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State of Missouri }
County of St Louis }

Know all men by these
presents that I James Johnston of the
County of Gasconade in the State of Missouri
for divers good considerations me unto moving
and inducing have emancipated set free
and discharged from Slavery my negro
girl named Parthenia aged about
twenty six years to be and remain from
this time a free woman discharged from
bondage St Louis October 15th 1853

Witness my hand and seal

Witness

M. S. Cerre

Trustee

James Johnston (Seal)

State of Missouri } In the St Louis Circuit Court
County of St Louis } Appd Term 1853. Oct 15. 1853.

Be it remembered that on the fifteenth day of
October Eighteen Hundred and fifty three in Open Court
Came James Johnston who is personally known to the
Court to be the same person whose name is subscribed to
the foregoing instrument of writing as a party thereto, and
he acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the
purposes therein mentioned which said acknowledgment
is entered on the records of the Court of that day

In testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand and affix the Seal of said Court
at Office in the City of St Louis the day
and Year last aforesaid

M. S. Cerre Clerk

1854

James Johnston

to West Branch
Parthenon Station

Oct 10th 1853.