

Joel Blew
Manumission to
Martha Whittington

I Joel Blew of Howard County and State of Maryland do hereby manumit & set free my negro woman Martha Whittington about twenty years of age dark complexion in and about five feet high) her freedom to commence from and at the end of sixteen years from this date that is to say on the fifth day of April Eighteen hundred and seventy five and I do hereby manumit and set free all her issue to the latest generation from and after they respectively arrive to the age of thirty five years

Witness my hand & seal this fifth day of April Eighteen hundred and seventy five
Year

Jasper M Berry
Charles Soper

Joel Blew Seal

State of Maryland Howard County Sec.

Be it remembered that on this fifth day of April Eighteen hundred and seventy five, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the said State in and for said County personally appeared Joel Blew and acknowledged the above instrument of writing to be his act and deed

Charles Soper

Received to be Recorded on the 19th day of April 1859 at 8 o'clock A.M. same day Recorded & Examined for
W. W. Watkins Clerk

Joel Blew
Bill of Sale to
Joseph M Berry

I Joel Blew of Howard County and State of Maryland in consideration of four hundred dollars paid by Joseph M Berry a resident of Baltimore City to me, do hereby bargain and sell to the said Joseph M Berry my negro woman named Martha Whittington a slave for the term of sixteen years from this date (being now about twenty years of age) the said negro woman being a slave for the term of sixteen years from the date hereof and no longer and the said Joel Blew being entitled to the said slave for the whole of said term. It is also understood and agreed that her issue to the latest generation are entitled to freedom at the age of thirty five years

It is further understood and agreed that the said Joseph M Berry and his representatives are only entitled to the said Martha and her issue for the respective terms above mentioned and if the laws of the State of Maryland will not allow the said negro woman or her issue to enjoy their freedom at the end of their respective terms, Martha and they shall then revert to the said Joel Blew and