

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY MANUMISSIONS

Chesterfield County Deed Book 9 1779-1783 LVA Reel # 3 No index

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Chesterfield County Deed Book 10 1781-1785 LVA Reel # 3 no index

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p. 366–2 July 84 deed from Wm Hickman to Leonard Cheatham and Arthur Moody deacons or elders of Baptist church half an acre where Baptist church stands–rec July 84

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Chesterfield County Deed Book 11 1779-1791 LVA Reel #4 has index

p. 351–10 Jan 1788–Know all men by these presents that I Henry Featherstone of the county of Chesterfield and parish of Dale do believe that God created all men equally Free I hereby gradually Emancipate and sett free the following men and women and children–

Bedey Aba to be free Feb 1, 1788

Sam Aba to be free Jan 1 1789

Peter Aba to be free Jan 1 1790

Jenny Aba to be free Nov 10 1796

Tom Aba to be free Feb 20 1797

Agga Aba to be free Mar 15 1799

Rose Aba to be free Mar 20 1802

Lucy Aba to be free Oct 15 1804

Dyner Aba to be free Oct 20 1806

Isaac Aba to be free Apr 10 1808

Jacob Aba to be free July 12 1808

Easter Aba to be free Apr 12 1808

And all that may be born before their mothers shall arrive to years of freedom shall serve me or my heirs till the years of twenty one and no longer. I hereby relinquish all rights titles or claim to them or my heirs or assigns forever to the years aforementioned and not before ...rec Jan court 1788 [Note: not one of Aba names capitalized]

p. 517–11 Feb 1789–know all men by these presents that I Samuel Landrum of Chesterfield County do believe that all men are by nature equally free and from a clear conviction of the injustice and criminality of depriving my fellow creatures of their natural right do hereby emancipate or set free the following men, women and children viz:

Lettice, Essex and William to go out free Dec 25, 1789

Prince to go out free Dec 25, 1790

Ned to go...Dec 25, 1795

David to go...Dec 25, 1797

Annaky to go...Dec 25, 1800

Spencer to go...Dec 25, 1806
Cloe to go....Dec 25, 1808
relinquish all right and title etc....rec April court 1789

p. 593–10 Sept 89 and the 13th of our American Independence—Martin Baker of Chesterfield County do believe that God has created all Men equally free and from a clear conviction of the injustice and criminality of depriving my fellow creatures of there Natural Rights do hereby emancipate or set free the following Persons: Amy, Cesar, Joe, to be free Dec 25, 1789....rec Dec ct 1789—

p. 618–11 Feb 1790—Henry Featherstone of Chesterfield County and Dale Parish...God created all men equally free emancipates
Kitt Abba to be free Feb 14, 1790
Jack AbbaFeb 14, 1790
Jane Abba....Feb 14, 1790
York Abba....Feb 14, 1790
David Abba....July 16, 1796
John Abba....June 10, 1798
Will Abba....Feb 15, 1800
Hanner AbbaFeb 10, 1802
rec Feb court 1790

p. 639–7 April 1790—Jordan Anderson of Chesterfield seeing such an Inconsistency betwixt our Declaration of Independence vizt that all men are equally born free and our Practice in holding a great number of our fellow Men in the most abject Slavery especially those born since that Declaration and also seeing our Youths supported thereby instead of becoming useful Members of Society in our Commonwealth are rather become a mere Nuisance and Scandal thereto observing these things I do hereby gradually emancipate and set free the following persons vizt York, Lucy, Rachel and her increase, Tamer, Jack, George, Letice and her Increase, the first day of January after my wife's and my Death. Anica, Miley, and Amey and their increase as they come to age unless that Period arrives before our Deaths then they shall be free at the same time the others above mentioned after our deaths. Frank and little York to be free at the same time if of age of twenty one years. Frank was born April 25, 1773; Anica Sept 24, 1774; Milley Mar 12, 1777; Amey Nov 14, 1779; Little York Oct 23, 1782; Moses July 25, 1787; Salley Sept 8, 1789 the two last to be free at 21 yrs of age—rec 8 April 1790

p. 689–14 Aug 1790--William McKenzie of Chesterfield for divers good causes...set free my Negro woman Peggy from further servitude and granting to the said Peggy her freedom—rec Aug court 1790

p. 714–9 June 1790—John Baker of Chesterfield County..all men by nature equally free and noting injustice and criminality...sets free:
Bob and Daniel 25 Dec 1790
Grace and Amey 25 Dec 1790
Barbra 25 Dec 1790
Tom to go out Dec 1793

Sally to go out Oct 1796
Betty and Pat to go out Dec 1802
Oliver to go out Nov 1805
Judy to go out Sept 1806
Hannah to go out Jan 1807
Nann to go out Feb 1808
Peter to go out Dec 1809
Amey to go out March 1811
rec 9 Sept 1790–

p. 717–9 June 1790–Thomas Bridgewater of Chesterfield...all men by nature equally free
etc...frees:

Cesar and Pompay Dec 25, 1790
Will and Unity Dec 25, 1790
Suckey to go out July 1804
Amey to go out July 1806
Sam to go out March 1808
Jem to out July 1810
rec 9 Sept 1790

p. 742–9 Dec 1790–James Walthall of Chesterfield county for divers good causes manumits Jack
Adam and Judy Adam to go out 1 Jan 1791–rec 9 Dec 1790–

Chesterfield County Deed Book 12 1790-1793 LVA Reel # 4

p. 5–29 Aug 1789–Jn May of Chesterfield sets free Brice and his wife Suckey, Tom, Sally, Little
Suckey as she is generally called, Dinah, little Tom, Phoebe and James children of little Suckey
and Charles, Cloe and little Tom Sally's children–rec February court 1791–

p. 228–27 June 1792–Nancy Gibbons of Chesterfield County and Dale Parish believing that God
created all mankind equally free emancipates: Mingo, 45 yrs old to be free Jan 1, 1793; Mary, 13
yrs old to be free Jan 1, 1800; Billy, 4 yrs old to be free Jan 1, 809–rec July court 1792–

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p. 201–22 Jan 1793–Thomas Bridgewater, Reuben Winfree and Jn Baker believe that all men by
nature are equally free....conviction of the injustice and criminality of depriving our fellow
creatures of their natural right emancipate the following man ie William on 22 Feb 1793–rec
September court 1793–

Chesterfield County Deed Book 14 1795-1800 LVA Reel # 5

p. 139–11 Sept 1797–John Heveningham of Chesterfield in consideration of the sum of 80L to me in hand paid by Samuel Moody for the use and benefit of a certain Negro man named Holly my property have manumitted and do hereby manumit and for ever set free the aforesaid Negro man Holly and I hereby covenant to and with the aforesaid Samuel Moody that I have full power, right and authority to manumit and set free the said Negro...rec September court 1797 along with receipt for the 80L from Moody–

p. 197–29 Jan 1798–John Bolling of Chesterfield emancipates mulatto woman Jane aged about 26 yrs at present employed in the family of Samuel Myers in the city of Richmond–rec February court 1798–

p. 313–5 Dec 1797–David Gooding of Chesterfield for divers good causes and considerations emancipates Negro man slave Joe, formerly the property of Collins Gooding–rec October court 1798–

p. 402–11 Feb 1799–John Friend of Chesterfield for divers causes emancipates one Negro man named Daniel Lewis–rec April court 1799

p. 402–11 Feb 1799–John Friend of Chesterfield for divers causes emancipates on Negro man named John Lewis–rec April court 1799–

p. 541–25 Dec 1799–John Stratton of Chesterfield rents to Kitt [a free Negroe] 313 acres for seven years starting 1 Jan 1800–for \$20 annually–signed John Stratton and Kit X Abey–rec Jan court 1800–

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Chesterfield County Deed Book 15 1800-1802 LVA Reel # 6

p. 28–9 Jan 1800–John Heveningham of Chesterfield in consideration of 37L pd by Robert Pollock for and in behalf of my Negro woman slave named Fanny emancipate her–rec January court 1800 along with receipt for 37L from Robt Pollock–

p. 190–2 Feb 1801–Lucy Bland Poythress of Chesterfield for divers good causes emancipates Kate, Cresse [dau of sd Kate] Harriett [dau of sd Cresse] and John –son of the said Cresse—rec February court 1801–

p. 218–10 April 1801–Benjamin X Plummer of Chesterfield, town of Manchester frees a certain man slave known by the name of John Plummer whom I purchased of Moses Treadway and also a certain woman slave named Mary whom I purchased of Robt Boyd and Reuben the child of Mary which said John, Mary and Reuben are all at present living in the town of Manchester–rec April court 1801–

Chesterfield County Deed Book 16 1802-1805 LVA Reel # 6

p. 148–27 Nov 1802–William Ball of Chesterfield for and in consideration of the faithful services done and performed by Luke the stage driver and divers other considerations me thereunto moving frees him–to all intents and purposes as if he had been born of free persons he being at this time about 40 yrs of age–rec December court 1802–

p. 387–28 July 1803–Cornelius Buck of Manchester for divers good causes and \$100 frees Negro woman Patty–rec 12 Feb 1804–does not ID who paid--

p. 391–10 Nov 1803–Thomas Goode of Manchester in Chesterfield County for good causes manumits George a mulatto man about 27 yrs old–rec 13 Feb 1804–deed of purchase recorded on page 387 dated 10 Nov 1803 where Goode paid \$500 to Zachariah Brooks of Manchester who had bought George from John and Jesse Jordon–rec 13 Feb 1803–

end of reel # 6

Chesterfield County Deed Book 17 1805-1808 LVA Reel # 7

p. 94 – 8 July 05 – Benjamin Branch, executor of John Barker – of the County of Dinwiddie, acting executor of John Barker, deceased, a copy of whose Testament and last will is hereunto annexed, do hereby acknowledge that I have received from Becky (Cuffie’s wife) the Negroe woman slave in my said Testator’s will mentioned, and from her husband (a free man of color) the said Cuffie, compensation for sixty two pounds ten shillings, given (as appears by the will aforesaid) for the said Becky by her late master the said John Barker deceased. In consideration whereof, and in obedience to and in execution of the will of my said Testator, I the said Branch executor as aforesaid, have emancipated, manumitted, and set free, and by these presents do manumit emancipate and set free the said Becky, wife of the said Cuffie hereby pronouncing and declaring the said Becky to be no longer a slave, but to be to all intents and purposes as free as if she had been freeborn, and had never been in slavery or bondage – rec 8 July 05. See Will Book 4, 1785-1800 p. 407 below.

p. 130 – 4 Dec 04 – Martha Turpin – Whereas it was my intention in purchasing a Negroe woman named Anica, at the sale of the slaves belonging to the estate of the late Daniel M’Callum, to liberate and legally set her free, so soon as her services should have reimbursed me in one half of her purchase money. I do therefore hereby acknowledge to have received from her said services the said stipulated sum and henceforward am desirous that she the said woman named Anica may be considered as a free woman to all intents and purposes – rec 14 Oct 05

p. 172 – 5 Feb 06 – Alexander Banks – of town of Manchester and county of Chesterfield, for diverse good causes and considerations appearing to my satisfaction, but more particularly for and in consideration of the true, faithful, and honest manner in which the seven following slaves have conducted and demeaned themselves towards me; to wit, Nancy, sometimes called Nancy Fraction, a black girl about the age of twenty one years, Tom, a mulatto boy the son of Nancy aged about five years and a half, George, a mulatto boy also the son of Nancy, aged about two years and half, James, a mulatto boy also the son of Nancy aged about six months, Bob a mulatto

boy aged about twenty years, Jack also a mulatto boy aged about eighteen years (which said last mentioned boys Bob and Jack are brothers and the children of Sally), Robin sometimes called Robin Kelsey a black man about the age of twenty eight years; I the said Alexander Banks, for the consideration aforesaid, have and by these presents do emancipate and forever set free the aforesaid Nancy Fraction, Tom, George, James, Bob, Jack, and Robin Kelsey, and hereby release all my right, interest, and claim to them, to be each and severally from hence forth and forever free, and to enjoy their liberty and freedom in the same full and perfect manner as if they were each of them had never been slaves – rec 10 Feb 06 – margin note: 11 March 06 original sent to Mr. Banks by Mr. R. B. Goode. See Will Book 6, 1802-08 p. 471 below.

p. 172 – 8 Feb 06 – Alexander Banks, administrator of Thomas Banks – late of the town of Manchester in the county of Chesterfield, for diverse good causes and considerations appearing to my satisfaction, but more particularly for and in consideration of a wish and desire fully to comply with the last Will and Testament of the aforesaid Thomas Banks, I the said Alexander Banks his administrator with the will annexed, have, and by these presents do emancipate and forever set free a mulatto man by the name of Damon, aged about six and twenty years, and do hereby release unto the aforesaid mulatto man Damon all the rights, title, interest, and claim accruing to me in my individual capacity, or as administrator of the aforesaid Thomas Banks, fully and perfectly to enjoy his liberty and freedom in the same manner as if he had never been a slave – rec 10 Feb 06 – margin note: 11 March 06 the original sent to Mr. Banks by Mr. R. B. Goode. See Will Book 5, 1800-02 p. 271 below.

p. 218 – 14 April 06 – Samuel S. Goodson for self and William G. Goodson – of Chesterfield County, witnesseth that the subscribers hereto for the special value and regard they bear towards a Negroe man slave named or called James Wallace (once the property of Ann G. C. Goodson deceased and now by descent the property of the undersigned) they do hereby manumit, emancipate, and discharge from their control the said named James Wallace, of the age of forty five years or upwards, and they do hereby for themselves and heirs grant unto and confer upon James Wallace all the rights and privileges that can be conferred upon or granted unto any free Negroe or man of color, according to the laws and usages of this Commonwealth – rec 14 April 06

p. 224 – 12 April 06 – William Trabue – of Chesterfield County, do hereby manumit, set free from slavery my Negroe man slave named Achilles – rec 14 April 06 – margin note: 9 Feb 07 original delivered to William Trabue per order from Achilles

p. 224 – 27 Dec 05 – William Trabue – of Chesterfield County, do hereby manumit, set free from slavery my Negroe woman slave named Silvey, bought at Charles Logan's sale, that is, to be free by a decree of the High County of Chancery and Court of Appeals for the time that the said negroe woman has to serve – rec 14 April 06

p. 225 – 8 Nov 05 – Abram S. Wooldridge, acting executor of late Robert Wooldridge – of Chesterfield County, by virtue of his last Will and testament, have...liberated, manumitted, emancipated, and forever set free a certain Negroe woman, hitherto a slave named Aggy, the property of the said Robert Wooldridge deceased – rec 10 April 06. See Will Book 6, 1802-08 p.

262 below.

p. 299 – 7 Feb 06 – George McCredie – of the town of Manchester, county of Chesterfield, and state of Virginia, for good causes and considerations, me thereunto moving, have manumitted, emancipated, and forever set free, five slaves to me at this time belonging that is to say, Betsey, a girl aged fourteen years, and her two sisters, Polley aged about eleven, and Adlie, aged about seven years, Suckey a woman aged about twenty two years, and Nancy her daughter, about one year old; and I the said George McCredie do hereby declare the before named Betsey, Polley, Adlie, Suckey, and Nancy and each of them to be from henceforth and forever free, in as full and effectual a manner as they and each of them had been born free – rec 13 Oct 06.

p. 299–29 Nov 1805–Ezekiel Jackson of Chesterfield for divers good causes...as well as for \$300 to me pd emancipates Negroe woman Polley and her female child by the name of AnnaLiza–rec 8 Sept 1806 and 13 Oct 06–marginal note: 7 June 1810–original delivd to Phil Cogbill–

p. 650–19 May 1808–received of George a free man of color formerly the property of Richard Howlett now called George Howlett L100 for a Negro woman named Elcie and her child named Martha which was the property of Peter F. Archer and sold by me this day to satisfy an execution in favour of Francis Lewis from Powhatan County Court against said Archer which property was purchased by said George–rec 11 July 1808–signed J.R Bradley DS for Archd Walthall, shff. See Will Book 8, 1813-18 p. 646 below for Howlett's will.

Chesterfield County Deed Book 18 1808-1811 LVA Reel #7 No index

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Chesterfield County Deed Book 19 1811-1814 LVA Reel #8 No index

p. 11–11 Dec 1810–sale of 22+ acres from John Sasseen and wife Nancy to Mourning Logan a free woman of color–\$171.50–rec 13 May 1811??

p. 107–whereas Thos Batte decd of Chesterfield County in his last will devised to his dau Margaret Walthall (wife of Marla Walthall) sundry property during her life and at decd to her children, that during the said Margaret's life while the said property was under the controul of the said Marla Walthall that three or four years before the death of said Margaret his wife he permitted a Negro man named Ned Pleasents belonging to the said Margaret and her children to go to the Town of Alexandria District of Columbia (where his said Negroes wife then lived) and remain untill the death of said Margaret the court of Chesterfield County appointed me Henry Walthall Guardian to the children of said Margaret, and having gone to said Town of Alexandria DC to bring the said Negro to this County again the said Negro expressed great unwillingness to return and leave his wife & believing that if brought to this county he would not stay, be troublesome to me, and expensive to the children by frequent running away and probable an entire loss to said children, under the above circumstances and believing it to be for the benefit of sd children I disposed of himsells Ned, described as a Negro man of the age of thirty three or four years, for \$400 to Thos Laurason of Alexandria in bill of sale 6 Aug 1811–rec 9 Sept

1811

p. 164—Jn Trabue exec of Thos Trabue, decd acc to his will apprentices Roderick a mulatto boy to Hezekiah Eubank until he is 21 to learn to be a boot and shoemaker—Eubank not to remove from counties of Henrico or Chesterfield—7 Dec 1811—rec 9 Dec 1811. See DB 21 p. 716 below for manumission; p. 732 for deed for land; Will Book 6, 1802-08 p. 411 for will; Will Book 7, 1808-13 p. 578 for estate account involving Roderick. See too Chesterfield County Legislative Petitions, 20 Dec 1815 for petition from Roderick to remain in the state. He had been refused admittance to Tennessee. Includes statement of his successful completion of apprenticeship and of his trip to Tennessee where denied residence. Petition tabled.

Chesterfield County Deed Book 20 1814-1816 LVA Reel # 8 has an index

p. 481—deed of trust—30 July 1814—Samuel Smith a free Negro of Chesterfield is indebted to Daniel Hudson for \$102.04—to secure payment by Lawson Burfoot sells in trust to Burfoot a Negro boy named Sam—if Smith does not pay Hudson by 25 Dec 1814 then Burfoot can expose to sale at public auction after giving 10 days notice—rec 15 Mar 1815—

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Chesterfield County Deed Book 21 1814-1817 LVA Reel # 9 has an index

p. 716—18 Sept 1816—John Trabue the only and acting executor of Thos E. Trabue decd in the county of Chesterfield for and in consideration of the directions and mandates of my testator Thos E. Trabue decd as well as for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred pounds bequeathed me by the said Trabue in his last will and testament for and in consideration of my solely acting as his exec in sustaining the trouble as such and in obedience to his said will and desire as expressed in his ..will entered of record in the County court of Chesterfield on the 13 April 1807 hath manumitted, emancipated and set free the said Negro boy Roderick in said will etc...rec 29 Nov 1817—margin note: 18 Mar 1818 the original delivered to Roderick Trabue--

p. 732—15 Nov 1817—Jn Trabue exec of Thos E. Trabue fulfilling the will of TT dated 23 July 1806 and recorded 13 April 07 noting that freedom after 1806 requires leaving state requires his exec to convey Roderick (alias Roderick Trabue) at the expence of the estate to the Cumberland settlement in the state of Tennessee and to render the situation of the said Roderick when emancipated more comfortable and eligible TT gave him 100acres lying and being in the Mero?? District and Sumpter County—so this deed for 1\$ gives him the tract—if Roderick had died before 21 the tract would have passed to brothers Jn and Jacob Trabue and sister Polly Depp—Roderick survives —rec 8 Dec 1817 for purpose of certifying deed to be recorded in Sumpter Co. TN—

Chesterfield County Deed Book 22 1817-1819 LVA Reel # 9 has an index

p. 12—15 July 1817—James Clarke of Powhatan, agent on behalf of the proprietors of the town of Swansborough sells to Edward B. Edwards a man of colour for [blank] dollars a lot on ss of

Turnpike road containing one acre along with a slip of land adj which makes it lot #1—rec 8 Dec 1817—

p. 17- 15 July 1817—ditto to Edward Wilkinson a man of colour—\$34.39 lot 12—rec 8 Dec 1817

p. 336—9 Aug 1818—Philip Turpin and Martha Turpin of Chesterfield in consideration of faithful industrious, honest and meritorious services rendered us by the following Negroes, to wit, Billy, Daniel, Simon, Robert and nanny as also David and his wife Lizzy with their children Frances, William and Alex as well as for divers other good causes and considerations do emancipate and set free.....and it is our natural wish that they may be permitted to remain in the state of Virginia, should they prefer doing so, unmolested and uninjured, it being our determination that they should henceforth forever hereafter be discharged from bondage:—rec 10 Aug 1818

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