


or administrators forever. In Witness my hand  
and seal this sixteenth day of September Eighteen  
hundred and Three.

Signed, sealed and delivered Arthur Shaaff 

In the presence of us

Sam Maynard

Dan B. Hopper

on the back of the aforesaid) was thus endorsed viz.  
Ann Arundel County) to wit. The sixteenth day of  
September 1803. Then appeared Arthur Shaaff, the  
party to the within Deed of Manumission before  
me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the  
County aforesaid and acknowledged the within  
Deed of Manumission to be his act and deed  
and the mulattoe man Slave John Wilkes to  
free and manumitted at the Period mentioned  
in the said Deed according to the said deed  
and the act of assembly in such case made  
and provided. acknowledged before

Lewis Drwall

Recorded the 16<sup>th</sup> day of September 1803.

Nicholas Matthews }  
to }  
Stephen Matthews }  
Nicholas Matthews of Ann Arundel  
County in the State of Maryland Do hereby manumit  
and set free from bondage the following negro to wit.  
Stephen Matthews aged about twenty three years  
and Do for myself my heirs executors and  
administrators release unto the said negro, all  
my