

**Surry County Wills, etc Deeds No. 11 1778-1783 LVA Reel #7**

p. 235–will of Samuel Pretlow of Surry–leaves wife Kezia plantation in NC and no claim to any Va property–to son Samuel plantation SP lives on and the labor of my Negroes Robin, Judy, Isaac and Amy until they become free agreeable to the manumissions I have given under my hand and seal–gives son Benjamin land bought from Wm Hamlin, my lot in Petersburg and 50acres, reserved out of land sold to Samuel Webb–also labor of four Negroes Betty, George, Sam and Billy until they become free–to dau Ann 150L specie and labor of John, Sally, Lecretia and Nelson until they become free–to dau Mary 150L specie and labor of Moses, Joe, Tom and Tabb until they become free–to dau Jane 150L specie and labor of Lucy, Stephen, Charlotte and Peg until they become free–witnesses Edward Stabler Jos G. Bailey and execs Thos Pretlow and Anselm Bailey affirm–14 Nov 81–rec 23 April 82–p. 270 inv of Pretlow’s estate lists 28 slaves and appraisers note on p. 273 that the Negroes mentioned in this inventory having been emancipated by Samuel Pretlow before his decease we think they cannot properly be deemed a part of his estate save what may arise for the labour of nineteen of the young Negroes who have some time to serve, nor do we coment to their being inserted in the inventory–25 June 82

p. 285–Samuel Bailey of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Natt aged abt 65; Harry abt 60; York abt 60;Hagar abt 55; Bett abt 51; Judy abt 43; Casear abt 38; Metto? abt 34; Lucy abt 31; Jasper abt 25; Jenny abt 25; Doctor abt 22; Hannah abt 22; Joan abt 24; Annaky abt 20; Selah abt 18 and Lyddy abt 18; and having 27 in their minority, reserving guardianship until males are 21 and females are 18 frees Fanny abt 16 on 20 May 84; Charles abt 15 on 8 May 88; Milly abt 14 on 19 Nov 86; Effy abt 13 on 2 Nov 87; Tillar abt 13 on 1 Dec 87; Edy abt 12 on 1 Oct 88 ; Rose abt 11 on 30 Nov 89; Tom abt 10 on 25 Feb 93; Sue abt 10 on 28 May 90; Sam abt 10 on 30 Nov 93; Cate abt 10 on 20 Dec 90; Cherry abt 8 on 30 Nov 92; Bridget abt 8 on 30 Dec 92; Aaron abt 7 on 18 Dec 96; Isaac abt 6 on 20 Nov 97; Parrot abt 6 on 26 Nov 97; Nedd abt 6 on 10 Dec 97; Delphy abt 4 on 6 Dec 96; Bett abt 4 on 15 Dec 96; Natt abt 3 on 8 Dec 1800; John abt 3 on 18 Dec 1800; Beck abt 2 on 12 Oct 98; Silvy abt 1 on 10 June 99; Jacob abt 1 on 15 Aug 02; Judy abt 5 mos on 9 Feb 00; Mike abt 4 mo on 16 Mar 03; and Charlotte abt 4 mos on 28 Mar 00–15 July 1782–rec 27 Aug 82

p. 287–Anselm Bailey of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Ben abt 42; Lucy abt 40; Silva abt 30; Bett abt 28;dinah abt 24; Ellie abt 21; Pollina abt 18. Having 21 in their minority reserves guardianship etc frees Aaron on 1 Jan 86, Isaac on 1 Jan 88, Priss on 1 Jan 85, Jim son of Lidia on 1 Jan 88, Ben on 1 Jan 90, Frank on 1 Jan 87, Cate on 1 Jan 90, Moses on 1 Jan 95, Jesse on 1 Jan 96, Tamer on 1 Jan 93, Mourning on 1 Jan 94, Linn on 1 Jan 97, Patience on 1 Jan 94, Angee on 1 Jan 95, Crecia on 1 Jan 96, Jim son of Bett on 1 Jan 99, Esther on 1 Jan 97, Willis on 1 Jan 1800, Rachael on 1 Jan 99, Michael and Exum both on 1 Jan 1802–22 Aug 1782–rec 27 Aug 1782

p. 288–Richard Rowell of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Sam 56; Sarah 55; Henry 48; James 37; young Sam 32; Moses 30; Herculas 27; Amey 25; Edith 19–and having 7 others in their minority reserving guardianship etc frees Jacob 20 on 15 Jan 83; Salgal

16 on 18 Mar 85; Dafney 13 on 10 July 87; Tiller 11 on 12 Dec 89; Treacy 5 on 20 Sept 95; Charlotte 2 on 19 Aug 98; Daniel 1 on 22 Dec 1802–26 Aug 1782–rec 27 Aug 1782

p. 289–Robert Hargrave of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Jeffry aged abt 60; James abt 50; Sarah abt 48–and reserving guardianship etc frees Roger on 1 Jan 1785 and Nann 1 Jan 89–22 Aug 1782–rec 27 Aug 82

p. 290–Hartwell Hargrave of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro man Arco aged abt 46–2 Aug 82–rec 27 Aug 82

p. 291–Celia Hargrave of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Lucy aged about 25–and 5 in their minority reserving guardianship etc–Moses on 1 Jan 92; Esther on 1 Jan 92; Sarah on 1 Jan 95; Daphny on 1 Jan 97 and Peyton on 1 Jan 1803–22 Aug 1782–rec 27 Aug 1782

p. 292–Mary Hargrave of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro woman Fanny and 3 in their minority reserving guardianship–Tom on 1 Jan 87; Ben on 1 Jan 1801; and Stewart on 1 Jan 03–22 Aug 1782–rec 27 Aug 82

p. 348–will of Daniel Pond of Surry–gives his wife Mary the authority to free his Negro woman Venus and her increase at any time she thinks fit–28 July 82–rec 25 Feb 83

### **Surry County Deed Book 12 1783-1787 LVA Reel #18**

p. 19–Benjamin Spratley of Surry fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right and doing unto others frees 11 Negroes viz: Will aged 34; Natt, 27; Lucy, 37; Betty, 26; Simon, 15 [17 Feb 1789]; Jane, 11[ 17 Aug 90]; Mary, 8[ Jan 93]; Sally, 5[ Mar 96]; Cuffy, 6 [1 July 98]; Annaky, 3[ in 98]; and Judy, 6 mo[ in May 1801]–for those in minority, reserves guardianship until males 21 and females 18–not all have specific dates–28 Oct 1783–rec 25 Nov 1783

p. 69–Agatha Cornwell of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro girl named Edy abt 14 yrs old and reserving guardianship until 18 which will be 1 Aug 1788–22 Nov 1784–rec 23 Nov 1784

p. 147–Matthew White of Perquimons County, NC–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro man Moses abt 20 yrs old–witnesses are Aron Cornwell who affirms and Benjamin White who swears–30 Nov 1784–rec 22 Nov 1785

p. 228–John Warren Jr of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro boy Philip aged 2 years 12 April last when he is 21–24 Oct 1786–rec same

p. 240–Benjamin White of Perquimons Co NC–freedom is natural right and doing unto others–frees Negro man Caesar aged abt 23 –22 Dec 1786–rec 27 Feb 1787–affirmed by Aaron Cornwell and Jacob White

p. 240–Jacob White of Perquimons Co, NC–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro man Isaac aged abt 26–22 Dec 1786–rec 27 Feb 1787–affirmed by Aaron Cornwell

242–Robert Ryland gave me his bond for the sum of 11 pounds and for the clothes and taxes of my Negro fellow Abraham for the year 1785, which bond I have mislaid. Sworn to before F. Hubard. The above sworn to before me James Southall–At a court held for Surry County 27 Feb 1787 the within certificate of F. Hubard and certified by James Southall a Magistrate of the City of Williamsburg was presented in court by Robert Ryland and on his motion it is ordered to be recorded. Received June 5<sup>th</sup> 1786 of Mr Robert Ryland by the hands of Mr John Pettway 11 pounds for the hire of my Negro fellow Abraham hired to the said Ryland for 1785–F. Hubard

**Surry County Deed Book 13 1788-1792 LVA Reel #18**

p. 58–Anselm and Hannah Hargrave manumit and set free from bondage our 7 Negroes vizt: Sarah aged 55; Henry aged 50; Kate aged 45; Patt aged 16; Venus aged 14; Aaron aged 12 and Kate aged 10. Aaron at 21 and Patt, Venus and Kate at 18–23 June 1788–rec 27 Jan 1789–Joseph Bailey and Richard Wren two of the witnesses affirm

p. 66–Mary Ryland the elder and Mary Ryland the younger (of Richard Ryland, dec'd) of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro woman named Rachel aged 36 last August–and two girls in their minority viz Lucy aged 12 next August and Nancy aged 10 yrs next September when they turn 18–17 Jan 89–rec 28 April 89–and Robt Ryland came into court and entered security that Lucy and Nancy would not become chargeable to the parish

p. 104–Mary Ryland widow of William, and Thomas Parfield Ryland her son, all of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro man Randolph aged abt 25 yrs–22 June 88–rec 23 June 89

p. 162–Mary Judkins of Surry persuaded that freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees 2 Negroes, Hannah aged 43 and Anyky aged 20–and three in their minority viz Tom who will be 21 in March 1804; Fec who will be 21 in April 1807 and Betty who will be 18 in January 1807–27 Oct 89–rec 22 Dec 1789

p. 163–Charity Smith of Surry–freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Negro woman 21 yrs old last July and Negro girl Sarah when 18 on 15 Mar 1805–24 Sept 89–rec 22 Dec 1789

p. 166—George Gardner of Surry after deliberate consideration of the practice of slavery concludes that it is altogether contrary to the Laws of nature, reason and religion; and an unlawful infringement of the natural rights of all mankind and as the civil laws allow me the liberty..frees Rachell of full age; Molly in 1792, David in 1798; Margaret in 1799, and Isham in 1808 who are under age—26 Jan 1790—rec same

p. 200—James Judkins of Surry frees Negro Ben abt 38—23 Feb 1790—rec 22 June 1790

p. 200—James Judkins of Surry frees Negro Lucy abt 28—23 Feb 1790—rec 22 June 1790

p. 201—James Judkins of Surry frees Negro Tiller [female] 23 Feb 90—rec 22 June 1790

p. 202—James Judkins of Surry frees Negro boy David aged abt 13—when 21—reserves guardianship--23 Feb 90—rec 22 June 1790

p. 266—Thomas Clary of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc frees Ben aged 20 yrs—when 21 in May 1789—26 May 88—rec 26 April 91

#### **Surry County Deeds No.1 1792-1799 LVA Reel # 19**

p. 4—John Davis, Sr of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc-frees Negro man Mingo aged abt 65 yrs—22 June 92—rec 26 June 92

p. 9—Henry Moring of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc—frees Negro man Bob Rivers abt 41 or 42 yrs of age—which I bought at public auction and have had in my possession for 20 yrs—10 July 92—rec 24 July 92

p. 235—I Richard Mackie formerly of Nansemond County Virginia now in Glasgow being at present in sickness of body but of sound mind and memory having long resolved to reward with freedom my two faithful slaves vizt: James a seaman or waterman and Nelly a woman house servant, both of which slaves I brought from Africa when I followed that inhuman trade ( of which I now declare my detestation) and who afterwards serve me in New York and in several voyages and whom I left in the neighborhood of Cabin Point in Virginia near four years ago. Therefore I do now give the said James and Nelly their freedom and declare them free persons, I also declare any children the said Nelly may have born to be free.....appts Thomas Peter, Jn Alexander or Robt Kennon to be atty's to accomplish the recording of this in any county court—11

Dec 1793—presented in court by Thomas Peter, gent—and rec 27 Jan 1795

p. 267—William Ruffin of Surry in consideration of the good services heretofore rendered me by my Negro man Cuffy alias Isaac and for divers other good causes frees him—24 April 1795—rec 29 April 1795

p. 347—John Warren of Surry—freedom is natural right so emancipates Pleasant aged abt 30; Joe and Dick abt 28 yrs old; and Jesse aged 22; and 6 in their minority viz; Effy, Tempy, Dick, Judah, Nat and Amy when males 21 and females are 18—31 Dec 95—rec 23 Feb 1796

p. 373—Thomas Clary of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc-frees Negro man Moses aged 28—28 May 1796—rec 28 June 96

p. 464—Nancy X Eaton of Surry —freedom is natural right so frees Negro man Jacob aged 54 yrs—23 Feb 1797—rec 28 Feb 97

**Surry County Deeds No.2 1799-1804 LVA Reel # 19**

p. 1—Mary X Alexander of Surry—freedom is natural right-frees Lucy abt 48; George abt 46; Daphney abt 29; Bob abt 29; Qually abt 26; Dick abt 22; and Little Dick abt 22; and those in minority, reserving guardianship ie Jenny on 15 Feb 1800; Sam on 20 Oct 06; Mima on 5 Jan 07; Lucy on 5 Jan 07; Nancy on 9 Aug 07; Moses on 4 Jan 13; Lizza on 10 July 12; Allen on 1 Dec 18; and George on 18 Feb 1820—ie males at 21 and females at 18—28 Jan 1800—rec same

p. 10—Christopher S. Morings of Surry frees Amy abt 31 to be free on this 22 April 1800 and Gray who is abt 2 yrs old to be free at 21 yrs of age—22 April 1800—rec same

p. 119—Anaca X Bailey of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others—frees Negro man Mike aged abt 36—27 Oct 1800—rec 24 Feb 1801

p. 129—Thomas Peter frees Negrom man Anthony aged abt 36 yrs old—24 Feb 1801—rec same

p. 191—Whereas Richard Cocke Jr late of Surry dec'd did by his last will and testament among other things direct that the woman Becca and her son Robert Kennon which I have bought of John H. Cocke paid 100L as per receipt shall be free immediately and whereas the said John H. Cocke who was at that time in his infancy has since attained the age of 21 and has by deed bearing date 26 Oct 01 released all right etc—so William Taliaferro admin of will of Richard Cocke frees said woman Becky and her child Robert Kennon—27 Oct 1801—rec same

p. 489—William Edwards of Surry for and in consideration of the many faithfull services rendered by Betty one of my female slaves and in order to reward her..do emancipate her—no age given—25 April 1804—rec same

p. 490—James Bell of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro man Scipio—25 April 1804—rec same

p. 511—Whereas John Wilson by his last will gave unto Elvire Wilson his wife the use and labor of all his Negroes during her natural life and after her death that all of them should be free—and whereas Elvire is willing and desirous to liberate and set free at this time one of the Negroes ie Bob—so does so—24 July 1804—rec same

**Surry County Deeds No. 3 1804-1811 LVA Reel #20**

p. 16–Laodicea X Edwards of Surry–freedom is natural right–frees Negro Bruton aged 30–26 Feb 1805–rec same

p. 26–John Holt of Surry for divers good causes frees after 1 Jan 1811 Negro man Lemas, supposed to be 24 yrs of age–26 Feb 1805–rec same

p. 67–Elvire Wilson who received slaves for life from husband John in his will who are to be freed after her death, frees Negro woman Sue, one of the aforesaid slaves–23 July 1805–rec same

p. 73–John Moring of Surry sets free “a parcel of Negroes as they come to age and time hereafter to be mentioned;” Hannah, Patrick, Cherry, Jordan and Charlotte to be free without day; Isabell to 22 Feb be free 1 Nov 1807; Carter to be free 16 Aug 12; Polly to be free 1 April 14; Burwell to be free 10 April 22; Maria to be free 25 Dec 22; Willis to be free 11 April 1824–23 July 05–rec same–note says Examined and delivered or sent to Wm A Graham of Hillsboro, NC atty for Polly alias Polly Bailey one of the grantees per his letter filed this 3 July 1840?

p. 127–Thomas Peter frees Charles, alias Charles Sebrell a dark mulatto aged at 36 yrs, 5'8" high, the said Charles being purchased by TP from Mr Nathaniel Sebrell a per bill of sale of this date–25 Feb 1806–rec same–clerks note says deed of emancipation from Thomas Peter, gent to Negro man Charles alias Charles Sebrell

p. 128–Josiah Wilson of Surry from mature deliberation and consideration frees Negro girl Linder aged abt 6–it is his wish to keep the said Negro girl Linder while she arrives to the age of 18 or married–25 Feb 1806–rec same

p. 130–whereas Etheldred Lancaster, decd late of Norfolk County being possessed in his lifetime of a Negro man slave named Abel did sometime before the death agree to emancipate the said Abel he paying to the said Lancaster the sum of 40L, a part of which sum was actually paid before the death of Lancaster, his heirs had ack receipt and now willing that the contract be complied with have on receiving the balance transferred all their right, title and claim to the said Abel to me John White of Surry to be by me emancipated–so does–Abel is aged from the information White can get abt 43 yrs old–24 Feb 1806–rec 25 Feb 1806

p. 137–Sarah Nicholas of Surry–for good conduct and other good considerations frees Negro woman Phillis or Phillis Ruffin–7 Jan 1806–rec 22 April 1806

p. 141–Henry Gray of Surry for divers good causes frees Negro woman slave Priscilla aged abt 41–22 April 1806–rec same

p. 632–Fanny X James of Surry for divers good causes frees Negro man Toney aged abt 50 yrs and who I purchased from Samuel Hargrave by bill of sale dated 26 Nov 1801–26 Feb 1811–rec

same

**Surry County Deeds No. 4 1811-1815** LVA Reel #20

no deeds of manumission in index and a scan of the film found none

**Surry County Deeds No. 5 1815-1818** LVA Reel #21

p. 361—whereas Richard Cocks Jr late of the county of Surry decd did by his last will and testament bearing date 4 Oct 1800 and duly recorded directed that the whole of my estate real and personal except what I give away should be kept together under the direction of my execs heretofore named for the support and education of Robert Kennon until the said Robt Kennon shall attain the age of 21 yrs or until his death whichever shall first happen, if the latter it is my desire that my execs do emancipate and set free all my Negroes above the age of 21 (males) or 18 (females) and others when they reach majorities; but if the said Robt Kennon should live to attain the age of 21 then I desire the Negroes may be freed in the same manner except said Robt Kennon shou'd keep the young ones until they arrive to the ages first for their freedom by me and no longer—and since Wm Taliaferro, one of the execs has lately died and the admin of estate of Richard Cocks has been granted to Eliza Hartwell Taliaferro of Caroline County and since Robt Kennon has lately ie on 8 April turned 21, she frees the slaves all above the age of 21 viz: Beck, Aggy, Paul, Caesar and Simon all of which have been in Surry since death of Richard Cocks—29 April 1817—rec 7 May 1817

p. 538—Samuel Pretlow of Surry—freedom is natural right and doing unto others frees Negro girl named Amey abt 13—guardian until 18—13 Nov 1781[yes 1781]—rec Nov 23, 1818—the witnesses Edmd Stabler and Jos G. Bailey being dead, Archibald Davis and Robt S. Bailey deposed that Bailey's signature is his—

End of Surry County Deed Book Abstracts