

D Sally -

2^d day afternoon -

I send by Thomas who is coming with
Nurse Noble Trunks &c, a white peacock with a
Common Pea Hen - Let them be put in one of your
have order loops that is made under the shed in the hen
before yard where the geese used to be kept & let them be fed
every day for about 10 days carefully tell they are
got used to the place - Tell Dinah to be sure not to
let them get out or they will go away -

If Lewis the Head Mason comes to work, ask him
whether he can plaster the Green house & whether
he will undertake to do it without leaving it till it
is finished - & how much he will have a yard for
Molly sends by Thomas - 6th Sugar - 1 bottle Mustard
& some flax - I am with love to thy Mother & thy
self
Thy Affect Father
Wm Logan

Letter from William Logan to daughter Sally Logan

"Tell Dinah to be sure not to let them [the white peacock and common pea hen] get out or they will go away -"

Logan Collection #383, Box 6, Folder 5, William Logan Correspondence, 1733-1761

*“And I do hereby give further unto my said Wife [Hannah Emlen Logan] as her own property the **negroe Woman Dinah** and her **Grand Child Cyrus**, having already set her **Daughter Bess** free and desire they may not be dunned or valued as part of my Estate my said Wife’s Father George Emlen deceas’d having given Dinah to her in his Life time.”*

William Logan, Will, 1772.

Be it known to Whom it May Concern; That
We William Logan & Hannah Logan of the City
of Philadelphia in the Province of Pennsylvania
having been possessed of a Negro Woman named
Dinah from the time of her Childhood & she
having Requested us to let her have her Freedom
~~that she might be free~~
We therefore do hereby discharge Manumit and
set free the said Negroes Woman Dinah
and declare Her to be at full liberty to go and
live with Whom & Where she may please, and
We hereafter shall claim No property in Her.
Witness Our Hands this 15th day of April
1776

Sealed & Delivered
in the presence of
John Morris

Wm Logan
Hannah Logan

Judith Davis
Hugh Roberts

Release from Bondage

William Logan & Hannah Logan

Negro Woman named Dinah

April 15, 1776

Recorded in the Book kept
by the Monthly Meeting of
Philadelphia for recording of Manu-
=missions Oct. 2.

John Sprinker

“Release from Bondage,” Dinah’s Manumission, April 15, 1776

I *Hannah Logan* — of the *City of Philadelphia*
Widow — do hereby
 set free from bondage, my *Negro Boy named Cyrus*
 when *he* shall arrive at the age of *twenty one* years which
 will be on the _____ day of the _____ month,
 anno Domini, one thousand seven hundred *and*
 and do, for myself, my executors and administrators, release
 unto the said *Cyrus* _____ all my right, and all
 claim whatsoever, as to *his* _____ person, or to
 any estate *he* may acquire, hereby declaring the said *Cyrus*
 _____ absolutely free, without any inter-
 ruption from me, or any person claiming under me. In wit-
 nefs whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this *fourteenth*
 _____ day of the *Twelfth Month* in the year of our Lord,
 one thousand seven hundred and *seventy six*

Sealed and delivered }
 in the Presence of }

Thomas Fisher
Nicholas Waln

Hannah Logan

Cyrus' manumission December 14, 1776

Note that it is a pre-printed form.

As Executor to William Logan's estate, his son-in-law, Thomas Fisher, recorded in August, 1777, "Negro Dinah was **paid her wage** in full -- £12."

much am I obliged to you all for your kindness to my dear
little boys, I am glad they are so good, and I rely on
Dinah's attention to Gustavus, please to remember me to the
good old Woman — Albanus's Postscript gave us great plea-
sure his little Cousins talk of him frequently & are quite
sorry he did not accompany us, I have a great many
things to tell him. — poor Molly Rhoads! I am sorry to
hear she is ill. I had hoped some favourable Symptom

Letter from Deborah Norris Logan to her Mother, Mary Parker Norris – October 21, 1789

“... and I rely on Dinah's attention to Gustavus, please to remember me to the good old Woman —”

Maria Dickinson Logan Family Papers, Box #2; Logan, Deborah, Folder #1, 1780– 1794

I have desired to be affectionately rememb-
to thee, & so does my Dear Doctor Logan, our
children are bravely, but poor Dinah scalded
her foot yesterday. Remember me to Joseph
& Betsy, & to the family. Farewell my
Dear Mother. if we are permitted to meet
again without losing any dear connection
how thankful should we be.

27th Sep. 1793. Thy truly affec^d. Daughter
D. L.

Excerpt from Deborah Logan to her Mother, Mary Parker Norris - September 27, 1793

"...but poor Dinah scalded her foot yesterday."

Maria Dickinson Logan Family Papers, Box #2; Logan, Deborah, Folder #1, 1780-1794

make me rather unwilling to go there. own do not
be uneasy about us, we will endeavour to be quite
contented.

I think so much of my dear little Algernon
that I could be contented to return Home without
going further merely to enjoy the pleasure of being
him. — I hope good old Dinah will take cloaths enough
for herself & him, I gave her repeated charges.
Will thee be so kind as to reserve some cran-
berries & sweet potatoes for me against my re-
turn, I thought to have left Polly Walsh some money

Letter from Deborah Norris Logan to her Mother, Mary Parker Norris—September 30, 1796

“I hope good old Dinah will take cloaths enough for herself & him [Algernon], I gave her repeated charges.”

Logan Collection #383, Box 6, Folder 10, *Deborah Logan outgoing corresp., 1777-1797*

When we were going to bed had an alarm with
a knocking at the door after 10 at night; upon
inquiring what they wanted a voice begged me to
come down with a light for he had a letter for
Dr L. from the Governor. — I accordingly put on a
morning gown & went down attended by Dinah
& from an apprehension of fear we summoned
Sherman to go with us. — & then we admitted
an old Gentleman who from a Pocket full of letters
selected the one for Dr L. he made me certify
the receipt of the letter & urging me to dispatch

Letter from Deborah Norris Logan to her Mother, Mary Parker Norris — August 16, 1799?

“I accordingly put on a morning gown & went down attended by Dinah”

Logan Collection #383, Box 6, Folder 6, *Deborah Logan outgoing corresp., 1777-1797*

they are in good health. We often talk of you my dear
boy's and wish for your company. Old Dinah remembers
you with great affection, as also does poor little Maria.
Pray attend to your duties and improvement, it is of great
advantage to review of an evening our conduct & employ-
ments thro' out the day. We are continually in the presence
of an Allseeing God and should

Letter from Deborah Norris Logan to her sons - February 1st, 18?

"We often talk of you my dear boy's and wish for your company. Old Dinah remembers you with great affection"

Maria Dickinson Logan Family Papers, Box #2; Logan, Deborah, Folder #3, 1800-1808

dined a sudden & violent tornado came on accompanied by
thunder, lightning, Hail & Snow, I thought for a few minutes
that the tree's would have been blown up by the roof's
and damage done to the buildings, but happily we sustained
none, tho' I am afraid some accidents may have happened.
Poor James Crofs was buried yesterday, he was an affectionate
old Servant. Our Dinah mourn's after him, but the good
old woman is pretty well in her health.
How much
If thou hears any thing of Maria Logan, do

Letter from Deborah Logan to her son, Albanus — February 3rd, 1803

“Poor James Crofs was buried yesterday, he was an affectionate old Servant. Our Dinah mourn's after him, but the good old woman is pretty well in her health.”

Maria Dickinson Logan Family Papers, Box #2; Logan, Deborah, Folder #3, 1800-1808

Feb 21st at about three
o'clock in the afternoon
our very faithful and
good old Dinah breathed
her last.

was Buried the 23.
in my garden.—She
had requested during her
life time to be interred
at Stenton

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three o'clock in the after-
noon our very faithful
and good old Dinah
breathed her last.

Was buried the 23rd in
my garden.—She had
requested during her life
time to be interred at
Stenton.”

Deborah Norris Logan's 1805
Almanac, HSP



*“I had a little nest full [of robins] myself, hatched out in the tree which overshadows **good old Dinah’s** grave and kept Becky [a cat] in with sedulous care while the little ones were learning to fly.”*

Deborah Logan to Sarah Miller Walker, 1827

Loudoun Papers, HSP