

Mary Ricks, Milwont Ricks & Ann Ricks sundry slaves which being devised those following fell to the subscriber (twit) Jerry born the 15th of September 1778 David born the 1st of June 1788 and being anxious desirous & willing that the s^d slaves should be freed & perfectly Librated from every service that they owe to me as a devisor aforesaid. Now This Indenture witnesseth that in consideration that the said slaves (as I conceive) are naturally entitled to freedom, By Virtue of an Act of General Assembly in that case made & provided I do by these presents emancipate & yet free the said slaves running however to all persons whatever having any claim against them especially the creditors of the said Richard Ricks their right & Interest therein for the payment of Just debts & demands & it is further Covenanted that the subscriber shall have the care & direction of them untill they shall arrive to lawfull age & he for myself my heirs Executors & Assigns relinquish all my right title Interest & claim or pretension of claim whatever except as before excepted either to their persons or to any estate they now have or may hereafter acquire & that the said slaves do & may enjoy their full & perfect freedom without any interruption from me or any person claiming by from or under me as a devisor aforesaid. It is to be understood that the true meaning & intent of this Indenture is that the said slaves are always to be considered as Assets for the payment of the said Richard Ricks's debts & I Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 10th day of December 1795.

Robert Ricks jun^r

Ann Ricks (S)

John Ricks } At a court convened & held for the county of Southampton on
Tho Ricks } Friday the 15 day of April 1796. This Manumission was proved
by the solemn affirmation of John Ricks & Tho Ricks two of the witnesses thereto
(being People called Quakers) And Ordered to be recorded.

Jas^s Kellard

Ricks Whereas Richard Ricks late of Southampton County was in his life time & Milwont at the time of his decease, Possessor of sundry slaves & did by his last will & Testament bearing date the second day of September 1778 devise to Thomas Ricks, Robert Ricks, Richard Ricks, Joseph Ricks, Mary Ricks, Milwont Ricks & Ann Ricks sundry slaves which being devised those following fell to the subscriber (twit) Jerry. Buck was born the 23 of April 1774 Sarah the 8th of November 1792 & being anxious desirous & willing that the said slaves should be freed & perfectly Librated from every service that they owe to me as a devisor aforesaid. Now This Indenture witnesseth that in consideration that the said slaves (as I conceive) are naturally entitled to freedom, And by Virtue of an Act of the General Assembly in that case made & provided I do by these presents emancipate & yet free the said slaves running however to all persons whatever having any claim against them especially the creditors of the said Richard Ricks their right & Interest therein for the payment of Just debts & demands & it is further Covenanted that the subscriber shall have the care & direction of Sarah till she shall arrive to lawfull age & he for myself my heirs Executors & Assigns relinquish all my right title Interest & claim or pretension of claim whatever (except as before excepted) either to their persons or to any estate.