State of Maryland Talbot County, to wit:

I hereby Certify that the within & foregoing Deed of Manumission or Instrument of Writing is truly taken and Copied from Liber J. F.H. No. 2. folio 37. one of the Chattel Record Books of Talbot County -

In Testimony Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of the Circuit Court for Talbot County, this 2d. day of February Anno Domini 1860 -

Jam. L. Hopkins. Clk.
Circuit Court for Talbot County

William W. Bruff to Allen Coursey -

Be it remembered that on this thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, the following Deed of Manumission or Instrument of Writing was received to be recorded, and is accordingly enrolled, as follows, to wit:

To all whom it may Concern, Be it known, that I, William W. Bruff 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 Allen Coursey, being about the age of forty four years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the said negro man Allen Coursey, I do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted and discharged, from all manner of servitude or service to me, my heirs, executors or administrators forever - In Testimony Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this thirty first day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and Sixty.

Test.
H. H. Butler, Frech. W. Murphy

Wm. W. Bruff Seal

State of Maryland
Talbot County, to wit:

I hereby Certify that on this thirty first day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and sixty, before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Talbot County, personally appeared William W. Bruff, party to the within Instrument of Writing and acknowledged the within and aforegoing Deed to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned -

Acknowledged before and Certified by

Wm. B. Wheeler

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