

To all whom it may or doth concern, be it known,  
that I, Henry Williams, of Franklin County, in the State  
of Pennsylvania; for divers good causes and considerations  
me therunto moving, 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, Elisha Cautlow, he being the same negro man  
bequeathed to me by the last will and testament of Cath-  
arine Sheerer, and which is duly recorded in the Orphan's  
Court of Washington County, in the State of Maryland,  
being of the age of 26 years, and able to work and gain  
a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the  
said negro man, named Elisha Cautlow, I do declare to  
be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from  
all manner of service or servitude to me, my executors or  
administrators, forever. In Witness whereof the said  
Henry Williams as aforesaid, hath hereunto set his hand  
and seal, this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January, 1846.

Signed, sealed & deliv<sup>d</sup>

in presence of

W. W. Beecher

Geo. H. Gregg

Henry Williams, test.

State of Maryland, Washington County, test.

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