

Know all men by these Presents, That ~~Thomas & Margaret E. Drum~~ ^{Thomas & Margaret E. Drum} his wife, both Citizens of ~~Shenandoah~~ ^{Shenandoah} county, in the State of ~~Virginia~~ ^{Virginia} for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred dollars, current money, to ~~be~~ ^{be} in hand paid, by James B. Robins of ~~Norfolk~~ ^{Norfolk} county, in the State of ~~Maryland~~ ^{Maryland} at and before the sealing and delivering of these presents, the receipt whereof ~~the said Thomas & Margaret~~ ^{the said Thomas & Margaret} do hereby acknowledge: have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain and sell, unto the said James B. Robins his Executors, Administrators and Assigns ~~all the goods and chattels and personal Estate hereinafter particularly mentioned~~ ^{all the goods and chattels and personal Estate hereinafter particularly mentioned} a negro woman slave called and known by ~~the name of~~ ^{the name of} Milcah now of the age of about forty years, of a Churnut Color, together with all our right title interest claim and demand of in and to the said negro woman Milcah who is a slave for life. Which said negro is also hereby warranted to be sound & healthy.

All and singular which said goods and chattels and property are now remaining standing and being in ~~State of Maryland~~ ^{State of Maryland} aforesaid TO HAVE AND TO HOLD, ~~all and singular the said goods, property~~ ^{the said negro woman slave,} and other the premises above bargained and sold or mentioned and intended so to be, to the said James B. Robins his executors, administrators and assigns forever; and ~~the said Thomas & Margaret Drum~~ ^{the said Thomas & Margaret Drum} for myself, my heirs, executors and administrators, all and singular the said goods, property ~~negress Milcah~~ ^{negress Milcah} and other the premises unto the said James B. Robins his executors, administrators and assigns, against ~~the said Thomas & Margaret Drum~~ ^{the said Thomas & Margaret Drum} his executors and administrators, and against all and every other person or persons whomsoever, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents: of all and singular which said goods and property ~~negress Milcah~~ ^{negress Milcah} and other the premises ~~the said Thomas & Margaret Drum~~ ^{the said Thomas & Margaret Drum} have put the said

James B. Robins in full possession by delivering to him the said James B. Robins these presents & the said ~~negress Milcah~~ ^{negress Milcah} in the name of the whole premises hereby bargained and sold or mentioned or intended to be so, unto him the said James B. Robins as aforesaid.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ~~seventh~~ ^{seventh} day of ~~July~~ ^{July} in the year eighteen hundred and fifty-five (1855)

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of
James S. Leonard

Thomas & Margaret E. Drum

State of Maryland,---

~~Shenandoah~~ ^{Shenandoah} County, to wit:

Be it Remembered, and it is hereby certified, that on this

~~seventh~~ ^{seventh} day of ~~July~~ ^{July}

in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ~~fifty five~~ ^{fifty five} land, in and for ~~Shenandoah~~ ^{Shenandoah} County

before the Subscriber, ~~Justice~~ ^{Justice} of the Peace of the State of Maryland, aforesaid, personally appear Thomas & Margaret E. Drum

and his wife, Margaret E. Drum

Oval Testimony

Whom I am satisfied from ~~my own knowledge~~ ^{my own knowledge} as, and professing to be, the part ~~of the first part~~ ^{of the first part} to the foregoing ~~Deed or Indenture~~ ^{Deed or Indenture}, and do acknowledge the same, to be ~~this act and deed~~ ^{this act and deed}, and the ~~negro woman Milcah~~ ^{negro woman Milcah} therein mentioned and thereby bargained and sold to be the right and estate of the within named James B. Robins

to be the same persons who are named, and described

the part, grantee also therein named, his heirs and assigns forever.

The said Margaret E. Drum

having signed and sealed said Indenture, before us, and out of the

presence and hearing of her said husband. And the said

Margaret E. Drum

being by us examined, out of the presence and hearing of her husband. Whether she doth execute and acknowledge the same, freely and voluntarily,

and without being induced to do so, by fear or threats of, or ill usage by her husband, or by fear of displeasure? doth declare and say that

she doth ~~not~~ ^{not} ~~make~~ ^{make} ~~any~~ ^{any} ~~such~~ ^{such} ~~statement~~ ^{statement} ~~as~~ ^{as} ~~is~~ ^{is} ~~set~~ ^{set} ~~forth~~ ^{forth} ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~said~~ ^{the} ~~bill~~ ^{bill} ~~of~~ ^{of} ~~sale~~ ^{sale} ~~is~~ ^{is}

In Testimony whereof, we hereunto subscribe names, on the day and year aforesaid.

James S. Leonard

Received of James B Roberts the sum of Five hundred
 Dollars & being the purchase money of a Negro Woman
 named Mellicha as described in the within Bill of Sale
 July 7th 1855
 Witness James S Leary
 J. B. Roberts
 Margaret E. Roberts

July the 7th 1855 there was paid unto me the subscriber one dollar
 the stamp duty chargeable by law upon the within Bill of Sale
 according to the act of assembly made & provided

Edward D Martin Clerk

July the seventh day Anno Domini eighteen hun-
 dred and fifty five there was delivered unto me
 the subscriber the within Bill of Sale in order
 to be enrolled Among the records of records in
 County which said Bill of Sale together with
 the acknowledgments thereof thereon endorsed are
 accordingly Enrolled Among the same records
 in Lib. E D M Vol 6 folios 578 & 579

Edward D Martin Clerk

Bill of Sale

James B Roberts

Wm H. Martin

Wife

Received July 7th 1855

Enrolled