

I hereby certify that on the 18th day of November, anno Domini Eighteen Hundred & fifty four, personally appeared before me the subscribers, a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for Dorchester County, Ezekiel J. Fleming, party bargainer mentioned in the foregoing Bill of Sale, and made oath that the consideration set forth in the above Bill of Sale is true and bona fide as therein set forth

Acknowledged Before and Certified by

W^m D. Barrow

Received November 18th, 1854, of Ezekiel J. Fleming the sum of one dollar in lieu of a stamp on this Bill of sale
Francis J. Henry Ck

Martha A. Cook
Ann M. Cook & William A. Cook
to x^o
John Ross (Colored man)

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that the following Manumission was received and recorded on the 18th day of November 1854, to wit

To all whom it may concern, we Martha Ann Cook, Ann Maria Cook and William A. Cook widow children, devisees and Residuary Legates of Thomas Cook of the Town of Cambridge in Dorchester County and State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations as thereunto moving have released from Slavery, manumitted & set free and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery liberate manumit and set free our negro man named John Ross being of the age Twenty eight years, when he attains the age of thirty five years which will take place January the first eighteen Hundred and Sixty two, when he will be able (without accident) to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance and from the said January the first eighteen hundred & sixty two and from thenceforth free manumitted & discharged from all manner of service or servitude to us, our Executors & administrators forever

In witness Whereof we have hereto set our hands and seals this 9th day of November 1854

Martha A. Cook
A. Maria Cook
W^m A. Cook

Signed sealed & delivered
in the presence of
R. R. Robertson, Williams Rea

Maryland Dorchester County to wit: Be it remembered that on this ninth day of November in the year of our Lord 1854, then appeared before me a Justice of the Peace in and for said County Martha Ann Cook, Ann Maria Cook & William Alexander Cook personally known to me as the identical persons as represented in the above deed of Manumission & acknowledged the same to be their act and deed according to the true meaning thereof and the acts of assembly in such cases provided

Before R. R. Robertson

James A. Stewart
from x^o
Mary Jones adm^r J. H. Jones

Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that the following Bill of Sale was received and recorded on the 29th day of November 1854, to wit

Know all men by these Presents that I, Mary Jones administratrix of Thomas Henry... Jones deceased of Dorchester County in the State of Maryland for and in consideration of the sum of Four Hundred and twenty five dollars current money to me in hand paid by James A. Stewart of Cambridge in the said County of Dorchester and State of Maryland at and before the sealing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted, bargained and sold and by these presents do grant bargain and sell unto the said James A. Stewart his Executors administrators and assigns a negro