

To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I, John Reel, of Washington County, in the state of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of five dollars, current money, to me in hand paid, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free, my negro man named John Keyser, being of the age of thirty two years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named John Keyser, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me, my executors, or administrators forever.

In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed my seal this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four.

Signed, sealed & delivered  
in the presence of  
G. M. Smith  
Joseph B. Updegraff

John Reel

Washington County, to wit: On this seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty four, personally appears John Reel, party to the within instrument of writing, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the state of Maryland, for the said County, and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes within mentioned, and the negro man within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services to him, or to any claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted, according to the act of assembly in such cases made and provided.

Acknowledged before

G. M. Smith.

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