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Register of Free Negroes for Shenandoah County: An 1833 Entry^{*}

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While the Register of Free Negroes for Shenandoah County has disappeared, one entry has been preserved. It has not been microfilmed. The entry suggests that as early of 1833 at least 173 individuals in Shenandoah County had been registered. Such information helps establish the extent of the free Negro population in Shenandoah County in the early nineteenth century.

Register N° 173 of Henry Roy a Blackman about 37 years of age stout built about 5 feet 8 Inches ¼ high with a Scar on his Chin and one on his breast bone left side and a small Scar on his forehead between his eyebrows. Who recovered his freedom by a Verdict of a Jury in the Superior Court for this County and is registered by an order of Court made this 11th day of November 1833.

Teste

John Newman

P. Williams C1SC

At a Court held for the County of Shenandoah on Monday the 11th day of November 1833 the above Register N° 173 was examined in Court and ordered to be certified as truly made.

Seal In Testimony whereof I Philip Williams Clerk of the said Court have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of said Court at Woodstock the 11th day of November 1833 and 58 of the Commonwealth. P. Williams C^ISC

[verso] Henry Roys Copy of Registry

^{*}Free Negro Registration of Henry Roy, 11 Nov 1833, Shenandoah Co., Box 8, Barcode 1156156, Local Government Records Collection, Shenandoah County Court Records, Library of Virginia, Pickwood

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