

Robert
Richs
Manumission
of Slaves

I Robert Richs of Southampton County of Virginia having
under my Care the following negroes To wit: Jan aged about forty
years Jacob a free a but thirty eight years James thirty three
years the tenth of April last past also in their Minority Tony
born in April one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven
Susan born in February one thousand seven hundred and seventy seven
One Daniel born in January one thousand seven hundred and eighty
eighty four Estilda born in May one thousand seven hundred
and eighty six whom I have heretofore held as slaves but being
fully persuaded that freedom is the natural right of all
man kind and that it is my duty to do unto others as I would
desire to be done by as therefore emancipate and set the
said Negroes free saving to myself my heirs and assigns the
Care and direction of them in their Minority till they shall
arrive to the full and lawfull age the males to twenty one
years and the females to Eighteen Years and I do for myself
my heirs executors and administrators Relinquish all my
right title interest and claim either to their persons or to
any estate they may require after they shall arrive to the
full and lawfull age afore said the above named Negroes
and their posterity to enjoy their full freedom without
Interruption from of any person claiming from by
or under me In Witness where of I have here unto set
my hand and seal this ninth day of the tenth month
in the year four love one thousand seven hundred Eighty eight
Robert Richs

At a Court held for the County of Southampton
the 9th Day of October 1788. This Deed for the
emancipation of sundry slaves therein named was
this day acknowledged by Robert Richs party thereto
and ordered to be Recorded
Sam Kelloid

Hardy
Johnson
& wife
to
Mallum
Richs

This Indenture made this twenty sixth day
of September in the year of our Lord Christ One thousand
seven hundred and eighty eight Between Hardy
Johnson and Rebecca his wife of the County of
Southampton and state of Virginia of the one part