

Question 1800) - What are the regulations concerning an Ummul Walad ?

A: She may not be sold or otherwise transferred into another's possession. The owner may have sex with her, take service from her, hire her out, and get her married. When the owner dies she is freed from the entire estate [i.e. she is not limited to the third only] and is not obligated to compensate the heirs or the creditors. If he had gotten her married and she then bears another child, the child is in the same status as her i.e. it will be free when she gains her freedom.

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