

1800-1806. Long Island Manumission Papers

1800. Hewlett (January 23, 1800)

Source: Manumission Book Of The Towns Of Huntington & Babylon Long Island, New York With Some Earlier Manumissions And Index (1980), p. 90.

By Virtue of a Law of the State of New York passed the 29th March AD 1799 for the Total Abolition of Slavery I do in pursuance of the same Manumit a Certain Female by the Name of Rachel to be free to all intents & purpose Agreeable to the tenor of the Law in the presents of Sarah Wickes, Rhoda Hewlett, Isaac Hewlett
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1806. John Gardiner of the Town of Huntington (February 24, 1806)

Source: Manumission Book Of The Towns Of Huntington & Babylon Long Island, New York With Some Earlier Manumissions And Index (1980), p. 28.

Whereas John Gardiner of the Town of Huntington in the County of Suffolk and the State of New York hath (in pursuance of the provisions of the Statute of the State aforesaid in such cases made and provided) made application to us the undersigned Overseers of the Poor of the Town of Huntington aforesaid for the emancipation of a Certain Negro man Slave named Cato We have therefore examined into the state and Circumstances of Said Slave and finde him to be under fifty years of age and in our judgment and Opinion of sufficient ability to provide for and maintain himself We'd therefore hereby Certify that we approve of and Consent to the Manumission of said slave I Witness Whereof we have hereunto subscrib our names this twenty fourth day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand Eight Hundred and six 1806

Recorded the 24th of February 1806 by Moses Rolph Town Clerk

Thomas Roe overseer of the poor, Samuel Fleet of the town of Huntington aforesaid

1819. Agreement to Manumit Harry Ferguson

Source: Moss, Richard (1993). Slavery on Long island: A Study in local institutional and early African-American communal life.

Know all men by these presents that I Nicholas Schenck of the town of Flatlands in Kings County in the State of New York, do hereby promise for myself, my heirs Executors and administrators, that in case my Negro-man-slave named Harry Ferguson, shall faithfully serve me in his usual occupation as a farmer, and my Commands Obey, for the time in term of two years from the date hereof. And within the said term pay unto me, my heirs Executors or administrators the sum of fifty dollars that at the Expiration as aforesaid I will manumit the said Harry from slavery. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and seal this Seventh day of June in the year of Our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & nineteen.
Signed Nicholas Schenck