

SUSANNAH MALLORY
— PURCHASED HER FREEDOM


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Know all Men by these presents that I Thomas Smith
of the Borough of Norfolk and State of Virginia for divers
good considerations moving me thereto and at the request
of a certain Negro Woman heretofore a Slave the property
of Charles King Mallory of the County of Elizabeth City,
by the name of Sue, ^{commonly called Susannah Mallory.} by a receipt bearing date the sixth
day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and three have purchased for the sum of sixty
dollars of the said Charles King Mallory the said negro

only, as a Friendly agent for the said Negro Woman Sue
and that I had no interest in the purchase money paid
down which was advanced entirely by herself and by
me paid to the said Charles King Mallory and These
presents are to certify that I do resign all right or title
to the said Negro woman, unto the said Negro Woman
or any interest which I might have acquired in her
by virtue of the said receipt from the said Charles
King Mallory and do for ever free and emancipate
her from all service of every kind to me as effectually

and completely as the Laws of this Common we alth will
admit of. In Witness whereof I have here unto set my
hand and seal this twelfth day of July in the year
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and three.

Signed sealed and }
Delivered in presence of.)

Thomas Smith 

The words "commonly called
Susannah Mallory" being inclu-
ded previous to the execution
thereof.

Richard Henry Ssr. ✓
R. C. Archer. ✓

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(Negro) Ssr. }
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July 19th 1803 proved
1802
Recorded and

As a Court takes for itself the County the 19th day of July 1803
The Court of Chancery was present by the order of Richard Henry
Lee and Mr. Archer with my March and ordered to be recorded
Date 18th July 1803
J. C. Archer

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