

Ann Cartwright

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An Appeal to the Benevolent and Humane.

We, the undersigned, having known Ann Cartwright for several years, take much pleasure in bearing testimony to her good character, which we have had a fair opportunity of investigating. She has always been noted for her habits of virtue, honesty and industry.

She was born in the family of Mr. Triplet, in Virginia, six miles below Alexandria. - Her master died when she was quite young, leaving her a slave; after which she was hired out to different persons, until she grew up to womanhood, and was married. She was then hired to a Mr. Bradshaw in Washington City, where she became acquainted with Mr. Nicholas Boke and wife, of this city. She then had three children. Mr. Boke subsequently purchased her, and she lived with him in New York, until the wages which he allowed her repaid him the amount he had paid for her, with the interest thereon.

Soon after her arrival here, the church to which she attached herself proposed to pay to Mr. Boke the amount of the purchase money; but she would not consent, and said it was her duty and wish to remain with Mr. and Mrs. Boke, according to her contract, which was until her wages should amount to the purchase money and interest.

The object of thus writing her history, is this: Her eldest child and daughter, Grace, was recently sold to a slavetrader in Virginia, and would have been carried to the extreme South, entirely out of her reach, had not a disinterested friend advanced for her a sum sufficient to aid her in redeeming her child from slavery. The price paid for her daughter was \$775, of which Ann has paid out of her own means \$300, which she had accumulated since purchasing her own freedom. - Her brother, Henry Jackson, of this city, will present this appeal for assistance to enable his sister to repay the money which has been kindly loaned to her.

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