in the 31st Regiment of Colored Troops in the service of the United States Witness my hand and seal this twelfth day of March 1864 Wm H Tuck (Seal)

Witness Owen M Taylor.

Justice of the Peace of State of Md in & for Anne Arundel County

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Anne Arundel County

State of Maryland 19 March 1864

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Before me appeared this day William H Tuck and acknowledged the above Deed of Manumission and Release of Service to be his act and deed

Owen M Taylor J P

Recorded the 13 April 1864

Deed of Manumission and Release of Service

Whereas I my Slave Joseph Scruggs have enlisted in the service of the United States, now in consideration thereof I Priscilla Owens of Anne Arundel County State of Maryland do hereby in consideration of said enlistment and manumission let free and release the above named Joseph Scruggs from all service due me his freedom to commence from the date of his enlistment as aforesaid in the Regiment of Colored Troops in the service of the United States

Witness my hand & seal this fifteenth day of April 1864 Priscilla Owens

Witness Wm Shepherd. John H Hopkins

Anne Arundel County

State of Maryland — 1864

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Before me appeared this day Priscilla Owens and acknowledged the above Deed of Manumission and Release of Service