

To all whom it may concern be it known, That  
I, Charles A. Darby, of Washington County, in the State  
of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations,  
me thereunto moving, have released from Slavery, lib-  
erated, manumitted and set free, and by these pres-  
ents do hereby release from Slavery, liberate, manumit  
and set free, my Negro woman, Mariah Richardson,  
who on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of November last, was Thirty  
three years of age, and able to work and gain a suf-  
ficient livelihood and maintenance, and his the  
said Negro woman, named Mariah Richardson, I  
do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and dis-  
charged from all manner of service, servitude to me,  
my executors or administrators forever. In Witness  
whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this  
Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord, 1844.  
Signed, sealed & delivered, in presence of  
John Moore, Jo<sup>seph</sup> A. Skinner } Charles A. Darby

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:  
Be it remembered, and it is hereby certified, that on  
this Fourth day of April, in the year of our Lord 1844,  
before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the  
State of Maryland, in and for Washington County, afore-  
said

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