

In Pursuance of an Act of Assembly of the State  
of Pennsylvania I Susanna Edwards of the Borough  
of Lancaster in the County of Lancaster Widow  
DO hereby enter and Return that Jesse a Negro  
Male Child the Son of Negro Jude a Female  
Slave was born on the first Day of January in the  
Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred & ninety  
Eight, and that his said Mother Jude was duly  
entered and registered in Lancaster County as a Slave  
pursuant to the Act "For the gradual Abolition  
of Slavery" and that the aforesaid Negro Child  
Jesse is my Property and liable to serve until  
he shall attain to the Age of Twenty Eight Years  
Witness my Hand the Twenty second Day of  
May in the Year of our Lord one thousand seven  
hundred and ninety Eight

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

Susanna Edwards was duly  
affirmed to the Truth of the  
above Entry & Return the  
22<sup>d</sup> Day of May 1798

John Hubley Clerk of the  
Peace for County

May 22<sup>d</sup> 1798  
Susanna Edwards

Lancaster History