

To all whom it may concern, be it known that Josiah  
E Barclay of Bedford County and State of Pennsylvania (but  
at present in Allegany County in the State of Maryland)  
for divers good causes and considerations the hereunto  
moving do also in further consideration of one dollar current  
money to me in hand paid do hereby release from  
slavery, liberate manumit and set free after he shall  
arrive at the age of Twenty eight years my negro  
boy slave named Clement Romanus, being of the age  
of four years six months and two days, and him the  
said negro boy, Clement Romanus I do declare to be  
free, manumitted and discharged from all manner of  
servitude or service to me my Executors or administra-  
tors forever, after he shall arrive at the age of Twenty  
eight years as above mentioned. In Testimony whereof  
I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal  
this seven tenth day of April in the year of our Lord  
eighteen hundred and twenty four

Signed, Sealed & Delivered  
in the presence of  
John Murdock  
C. F. Brodhead

Josiah E. Barclay

Maryland Allegany County, to wit  
On this seven tenth day of April Eighteen hundred and Twenty  
four personally appears Josiah E Barclay of Bedford County  
State of Pennsylvania before me a Justice of the peace for  
Allegany County aforesaid and acknowledges the foregoing  
instrument of writing to be his act and Deed for the purpose  
therein mentioned, according to the act of Assembly in  
such case made and provided in  
Acknowledged before  
Char: F. Brodhead

Enrolled April 17<sup>th</sup> 1824  
Maryland

I do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true  
Copy taken from the Records of Allegany County  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my  
hand and affixed the seal of my Office this 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of May 1824  
J. A. Beale, Clerk of  
Allegany County