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**Identity Statement:**

Title: Slave Manumissions, Hunterdon and Mercer Counties  
 Extent of the unit of description: 1 box; .5 linear feet

**Scope & Content / Abstract:**

This collection contains files, sorted by municipality, of documents from Hunterdon (and later Mercer) County that provide for the emancipation of slaves by their owners. Typical documents may include the manumission, which is a witnessed document, and examination certificates by the overseers of the poor in the representative township, and the Justice(s) of the peace of the county. There are also small selections of slave indentures and sales of slaves. The Mercer County emancipations are from those municipalities that were part of Hunterdon County before Mercer County was formed in 1838.

**Context:**

Name of Creator: Hunterdon County Clerk's Office

Administrative / Biographical history: After the Revolutionary War, New Jersey passed legislation providing for regular manumission of slaves. This was in "An Act to prevent the Importation of Slaves into the State of New Jersey, and to authorize the Manumission of them under certain Restrictions, and to prevent the Abuse of Slaves," passed 2 March 1786 (P.L. 1786, chap. 119, p. 239). The law allowed for the freeing of any slave between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-five with the stipulation that he or she be brought before two overseers of the poor for the township of the slaveowner's residence and two justices of the peace of that county, and be determined by them to be of sound mind and capable of obtaining his or her own support. The law also prescribed the form of manumission certificate (to be recorded by the county clerk).

Legislation in 1798 repealing the 1786 law raised the upper age for legal manumission to forty years, and also required the signatures of two witnesses on the manumission deed (P.L. 1798, chap. 727, p. 364). Six years later, in 1804, the State Legislature passed "An act for the Gradual Abolition of Slavery" (P.L. 1804, chap. 103, p. 251). This law required the registration of births of slaves' children born after 4 July 1804 and declared such children to be "free," but bound as servants to the owners of their mothers for a period of twenty-five years for males and twenty-one years for females. No provision was made for slaves born before 4 July 1804.

"An act for the gradual abolition of Slavery, and other purposes respecting Slaves," passed by the Legislature on 24 February 1820, repealed the earlier slavery laws but continued the procedure for manumission then in effect (P.L. 1820, p. 74).

This history and explanation of the documents in this collection is adapted from the Legislative Content Note found in the finding guide of the New Jersey State Archives Series CHNCC003, by Joseph Klett, 09/2003.

**Structure:**

System of Arrangement: By Municipality of origin

**Disposition:**

**Disposition date:**

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Language of material: English  
 Finding Aids: In Vertical File

**Allied Materials:**

Related units of description in this repository: Bound Manuscript 953 Certificate of Slave Manumission  
 Certificate Books 1787-1818  
 Bound Manuscript 954 Slave Book 1817-1852 includes slave sales, 1838-1853

<b>Collection</b>	HCHS Manuscript Collections		
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<b>Subjects</b>	Indentures Slaves Slavery Overseers poor Justices Peace	<b>Classification</b>	
<b>Search terms</b>	Manumission Emancipation Sale of slaves Hunterdon County, NJ Mercer County, NJ	<b>People</b>	Aaron (slave of David Stout) Aaron (slave of W.B. Sloan) Abraham (slave of Isaac Golden) Abraham (slave of Lucius Stockton) Amber (slave of Samuel Moore) Andrew (slave of John B. Allen) Betty (slave of Isaac Prall) Betty (slave of Matthew P. Lane) Bolman, Sterne (indentured to Dr. Benjamin O. Hunt) Brown, Jefferson (slave of Mary Green) Cate (slave of Henry Schamp) Chambers, Ebenezer (slave of John Primmer) Chambers, Maria (slave of Peter Gordon) Charifonia (Sedam, Cherrifonia) (slave of Stephen Hunt) Charity (slave of John Manners) Charles (slave of Asher Hart) Charles (slave of John Reading)

Cyrus (slave of Charles Higbee)  
Davis, Charles (slave of Samuel Bellejeau)  
Dinah (slave of Isaac Smith)  
Dinah (slave of Jacob J. Young)  
Dinah (slave of James Brearley)  
Dinah (slave of John Hoppock)  
Dinah (slave of John Ott)  
Dinah (slave of Josiah Holcombe)  
Ditmars, Nicholas (slave of Richard Green)  
Flora (slave of Peter Thompson)  
Flora (slave of Ralph H. Hunt)  
Flora (slave of Samuel Scudder)  
Fortune (slave of Stephen Hunt)  
Frances (Frank) (slave of Daniel Anderson)  
Francis (Frank) (slave of Ira Stout)  
Frank (slave of Noah Reed)  
Frost (slave of Andrew Blackwell)  
Furman, Sinthia (slave of Gaynor Rockhill)  
George (slave of Rev. John Clark)  
Gibson, Isabella (slave of Nathan Beakes)  
Gitta (slave of Jacob Emery)  
Grace (slave of Joseph Phillips)  
Hacket, Dinah (slave of Nehemiah Dunham)  
Hacket, Nancy (slave of James Dunham)  
Hankinson, Hannah (slave of Peter Gordon)  
Hannah (slave of Andrew Bray)  
Hanson, Daniel (slave of Joseph S. Reeder)  
Harriet (slave of Daniel G. Howell)  
Harriet (slave of Francis Huff)  
Harry (slave of William Green)  
Henry, Jack (slave of William Marshall)  
Howe, Phillis (slave of James Linn)  
Isaac (slave of Ann Sortore)  
Isaac (slave of Ralph Phillips)  
Ishmael (slave of John Mathews)  
Jack (slave of John P. Stout)  
James (slave of Joseph Moore)  
James (slave of Stephen Blackwell)  
Jeremiah (slave of Sarah Wyckoff)  
Johnson, Phillis (slave of John Titus)  
Johnson, Thomas (slave of John Titus)  
Jones, Francis (slave of Henry Stiers)  
Juba (slave of Neal Hart)  
Jude (slave of Abraham Schanck)  
Julian (slave of Pero Williams)  
Kimbery, James (slave of Benjamin Clark)  
Kimboree, John (slave of Benjamin Clark)  
Kuhl, Rose (slave of John Kuhl)  
Levi (slave of James Burroughs)  
Lucy (slave of Elijah Wilson)  
Mahlon (slave of Isaac Welling)  
Martha (slave of Edward Yard)  
Miller, Primus (slave of Nathan Beakes)  
Mira (sold to John Scofield)  
Mont, Peter (slave of Simon Wyckoff)  
Murfey, Maria (slave of Israel Corle)  
Nancy (slave of Frost Blackwell)  
Nell (slave of Cornelius Hoppock)  
Nell (slave of Titus Quick)  
Oxford, Samuel (slave of Daniel Reid)  
Paty (indentured to Thomas Longstreth)  
Peggy (slave of Christopher Cool)  
Peter (indentured to Thomas Longstreth)

Peterson, Rachel (slave of Thomas Lowery)  
Philip (slave of David Stout)  
Phillis (slave of Rev. Joseph Rue)  
Phillis (slave of Samuel Hunt)  
Pompey (slave of Pearson Hunt)  
Prince (slave of Samuel Runyan)  
Rachel (slave of Joseph Hart)  
Rachel (slave of Joseph V. Nilson)  
Reasoner, Maria (slave of Samuel Brearley)  
Ricco, Hulda (slave of Joseph Scudder)  
Ricco, Zador (slave of Joseph Moore)  
Robert (sold to Yeomans Pickering)  
Robinson, Phillip (slave of Thomas Stevens)  
Rosanna (slave of Mahatable Pharis)  
Rows, Harry (slave of Joseph Phillips)  
Ruth (slave of Samuel Clark)  
Sam (slave of Matthew P. Lane)  
Samuel (slave of Joseph Bishop)  
Schenck, Francis (slave of Absalom Price)  
Simon (slave of W.B. Sloan)  
Staats, Leah (slave of Charles Bonnell)  
Stanford, Deborah (slave of Thomas Woodruff)  
Susan (slave of J. John Maxwell)  
Thompson, Henry (slave of Samuel Dickinson)  
Tom (slave of Richard Hixson)  
Tom (sold to William Raboro)  
Tone (slave of George Apgar)  
Tone (slave of Jonas Waterhouse)  
Toney (slave of Philemon Blackwell)  
Tucker, Juliet (slave of John Chambers)  
Vandoren, Hannah (slave of Cyrus and Cynthia Kelsay)  
Vilot [Violet](slave of Smith Hill)  
Violet (slave of Jesse Hunt)  
White, James (slave of Nathan Beakes)  
Williamson, Isaac (slave of Lucretia Williamson)  
Willing, Daniel (slave of Cornelius Williamson)  
Wyckoff, Cezan (Cesar, Caesar) (slave of John S. Wyckoff)  
Young, Abraham (slave of Jacob Young)

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**Notes**

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