

Joseph Wick was about six months old in May 1838  
In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my hand and  
seal this thirty second day of June 1840

Signed Sealed and Delivered }  
in presence of } Abner Lullacum (Seal)  
Gabriel B. Small, Wm Shipley

At the seat of the foregoing was this written to wit  
Abner Lullacum County Clerk: Do hereby certify that  
on the twenty second day of June 1840 Personally appeared  
before me the undersigned two Justices of the Peace and  
for said County the above named Abner Lullacum who  
acknowledged the foregoing instrument of writing to be  
his voluntary deed and avers to be true and that Abner  
Lullacum is the Judicial person signing the above  
instrument of writing

Correctly  
Sealed  
and

Subscribed signed & sealed Gabriel B. Small  
Wm Shipley

Witness my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June 1840

To all whom it may concern Be it known that  
I John Ridout of the City of Annapolis and State of  
Maryland for diverse good causes and Considerations  
and thereunto moving as also in further Consideration  
of one dollar Current money to me hereof paid the  
receipt of which is hereby acknowledged have released  
from Slavery, liberated, unincumbered and set free,  
and by these presents do hereby release from Slavery  
liberate, unincumbered and set free the following Negroes  
Viz my Negro woman Betty Matthews aged fifty  
my Negro man William Matthews aged twenty  
eight, my Negro man James Matthews aged twenty  
seven and my Negro woman Dilett. Bettes (one)  
aged forty four, all of whom are able to work  
and give a sufficient livelihood and maintenance  
and whom the said Negroes I do hereby declare to be  
I have