

In Pursuance of an Act of Assembly of  
the State of Pennsylvania I Joseph Work  
of Donegal Township Lancaster County  
Farmer, do hereby enter and return that  
Lydia a Negroe Female Child, was Born  
on or about the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September  
One Thousand Seven Hundred & Eighty  
one, and Frank a Negroe Male Child  
was Born on or about the 24<sup>th</sup> of April  
A.D. 1785 & that the said Negroe Children  
~~mother's~~ name was Bett was duly entered and  
Registered by me at Lancaster as a Slave  
Pursuant to the Act for the Gradual  
Abolition of Slavery and that the aforesaid  
Negroe Children Lydia & Frank is my  
Property and liable to serve untill they  
arrive to the age of Twenty Eight years