

Know all men by these presents that I George Blackston of Kent County and State of Delaware do think it wrong and oppressive to hold Negroes in Abjct Slavery and contrary to the Law of God and divine Revelation do hereby manumit and set free to all intents and purposes from the date hereof Jacob Blackston, Catharine Blackston, Rebecca Blackston, Michael Blackston and also my Negro man Benjamin Blackston when he shall see Nimrod Maswell to whom I have hired him to three years nine months and fifteen days and also Jack Blackston at the expiration of nine years from the twenty Eighth day of ~~April~~ last he being then twelve years old and further I do hereby against me my heirs Executors and administrators and against all and every other person or persons whatsoever claiming or hereafter to claim by through or under me my heirs executors and administrators or either of them their heirs executors or administrators warrant and by these presents forever ~~the~~ freedom of all and singular the aforesaid described Negroes defend In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal the fifteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two

Signed Sealed and delivered }
in the presence of }
George Ritchie
Benj Brady

George Blackston Seal

State of Delaware }
Kent County } I do hereby certify that on the fifteenth day of June in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and two George Blackston party to the within Manumission did before me Benjamin Brady one of the Justices of the peace in and for said County acknowledge the within Manumission and did sign seal and deliver the same as his act and deed witness my hand and seal the day and year above written

ESB

Benj Brady

A true Copy Examined and Compared with the original
the 2nd day of August anno Domini 1802 Attest
Schubert Recorder

This Indenture made the ninth day of June Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and two between Elizabeth Shepherd and Richie Shepherd (Daughters and only heirs of Thomas Shepherd deceased) of Kent County and State of Delaware of the one part and Walter Douglas of the same County and State (Miler) of the other part Witnesseth that the said Elizabeth Shepherd & Richie Shepherd for and in consideration of the sum of Eight hundred & twenty five Pounds ten Shillings current Lawful Money of the State of Delaware to them in hand paid by the said Walter Douglas the Receipt whereof the said Elizabeth Shepherd & Richie Shepherd doth hereby acknowledge themselves therewith fully satisfied contented and paid and do by these presents give, Grant, Bargain, Sell, alienate, enfeoff and confirm unto the said Walter Douglas his heirs Executors, Administrators, & assigns forever all that Tract or parcel of Land, Grist Mill, Sailing Mill & Plantation Situate lying and being in Mispillion hundred & County and State aforesaid - Beginning at a Maple on the Edge of Browns Branch at the mouth of a Ditch and running from thence South Sixty degrees East one hundred and thirteen perches to a persimmon on Manloves Branch thence down the several courses of Manloves Branch till it intersects Browns Branch aforesaid, thence up the several courses of the main Stream of Browns Branch to the place of Beginning containing and laid out for one hundred and thirty five & three quarters acres of Land be the same more or less, together with the Mills & Condemned lands thereunto belonging which is followeth viz Beginning at a corner marked Red Oak standing on the North Side

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Branch and running up the said Branch North West Sixteen perches, thence North fifty
degrees West twenty eight and an half perches to a corner marked Red Oak Sapling, thence
thirty degrees East thirty perches to a corner marked Red Oak Standing by the said branch
along the said Branch binding therewith Seventy four perches to a corner marked White Oak
standing by the side of said Branch, thence South ten degrees West ten perches to the place
beginning, containing and laid out for two acres of land condemned for the use of New
England Brinkley's Mill Anno Domini 1746 February the 6th Together with all the houses
houses, Barns, Stables orchards, meadows, fences, Cretles, Woods & under woods, timber
trees, Water & water ways, Swamps, Savannas, Easements, Profits Commo dities, Advantages
Hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever therunto belonging or in any manner or way
pertaining, all Rents, Issues & Profits, likewise all Deeds Writings, Conveyances, Int
ests, properties, Claims & Demands in law or equity— together with all lands, Woods
plots & adjoining lands the aforesaid lands which is or was the right of Thomas Shepherd
deceased & which is or was intended to be conveyed to him, In all and singular the ab
ove recited & hereby Granted lands & premises with the Mills & Appurtenances therunto be
longing & of in & to all & every part & parcel thereof, To have and to hold the said
lands & premises aforesaid unto the said Walter Douglas his heirs, Executors, Administrators
assigns to the only Proper use of him the said Walter Douglas his heirs and assigns
ever, under the yearly Duties now Due or hereafter to become due to the Chief
and or Lords of the Fee thereof— and the said Elizabeth Shepherd & Richd Shepherd
his heirs, Executors and Administrators & for each and every of them the within described
lands & premises hereby Granted and every part and parcel thereof, against themselves
against their heirs and against each and every of them and against any person claiming
under Thomas Shepherd deceased and against George Horsford the latter affords his heirs
all claiming under him & from the said Elizabeth Shepherd and Richd Shepherd &
claiming under them and all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully
claiming or hereafter to claim by from or under them or any of them The said Elizabeth
Shepherd & Richd Shepherd & their heirs Executors, & Administrators Shall and will defend
and forever Defend by these presents In Witness whereof the said Elizabeth Shepherd
& Richd Shepherd hath set their hands and affixed their seals the day and
year first within written

and Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of

Jonathan Cowgill
Ann Barrett

and the 21st of June 1802 of Walter Douglas the Consideration money in full of the within
Debt— viz \$26.10.0

Testis
J. S. Stanborough
J. S. Mantlo

Elizabeth Shepherd Seal
Richd Shepherd Seal

Elizabeth Shepherd
Richd Shepherd

West County }
State of Delaware }
before me Andrew Barrett one of the Justices of the Court of common Pleas of the State of
Delaware aforesaid, the within named Elizabeth Shepherd and Richd Shepherd and
acknowledged the within Indenture to be their act and deed according to the true int
ent and meaning of the same, and desired that the same might be recorded as such
In Witness whereof I have here set my hand the day and last aforesaid.

This Copy Examined and Compared with the Original
the 6th day of August Anno Domini 1802 Attest John Burton Recorder