

executed acknowledged and recorded according to law liberated and set free his negro boy John Gray at the age of thirty years who was born July twelfth eighteen hundred and twenty and reserving to himself in the meantime the use and services of the said John Gray until the twelfth day of July eighteen hundred and fifty and after which he declared to be free now know all men by these presents that Thomas Robinson the legal representative of the said James Robinson for and in consideration of the sum of three hundred dollars current money of the United States which said sum of three hundred dollars current money of the United States has been advanced and paid by William Stewart who now is and for more than one year last past has been a bona fide resident of the State of Maryland the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge both bargain sold assigned and transferred and by these presents doth bargain sell and transfer unto the said Joseph Hodges his executors administrators and assigns all in the said William Stewart right and interest in and to the said negro boy John Gray found during the period and term of servitude by him reserved as aforesaid that is to say from the date hereof until the twelfth day of July eighteen hundred and fifty and when the said John Gray will be thirty years of age In witness whereof the said William Stewart and Joseph Hodges have hereunto subscribed their names and affixed their seals this 28th day of July in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty and Wm Stewart (seal)

Signed sealed and delivered in presence of
 Marcen McDowell Joseph Hodges (seal)

At the foot of the foregoing is thus written to wit

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County to wit Before me remembered that on this 28th day of July personally appeared William Stewart and Joseph Hodges before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and for Anne Arundel County and acknowledged the foregoing bill of sale or instrument of writing to be their act and deed for the purposes therein mentioned according to the proper true intent and meaning of the said bill of sale or instrument of writing and the acts of assembly in such cases made and provided and I certify that I am satisfied of my knowledge that William Stewart and Joseph Hodges acknowledging as aforesaid are the identical persons named and described as said professing to be parties to the said bill of sale

Witness my hand and seal this 28th day of July 1854
 Acknowledged before and certified by Marcen McDowell
 4^{3/4} Recorded the 7th day of August 1854

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Whereas James Robinson of Anne Arundel County in the State of Maryland by a will bearing date September the eighth eighteen hundred and twenty four duly executed acknowledged and recorded according to law liberated and set free his negro boy John Gray at the age of thirty years who was born July 12th eighteen hundred and twenty