

A Court held for the County of Southampton the 14th Day of November 1782

This Emancipation was proved by the Affidavits of Samuel James & Samuel Cloy two of the witnesses thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

Teste

Joseph Denson Esqr

Joseph Denson of Southampton County Virginia
 Having under my care and care by named David born some
 time in the seventeenth month 1766. who I have heretofore
 held as a slave; But being fully persuaded that freedom is the
 Natural Right of all mankind & that it is my duty to do
 unto others as I would desire to be done by; do Therefore hereby
 Emancipate & set the said David free. Yet I believe it right
 for me to retain the authority I have the Care & Direction over
 him untill he shall arrive to the age of twenty one years -
 and I do for my self my heirs Executors & Admors. relinque
 sh all my Right Title Interest & Claim or pretention of
 Claim whatsoever either to his person or to any estate he may
 acquire after he shall attain to the full & lawfull age aforesaid
 the above said Negro David to Enjoy his full Freedom. with
 out any Interruption from me or any person claiming for
 by or under me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set my
 hand & Seal This 10th Day of the ninth month in the year of
 our Lord one Thousand seven hundred Eighty & two
 Signed sealed & Delivered
 In the presence of us - Joseph Denson Seal

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This Emancipation was acknowledged by Joseph Denson party thereto & Ordered to be Recorded

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