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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 until they  
arrive to the age of Twenty Eight years



Witness my hand this 31<sup>st</sup> day of  
March A. D. 1789

Jos. Work

Joseph Work was duly sworn  
to the truth of the above Return  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1789.

Cor. me

John Hubley  
Clerk

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Joseph Work's Entry  
of negro Children  
March 31<sup>st</sup> 1789

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