

John Ross negro
 ✓ From 2: received and recorded on the 13th day of November, Anno Domini 1856, to wit:
 Josiah S. Meekins of Shelby County and State of Missouri, do hereby manumit
 and set free my negro man slave John Ross, aged thirty seven years, of dark color,
 stout made, a resident of District of Columbia in the State of Maryland, his freedom to commence from the
 date of these presents. Witness my hands and seal this first day of September, in the year of our Lord,
 Eighteen hundred and fifty six.

Test, D. W. Tyler, William Andrews

Josiah S. Meekins (seal)

The State of Maryland, District of Columbia, to wit: Be it
 remembered and it is hereby Certified, that on this 1st day of September 1856, before me the subscri-
 ber, one of the Justices of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for District of Columbia, personally
 appeared Josiah S. Meekins, he being known to me to be the person who is named and described as,
 signing and making the above acknowledgment, and did sign, seal and acknowledge the same
 to be his act and deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned, according to the acts of Assem-
 bly in such case made and provided.

Acknowledged before and Certified by,

D. W. Tyler

George Mister
 ✓ From 2: received and recorded on the 17th day of November, Anno Domini 1856, to wit:
 Nancy Crighton of Baltimore City and State of Maryland in considera-
 tion of Eight Hundred and sixty two Dollars, paid me by George Mister of
 District of Columbia and State of Maryland, do hereby bargain and sell to the said George Mister, the fol-
 lowing property, to wit: Negro Woman Jane Slacum aged about forty years, and her two Children Mar-
 garet Hester, aged about four years, and Sarah Elizabeth, aged about one year, as slaves for life.
 Witness my hands and seal this twenty seventh day of October, Eighteen Hundred and fifty six.

Nancy Crighton (seal)

State of Maryland, Baltimore City, to wit: I hereby Certify, that on this twenty seventh day of October,
 Eighteen Hundred and fifty six, personally appeared Nancy Crighton, before the subscriber as Justice of the
 Peace for Baltimore City, aforesaid, and acknowledged the foregoing Bill of Sale to be her act.

Acknowledged before

A. W. Crenington J.P.

State of Maryland, Baltimore City, set:

I hereby Certify, that Augustine W. Crenington, Esquire, before whom the above
 acknowledgment was made and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a
 Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for the City of Baltimore, duly Commissioned and sworn.
 In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hands and affixed the seal of the Superior Court of Baltimore
 City, this 27th day of October A. D. 1856.

Edw. G. Dawling Clerk of the
 Superior Court of Baltimore City

State of Maryland, District of Columbia, to wit:

I hereby Certify, that on this fourteenth day of November, Eighteen Hundred
 and fifty six, personally appeared before me the subscriber, as Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland, in and for
 District of Columbia, George Mister, the grantee named in the above Bill of Sale, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of
 Almighty God, that the consideration set forth in the above Bill of Sale is true and lawful as therein set forth.