

a servant in our family, in consequence of the affection & fidelity of the said Negro Woman to my ^{said} deceased sister. Having recently purchased the said Negro Woman from my Brother, Joseph H. Byres, I, the said James A. Byres, in consideration of the above recited pecuniary, do hereby manumit and forever set free the said Negro Woman Britannia, the said Britannia being under forty five years of age, in good health, and in all respects capacitated to gain for herself a sufficient support and maintenance: And I the said James A. Byres do hereby declare the said Britannia free, clear & discharged from all manner of servitude to me the said James A. Byres, or to my heirs, executors, Administrators or Assigns forever. In testimony whereof I the said James A. Byres have hereunto set my hand & affixed my seal this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine.

Signed, sealed & delivered in the presence of
 Charles Cochran - John T. Jackson } James A. Byres (Seal)

Maryland, Dorchester County, Set: Be it remembered & it is hereby certified, that on this 4th day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & forty nine, before the subscriber, one of the State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in & for Dorchester County, personally appears James A. Byres and acknowledges the foregoing Deed of Manumission, or instrument of writing to be his act & deed for the purposes therein mentioned.
 Charles Cochran J. P. S. M.

Paid Sarah Pattison }
 & To 50 }
 Annette Woolford }
 Manumission was recorded on the 8th day of June A. D. 1849, to wit:

To all whom it may concern, be it known, that I, Sarah Pattison of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland, for divers good causes & considerations me therewith moving, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted & set free, and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, liberate, manumit and set free my negro girl named Annette Woolford, (being of the age of two years) on the first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven, and her the said Negro Girl Annette Woolford I do declare to be free, manumitted & discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me, my Executors & Administrators after the above named first day of May in the year eighteen hundred and fifty seven. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 6 day of June 1849.

Witness
 James Byran - Isaac J. Harris. Sarah Pattison (Seal)