis aged about eight years to be free on the first day of January eighteen hundred and fifty six. And I do hereby set free and manumit all the children that may be born of the above mentioned females before the respective periods of their becoming free at the same date at which their mothers may be entitled to their freedom: and for the full performance of the several articles and stipulations herein before mentioned and contained I bind myself my heirs executors and administrators firmly by these presents sealed with my seal and signed and dated this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and thirty eight.

Elizabeth W. Snowden and her seal

Witness: *Theodore Jenkins; J.W. McKnevy (?)*

Prince Georges Co State of Maryland To wit: On this twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty eight came the within named Elizabeth W. Snowden before me a Justice of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid and acknowledged the within to be her act and deed according to the true intent and meaning. Acknowledged before J.W. McKnevy Jaf.

Editor's Note:

Here is a listing of all the slaves manumitted herein, broken down by family group. Numbers in brackets indicate approximate age:

- Fanny Ridgely (33) with her children Rebecca (6) and Ellen (2)
- Hazel (41) freed on 1/1/1840; Henny (43) freed on 1/1/1839; their children Nace (11) freed on 1/1/1853, Let (9) freed on 1/1/1851, Ann Elizabeth (5) freed on 1/1/1855, and Sarah Jane (1) freed on 1/1/1859
- Sukey (31) freed on 1/1/1840 and her children Talitha (10) freed on 1/1/1850, Phido (3) freed on 1/1/1857, Alice (1) freed on 1/1/1859, and Ned (5) freed on 1/1/1859
- Mary (26) freed on 1/1/1841 and her children William (5) freed on 1/1/1855 and Mary (3) freed on 1/1/1857
- Hannah (24) freed on 1/1/1842 and her children Mary (3) freed on 1/1/1857 and Lucy (1) freed on 1/1/1859
- Sarah (23) freed on 1/1/1843
- Rachel (19) freed on 1/1/1840 and her children Robert (4) freed on 1/1/1860 and Pris (2) freed on 1/1/1858
- Isaac (38) freed on 1/1/1841
- Bill (27) freed on 1/1/1842
- Charles (13) freed on 1/1/1851
- Sam (11) freed on 1/1/1853
- Henry (11) freed on 1/1/1853
- Lewis (8) freed on 1/1/1856