

ABSTRACTS OF SUSSEX COUNTY VIRGINIA MANUMISSIONS 1782-1818

SUSSEX COUNTY DEED BOOKS 1782-1818

Sussex County Deed Book F 1779-1786 LVA reel #3

p. 136–4 July 82–James X Watkins of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that it is my duty to do unto others as I would desire to be done to in the like situation emancipates Negro man Kinchen aged abt 26 yrs old–rec 17 Oct 82

p.137– 15 Aug 82– Jesse Hargrave of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that it is my duty to do unto others etc emancipates Simon aged abt 25; Tom aged abt 24; Rose aged abt 24–also frees Stuart aged abt 6 on 1 Jan 1797; Ellick aged abt 3 on 1 Jan 1801, and Jeremiah aged abt 1 on 1 Jan 03 but believing it right to reserve the prerogative of acting as guardian over them until males are 21 and females 18--rec 17 Oct 82

p. 138–16 Oct 82–Hannah X White of Sussex emancipates Negro man James abt 24 yrs old persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc–rec 17 Oct 82

p. 138–13 Aug 82–John White, Mary Cornwell and Jacob Cornwell of Sussex and Thomas Ricks of Southampton fully persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipate five Negroes viz Janey aged abt 60; Dick abt 55; Sarah abt 50; Judy abt 35 and Tom abt 21; and 3 Negroes in their minority viz Ned abt 16 on 31 Dec 87; Sellah abt 7 on 31 Dec 93; and Janey aged abt 1 on 31 Dec 99–rec 17 Oct 82

p. 147–13 Nov 82–Edwin Ellis of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipates Negro girl Chloe aged abt 15 yrs old when 18 on 31 Dec 1784–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 147–4 Aug 82–Nathaniel Briggs and Lydia Briggs of Sussex persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipates one Negro man named Jack abt 43 and another Negro man named Robbin abt 42–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 148–7 Aug 82–William Hamlin of Sussex persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipates two Negroes viz Amey aged 32 and Charles aged 27–and Drury aged 6 mos when 21 on 1 Mar 03–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 149–6 July 82–Edward Stabler and Wyke Hunnicutt as appointees of the Monthly Meeting of Quakers at Black Water in Surry County acc to will of Gloster Hunnicutt late of Sussex in his will wanted freed on 1 Jan 82 the following slaves viz Tom, Joe, Charles, Ben Jenny and her child Charlott–frees them–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 150–4 Aug 82–Robert Hicks and Margaret Hicks of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipates a Negro man slave named Henry abt 26–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 151–4 Aug 82–Nathaniel Briggs of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom etc and doing unto others etc emancipates seven Negroes viz Sharper aged abt 65; Sue aged abt 61; Nann aged abt 61; Priss aged abt 46; Jenny aged abt 36; Ruth aged abt 20 and Lucy aged abt 19; and 8 Negroes in their minority, viz; Suckey abt 12 to be free on 31 Dec 88; Hannah aged abt 9 on 31 Dec 91; Fed aged abt 9 on 31 Dec 94; Dinah aged abt 8 on 31 Dec 92; Bolling aged abt 5 on 31 Dec 98; Mealy aged abt 4 on 31 Dec 96; Jesse aged abt 3 on 31 Dec 00; and Jacob aged abt one year on 31 Dec 02–rec 21 Nov 82

p. 152–19 Dec 82--John Marriott of Sussex noting the manumission law passed in last session of assembly frees James aged 40; Aggy aged 40; Farriby aged 30; Molly aged 18; Shelly aged 7; Hannah aged 5; Abraham aged 3 and Jenny aged 2–reserves to himself and heirs the care and direction of those underage until males are 21 and females are 18–rec 19 Dec 82–marginal note says “__? as to Shelly Nov 26, 95”

p. 165–3 July 82–Thomas Pretlow of Sussex–persuaded that freedom is natural right etc and doing unto others etc emancipates two Negroes viz Jack aged abt 35 and Susan abt 33 yrs old and 3 Negroes now in their minority viz Betty or Bethy aged abt 12 on 31 Dec 88; Moses aged abt 10 on 31 Dec 93; and Milly aged abt 3 on 31 Dec 97–rec 20 Mar 83–and p. 166--since Jesse Henley and Anne his wife had a part of the within named Negroes–relinquish any claims and ratify manumission–12 Feb 83–rec with above

p. 172–18 Sept 82–William Nicholson of Sussex after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to the Bill of Rights am fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that no Law Morral or Devine hath given me a just right or property in the persons or person of any of my fellow creatures and desirous to fullfill the injunction of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ by doing to all others as I would be done by ...emancipates Negro woman Lucy aged abt 32; Roger aged abt 15 in May 88; John aged abt 11 in Mar 92; Rachel aged abt 9 in Oct 94; Fathea aged abt 6 in Mar 97; Jude abt 4 yrs in Aug 99; and Amy aged abt 2 in Jan 02–reserves guardianship etc of minors–rec 17 April 83

p. 177–3 July 82–John Cornwall of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom is natural right etc and doing unto others etc–emancipates Negro man named Cuffey abt 28 yrs old–rec 15 May 83

p. 182–deed for Ellis’s Preaching House from Wm Ellis to Wm Nicholson, Caleb Ellis, Emanuel James, Stephen Andrews, David Rogers, Stephen Pepper, Isaac Ellis, Benj Ellis and Wm Ellis jr–permit Jn Wesley to preach etc

p. 220–17 Feb 84--William Nicholson and Mary Nicholson of Sussex–bill of rights, doing unto others etc–frees from bondage the following Negroes; Fanny abt 30 yrs of age; Milley abt 28; Peter abt 12 on 10 Jan 93; Jane abt 9 on 10 Feb 96; Anthony abt 7 on 26 May 98; Ephraim abt 4 on 20 Nov 01; Milley jr abt 9 months on 2 July 04–reserving guardianship etc–rec 19 Feb 84

p. 286–20 May 84–Margaret Heath of Sussex frees my servants Patt aged 41; Toby aged 10; Richmond aged 8; Peter 6; Bobb 2, Moses aged 2 months; Sarah abt 40, Hannah 12 ½ yrs–rec 20 May 84—marginal note =cop’d as to Richmond 17 Nov 87; Peter 11 Jan 00; Toby 10 Nov 00; Bob 7th May 03; Moses 26 May 05

p. 292–15 July 84–Stith Parham of Sussex persuaded that freedom is natural right etc and doing unto others etc–frees 4 Negroes viz Simon aged 34; Cesar 22 yrs; Nanny 40; Tabb 37; and 6 in their minority viz: Fanny aged 16 on 3 Sept 85; Fanny 15 in Oct 86; Nathan 11 in Aug 94; Nanny 8 in Mar 94; Matt 5 in Nov 99; and Fredrick 2 in Sept 03–reserving guardianship etc–rec 15 July 84

p. 343–nd 1784–Drury Lane of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–freed Negro woman Cate aged abt 42–rec 16 Dec 84

p. 397–6 Mar 85–Howel Chappell of Sussex -bill of rights, freedom natural right etc and doing unto others frees Negroes Patt, Charles, Hanniball, Abram, Christopher, Sall, Tabb, Harbert, Peter, Liddey, Roger–guardianship for Christopher until 31 Dec 85; Sall 12 Dec 85; Roger 4 Aug 91; Tabb 24 Jan 90; Harbert 30 April 97; Peter 5 June 00; Liddy 4 Aug 00–rec 21 April 85–marginal note= delv'd Roger a copy 30 May 92; Abram a copy 13 Jan 94

p. 404–18 May 85–Erasmus Gill of Dinwiddie County fully persuaded freedom is natural right etc frees servant girl Sally abt 18 and her child Charlotte abt 2 months old–rec 16 June 85

p. 434–20 July 85–Benjamin Evans of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom is natural right etc and doing unto others–frees 4 Negroes viz: Patt aged 44 yrs; Tom aged 24; Isaac aged 22; Edee aged 15–rec 21 July 85

p. 468–nd Aug 85–Lettice Hargrave of Sussex fully persuaded that freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees two Negroes viz: Roger aged 38 and Rachall aged 19–rec 17 Nov 85

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p. 58 - 20 Jan 87 - I Simon X - of Sussex being convinced that Liberty is the undoubted Right of all Mankind and having in my possession one Negroe Woman named Hannah (no age given) which I bought of Mr. Timothy Rives of Prince George County whom I have ever since held in slavery - emancipate her agreeable to act of assembly - rec 17 May 87

p. 123 - 14 Dec 87 - Thomas Wren - of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all men agreeable to the Declaration of the Bill of Rights - sets free Ned, Sambo, Aggy, Dicy, Isabel, Andrew, Lucy, Ginney (no ages given) - rec 20 Dec 87

p. 124 - 19 Sept 87 - William Ellis - of Sussex after mature deliberation and agreeable to our Bill of Rights am persuaded that no law, moral, or divine gives me a right to the life and property of my fellow creatures and to fulfill the injunction of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, by doing to all men as I would be done unto - sets free the following Negroes to wit Thomas (26 yrs), Sarah (23 yrs), Fanny (20 yrs) [10 Aug 88], Jane (16 yrs) [1 Jan 92], Philip (14 yrs) [3 Jan 94], Randolph (6 yrs) [11 March 02], Allen (4 yrs) [14 Feb 04], Alexander (2 yrs 3 mo) [22 May 06], Charlotte (2 yrs 1 mo) [14 Nov 06], Edmund (1 yr 10 mo) [17 Feb 07], Anacha (6 mo) [28 June 08] - request and desire to have the care and instruction of them till they arrive at full age - rec

19 Dec 87

p. 125 - 14 Dec 87 - Henry Moss - of Sussex after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our Bill of Rights am fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all man kind and that no law, moral, or decree hath given me a just right or property in the person of any of my fellow creatures and desireous to fulfill the injunction of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ by doing to all others as etc - sets free from bondage the following Negroes vizt. Peter [1 Jan 88], Ephraim [1 Jan 97], Phill [Jan 98], Becky [1 Jan 88], Dilcy [1 Jan 93], Edmund [1 Jan 07], and Salley [1 Jan 12]- desire to have their care and guardianship and instruction till they arrive at full - rec 20 Dec 87

p. 133 - 17 Jan 1788 - James Turner - after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our Bill of Rights...am persuaded that Freedom is the natural right...do hereby set free from bondage the following Negroes vizt. Lewis (25 yrs), Peter (23 yrs), Fanney (17 yrs 25 Dec past) [25 Dec 88], Sissoms (17 yrs 10 June past) [10 June 91], Ephraim (15 yrs 20 July past) [20 July 93], Sall (12 yrs 20 Dec past) [20 Dec 93], Jordan (born 1 May past) [1 May 08] - desire to have guardianship and instruction of said children till they arrive at full age - red 17 Jan 88

p. 139 - 14 Dec 1787 - Charles Hamlin - of Sussex County being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that it is my duty to do unto others...having under my care 3 Negroes - emancipates Solomon (24 yrs), Isaac (23 yrs), Usse (23 yrs) - and also having 3 Negroes in their minority - Silvy (14 yrs) [1 Dec 91], Howel (8 yrs) [1 Dec 00], Patience (2 yrs) [1 Dec 03] - believe in the right to reserve the prerogative of acting as guardian - rec 14 Jan 88

p. 140 - 14 Dec 1787 - John Hamlin - of Sussex County being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...my duty to do unto others...having under my care one Negro slave- frees Lettice (31 yrs) - having also five Negroes now in their minority - frees Charlotte (11 yrs) [1 Dec 94], Winny (7 yrs) [1 Dec 98], Charles (5 yrs) [1 Dec 03], John (3 yrs) [1 Dec 05], Silas (3 yrs) [1 Dec 05] - rec 17 Jan 88

p. 168 - 9 April 1788 - Jesse Hargrave - of Sussex County being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...do unto others...having under my care one Negro, sets free - Lydda (13 yrs) [1 Jan 93] - rec 17 April 88

p. 169 - 2 Feb 1787 - William Hamlin - of Sussex County being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...do unto others...having under my care three Negroes - frees Isbel (about 34 yrs), James (33 yrs), Fan (about 20 yrs) - having also two Negroes now in their minority - frees Randall (14 yrs) [1 Jan 95], Cellar (12 yrs) [1 Jan 94] - rec 17 April 88

p. 197 - 18 Feb 1788 - Stephen Pepper - of Sussex County after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our bill of rights am fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right... - sets free Negroe girl Lindy (about 16 yrs) [1 Jan 93] - rec 19 June 88

p. 198 - 18 June 1788 - Richard Jones - of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...frees Hall (no age) - rec 19 June 88

p. 199 - 27 May 1788 - Henry Porch - of Sussex County being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right... - freed Phoebe (no age) - rec 19 June 88

p. 215 - 9 Sept 1788 - Thomas Williamson - of Sussex County after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our Bill of Rights...freedom is the natural right...sets free the following Negroes vizt. Nathan [1 Jan 89], Harris [1 Jan 93], Anaca [1 Jan 89], Tabby [1 Jan 96], Charles [1 Jan 08] - rec 18 Sept 88

p. 216 - 9 Sept 1788 - John Carter - of Sussex after full and deliberate consideration...Bill of Rights...freedom is the natural right... - sets free the following Negroes vizt. Patt [1 Jan 89], Amey [1 Jan 93], Bob [Jan 1 96], Anthony [Jan 1 00], Mot [1 Jan 02], Sam [Jan 1 10], Eldridge [1 Jan 11] - rec 18 Sept 88

p. 231 - 18 Oct 1788 - Markes Stokes, Drury Stokes, Hamlin Stokes Freeman - know ye that we do manumit and set free Will and Sam, two old and faithful slaves formerly the property of Cescilla Stokes, as for their faithful and long service to the said Cescilla she by her last will and testament, though not proved in court we as legatees under the said will do by these presents agree to liberate and set free and do hereby declare that they, the said Will and Sam, are hereby liberated, manumitted, and by us set free to all intents and purposes whatsoever - rec 20 Nov 88

p. 241 - 25 June 1788 - Sarah Hamlin of Sussex manumits and delivers up all my rights and interests to the four following Negroes, which was left to me by the will of my deceased husband, vizt. Ned (57 yrs), Aggee (49 Yrs), Dick (48 yrs), Bell (55 yrs) - sets free at 21 yrs old Joe (16 yrs) -[Jesse Hargrave, William Hamlin, Charles Hamlin and John Hamlin as heirs and legatees of Stephen Hamlin dec'd relinquish their right etc to above named slaves-14 Dec 88]--rec 18 Dec 88

p. 252 - 14 Jan 1789 - Benjamin Weathers - of Sussex after full consideration and agreeable to our Bill of Rights...freedom is the natural right... - sets free the following Negroe vizt. Jack (no age) - rec 15 Jan 89

p. 260 - 10 Nov 1788 - William Wynne - of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right... - sets free Billy Scott (about 37 yrs), Judah Scott (about 21 yrs), Jemima Scott (about 19 yrs), James Scott (about 16 yrs) [3 July 93], Nathan Scott (about 5 yrs) [1 Jan 04], John Scott (about 2 mo) [14 Sept 09] - rec 5 Feb 89

p. 262 - 15 Jan 1789 - Edward Wootten - of Sussex being fully convinced that freedom is the natural right of man - sets free and emancipates the following Negroes: Peter (about 35 yrs), Easter (about 35 yrs),--these two to be freed on 25 Dec next and not before-- and those in their minority: Jane on 1 Jan 91, Charles in Jan 94, Jack in Jan 96, Maclin in Jan 00, James in Jan 03, Rachel in Jan 04, Dyson in Jan 05, Sam in Jan 07, Anthony in Jan 09 - rec 5 Feb 89--marginal note: Dec 30 1789 copied as to Peter and Easter--9 Jan 94 copied as to Peter--17 April 94 cop'd for Charles--cop'd for Jack Nov 14, 96--cop'd for Maclin 20 March 00--

p. 275 - 12 Dec 1788 - James Briggs - of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right.... Having under my care two Negroes - frees Nan (19 yrs), Anthony (9 mo) boy to

be free when 21 - rec 15 Jan 89

p. 326 - 13 Aug 1789 - John White - of Sussex - sets free three negroes, Bob (23 yrs), Roger (17 yrs), Lewis (15 yrs on 3 June last) -Roger and Lewis to be free at 21-- rec 3 Sept 89

p. 336 - 15 Dec 88 - Michael Bailey - of Sussex being convinced that freedom is the natural right - frees Jeffry, Charles, Harry, Phillis, Lucy, Judah (all over 21 and under 45), Charles son of Phillis [1 Jan 91], Ben and Sam twins of Phillis [1 Jan 94], Dinah daughter of Phillis [1 Jan 95], Pollenia daughter of Phillis [1 Jan 00], Moses son of Phillis [1 Jan 00], Miles son of Phillis [1 Jan 03], Martin son of Phillis [1 Jan 05], Gilley daughter of Lucy [1 Jan 96], Lewis son of Lucy [1 Jan 98], Tom son of Lucy [1 Jan 00], Anaka daughter of Lucy [1 Jan 01], Arko and Ned twins of Lucy [1 Jan 06], Tiller Daughter of Lucy [1 Jan 07}, Anthony son of Juday [1 Jan 05], Amey daughter of Judah [1 Jan 08] - rec 3 Sept 89

p. 398 - 4 Feb 1790 - Michael Malone - of Sussex think it wrong and oppressive to hold Negroes in bondage do therefore hereby mannumitt and set absolute free the Negroes hereafter mentioned that are in bondage to me in the following manner viz. Negroe Man James and Floover to be free now, Negro Woman Amey [1 Jan 91], Negro Woman Jinny [1 Jan 94], Negro Girl Judith [1 Jan 98], Negroe Boy Cuby [1 Jan 99], Negroe Girl little Amy [1 Jan 03], Negroe Girl Patty [1 Jan 08], Negroe Girl Joan [1 Jan 08] - and hereby bind myself and my heirs, executors, and administrators and every one of us in the penal sum of noe hundred pounds current money is each and every one of the said Negroes to be recovered by them or either of them from such of us as may attempt to deprive them or either of them of there liberty and freedom - rec 4 Feb 1790

p. 426 - 6 March 1790 - Thomas Hill - to all to whom these presents shall come, Know ye that I Thomas Hill of Sussex County, being new in the possession of sundry Negroes of the following names...being fully convinced that freedom is the natural right...I do by these presents set free and emancipate the following Negroes, namely Ned, Gaby, Sye, Judith, Amey, Rachel, Pegg, Succa, Pallace, Billy, Amey, Harry, Sall, Nelson, Patrick, Hannah, Rose, Augustine, Abram, Fed, and James (no ages) - rec 1 April 90--Margin note: Taken out by Thomas Hill 23 Feb 91--cop'd as to Judith 14 April 98--

p. 462 - 2 Sept 1790 - William Baird - of Sussex by authority of act of assembly emancipates and sets free the following slaves at the following periods vizt. Aron, Dinah, Rebeka [these three goes out this year], Henry goes out in December 1794, George goes out December 1800, Dulcey goes out in December 1805, Jeremiah goes out December 1808, David goes out just two years after Jeremiah and I do hereby according to the above declaration set them and all that may be born in my house hereafter from any of them the above named at the certain periods those that may be born at the age the age the law allows free from me - rec 2 Sept 90--Margin note: cop'd for Henry 25 Dec 94--

p. 484 - 10 Aug 1790 - Thomas Hill - of Sussex being now in possession of sundry Negroes of the following names which I have heretofore held as slaves and being now fully convinced that freedom is the natural right of all mankind, I do by these present emancipate and set free the following Negroes, namely Rebecca, Catharine, Peter, Feggin, Lucy, Peter, Martha, Charles, Linny, Anthony, Augustine, Selah, Dansy, Ann, Dorotha, Ziltha, Jane, and Ann (no ages) --some

are in their nonage so freed according to provisions of act of assembly- rec 2 Sept 90—Margin note: Taken out by Thomas Hill-- cop'd for Doratha and Ziltha nd--

p. 508 - 6 Jan 1791 - Wilkins Harper - of Sussex being fully persuaded of the impropriety and sinfulness of Negro Slavery and having in my possession sundry Negroes which I have heretofore held as slaves, sets free in the following manner to wit - Jinny on 1 Jan 1792, Sealey on 1 Jan 1797, Sam on 1 Jan 1802, Aaron on 1 Jan 1812, Jimmey on 1 Jan 1814-- rec 6 Jan 91—Margin note: sent to Wilkins Harper by hands of Tapley Young, Ben W Johnson Nov 23, 1795

p. 544 - 8 Jan 1791 - Robert Atkinson of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...frees a Negro woman called Tiller aged 19 yrs - rec 3 Feb 91

p. 545 - 18 Sept 90 - Susannah Baird - after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our Bill of Rights am fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right...and doing unto others etc hereby set free from bondage my Negro man Cubit —no age-- rec 3 Feb 91

p. 565 - 3 March 1791 - Thomas Hill - of Sussex being now in the possession of one Negroe of the following name which I have heretofore held as a slave and being fully convinced that freedom is the natural right - sets free Jeff - and whereas the above named Niger is aove the age of forty five years I do by these presents emancipate and set free the said Niger that is over the age of forty five years and to enjoy his liberty and freedom - rec 2 March 91—margin note: original delivered Tho Hill

p. 617 - 11 Feb 1791 - Mourning Briggs - of Sussex being fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right - sets free Negro man Luke (22 yrs) - rec 2 June 91

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p. 47b—3 April 93--William Nicholson of Sussex after mature deliberation frees Negro man known by the name of Edward Ricks—no age given—rec 4 April 93

p.127—6 June 92—Elizabeth X Gibbons of Sussex being convinced that liberty is the birth right of mankind in general & every individual in particular frees Jack abt 48, Lucy 46 and Cato 3, reserving guardianship over Cato until 21—rec 5 Dec 93

p. 375—nd-Richard Ivey of Sussex knowing freedom is a natural right and “to fulfill the Golden rule” frees Old Hannah, Nell, Davey, Murreah, John, Myma and James the gift of H. Ivey deceased, except Ned who I bought of Teddy Jarratt—these I manumit from 1 Jan 96 though I retain the right of commanding till the four last arrive at the age of thirty which shall be as follows: Murreah on 30 Mar 96; John July 07; Myma Jan 1 1817 and James July 1821, and if the women have any increase they to stand on the same fottig [sic], the three first are over 45 yrs old but are fully able to get their own living—rec 1 Oct 95—margin = original delivered to Robert Hines 1 July 01

p. 414–2 Dec 95–Elizabeth Hargrave of Sussex having in possession one Negro woman named Lucy aged 37 and being willing that she may enjoy the rights and liberties of mankind, frees her–rec 7 Jan 96

End of Book

Sussex County Deed Book I 1796-1802 LVA Reel #4 book has no index

p. 32–16 Sept 96–William Hargrave of Sussex believing freedom is natural right and doing unto others etc–frees Negro Rachel abt 28 yrs old–rec 2 Feb 97

p. 50–15 Oct 96–Ann X Williamson, John and Richard Williamson and Benjamin Adams of Sussex being convinced that liberty is the birth right of man kind in general and every individual in particular free George a Negro man–no age noted--rec 2 Feb 97

p. 86–8 Feb 97–Benjamin Dunn–whereas he has a Negro slave by the name of Harris in his possession and for divers reasons me thereto moving and for further consideration of the sum of thirty pounds paid or secured to be paid by the said Harris do emancipate and set free the said slave from bondage–rec 6 July 97–copy delv'd Harris in margin

p. 104–6 July 97–Stith Parham of Sussex persuaded that freedom is natural right etc frees Negro man slave Nick–no age given--rec 6 July 97

p. 241–5 Dec 98–Stith Parham of Sussex convinced that freedom is natural right of all men frees Negroes Joseph and Peter -no ages given–to enjoy freedom as fully as the laws of this Commonwealth will admit of–rec 7 Dec 98

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Sussex County Deed Book J 1802-1806 LVA Reel # 5 index on page 530 but filmed at beginning of book

p. 7–4 Feb 02--James X Moore of Sussex for divers good causes frees certain man slave named Tom–rec 1 April 02

p. 164-- 2 Feb 03–Margaret X Heath of Sussex frees my slaves reserving guardianship to those in their nonage–viz: Sam, Lewis, Amy, Stephen in April 1810, Betsy in Feb 1813, Patsy [and?], Bonner on 18 Dec 1817 and Polly on 25 Nov 1820–[could be Patsy Bonner]–rec 5 May 03

p. 487–2 April 06–Samuel Cornwell fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right and doing unto others etc–frees one Negro by name of Jacob Homes aged abt 50 yrs–rec 3 April 06

End of Book

Sussex County Deed Book K 1806-1810 LVA Reel # 5

no deeds of emancipation listed in index

Sussex County Deed Book L 1810-1815 LVA Reel # 6

p. 236–4 Feb 1813–Nathaniel Holt as exec of John Holt, dec'd–instructed in JH's will of 19 May 1810 probated 4 Oct 1810 to secure act of assembly to free Jacob–NH petitioned assembly in Dec 1811 and law passed 13 Feb 1812 so this frees Jacob–rec 4 Feb 1813

p. 413–28 Jan 1815–Joseph Council of Sussex frees Negro woman Jenny–rec 2 Feb 1815

End of Book

Sussex County Deed Book M 1815-1820 LVA Reel #6

p. 307–4 Dec 1817–Joseph Hill of Sussex after full and deliberate consideration and agreeable to our bill of rights am fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all mankind and that no law human or divine hath given me a just right or property in any of my fellow creatures and desirous to fulfill the injunction of our lord and saviour Jesus Christ by doing to all men as I would be done by frees Harrey aged 25 yr old, likewise one woman named Charlotte 19 yrs old...and their heirs forever– and two boys in their minority ie Moses 17 when he is 21 and Elias one yr old when he is 21–rec 2 April 1818

p. 307–15 Jan 1818–Robert Anderson of Sussex–same basic statement as ante, frees one slave named Juday, 20 yrs old more or less–rec 2 April 1818

p. 322–3 Mar 1818–John Winfield of Sussex for divers good causes frees Negro man Dick–rec 7 May 1818

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