

Benjamin Basford <sup>sr</sup> To all whom these presents  
to  
I send Greeting I Benjamin  
Basford of Ann Arundell County and State of Maryland  
for divers good Causes & Considerations in these unto  
moving as also in the further Consideration of the  
Sum of five Shillings to me in hand paid do hereby  
Declare free manumit and enfranchise the Negroes  
following to wit, my Negro Woman named Ruth  
whom said Woman Ruth was willed to me by  
Frederick Basford of the said County to be free and  
I do hereby Declare her to be henceforth free and  
Discharged from all manner of Service or Service  
to me my heirs Executors and Administrators forever  
and one Negro Boy named Jack whom I Claim by  
virtue of said Frederick Basford will to be free  
on the first day of March eighteen hundred and  
twenty five hereby acknowledging the said Negroes  
Discharged from all Claim of Service and right  
of property whatever from me my heirs Executors  
or Administrators in the manner and form above  
mentioned My Ruth to enjoy her freedom henceforth  
and forever hereafter Jack to enjoy his freedom on  
the first day of March eighteen hundred twenty  
five In Testimony I have hereunto set my hand  
and Affixed my Seal this twenty second day  
May 1801.

Witnessed before me of  
James Mackinon  
Wm Whittington of the  
Benjamin <sup>his</sup> Basford <sup>mark</sup> Seal  
| On |