

Lawful age and I do for myself my heirs Executors and Admors
relinquish all my right title Interest and claim or Pretention
of claim whatsoever either to their persons or to any estate they
may acquire after they arrive to Lawful age aforesaid then to
enjoy their full freedom without any interruption from me
or from any person claiming for by or under me In
Witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th
day of February in the year of our Lord 1785.

Signe seal and deliver

Joseph Ricks *Clk*

In presence of us

Thos Ricks } At a Court held for the County of Southampton
Robt Ricks } the 10 day of March 1785 This Man of Color
Robt Ricks } was proved by the testimony of Thomas Ricks &
Robert Ricks the witnesses to be the child of Thomas Ricks &
ordered to be recorded

I Richard Ricks of Southampton County Virginia having under
my care the following Negro or (Negro) Jacob about 5 1/2 years Old
Patience 19 Bick Born 28th of December 1763 Anno 14th May 1774
Till in 18th December 1775 Maney the 9 of January 1785 which
have heretofore been held as slaves but being fully persuaded that
freedom is that freedom is the natural right of mankind & that
it is my duty to do to them as I would they should do unto me Do
therefore hereby Emancipate and set this said Negro free, yet I believe
it right for me to have the care of such as are under age until they
shall arrive to lawful age and I do for myself my heirs Executors and
Admors relinquish all my right title Interest and claim or
Pretention of claim whatsoever either to their persons or to
any estate they may acquire after they arrive to Lawful Age
aforesaid then to enjoy their full freedom without any
Interruption from me or from any person claiming for by
or under me In Witness whereof I have hereunto set