Register of Wills for Baltimore County. -

I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my Office this first day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & forty four. -

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

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I James Bartlett Junr. of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes me thereunto moving, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted & set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit & set free my negro woman Maria Handy, she being about the age of twenty eight years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and her the said negro woman named Maria Handy, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged, from all manner of service or servitude to me, my executors or administrators forever. And I do also by these presents release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free my negro child James Wesley Handy the son of the above named Maria Handy (which said child was born on or about the fifteenth day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & forty three) when he shall attain to the age of twenty one years which will be on the fifteenth day of October in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty four, from which time, I do declare him to be free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this third day of October in the year of our Lord, Eighteen hundred & forty four.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of J. W. Abbott. J. H. Anderson

James Bartlett Jun. (Seal)

Talbot County ss. Be it remembered that on this third day of October in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty four before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland in & for Talbot County aforesaid, personally appears James Bartlett Junr party granter to the foregoing Deed of Manumission, and acknowledges the same to be his act & deed and the signature and seal thereunto annexed to be respectively his, according to the true intent and meaning of the same and the acts of assembly in such case made & provided.

Acknowledged before & certified by me J. W. Abbott

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