

Know all men by these presents that I  
James J Allen, of the County of Harrison  
and state of Kentucky, for and in con-  
sideration of the sum of eight hundred  
dollars, the receipt whereof is here-  
by acknowledged, have given granted  
bargained and sold and do by these  
presents ~~do~~ give grant bargain  
and sell unto John W Clay of the  
County of Fayette & state of Iowa and a  
certain negro boy named Lou about  
thirteen years of age. I for myself  
my heirs executors and administra-  
tors, the title of said negro that  
he is sound in body and mind  
and that he is a slave for life  
unto the said Clay his heirs ex-  
ecutors administrators and assigns  
do and will forever warrant and  
defend against the claims of all  
persons whatsoever.

In testimony whereof I have  
herunto subscribed my name and  
affixed my seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of  
July 1853.

atw:  
L S Boyd.

James J Allen (seal)