To all whom it may concern, be it Known that I, James Bartlett Jr. of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, for conscience sake me thereunto moving, have released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free & by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate manumit and set free my negro Boy named Charles Bantum being of the age of seven years, to take effect at the age of Twenty one years, and him the said negro boy named Charles Bantum, I do declare to be, at the age of Twenty one years free, manumitted and disclarged 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 eighth day of the Third Month Eighteen Hundred and Forty three.

James Bartlett (Seal)

Signed and Sealed in the presence of
James Dixon. R. G. Hopkins

On this 8th day March 1843 Personally appeared James Bartlett Jr. before the Subscriber a justice of the Peace in and for Talbot County and acknowledged the within instrument of writing or Manumission to be his will according to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided as witness my hand & seal. J. D. Bromwell (Seal)

State of Maryland Talbot County, to wit.

I hereby certify that the aforegoing Deed of manumission is truly and faithfully taken and copied from the original now rema[illegible] of record in Talbot County Court.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand and affix the Seal of Talbot County Court, this ninth day of March Anno Dominie 1843.

James Parrott Clk.
Talbot County Court

In the Last Will and Testament of Richard Gatts deceased, bearing date the thirtieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the Eighteenth day of February in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three, is the following clause, viz:

"Thirdly. I give and bequeathe to my said two Sisters Aksah" "and Hannah, all my personal Estate of every description, but my" "Negro girl Harriet, I will be free at the death of my said Sister" "Aksah."

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Extract taken from the Original filed and remaining in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County.

I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of my Office this twenty fifth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty three.

Test: D. M. Perine, Register of Wills for Baltimore County. —

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