

## **Nancy Ann(e) Hurst McMahon Ramsey**

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Nancy Ramsey freed her slave, [Joseph Low\(e\)](#), on November 22, 1853. She is named in his Deed of Emancipation. Her two sons-in-law, William T. Price and William Shaw (or Show), also named, presented the document to the court after her death.

"Whereas Nancy Ramsey in her lifetime executed to her slave Joseph Low, then thirty three years and some months old, a deed of Emancipation dated the 22nd day of November 1853 by which she disposed of her rights to his future servitude. And whereas William T. Price and William Shaw/Show the husbands of the two daughters of said Mrs. Ramsey & the only heirs, are desirous of confirming the act of said Nancy Ramsey and perfecting the Emancipation of said Joseph. Now knows all men by these presents that we William T. Price and William Shaw/Show for sundry good consideration (as well as the considerations above specified), as thereunto moving have and by these presents do Emancipate and set free and him discharge from our and each of our service. The said negro man Joseph Low aged about thirty six years and we declare him to be by us Emancipated and Manumitted and entirely liberated from slavery and entitled to all the rights and privileges of a free person with which it is in our power to vest him. Said Joseph is fully described in the Deed of Emancipation executed by Nancy Ramsey above referred to, and to which reference can be had in the clerk's office of Marshall County where the same is on record for a more particular description. But let it be understood that in manumitting said Joseph the said William T. Price and William Shaw/Show only intend to do so, so far as they have rights to do so, and that they do not by this act intend to part with or impair or injure the rights of any other person or persons. Witness the following signature and seal this 22nd day of April 1856 -- William T. Price - Wm. Shaw/Show

Nancy is both Nancy, Ann, Nancy A. and Anne in records. She was born Nancy Ann Hurst about 1790, the daughter of Morgan Hurst and Rebecca Mills. She died on 21 March 1856 and is buried at First Street Cemetery, Moundsville, West Virginia.

According to a lineage in Sons of the American Revolution Applications, in 1818 (possibly 30 Nov 1817), "Ann" Hurst was the 3<sup>rd</sup> wife of Joseph Cox McMahon, the son of William McMahon (1749-1794) and Ann Cox (1757-1818). William McMahon served as a surgeon for 3 years in the 4<sup>th</sup> Virginia, from 1776-1779. He was killed by Indians, per the SAR papers. The same marriage information for Ann appears in Daughters of the American Revolution Lineage Book: Volume 109, 1929. These books also state that Joseph Cox McMahon died in 1824.

Nancy Ann Hurst and Joseph Cox McMahan had several children but only two, Rebecca and Susan, survived childhood. It is the names of their husbands that appear in Joseph Low's Deed of Emancipation.

Rebecca Hurst McMahan, born 12 Sep 1819; married **William Shaw (or Show)** 2 July 1837, location unknown; died 31 Mar 1894. They were living in Missouri in 1850.

Susan Tomlinson McMahan, born 1 Nov 1824, married **William Taylor Price** on 14 Oct 1841, location unknown. She died 8 Aug 1881 in Columbus, Platte County, Nebraska.

As stated, Nancy Ann Hurst McMahan's husband, Joseph Cox McMahan, died in 1824. On 8 May 1828, in Ohio County, (W) Virginia, Nancy McMahan married James Ramsey. (They may have been married in the part of Ohio County that became Marshall County in 1835.) - This marriage seems to have been lost in some genealogies.

Apparently, James Ramsey did not live for very long after the marriage, and she was a widow by 1840. They might have had children but in the Emancipation Deed of 1853, her two daughters, Susan and Rebecca, were her heirs, presumably her only living children.

Nancy Ann Ramsey had freed Joseph Low in 1853. Nancy allegedly died on 21 Mar 1856. The Emancipation document was filed with the court by the two sons-in-law on **22nd day of April 1856, following her death. "Ann" Ramsey is buried at First Street Cemetery, Moundsville.**

## CENSUS RECORDS

### **1840 Census – Slave Owners - Marshall County**

RAMSEY, Nancy A. - 5 males under 10; 2 males 10-24; 1 female under 10; 1 female 10-24; 1 female 24-34.

### **1850 Census, Marshall County**

RAMSEY (289)

Anne...Farmer...59-WF...VA

Elizabeth...19-WF...VA

\*MORRIS, W. W...Laborer...57-MM...PA **\*SLAVE**

#### **SCHEDULE:**

1 mulatto female, age 45, fugitive from the state

1 black male, 30

1 black female, 27 1

black male, 21?

1 mulatto male, 17

1 black male, 13

1 mulatto male, 9

1 mulatto female, 5  
1 mulatto male, 3

PRICE (1585)  
William T...Gardner...\$1000...31-WM...MD  
Susan...25-F...VA  
William M...8-WM...VA  
Anne V...5-WF...VA  
Sarah B...3-WF...VA  
Elizabeth...1-WF...VA

**\*SLAVE SCHEDULE:**

1 mulatto male, age 10

**1860 Census, Marshall County**

PRICE (2300)  
Wm. T...40-WM...farmer...MD  
Susan T...36-WF...VA  
William M...17-WM...VA  
Anne V...16-WF...VA  
Sarah B...14-WF...VA  
Elisabeth...12-WF...VA  
Charles B...8-WM...VA  
Joseph B...6-WM...VA  
George B. M...3-WM...VA  
Willard...4/12-WM...VA **\*SLAVE**

**SCHEDULE:**

1 black female, age 42; +1  
black male, age 14.

E-Mail, 8/22/2022:

Thank you for the very interesting information that you posted about Joseph Low and Nancy Ann Hurst McMahan Ramsey <<http://www.wvgw.net/marshall/nancyannramsey.pdf>>. In the course of researching Nancy Ann's sister, Drusilla Hurst (ca. 1790-1870) and her husband, Andrew Metcalf (ca. 1790-1851), I encountered an 1822 Indenture between Blair Moran (Nancy Ann and Drusilla's stepfather) and Joseph McMechen (Nancy Ann's husband) on behalf of Nancy Ann Hurst McMechen (a/k/a McMahan) that references three enslaved people: a mulatto (apologies for using this language, but it appears in the document) girl about sixteen years old named Jane, a mulatto girl named Violet, and "one Negro child of said Violet named Joseph aged about fifteen years old." An image of the document can be found on the FamilySearch site under

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West Virginia, Ohio County, Land and Property, Deed Book 11, 1821-1823 (1822), p. 43, Film 008294342  
<<https://www.familysearch.org/ark:/61903/3:1:3Q9MCSR7-838P-8?i=1&cat=72677>>. It seems that this Violet and Joseph should be the same individuals that you reference, although there is a discrepancy in Joseph's age between the sources. Perhaps Violet had a later son who was also named Joseph? Anyway, I thought that this might be of interest to you and, again, thanks for sharing your good genealogical research!

Best,

Viva Fisher

Transcription of the aforementioned document:

This indenture made this 5<sup>th</sup> day of February in the year of our Lord 1822 between Joseph McMechen of the county of Ohio & State of Virginia of the one part & Blair Moran of the same county & state of the other part Witnesseth that whereas the said Joseph has intermarried with Ann Hurst the step daughter of the said Blair Morin & the said Joseph being desirous & willing to secure to the said Ann his wife a full & compensant support & maintenance which shall not be subject to his control in --- of the money & property by him received of hers as aforesaid. Now therefore this Indenture Witnesseth that the said Joseph McMechen as will in consideration of the premises as of one Dollar to him in hand paid by the said Blair Moron the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged hath & doth by these presents grant bargain & sell unto the said Blair Moron his heirs & assigns forever all of the following described real personal property (to wit) one tract of Land situated in the said county of Ohio adjoining & between the lands of Rich<sup>d</sup> Parrot Samuel Williamson & the heirs of old William McMechen & is the same tract on which the said Joseph now resides & supposed to contain two hundred acres it was conveyed by Joseph Tomlinson to the said Joseph during his Natural life **one Molatto girl a slave named Jane aged about sixteen years also one other Mollatto girl Violet one Negro child of the said Violetts named Joseph aged about fifteen years** also all the claim of the said Joseph which he could or might make as one of the heirs of Morgan Hurst Jun<sup>r</sup> decd to have & to hold unto the said Blair Maron his heirs & assigns forever all the afore described real & personal state in trust. Nevertheless that the said Blair Moran shall during the Natural life of the said Ann the wife of the said Joseph & also in further trust that from & after the decease of the said Ann all the said estate conveyed by this deed by the said Morgan be surrendered to the said Joseph or his heirs & the said Blair Moron doth hereby covenant & agree to & with the said Joseph or his heirs & this deed by the said Morgan but surrendered to the said Joseph or his heirs & the said Blair Moron doth hereby covenant & agree to & with the said Joseph McMechen that he will & truly execute the trust hereby reposed in him In Testimony whereof & Blair Moron hath hereunto set their hand & seal the day & year first above written.

Joseph C McMechen

Blair Moron

I do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of the original which was acknowledged in court by Joseph C. McMechen & Blair Moran --- Feby five 1822- Wm Chaplain, ---

