To all Whom it may Concern be it Known that I Jacob Taylor free negro) of Caroline County in the State of Maryland for divers good — Causes and Considerations me thereunto moving have released from Slavery liberated manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery liberate manumit and set free my Son named Jacob Taylor being of the age of Eight Years old last October which I purchased of Edward B. Handcastle and the said boy Jacob I do declare to be hence forth 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 affixed my Seal this twenty first day of January one thousand eight hundred and forty three

Witness
Wm Bailey

Jacob his mark Taylor (Seal)

State of Maryland Caroline County, to wit; On this twenty first day of Jany One thousand eight hundred and forty three before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of Said State in and for Caroline County aforesaid personally appears Jacob Taylor (free negro) party to the above indenture and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed for the purpose therein mentioned according to the true intent and (Meaning) thereof and the acts of assembly in such Cases made and provided.

Wm Bailey

State of Maryland, Caroline County, to wit; I hereby Certify that the above Copy of Deed of Manumission is truly and faithfully taken and Copied from the original filed of record in my Office

In Testimony Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public Seal of my office this 23d day of February 1843.

Office of the Register of Wills for Carroll County, January 25th 1843

In conformity with the requisitions of the laws of the State of Maryland, I John Baumgartner, Register of wills for Carroll County, aforesaid, transmit To the Board of Managers for Maryland, for removing the People of Color of said State, (since my last return) an extract or clause from the last will and testament of Nicholas Harrison, late of Carroll County, deceased, admitted to probate in the office of the Register of Wills aforesaid, on Monday the 23d day of January 1843, relating to the manumission of a female Slave to said deceased, in the words following; to wit:

"Whereas all of my Servants are manumitted at the age of thirty years with but one exception therefore I desire & will that the Youngest named Caroline Johnson now about three months old be free at the age of thirty years — so that my heirs or assigns have no claim on said Caroline Johnson after she is thirty years old."

In Testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand, and affix the seal of Office, this twenty fifth day of January, Eighteen hundred & forty three.

John Baumgartner Register of Wills
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