

# Deed of emancipation of a black slave, 1744

Deposited by Dominique-François Mentor on March 4, 1745 with notary L.-C. Danré de Blanzly

Records of L.-C. Danré de Blanzly, March 4, 1745, no. 2376

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Mentor granted his freedom after my death

Today the thirtieth of September one thousand seven hundred forty-four, I, [Dominique] Nafréchoux, certify that I have granted his freedom to Jean François Dominique Mentor, my negro, immediately upon my death in recompense for the good services he has rendered me and for the devotion and loyalty he has always shown in my service. This is my intention. He may take with him all he may require for his service. I leave him master of himself, free to go with whom he may see fit, continuing to live as an honest man and taking care to pray to God for me. I certify having recorded this in my commonplace book, folio 131. [transl.]

*Nafréchoux*