

## Deed of Emancipation for Sarah (a woman of color)

Know all men that we Eleanor Butler, Frances M[aria] Butler, Jane Hawkins late Jane Butler [still later Ewing], Caroline T[homas] Butler, and Mary [Langford] Butler [the daughters of Percival Butler do declare that] for the sum of three hundred and fifty dollars to us hand paid or secured to be paid . . . do forever set free and discharge from all manner of service to us or either of us or to our or either of our heirs a certain negro woman named Sarah about the age of seventeen years of dark complexion and about five feet four inches high and the wife of a free man of color by the name William Moore and we do hereby warrant her free from the claim or demand of us or either of us and from all persons claiming by through or under us or either of us.

Members of this distinguished slaveholding family emancipated slaves from 1833 into the late 1840s. Those actions are corroborated by Maj. Gen. William Orlando Butler, a Democrat who opposed the extension of slavery and favored gradual emancipation.

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Gallatin County, Kentucky, Deed Book H, p. 542. Proved by Samuel Carlisle and Philip O. Turpin on August 11, 1834; William Orlando Butler, *The Kentucky Encyclopedia*, John E. Kleber, ed., (Lexington, Ky.: University Press of Kentucky, 1992), 146; *Find A Grave*, database and images (<https://www.findagrave.com> : accessed 05 October 2019), memorial page for William Orlando Butler (19 Apr 1791–6 Aug 1880), Find A Grave Memorial no. [7247078](#), citing Butler Family Cemetery, Carrollton, Carroll County, Kentucky, USA; Maintained by Find A Grave. Carroll County was formed out of Gallatin County in 1838 and the site of Butler home is now part of Butler State Park.