I, Stephen Butterbaugh, of Washington County, State of Maryland, by virtue of the power and authority given to me by George Shafer and Martha Shafer, his wife, in a bill of sale bearing date on the 28th day of December in the year 1849 and recorded in Liber J. A. No. 5. folio 17b, one of the land records of said County, as by reference thereto will more fully appear, do hereby manumit and set free my coloured woman slave for life, named Becca (or Rebecca, aged about thirty three years years; her freedom to commence from the date of these presents. Witness my hand & seal this 5 day of March 1860.

Test: V. Rhode — Stephen Butterbaugh (Seal)

A. Shoop

State of Maryland, Washington County, ss:

I hereby certify, that on this 5th day of March A.D. 1860, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, personally appeared Stephen Butterbaugh and acknowledged the above deed of Manumission to be his act and deed, for the purposes therein mentioned.

Acknowledged before,

J. Rhode J.P.

A. Butterbaugh
to
Becca

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