

and set free, and by these presents do release from slavery
 liberate manumit and set free the said Negro boy
 named Tom Davis from and after the twentieth day
 of January Eighteen hundred and forty. I do declare
 the said Negro boy named Tom Davis to be free
 manumitted and discharged from all manner of
 servitude or service to me my heirs Executors or
 administrators for ever after the expiration of the
 time above mentioned. In Testimony whereof I
 have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal
 this Eighteenth day of January Eighteen hundred
 and seventeen.

Signed Sealed and delivered

in the presence of us

Frederick Harwood

James Speer

John Thompson *not*

On the back of the aforesaid deed is thus written
 to wit: State of Maryland Anne Arundel County

Be it remembered, That on this Eighteenth day of
 January Eighteen hundred and seventeen personally
 appears John Thompson party to the within instrument
 appearing before me the undersigned a Justice of the
 peace of the State and County aforesaid and doth acknowledge
 the same to be his act and deed for the purposes
 within mentioned, and the Negro boy within named
 to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from
 all services to him, or to any claiming under him
 and to be free and manumitted according to the
 act of assembly in such cases made and provided
 acknowledged before me

Frederick Harwood

Seal

Recorded the 20th day of January 1817