


To all whom it may concern: Be it known that I George W. Mason of the City of Baltimore in the State of Maryland for divers good causes and considerations me thereto 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 negro woman named Ann Handy being of the age of about twenty seven and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and her the said negro woman named Ann Handy I do declare to be henceforth free manumitted and discharged from all manner of service or servitude to me my executors administrators or assigns.

Signed Sealed & Delivered in presence of John Holland
 George W. Mason. 
 J. W. Hunter.

State of Maryland Anne Arundel County
 Be it remembered and it is hereby certified that on the twenty seventh day of May in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty three before the subscribed a justice of the peace for the said State and County aforesaid personally appears George W. Mason he being known to me to be the person who is named and described as and professing to be a party to the foregoing deed or indenture of writing and doth acknowledge the said indenture or instrument of writing to be his act and deed. In Testimony whereof thereunto subscribe my name on the day & year aforesaid.
 J. W. Hunter.

Received of George W. Mason, a free man of color, nine hundred dollars in full payment for Ann Handy a mulatto woman now owned by me and this day sold to the said George Mason for the sum above stated
 Witness my hand this 27 day of May 1853
 Witness John Holland
 J. W. Hunter
 John Hutton
 Recorded 27 May 1853

C. W. Mason