The Germantown Quaker Petition Against Slavery in 1688

Thones Kunders’ house (now at 5090 Germantown Ave.), where the 1688 Petition against Slavery was written.*

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**Petition Text**

> "Is there any that would be done or handled at this manner, to be sold or made a slave for all the time of his life?"

> "Here is liberty of conscience wch is right and reasonable; here ought to be likewise liberty of the body..."

> "In Europe there are many oppressed for Conscience sake, and here there are those oppressed wch are of a Black Colour."

> "Now consider well this thing, if it is good or bad?"

> "And in case you find it to be handled these blacks in that manner, we require hereby lovingly to inform us herein, that Christians have such a liberty to do so."

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The Germantown Quaker Petition Against Slavery was written, sitting today in the Germantown Menno-Meinehouse (6133 Germantown Ave.).

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**References**