

In pursuance of an Act of Assembly of the State of Pennsylvania  
I William Porter of the Township of Little Britain in the County of  
Lancaster Farmer do hereby enter and return That Benjamin a  
Negro Male Child the Son of Negro Jane a Female Slave, was  
born in the Month of May in the Year of our Lord One thousand  
Seven hundred and Ninety one, and that his said Mother Jane  
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 Negro Child Benjamin is my Property  
and liable to serve until it shall arrive to the Age of Twenty  
eight Years. Witness my Hand the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October,

Anno Domini 1791

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

William Porter

William Porter was duly sworn  
to the Truth of the above Entry &  
Return the 15<sup>th</sup> Day of October,  
Anno Domini 1791. Cor. me

John Hubley  
Clerk of the Peace



William Porter's Entry  
of a Negro Child -  
October 15<sup>th</sup> 1791