

Whereas I purchased from a certain Susanna Carter and a certain James
 Walters, a coloured boy, by the name of William a slave for life aged about
 five years when I purchased him, reference being had to the bill sale
 hereunto annexed will appear. And being desirous to manumit and
 set free the said William slave as aforesaid have this day executed
 the following deed of Manumission. To all whom it may concern, be
 it known that I William Brashears of Anne Arundel County in
 the state of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me
 hereunto moving, have released from slavery liberated manumitted
 and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery
 liberate manumit and set free my coloured Man named
 William, being of the age of twenty six years, and able to work
 and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and him the
 said coloured Man named William. I do declare to be henceforth
 free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of service
 servitude to me my executors or administrators forever In witness
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal this
 sixteenth day of August eighteen hundred and fifty six
 Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of ^{Wm} William + Brashears (Real
 marks
 presence of Wm Glover

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County Let. Be it remembered
 and it is hereby certified that on this sixteenth day of August in the year
 of our Lord eighteen hundred and fifty six before the subscriber a
 Justice of the peace of the state of Maryland in and Anne Arundel
 County aforesaid personally appears William Brashears he being
 known to me to be the person who is named and describe as and
 professing to be a party to the foregoing deed of Manumission and
 doth acknowledge the said instrument of writing to be his act and
 deed. In testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name on the day
 and year aforesaid

Wm Glover

Know all men by these presents that we the subscribers for and in
 consideration of sixty dollars to us in hand paid by William Brashears