Acknowledged before,

G. W. Smith

I hereby certify that the within is a true Copy taken from the original filed in my Office.

In Testimony whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name, and affix the Seal of Washington County Court this 5th day of April A.D. 1849.

G. W. Smith Clk

To all whom it may concern, be it known that we Elie Stake and Willoughby C. McCardell of Washington County, State of Maryland, for divers good causes and considerations, us thereunto moving, have released from slavery, liberated, manumitted and set free and by these presents do hereby release from slavery, manumit, and set free our negro man named John Rozier being of the age of twenty six years, and able to work and gain a sufficient livelihood and maintenance, and from the said negro man named John Rozier, we do declare to be henceforth free, manumitted, and discharged from all manner of service or servitude to us our executors or administrators forever. In Witness whereof we have hereunto set our hands & seals this fourth day of April A.D. 1849.

Signed, sealed and delivered in presence of
Isaac Motter
Henry Grosh
Witness as to Willoughby C. McCardell
John W. Welty

Elie Stake (Seal)
Willoughby C. McCardell (Seal)
{as to Elie Stake}
C. McCardell
C. Shepperd

State of Maryland, Washington County, to wit:
On this fourth day of April A.D. 1849, personally appears Willoughby C. McCardell party to the above instrument of writing before me the subscriber a justice of the peace of the State of Maryland, and acknowledge the same to be his act & deed for the purposes above mentioned, and the negro man above named to be henceforth manumitted and discharged from all services to him or to any claiming under him and to be free and manumitted, according to the act of Assembly in such cases made & provided. Acknowledged before, C. Shepperd, J.P.

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