

In Pursuance of an Act of Assembly of Pennsylvania, I William Steel of
the Township of Drumore in the County of Lancaster, Tanner, Do hereby enter
and return That (to the best of my Knowledge) Maria a Negro Female Child
the Daughter of Negro a Female Slave, was born on the Twenty fifth Day
of December in the year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty
one and that her said Mother was duly entered & registered by Patrick Lewis
Esquire (whose Property she was) at Lancaster, as a Slave, pursuant to the Act
"For the Gradual Abolition of Slavery" and that the aforesaid Negro Child
Maria is my Property and liable to serve until it shall arrive to the Age of
Twenty eight years. Witness my Hand the Thirtieth Day of March in the
Year of our Lord One thousand Seven hundred and Eighty nine.

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

William Steel

William Steel was duly sworn by uplifted Hand
to the Truth of the above Return & Contry the
30th Day of March Anno Domini 1789.

Before me
John Hubley
Clerk of the Peace