

To all whom it may concern
 Be it known, that I John Smith free negro of Anne Arundel
 County, in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes and
 considerations me thereto moving, and especially in
 consideration that she is my wife, 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 woman, named Amy, my wife
 as aforesaid (whom I purchased in eighteen hundred and
 thirty six, on the twenty second day of February from David
 Lambart of Talbot County in the State aforesaid, and who has
 been in my possession since the eleventh day of January, eighteen
 hundred and thirty eight, on which last said day I made
 to her said former master, the final payment on the contract
 of purchase) and who is now in my possession, she being of the
 age of forty four years, able to work and gain a sufficient
 livelihood and maintenance, and her the said negro woman
 named Amy, my wife as aforesaid, I do declare to be henceforth
 free manumitted and discharged from all manner of
 servitude or service to me, my executors or administrators
 forever. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand
 and affixed my seal the seventeenth day of December in the
 year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty three
 Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of 3 John ^{his} Smith ^{seal}
 James Beall, Geo. G. Taylor
 Anne Arundel County, Md.

Be it remembered, that on this
 seventeenth day of December 1853, personally appears John Smith
 free negro, party to the within instrument of writing, before me
 the subscriber a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for the
 said County and acknowledged the same to be his act and deed
 for the purposes within mentioned.

Acknowledged before

Geo. G. Taylor.

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