

Alfred R. Dowson

(- 22 Dec 1850)

Dowson. Yesterday morning after a short illness, Mr. Alfred R. Dowson, an old and respectable resident of this city, aged 67 years. His funeral which his friends are invited to attend, will take place this afternoon at 3 o'clock from his late residence, Mrs. Rice's, No. 2, Dowson's Row, Capitol Hill.

Will of Alfred R. Dowson (dtd. Oct. 8, 1843, probated Jan. 8, 1851; Book 6, pp. 454-455; O.S. 3137; Box 21)

All negroes or slaves to be free, viz. Frederick and Nancy his mother, Charlotte, Caroline and James, her other children, and Jane and Maria her daughter.

To desire of aunts Jane Ebowan and Rebecca M. Ward, if they die without setting free Margaret Low, the daughter of her late faithful servant Sally Lomax, late the wife of William Lomax, who lived a number of years in my family, I raised Margaret from a child in my house; she be free immediately; free William, son of Maria, their late slave John his brother was given to his aunt Margaret Spencer when a baby of 9 months old.

To Janey, or in her death to Maria her daughter, \$100; to Nancy, \$100, to Frederick, \$50; all from sale of furniture or from rents of two houses on Square 678.

One house to cousins Freisbran Achsah, Emma, Noah and Anne Dorsey, children of the late Lloyd Dorsey, other house to be rented and out of rents pay friends Gen. Walter Jones \$500, and his youngest son Thomas, \$500.

To the foreign missionary society, \$200.

For purchasing wood and clothes for the poor widows and orphans of the 4th Ward in which I live, \$500; \$100 to Sandy Hicks, wife, now or late of Washington City; \$200 to the tract society of Washington, \$500 for benefit of the poor of said Ward; \$200 to Ebenezer Church; \$500 to be equally divided amongst my late slaves; \$500 to Miss Jane Hyer.

Wits.: John F. Coyle, received letters of administration; John Scrivener