State of Maryland, Talbot County, to wit: I hereby Certify that the foregoing Deed of Manumission, is truly taken and Copied from Libr. S.H.H. No. 4. folio 319. One of the Chattel Record Books of Talbot County.

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, this 13th day of December A.D. 1857.

Jam. T. Hopkins Clk.
Circuit Court Talbot County
(19)

Rachel Smith
to
Emory Wright, fm

Be it remembered that on this twenty sixth day of December, in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six, the following Deed of manumission was received to be recorded, and accordingly enrolled, as follows, to wit: To all whom it may concern, be it known that I Rachell Smith of Talbot 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 Emory Wright being about the age of thirty three years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man named Emory Wright 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 the said Rachel Smith have hereunto subscribed my hand & affixed my seal this twenty fifth day of February in the year Eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Rachel Smith

Signed, Sealed and Delivered in the presence of us as Witnesses
N. Harrington - Thomas Keithley

State of Maryland
Talbot County, to wit: On this twenty fifth day of February in the year of Our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty six, before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the state of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Rachel Smith the party grantor within named, and acknowledged the foregoing Instrument of writing to be her act and deed for the purpose therein named.

Acknowledged before
N. Harrington

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