


considerations me therewith moving, as also for the further consideration of the sum of five shillings current money to me in hand paid the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge and myself therewith to be fully satisfied have released from slavery liberated manumitted and set free my negro man named Ben being of the age of forty years and able to work and gain a livelihood and sufficient maintenance and him the said negro man named Ben I do hereby declare to be free and henceforth manumitted and discharged from all manner of servitude or service to me or any claiming under me my executors or administrators forever. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of May in the year of our Lord 1814.

signed sealed & delivered } Sarah Riggs   
 in presence of }  
 Charles G. Worthington }  
 Wm P. Matthews. }

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed to wit  
 at New Bruner County to wit: On this 18<sup>th</sup> day  
 of May 1814. personally appears Sarah Riggs  
 party to the above or within instrument of  
 writing, before me the subscriber a  
 justice of the peace of said county and  
 acknowledged the same to be her act and  
 deed for the purposes therein mentioned  
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