

the within Instrument of writing to be his act and  
deed according to the true intent and meaning thereof.

Joseph Selby

Recorded the 26<sup>th</sup> day October 1803.

Ed. Nicholas Merrivether } I know all men by these presents  
to } that I Nicholas Merrivether  
d. & Sundry Negroes } knowing that natural freedom  
being the right of all men given by almighty gods,  
Do bind myself my heirs executors administrators  
and assigns to set free and manumit the the  
following negroes and their heirs forever, in  
the following manner to wit: Negroes, Frank  
aged forty years old to be free in four years from  
this date, negro Jack aged about thirty five years  
to be free in four years from this date. Negro James  
aged about thirty years to be free in five years from  
this date, Negro Dick aged about thirty years old  
to be free in five years from this date. Negro  
Andrew about twenty one years old to be free in  
seven years from this date, Negro John aged  
about Eighteen years old to be free in Seven years  
from this date, Negro Moses aged about eight years  
old to be free in seventeen years from this date  
Negro Solomon aged about seven years old to be  
free in eighteen years from this date, Negro Jacob  
aged about four years old to be free in twenty  
one years from this Date, Negro Prince  
aged about two years old to be free in twenty  
Three years from this date, Negro Ned aged  
about two years old to be free in twenty three  
years