5465 I Jane Bevans of Worcester County and State of Md, do hereby manumit and set free my negro slave Esther, who is now about forty two years of age, her freedom to commence from the date of these presents.

Witness my hand and seal this twenty sixth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred & Sixty-

Test:
J. R. Franklin }
A. C. Howard }

Jane her × mark Bevans (Seal)

State of Maryland,
Worcester County, to wit:

I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true extract taken from the original Deed of Manumission now on file in the office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Worcester County-

In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name & affix the seal of the said Circuit Court, this 31st day of January, Anno Domini 1860.

Wm E. Timmons Clk

5466 William W. Bruff to Rhoda Holland

Be it remembered that on this thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand, Eight hundred & sixty, the following Deed of Manumission or Instrument of writing was received to be recorded, and is accordingly enrolled as follows, to wit:

To all whom it may concern, Be it known, that I, William W. Bruff of Talbot County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes & considerations me thereunto moving have released from Slavery, liberated, manumitted & set free, and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery, liberate, manumit & set free, my negro woman Rhoda Holland, being about the age of forty two years, & able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood, & maintenance; and her, the said negro woman named Rhoda Holland, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted & discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me, my heirs, executors, or administrators forever - In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of January in the year Eighteen hundred & Sixty.

Test.
R. R. Butler }
Richd H. Murphy }

Wm W. Bruff (Seal)

State of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit:

I hereby certify that the within & foregoing Deed of Manumission or Instrument of writing, is truly taken & copied from Liber S. T. H. No 2 folio 37, one of the chattel Record Books of Talbot County.

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, this 2nd February A. D. 1860.

Sam'l T. Hopkins Clk
Circuit Court for Talbot County.

5467 William W. Bruff to Allen Coursey

Be it remembered that on this thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand Eight hundred & Sixty, the following Deed of Manumission or Instrument of Writing was received to be recorded & is accordingly enrolled, as follows, to wit: To all whom it may concern, Be it Known, that I William W. Bruff of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes & considerations me thereunto moving, have released from Slavery, liberated, manumitted & set free and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery, liberate, manumit & set free, my negro man named Allen Coursey, being about the age of forty four years, & able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood & maintenance, and him the said negro man Allen Coursey, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted & discharged, from all manner of servitude or service to me, my heirs, executors or administrators forever. In Testimony where of I have hereunto set my hand & seal this thirty first day of January in the year Eighteen hundred & Sixty.

Wm W. Bruff (Seal)

Test.
R. R. Butler. }
Richd H. Murphy. }

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