

the date of his enlistment as aforesaid in the  
Regiment of Colored Troops in the  
Service of the United States.

Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of  
August 1865,  
Witness Nathaniel Chew      Chas. Stewart Esq  
Wm. H. House

Anne Arundel County State of Maryland 1865

Before me appeared this day Charles Stewart,  
and acknowledged the above deed of Manumission  
and Release of Service to be his free act and deed  
Nathaniel Chew

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Recorded 1<sup>st</sup> day of Sep 1865

Deed of Manumission and release of Service

Whereas my slave Benson Hammond has enlisted  
in the service of the United States, now in consideration  
thereof I Joseph Gray of Anne Arundel County State  
of Maryland do hereby in consideration of said enlist-  
ment, manumit set free and release the above named  
Benson Hammond from all service due me his freedom  
to commence from the 31<sup>st</sup> day of March 1864 the date of  
his enlistment as aforesaid in the 39<sup>th</sup> Regiment of  
Colored Troops in the service of the United States

Witness my hand and seal this second day of  
September 1865,  
Witness  
Dorsey Jacob      Joseph Gray Esq  
Thomas Jacobs  
James J. Armstrong

Anne Arundel County State of Maryland Sep 2<sup>nd</sup> 1865

Before me appeared this day Joseph Gray and acknow-  
ledged the above deed of Manumission and Release  
of Service to be his free act and deed

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Dorsey Jacob Justice of Peace  
in and for Anne Arundel  
County Md

Recorded 8<sup>th</sup> September 1865