To all whom it may concern. Be it Known that I, Joseph S. Cottman of Somerset County in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations, me thereunto moving, have released from Slavery liberated, manumitted, and set free, my negro man named Simon Crucifer Cottman, being aged about forty years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named Simon Crucifer Cottman, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of service, or servitude to me, my executors or administrators or heirs forever

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this twenty third day of april in the year of our Lord, eighteen hundred and fifty.

Joseph S. Cottman (Seal)

Signed Sealed & delivered in the presence of us.
S. W. Jones
A. H. Jones

Maryland Somerset County Court, Be it remembered that on the 23d. day of april A.D. 1850, personally appear Joseph Stewart Cottman, party to the within instrument of writing before me the subscriber a justice of the peace of the State and county aforesaid, and acknowledged 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 to any persons claiming under him, and to be free and manumitted, according to the act of Assembly in such cases made and provided. Acknowledged before

John Miller J.P.

Maryland, Somerset County, to wit

I hereby certify that the above is truly copied from the original now on file in the office of the clerk of Somerset County Court

Washington County, Sct.

I hereby certify that a negro man, named William Brown filed for record in my office this day, a Deed of Manumission from a certain Sally Troup, dated 24th. day of June 1850, setting free the said William Brown, who is about 50 years of age & able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood & maintenance, &c

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Washington County Court, this 6th. day of August, A.D. 1850.

Isaac Hershey, Clk.

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