

We have known James Oliver for a length of time, and we can safely say, that he is an honest, industrious, and hard working man. He has been most of his time employed as a servant in Hotels, and dry goods stores, and has in no case proved to be otherwise, than an honest and trusty man; during his master's life, he was not unfrequently called on, to effect sales and make purchases, and to transact other business for him; all of which, he always done, with perfect satisfaction. His master, having been so well pleased with his faithfulness to him, that at his death, he bequeathed him to his wife Maria Cooper a free woman of color. We hope that his application to remain in the Commonwealth, may meet with success.

Richmond December 15. 1849.

James S. Brooks

Ph. B. White

William Bell

Alfred T. Davis

Am. Minna

Elaine Brown

S. F. Adie

L. W. Hobson  
W. J. Pennington

Lewis Webb

Amanda Lester

John L. Bacon

Charles C. Hudson

John Thompson

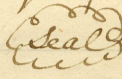
Thos. H. Roberts  
Henry A. Hall  
W. Allen

Mark Farish  
Mr. B. Brown  
J. A. Custard  
Georgetown  
Robt. C. Standard

I have known Jas Oliver for  
many years, and it affords  
me great pleasure to state  
that I have rarely known  
a more modest, respectable  
& worthy man, his whole  
course since I have known  
him has met my entire  
approbation

J. H. Eastman  
Rocky Mts. 9. 1850

Know all men by these presents, that I Maria Cooper of  
the City of Richmond, being the owner of a certain slave na-  
med James <sup>the said James</sup> Oliver, being my husband, have this day, for and  
in consideration of the love and affection which I bear my  
said husband, emancipated and set free, and I do hereby  
emancipate and set free the said James Oliver of and from  
my service, and of and from the service of all claiming  
under me, forever. Signed with my hand, at the said  
City, and sealed with my seal this 22<sup>nd</sup>. day of  
October 1849.

Maria <sup>her</sup> Cooper   
mark

Teste,

Deachy R. Grattan  
Thomas C. Ritter.

City of Richmond, to wit:

At a Court of Hustings held for the said City,  
at the Courthouse, the 15<sup>th</sup>. day of November  
1849, This deed of Emancipation was acknowledged by  
Maria Cooper, a party thereto, and ordered to be recorded.

Teste, Chs. Howard, clk.

A Copy, Teste, Chs. Howard, clk.