Know all men by these presents that We Robert F. Mason as principal and Robert Hawley as Security, acknowledge ourselves to owe and be indebted to the State of Missouri in the just and full sum of for the use and benefit of Emily a free girl of color, in the just and full sum of $200,00 unto which well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our heirs Executors and administrators jointly and severally firmly by these presents Sealed with our seals and dated This 7th day of May [illegible] bond [illegible] Mason [illegible] has been appointed guardian of the [illegible] of Emily a free girl of color [illegible] if the [illegible] fully [illegible] as aforesaid, account for, pay and deliver all money and property that may come to his hands by virtue of his said office and make true and proper settlements of his accounts as guardian as aforesaid Then the above bond to be void otherwise to remain in full force and effect, Given under our hands and seals this the day and year first aforesaid

Robert F. Mason [Seal]

Robert his X mark Hawley [Seal]



County of Platte ss

The State of Missouri, To all persons to whom these presents shall come Greeting Know ye that Whereas W. H. Ferguson late of the County of Platte died intestate as it is said, having at the time of his death property in this State, which may be lost destroyed or diminished in value if speedy care be not taken of the same, and therefore the said property may be collected preserved and disposed of according to law We do hereby appoint George F. Rules administrator [illegible] of all and singular the goods and chattels, rights and [illegible] said W. H. Ferguson deceased [illegible] death yet unadministered, with full power and authority [illegible] said property [illegible] and all moneys [illegible] in general [illegible] other acts and things which now are or hereafter may be required of him by law. In testimony whereof I James Rayhondale Judge of the Probate Court in and for said County of Platte aforesaid, have hereunto signed my name and affixed the seal of said Court at office this Seventh day of May A.D. 1857 Jas Rayhondale Judge &c

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