

from Slavery liberated manumitted and set free and  
 by these presents do hereby release from Slavery liberate  
 manumitt and set free my brother Samuel Matthews a  
 mulatto man formerly the property of Benjamin Harwood  
 late of the City of Annapolis and who was purchased by me of  
 Richard Harwood of Thomas and Henry H Harwood  
 administrators of said Benjamin Harwood deceased. and  
 him the said mulatto man Samuel Matthews named  
 as above I do declare to be free manumitted and discharged  
 from all manner of servitude or service to me my executors  
 or administrators from and after this date In testimony  
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
 the twenty seventh day of July in the year of our Lord one  
 thousand eight hundred and twenty seven  
 signed sealed & delivered

in the presence of  
 John Baynard  
 R J Cowman  
 Henry Matthews

At the foot of the aforesaid deed was thus written to wit  
 State of Maryland. Anne Arundel County town  
 On the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July one thousand eight hundred and  
 twenty seven personally appears Henry Matthews party  
 to this within instrument of writing before me the subscriber  
 a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland for the County  
 aforesaid and acknowledges the same to be his act and deed  
 for the purposes within mentioned and the mulatto man  
 Samuel Matthews within named to be from this day free  
 manumitted and discharged from all services to him or to  
 any claiming under him and to be free and manumitted  
 according to the acts of assembly in such cases made and  
 provided  
 Acknowledged before R J Cowman  
 Recorded the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July 1827

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