

Legal: Emancipation of Sarah & Caroline, slaves of Jane Summers, by her siblings after her death, 10 March 1862

Whereas our sister, Jane A Summers de^{cd}, late of Walnut Grove Putnam County Virginia, in her life time, was possessed of the following negroes, derived from the estate of our father, the late George Summers decd, to wit, Sarah and Caroline; and whereas the said Jane A Summers, having departed this life intestate and without issue the title to the said negro women has become vested by law, in her surviving brother and sisters as her distributees; and whereas it is well known to us and to each of us, that it was the intention & purpose of the said Jane A Summers, often expressed by her, to emancipate and set free the said negro women and each of them, now therefore in consideration of the premises, and of the faithful services of said negro women, and to carry out & effectuate the cherished wish and purpose of our deceased sister, we Geo W Summers, Ann M. Millan, Celena S. Summers and Sydney L Summers have manumitted and set free, and do by these presents manumit and set free the said Sarah and Caroline, and do hereby forever discharge and release the said Sarah and Caroline and each of them from all involuntary servitude to us, or to either of us, or to our executors, administrators or distributors.

In witness whereof we have hereto set out hands and seals this 10th day of March, 1862.

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Geo WSummers {seal}

Anne M Millan {seal}

Celenia L. Summers {seal}

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