To all whom it may Concern; Be it known that I, Theresa Sears of Talbot County and 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, manumit and set free, my negro woman Maria Thomas aged about forty Years, and my negro woman Eliza Thomas aged about thirty Eight Years, both of said Negro women being able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and then the said Negro Women Maria Thomas and Eliza Thomas, 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 set my hand and Seal on this third day of June, Eighteen hundred and fifty Eighte, Theresa Sears (Seal)

Signed, Sealed & delivered
in presence of
John L. Sears
Thos. H. W. Lambdin.

State of Maryland
County of Talbot, to wit } I hereby certify that on this third day of June A. D. 1858 before the Subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for Talbot County personally appeared Theresa Sears and did acknowledge the aforegoing deed of Manumission to be her Act.

Thos. H. W. Lambdin.

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit:
I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from the Original, filed and about to be recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court for Talbot County. In testimony whereof I hereto set my name and affix the Seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot County this 30th day of June A. D. 1858.

I Scipio Skinner free coloured man of Talbot County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes & considerations, me thereunto moving, do hereby manumit and set free my negro slave Fanny Skinner whom I purchased of Mrs Sarah S. H. Trippe Guardn. of Richard J. Trippe by Bill of sale dated 10th November 1856 & who will be twenty nine Years of age on the tenth day of October Eighteen hundred & fifty Eight - - - - and able to work & gain a sufficient livelihood, and maintenance. his freedom to commence from the date of these presents. Witness my hand and Seal this twenty fourth day of May in the Year Eighteen hundred & fifty Eight.

Scipio his X mark Skinner (Seal)

Test,
Intimations being first made
Sol, R. Cahal
Thomas C. Nicols

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit:
I hereby certify that on this twenty fourth day of May in the Year Eighteen hundred & fifty Eight, before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Talbot County personally appeared Scipio Skinner free coloured man, and Acknowledged the aforegoing Deed of Manumission to be his act.

Sol, R, Cahal

State of Maryland, Talbot County to wit:
I hereby certify that the aforegoing is a true Copy taken from the Original, filed and about to be recorded in the Office of the Circuit Court for Talbot County.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my name and affix the Seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot County this 30th day of June A. D. 1858.

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