"I hereby give to my colored Servants Elijah Duffin & Phil-lis Johnson their freedom at my decease. I also give to Lewis Owings and George Watson, their freedom when they shall arrive at the age of forty five, It is also my will that Henry Smith & Barney Jackson, two other of my colored Ser-vants, shall have their freedom when they shall arrive at the age of forty years. It is also my will that Eliza Jackson & Jerry Jackson shall have their freedom when they arrive at forty years of age"

State of Maryland, Frederick County, Sc wit

I certify the foregoing to be a true extract from the last Will and testament of Levin Thomas late of Frederick County dec.d, and that from the Certificate of Elizabeth Thomas admx. with the Will annexed filed on this day it appears that Eli-jah Duffin is now about forty years of age, Phillis Johnson is now about fifty years of age; That Lewis Owings was born 1st Dec.r 1817. George Watson, 27th Feb. 1820. Henry Smith 1st February 1822. Barney Jackson 20 July 1823. Eliza Jackson about 15th March 1825. and Jerry Jack-son about 15th October 1830.

In Testimony whereof I hereto Subscribe my name and affix the seal of office this 28th day of January 1843.

Jos. G. M. Eichelberger Regr.
of Wills F.C. Maryland

Whereas Thomas Farmer Van Lear, late of Wash-ington County, deceased, having in his lifetime often expressed his intention, to manumit and set free his colored boy Charles, commonly called Charles Smith, when he should arrive at the age of twenty seven years or thereabouts - And whereas after the death of the said Van Lear, I became the purchaser of said slave for the sum of two hundred dollars, being the amount at which he was appraised, with the understanding that he was entitled to his freedom at the period aforesaid, ac-cording to the intentions of his late master.

Therefore, be it Know ye, to all whom it may concern, that I Otho H. Williams of Washington County, in the State of Maryland, in order to carry into full effect the intentions of the said Thomas Farmer Van Lear, and also in further consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid, have released from slavery, liber-ated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free, the said Charles Smith being now about the age of twenty seven years, and able to work and gain a suf-ficient livelihood and maintenance, and he the said Charles Smith I do declare to be henceforth free, manu-mitted and discharged from all manner of servi-tude or service to me, my executors or administrators forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this ninth day of February, in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and forty three -

O. H. Williams (Seal)

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of C. F. Gelwicks

Received on the day of the date within mentioned the sum of one dollar, being the full consideration money within mentioned.

Witness, C. F. Gelwicks

O. H. Williams (Seal)

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