In the last Will and Testament of William Dorsey deceased, bearing date the nineteenth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty two, and proven and recorded in the Office of the Register of Wills for Baltimore County on the Eighteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven, is the following Clause, viz:

"Whereas Rach Johnson a colloured woman has served her time" "out with me, and has been some time working for herself, I therefore" "devise to the said Rach her daughter Moriah to serve untill she" "arrives to the age of twenty two years old".

In Testimony that the aforegoing is a true Extract 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 Fourth day of January in the year of our Lord One thousand eight hundred and forty eight. –

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

To all whom it may concern be it Known that I Samuel Hambleton of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations me thereunto moving, as also in further consideration of two 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 Cyrus or Cyrus Brooks, being of the age of thirty seven years and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and him the said negro man named Cyrus, 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 29th day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty seven.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of us
Wright and Jones
John Dunning –

S. Hambleton (Seal)

Received on the day of the date above mentioned the sum of two dollars current money, it being the full consideration money above mentioned –

Witness
Wright and Jones

S. Hambleton –

Maryland Talbot County Sc: Be it remembered that on this twenty ninth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty seven personally appears Samuel Hambleton party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber a justice of the peace for 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 all claiming under him and to be free & manumitted

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