"of Margery Jane Harrison McGuire, then the said House and"
"Lot, household furniture and Slaves in Trust for the surviving"
"Children of the said Ann McGuire, share and share alike."
"I give and bequeath unto Robert Graves and his heirs my Slave"
"Henry Saunders aged Eighteen years to serve untill he shall"
"attain the age of thirty two years, and then it is my will and desire"
"that he be free in Trust for the use and benefit of Thomas Cur-"
"tain McGuire and after his death for the use and benefit of Mar-"
"gery Jane Harrison McGuire."
"During the life time of my husband about fifteen years ago"
"he gave Esther her freedom, but probably executed no instrument"
"of writing to that effect, now it is my will and desire, as I know"
"it was his Will and desire, that she be free."

In Testimony that the aforegoing are true Extracts taken from the Original filed and remaining in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of my Office this third day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven. —

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

To all whom it may concern, be it known that I, Henry Firey, of Washington County, in the state of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto 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, named John Brown, being of the age of forty two years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man, named John Brown, 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 I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix my seal this 28th day of July, A.D. 1847.

Henry Firey (Seal)

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of J. W. Heard, Isaac Nesbitt

Washington County, to wit:

On this 28th day of July 1847, before me, the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace of the state of Maryland, in and for the county aforesaid, personally appears Henry Firey and acknowledges the above deed of manumission, or instrument of writing to be his act and deed, for the purpose therein mentioned, and that the said slave therein described, is henceforth free, liberated, and forever discharged from all manner of servitude to him, his executors or administrators, according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Taken and certified before J. W. Heard

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