

Thomas Roach, of
Cecil County, in the
State of Maryland

to
Negro Harry Brown

Manumission dated the
31st day of September 1834.
I Recite, that whereas, the said Thomas
Roach, for divers good causes, &c. did
on the thirtieth day of July, in
the year eighteen hundred and thirty three, execute & acknowledge
to his Negro Man slave called and known by the name of
Harry Brown, an Instrument of Writing, purporting to be a Decree
of Manumission, whereby he did declare the said Negro Man
Slave to be free, manumitted &c. from all manner of
servitude or service to him, his executor, &c. forever, from
and after the twenty fifth day of March eighteen hundred
and thirty four. As by reference to said Decree &c. recorded
may more fully and at large appear. And whereas, the
said Decree of Manumission or Instrument of Writing was
irregularly and informally executed by reason of there
only one subscribing witness thereto, and thereby rendered
illegal and inoperative contrary to the intention of the
said Thomas Roach. Now be it known to all whom
it may concern, that the said Thomas Roach, for
consideration of the sum of one Dollar &c. as also for
very good causes, &c. hath released from slavery, liberated
manumitted and set free his Negro man named Harry
Brown, being of the age of thirty two years &c.
from and after the date of the Manumission.

Recited the 1st of September 1834.
State of Maryland Cecil County

I hereby certify that the foregoing
is a true Extract from the original Manumission
on file in my Office.

In testimony whereof I have
hereto subscribed my name
and affixed the seal of
my office this first day
of September A.D. 1834.
JAMES SEWALL CLK
Cecil Coty. Cot

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