

me in hand paid by the said Smith, the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, have granted, bargained and sold, and by these presents, do grant, bargain and sell unto the said Samuel W. Smith, his executors, administrators and assigns, my negro man, named Charles Sanders, aforesaid, To Have and to Hold, for and during the term of four years and seven months, commencing from the first day of June in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty, thence ensuing and fully to be complete and ended; to wit: until the first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five; And Be it further known by these presents, that for divers good causes and considerations me therunto moving, I the said Anthony L. Thompson, do hereby give and grant unto the said negro man, named Charles Sanders, freedom from all servitude after the expiration and determination of the aforesaid term of four years and seven months, said negro man being, as the law requires, of sound mind and body, capable by work to procure to himself a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and not now exceeding, nor about, at the end of the last aforesaid term of years, to exceed, the age of forty five years; and it is my will and purpose, intended to take effect by virtue of this Deed, and the true meaning thereof, that on the aforesaid, first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five, (1855) my said negro man, Charles Sanders, be released from Slavery; liberated, manumitted and set free, and I do hereby declare him to be thenceforth, (to wit, from said first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty five,) forever discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me or any person or persons claiming under or through me. -

In Testimony whereof, I the said Anthony L. Thompson, and the said Samuel W. Smith, have herunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals, on this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty.

Signed and sealed in the presence of, as to Thompson,

Anthony L. Thompson (Seal)
S. W. Smith (Seal)

James Rea S.P. & Richard C. Hollow
(as to Smith) Geo. Donnell Smith

Dorchester County, State of Maryland, Sec. Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on this sixteenth day of September in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and fifty, before me, the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the County of Dorchester aforesaid, personally appeared Anthony L. Thompson, he being known by me to be the person, who is named and described as and professing to be, the party grantor to the foregoing Bill of Sale and Deed of Manumission, and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed. -

In Testimony whereof, I herunto subscribe my name on the day and year last aforesaid.
James Rea S.P.

James Fooks
S.P. from

Anna Maria & Wm. Styles

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Be it remembered & it is hereby certified that the following Indenture was recorded on the 23rd day of September 1850. To wit:

This Indenture witnesseth that in virtue of an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland passed December session Eighteen hundred & thirty nine, Chapter 35 entitled "An act to provide for the better regulation of the free Negroes & Mulatto children within this State, I, James Fooks have agreed, in presence of Thomas Brewwood, John T.