

Emancipation of Eliza Jane

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No. 1.

Know all men by these presents that I Alexander Duncan of the County of Boone and State of Missouri for and in consideration of the sum of Five hundred and fifty dollars to me in hand paid[,] the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sell unto Stannton Smith & Jeremiah C[.] Smith One Negro Woman Dianna about forty years Old[,] One Girl Elizah Jane[,] Nine years, and one Girl Child Emaline[,] Seven months old to have and to hold the above described Negroes unto the said Stannton Smith & Jeremiah C[.] Smith and to their heirs assigns, and I the said Alexander Duncan warrant said Negroes to be sound both in body and mind[,] and Slaves for life[.]

Given under my hand and seal this 5th day of December 1844[.]

Alex Duncan (seal mark)

Attest

Jacob [Kuypendall?]

David [Mien?]

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No. 2.

State of Missouri, Nodaway County, S.S.

Know all men by these presents, that we J[.]C[.] Smith, and Nancy S. Smith, his wife, of the County and State aforesaid, have by these presents, forever set FREE, a certain Woman of Color, named Eliza Jane, aged twenty-five years.

Said Eliza Jane, who has been a slave, and owned by us we hereby forever set free, and relinquish all claim to her, and any and all children she may have hereafter.

All this we do freely and voluntarily, by these presents.

Signed with our names, and sealed with our seals, this 31st day of August; in the year of our Lord one thousand, Eight hundred and Sixty three.

Jeremiah C. Smith (seal mark)

Nancy S. Smith (seal mark)

Signed in presence of

Wm[.] Longmire

Lewis Coffman