A vintage black and white photograph of a young girl and a baby. The girl is standing on the left, wearing a long, light-colored dress with lace and a dark sash, and a matching headscarf with large bows. The baby is sitting on a dark, ornate chair to the right, wearing a light-colored, patterned dress. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

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- Freedman's Bank**, records from African American depositors
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