

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania, I John
Johnston of the Township of Sadsbury in the County of Lancaster, Husbandman,
Do hereby enter and return That (to the best of my Knowledge) Ben a Negro
Male Child the Son of Negro Esther a Female Slave, was born in or about the Month of
March or April in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty seven,
and that Ruth a Negro Female Child the Daughter of the said Negro Esther, was
born in the Month of August in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and
Eighty seven and that the said Esther (the Mother of the said Ben and Ruth) was
duly entered and registered by me at Lancaster as a Slave, pursuant to the Act
"For the Gradual Abolition of Slavery" and also that the aforesaid two Negro
Children are my Property, and liable to serve until they shall severally arrive to the
Age of Twenty eight years. Witness my Hand the 25th Day of March A.D. 1789.

To John Hubley Esquire Clerk
of the Peace for the County of Lancaster

John Johnston

John Johnston sworn by uplifted Hand
to the Truth of the above Entry & Return
the 25th Day of March Anno Domini 1789.
Before me

John Hubley
Clerk