

# Emancipation Records of Harvey and Rachiel Cook

## Granville Co., NC –1825

Below are three records obtained from the State Archives of North Carolina.  
(CR.044.801 – Granville County – Miscellaneous Records – Miscellaneous Records of  
Slaves and Free Persons of Color, 1755-1871)

This is a verbatim transcription, including all spelling errors, punctuation, and words crossed out. The names were hard to decipher, “Rachiel” was obvious, but Harvey was only clear in a few places. In all three documents, Harvey looked like “Nanny,” “Hanny,” “Harry,” and “Henry.” In the petition, however, it was very clearly “Harvey.” Also, William Hunt’s signature had a flourish on the end. Where letters are superscripted (raised and a bit smaller), these were added into the text as corrections by the person who wrote these documents originally. My own notes and suppositions of what something said are in brackets. The petition was very hard to read in places

First Record: Petition to Emancipate Harvey and Rachiel – [no date]

Of Col. Thomas Taylor }  
Exparte }  
Petition for the emancipation of  
negroes Harvey & Rachiel  
This petition coming on to be heard on the petition  
and evidence in support of it it is ordered and  
[ad]judged by the court that the negroes Harvey  
and Rachiel be emancipated & set free from  
the bonds of slavery and ~~that~~ by the <sup>respective</sup> names of  
Harvey Cook and Rachiel Cook th[?] be [?utille?]  
to all the priviledges and rights of free born  
negroes and it is further ordered and adjudged  
that the petitioner [writer?] into bond and security  
on the good behavior of said negroes and also that  
they shall not be chargeable to the county according  
the acts of assembly to that effect made and  
provided which was accordingly done  
by giving William Hunt security  
accordingly

Second Record: Bond to Manumit – September 9, 1825

I William Hunt of the County of Granville, and State of North Carolina, Am held and firmly bound unto his excellency Hutchings G. Burton Govenor of the State of NoCa. and his successors in office in the just and full sum of four hundred pounds; to which payment well and timely to be made do bind myself my heirs executors and assins. Witness my hand and seal this 9th day of Sept AD 1825.

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas Harvey & Rachiel former slaves of Col. Thomas Taylor decd have been manumitted and set free from the bonds of slaver by the honorable Superior Court from the county of Granville Holden on the first monday of Sept AD 1825 by the names of Harry Cook and Rachiel Cook. Now if the said Harry Cook and Rachiel Cook shall continue ~~the~~ to demean themselves as peaceable and orderly Citizens then the said obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force and virtue  
[signature] WmHunt

Third Record: Bond to Emancipate – September 9, 1825

I William Hunt of the county of Granville and State of North Carolina am held and firmly bound unto William M. Sneed Chairman of the Court of Please and Quarter Session for the county of Granville [~~crossed out "am"~~] held ~~and firmly bound~~ and his successors in Office in the sum of Two hundred dollars to white payment well and timely to be made do bind myself my heirs and Ex-ecutors & assigns witness my hand and seal this 9th day of Sept. AD 1825

The condition of the above obligation is such that whereas Harvey & Rachiel former slaves of Col. Thomas Taylor dec. have been emancipated and set free from the bonds of slavery by the names of Harry & Rachiel Cook and Rachiel Cook. now if the said Harry & Rachiel shall continue solvent and ~~free from~~ not chargeable to the ~~Charge~~ ~~of the~~ County this obligation to be void otherwise to remain in full force and virtue

[signature]WmHunt