Deeds of Manumission from Gabriel Swain to Jeremiah Hawkins

896 to 902 inclusive

At the request of Jeremiah Hawkins the following Deed of Manumission was Recorded Dec 15th 1834

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I Gabriel Swain of Washington County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and consideration me hereunto moving, have released from Slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery, liberate manumit, and set free after becoming of Age, my Mulatto Boy named Jeremiah Hawkins who will be on the 11th day of April 1835, sixteen years of age, and my Mulatto Boy, named Nathaniel Hawkins, who will be on the 14th of June 1835. fourteen years of Age, also my Mulatto girl named Sarah Ellen Hawkins who will be on the 26th of this Month, December eight years of Age — I do herewith declare my said Boys named Jeremiah Hawkins and Nathaniel Hawkins, after they become of the Age of twenty one years, and my said Mulatto Girl Sarah Ellen Hawkins, after she becomes of the age of sixteen years, after that henceforth free, manumitted and discharged, from all manner of service or servitude to me my executors or administrators forever.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and seal

Hagerstown the 11th December 1834

Signed & Sealed in presence of
James Zwisler Sr
Jacob Fornacht (sign'd in German)

Gabriel Swain (Seal)

State of Maryland, Washington County, to Wit

On this eleventh day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty four, before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared Gabriel Swain, a person well known to me, and acknowledged the within Deed of Manumission to be his Act and Deed. Acknowledged before James Zwisler Sr.

True Copy taken from the Records of Washington County
Test O. H. Williams Clk

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