

(Melisent
Ricks
Emancipator)

Melisent Ricks, of Southampton Virginia having
under my care a Negro Woman named Sarah, aged about twenty
five years whom I have heretofore held a slave. But being fully
persuaded that Freedom is the natural right of all mankind &
that it is my duty to do by others as I would they should do by me, do
therefore hereby Emancipate and set the said Sarah free, and for
myself my heirs executors and administrators relinquish
all my right Title Interest and Claim or pretensions of Claim what
soever either to her person or any Estate she may hereafter acquire
And having also four now in their Minority Wgt. Bagan a neg-
girl about seven years of age, Jacob four years the twenty sixth
of the sixth Month last, Patience two years sometime in the
fourth Month last, Paddy about one year whom I likewise emanci-
pate & set free, yet I believe it Right for me to have the care
and Direction of Them untill the Males do arrive to the age
Twenty one years & the Females to Eighteen years, and do
for myself my heirs Executors and Administrators, relin-
quish all my right Title Interest and Claim or pretension of Claim
Whatsoever either to their persons or to any Estate they may
acquire after they shall arrive to the full and Lawfull
Age aforesaid; all the above said Negroes to enjoy their
Full freedom without any Interruption from me or any person
claiming for by or under me In Witness Whereof I have
Hereunto set my hand and Seal This twenty seventh day
of the ninth Month In the year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred eighty and two

Signed, sealed & Delivered

In the presence of us

Robert Ricks

Thomas Ricks

Melisent Ricks

