Virginia, Jefferson County, to-wit:

I, Thos. A. Moore, Clerk of the County Court of said County, in the state aforesaid, do hereby certify that Charles Harper, Esq. is a Justice of the peace in and for said County, duly commissioned and qualified; and that the signature annexed to the foregoing certificate, purporting to be his, is genuine.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my hand & the seal of said Court this 5. day of December 1844.

Seal

T. A. Moore

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I, Andrew Newcomer of Washington County, in the state of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of the sum of one dollar 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 manumitted and set free my negro man named William, commonly called William H. Norris, being of the age of twenty six years on the first day of March next, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the ~~said~~ same negro man William, 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 hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 30th ~~day of~~ December 1844.

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
Jacob Snively

Andrew Newcomer (Seal)

Washington County, to-wit: Be it remembered that on this 30th December 1844, personally appears Andrew Newcomer, party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace of the state of Maryland for Washington County and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned, and the Negro man within named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services to him or any claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted according to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided.

Jacob Shoop, J.P.

Samuel S. Funk.

Washington County, to-wit:

I hereby certify that the foregoing two Deeds of manumission are true Copies of the originals filed in my office on the 30th day of December 1844, for record.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the seal of Washington County Court, this first day of January A.D. 1845.

C. P. Williams, Clk.
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