

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY COURT
(Affidavits of Freedom)
1810-1850

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CR 47,249-2

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT
(Affidavits of Freedom)
1852-1862

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Personally appeared Jacob M. Howe in open Court
and made oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God
that he has been informed and verily believes, ^{that} Perim
Ogliton a Negro ^{to this Court} petitioner, descended from Maria
Ogliton a free East Indian woman ^{in the master's line} and that the
said Perim Ogliton will be able to prove the same
and that he the said Howe has been informed and
verily believes that the said Perim Ogliton is entitled
to his freedom -

Sworn ^{to} in open Court September 19th 1810

John Read Magruder J. Ck

Medicine Rock
M. Lowe

District of Columbia }
Washington County }

Personally appeared before me a Justice of
the peace for the said County Ann Proctor a free
white ~~white~~ woman of lawful age & makes oath in
due form that Polly Berry a bright colored
woman about forty years of age somewhat pitted
with the small pox stout made and rather above
the common size. was free born as was the Mother
of the said Polly. whom she also well knew.

Witness my hand & this 24th day of August
1819.

Signed. Dan Rapine


District of Columbia Washington County Set.

I William Brent Clerk of the Circuit
Court of the District of Columbia for the County aforesaid
hereby certify that Dan. Rapine Gentleman before
whom the above affidavit appears to have been
made and whose name is thereunto subscribed
was at the time of so doing a Justice of the peace
in and for the County aforesaid duly commissioned
and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I hereto
set my hand & affix the seal
of said Court this 24th day of
August 1819.

Wm Brent Clerk

John Proctors Certificate

To March 23rd 1829
into the Clerks Office of
James George, County
to be recorded
some day recorded in later
A.D. 1855 folio 384 One of
the land records of said County

Since George Greenly J^r
on the 23rd day of March 1829 personally appeared
before me the Subscribed a Justice of the Peace
for the County aforesaid Doctor James C
Carver and made Oath on the Holy Evangelists
of almighty God that he has known Polly
Berry named in the foregoing affidavit
since the year Eighteen Hundred & seven times
and know her to be a free born woman

Done to be fore

W. H. Hall

The Dearest William Henson I have known for upwards of fifteen
years, who I have understood to be son, of Lilly Henson and
I believe he was born free &c

July 10th 1830 -

P. Bowling

Filed the 10th,
day of July 1830

Edward Lacey
certificate

Issued the 1st day
of December 1830 -

State of Maryland Prince Georges County December
1st 1822. I hereby certify that negro woman Jane
and Louisa two mulatto women the one about
thirty and years of age & the other about eighteen
years of age and free persons and are the
identical persons mentioned and set free by me
by deed of Manumission bearing date the fourth
day of June 1822 and recorded among the
Records of Prince Georges County.
Given under my hand the day and year
above mentioned.

Edward Farsey

1111/

Leonard Watson

affiant

Manfred Prince Georges County to wit.

On this 15th day of May 1830 Personally appears Leonard Watson before the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid, and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that negro Isaac a black man about forty four years of age is the identical negro mentioned in a Deed of Manumission from Clement Roddy day of the County aforesaid to the said negro Isaac & others bearing date the 19th day of July 1820 and recorded among the Land Records of Prince Georges County -

Sworn before -

C. B. Bowling
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John P. Mearns

Letter

Filed 10th July 1883

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours,
John P. Mearns

Dear Sir. This will be handed you by David
Peck. a free black man, who goes to yr office to
obtain his freedom papers. he was born free. I
have known him from his infancy - he was born
on Mr. Machalls plantation. and is the son of
old David Peck. who I dare say you very well
know. as he was a tenant. to Mr. Machalls for
many years - he and his wife. both were free.
There is no obstacle in the way of their son the present
David Peck - getting his papers. Respectfully I am
Dear Sir

Yr m. ob. Serv

John Duvall

10th July 1830

Affidavit of
William P Hall

7/95

Filed 20 Apr 10 33

Maryland Prince Georges County
On this 20th day of September 1833 personally
appears William I. Stace before the
Subscribers a justice of the peace in and
for the County aforesaid and makes
Oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty
that says Frank Iraig a black man
about twenty one years of age is a free
born person, and, the reputed son of
a certain Milly Iraig a free woman
of colour of the County.

Sworn Before

Richd. D. Burroughs
J. P.

Shadrack
Lee

for 2 April 1833

Maryland Prince Georges County to wit

On this 2^d day of April 1833.

Personally appeared William H. Felt, Justice of the Peace for the Subscribers
a Justice of the Peace in and for Prince Georges County aforesaid
and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that
"Negro Raderack Lee is a free man and he is entitled to
his freedom by virtue of a Deed of Manumission from a certain
Lancaster Lee Recorded among the Land Records of Prince

Georges County -

Sworn before

O. C. Carner J.P.



Affidavit of
Richard Gray
of the lost of his
Free Papers

sd 22nd June 1833

Maryland Prince Georges County

On the 22^d day of June 1833 personally appears before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, Richard Gray of the County aforesaid, and makes Oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that some time in the year 1832 the said named the Defendant cannot recollect, but believes it to have been in the latter part of the month of December, he lost his certificate of freedom granted him by the Clerk of Prince Georges County Court; that he has since made a diligent search and inquiry for said Certificate but has not been able to recover it, and the said Richard Gray further makes Oath that the said Certificate was not given to any slave with a view of aiding or assisting him or her in making his or her escape from his or her owner or master.

Sworn before

J. A. B. J. P.

Certificate of
Samuel Sprigg

26th May 1832

Aquila Bear Esq

C. P. G. C. G.

The four following named persons are free, (being the children of Frank Hawbury and his wife Linda, who were both liberated by the last will and testament of my Uncle Mr Osborn Sprigg) and are intitled to receive their freedom papers - to wit - William aged fourteen years, Thomas, Eleven years ~~and~~, Christina, six years ~~and~~ and Patrick about three years ~~and~~ - As they are about to emigrate from the state their papers ought to be made out with great care and under the seal of the state -

Saml Sprigg
Cathampton Farm
May 25th 1832

George Williams,

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{ Affidavit,
of Richard
Turner

pc 17 May 1834

Prince Georges County Sch

On this 17th day of May 1834 personally
appears Richard Turner before the Subscribes
a justice of the peace ^{of the State of Maryland} in and for Prince Georges
County and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists
of almighty God that George Williams is
a free born person and is the reputed son
of a certain Rackael Williams a free
woman of colour.

Sworn before

Richard D. Burroughs

59 In

James Harris
affidavit of the
freedom of Wm Jones,

for 1st Nov 1834

Maryland Prince Georges County Sch

On this 1st of November 1834. personally appears
James Harris before me the Subscriber a Justice
of the peace in and for said County and made
oath on the holy Evangelly God that William
Jones is a freeborn person & is the reputed son
of ~~William Jones~~ Priscilla Jones a free woman
of Colour—

Given before

W B Miller Jp

Ed Jones
cert granted
of Julia
Matthews

Pr April
1879.

Amelia Beale & Co
Wm James George & Co
London

Vauvillie C. G. L. Dec. 31st 1834

Aquilla Beale Esq.:

For the bearer of this, Julian Matthews, is desirous to obtain a Certificate of her freedom. by referring to a Book of Manumission on Record in your office. from Solomon Mattheus (who is her father) you will find she has been lawfully & mancipated, Julian is of dark Copper Colour. of common size, straight and well made, has a remarkable scar on the upper part of her Breast also a scar on her left hand above her finger near her throat occasioned by a Burn. I have known Julian for many years. She has lived in my house at different times and know her to be the person named in the Book of Manumission mentioned above. if this should not be deemed sufficient she can be more positively identified

respectfully Joseph L. Lane,

Affidavit of
James Robinson

Filed the 26th
day of August 1834.

Maryland & Prince George County Ct.

On this 20th day of August 1834 personally
appear before me the Subscriber a Justice of
the Peace in and for said County James
Robinson and made oath on the Holy
Evangelly of almighty God that Mary Ann
Jackson is a free born person, and is the
upuled daughter of a certain Annetta ~~Beck~~
a free Jackson a free woman of colour
of the County & State aforesaid -
sworn to before

Wm. Miller Jr.

affidavit of
Margery Ferguson

to
Richd R. Brevitt
do then

f. 15 Oct 1834

Maryland Prince Georges County took it

On this 14th day of October 1834.

Before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in
and for said County, personally appeared Mrs. Mary
Ferguson, and makes Oath in the holy Evangel of
Almighty God, that, Priscilla Bowie, Rich^d Rousby
Bowie, Elizabeth Mary Bowie, Levi Franklin Bowie
and James Henry Bowie, are the Children of Sucky
Bowie (a free Col^d woman) and that the said Priscilla
Bowie, Richard Rousby Bowie, Elizabeth Mary
Bowie Levi Franklin Bowie, and James Henry
Bowie, to her knowledge were free born.

Sown before

C. C. Amer

Mary Butler

appt.

Edw. Marshall

J. Henry NBS

County of Prince Georges County
On this Twenty eight day of August 1835
Appears before me the Subscriber a Justice of the
Peace Richard H. Marshall one made oath
on the holy Evangel of almighty God that
Mary Butler a mother Negro woman aged about
twenty two years old and that she is free born
a Daughter of Elisabeth Butler and that she
never Butler was born & raised in Prince
Georges County Sworn before
L. H. Chew J.P.

Henry Loggins

att

Mr. Piles

28 May 1833 -

Maryland Prince George County

On this 29th August 1835 personally appears
William Aples, before me the Subscriber a
Justice of the Peace in and for said County & made
oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God
that Henry Loggon, about twenty two years
of age is a free person, and is the reputed
son of Chas Loggon, a free woman who
became entitled to her freedom by virtue
of a deed of Manumission from ~~James~~ ^{Hezekiah}
Wester bearing date the 22 June 1805 -
and duly Enrolled among the Land Record
of said County

sworn before

L. H. Chis J.P.

Negro John Allen

affidavit of

Wences M. L. Allen

Filed 23rd July 1835

I have sent John a young negro man set free by Miss Ann Waring; he wants his Certificate at the Office of his freedom. I sent him last summer, by order of Miss Waring; but there was a mistake of one year too soon. I have sent the original manumission paper, in which you will find his name, which Miss Waring sent to me last summer. I saw Miss Ann Waring last Saturday, and she told me she ~~was going~~ would send him down to Malbro for his papers, be pleased to return by John the manumission and I send by him.

Aquilla Peace Esq.
Clerk of Prince Georges
County Court Md.
July 21. 1835.

Yours Respectfully
Spencer Mitchell

I know the ~~beaut~~ of the manumission paper I have ^{sent} to be Miss Ann Waring's servant, the same specified in the same, by name John. and that he has been raised in the Miss Waring's family, is about 26 years old rather of dark complexion, his height five feet one inch, and an eighth, a small scar over the internal angle of the left eye.

Prince Georges County to wit,
personally appears Spencer Mitchell before me
the Subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace
in and for said County, and being duly sworn
to the above statement to be true

Given to before me
July 21th 1835
Elisha Perry
J.

Affidavit
of
Edw. Young

do 18 June 1835

On this 18th day of June 1835 personally appears before

Bennett Farr before me the undersigned
a Justice of the Peace in and for Prince Georges County
State of Maryland I make oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty
God that John Day the bearer hereof a bright mulatto
Boy twenty one years of age 5 feet 5 1/2 inches is a free Boy
and that the said John Day was born free and is the
same who was bound on 5th day of September 1817 by
Jno Soper and Middleton Doosen two Justices of the Peace
of said County & State to a certain William Sevelles, to
serve until he the said John Day arrived to the age
of twenty one years and that his time of service has expired

Sworn before-

Richard Gaunt

Thos. G. Pratt Esquire

Widdow

Marble

certificate of
May Young

Dec 14th July 1836

June 2^d, 1836-

Thos. G. Pratt Esq,

Dear Sir

The bearer Violetta who goes to Marlboro with Girl Sally for the purpose of assisting her to obtain freed papers tells me that you are acquainted with the circumstances of this Girl's Mother's freedom & wishes to see you respecting her desire. I drop you these few lines & would say that I have no doubt of Sally's being the daughter of the late William S. Hall by Catharine whom he set free a few years before his death.

Very respectfully

Yours

Atley Goring

James Mitchelle

Filed 3rd April 1836

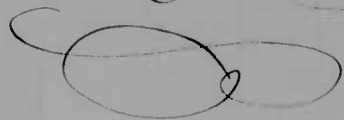
This is to certify that the beaver James Mitchell
Manumitted by Charles Mitchell of Prince Georges ^{County}
State of Maryland, about the year 1816, and re-
corded in the Clerk's office of said County & State
being twenty one years of age, wishes to get his free
papers, and has applied to me for a Certificate
to carry to the Clerk of the County, and I do certify
the said James Mitchell is the person, that he measures
nearly five feet six inches, that he is rather a bright
Mulatto, thick and well made, has a large broad
Scar on the right and fore part of his arm, from
a burn when young.

Prince Georges County to Wit.

On this 5th day of April 1836.
before the Subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for said
County, personally appears Spencer Sh. Bell and made
Oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God, that the
~~above~~ facts stated in the above Certificate, is true and
correct to the best of his knowledge and belief;

Sworn before

Overton W. Warren J.P.



Mr. Ag. Beall

Note from

to Mr. M. C. Gregory

filed the 4th of Nov. 1836

Dear Sir

The two Girls who are the bearers of
this note wish to ascertain if there
is any record of their freedom and
to get ~~the~~ ^{the same} certificate of ^{Joseph & Kate Mullin}
— their father and Mother were purchased
by their Grand Father Basil Mullin
about the years 1816-17 or 18, with the
eldest girl, and gave them their liberty
— they have been ever since free but have
had no certificate of their manumission
please examine the records for them and
give them such direction as will be
necessary for them to pursue —

Very Respectfully

A. M. M. Gage

Free 30th March 1837

Squitta Brail 29th

1837, Prince George, South Coast

Upper Matserangh

by Grace Brooke

Belle Vue March 29th 1837

Dear Sir

Will you be so obliging as to give the Beavers Grace
Brooke, formerly Grace Jackson, a Certificate for her freedom, she was
emancipated I think in Feb. 2 1825 which the receipt in your office
will shew, to me then Elizabeth Grant. Your compliance will oblige

Yours very
respectfully

Elizabeth Lowe

Identity of Eliza
Brown. by
Wm. W. B. B. B.

Filed 30th Nov 1837

I have examined the papers of Eva Brown
and think that they are sufficient for
evidence of her freedom to justify the
Clerk in giving a certificate to her -
The same case to be filed in your
office the said papers -

Wm. W. Brown

To any of the young
gentlemen in the Clerk's Office

W. W. Brown

Wm. W. Brown

W. W. Brown

Wm. A. A. A. A.
Jacob M. A. A.

at the 29th day
of Sept 1837-

To the Clerk of
P. C. County Court
or the Register of
Will & Land Court

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
September 28th 1839 Then Came Jacob Riddle
before me the Subscribes a Justice of the Peace
for said County and made Oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that Benjamin Mather
the bearer hereof is or is not High 23
years old date of completion and has a
Scar on his right Breast was born
raised in the County and State a free man
is the reputed son of Sarah Mather who was
manumitted by John Williams of said
County deceased upwards of thirty years
past
Given Before

Zadock Duval

To enable the negroes within named to obtain their Certificate of freedom
it is necessary that they should get the Clerk of P. & G. Court's Certificate
as the person signing his name is a question of the
peace

Affidavit of
Alexander McKee

filed the 24th day
of June 1857.

To the Clerk of Calvert
County
M. D.

State of Maryland Prince Georges county to wit
on this twenty third day of May in the year of
our Lord Eighteen hundred & thirty six before me
the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace in
& for aforesaid county personally appears James
McKee I made oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almi-
-ghty God that a free colored man James Harrier
and Louisa ^{Harrier} his wife came from Calvert county
to Prince Georges county & that they lived on his land
& had three girl children which have now grown to be
women their names are Mary Ann Harrier she is
about five feet two & a half inches in height large mouth
with thick lips with large eyes - Sarah Harrier she is
about five feet two & a quarter inches in height she
has a small scar on her left arm about one inch long
opposite her elbow & Rosetta Harrier is about five feet
one half inch in height she has a scar on her right cheek
occasioned by a burn with broad face & all three are
black

Sworn to before Alexander McKee

they state that they have been down to the court House in
Calvert & that the clerk told them that their mother
& mother names were recorded there and that they could
get their free papers if they would get a certificate
to be the children of the persons James & Louisa
Harrier which were set free by a certain Mr George Journey

I Certify the Owner of this a black Boy about 22
years of age calling himself Basil Ford as the son of
a woman called Fanny who was set free by my Mother
Mrs Anne Ford and said Boy was born free
August 27 1838

Mary Lambert

To the Clerk of P. Geo. County -

I hereby certify that the above named Basil or Basil Ford, was
born of free parents, and is entitled to his papers as such

August 27. 1838

J. M. M. Knew

certificate of
Judson W. H. H. H. H.

filed 29th Aug^r 1838.

Richard Furness
acknowledgment

sd 3rd July 1838.

Frederick County Court

I Richard Turner of said County do hereby certify that a
certain Susan Williams, free colored woman, of said County is the
daughter of Elowe Williams, which was legally manumitted by
Ann Turner sometime between the Year 1815. and 1820 and who is
justly entitled to her freedom

acknowledged before

J. W. C. Kinn

Richard Turner

J. W. McKnew
certificate

23rd July 1838

To the
Clerk of Pines Co: County

J. Mathews

Corried Geo County Court

I hereby certify that the person William Mathews was born of
free parents, citizens of said County, and lawfully entitled to his free papers

July 2nd A.D. 1838

J. M. M. Knapp.

If the said Mathews was recorded he says some time between the
years 1830 or 32

J. M. M. Knapp

L. W. M. Knew

Certificate

filed 17th Oct^r

1839 —

I do by here certify that Mr. M. Thos & Mrs Anne
Lawrence did set free all their servants running away
each an records are lodged in Melbourn of St. the
Bearing of this a Boy calling himself George Lodge
says he is the son of Beck Lodge one of those
announced by my Mr. Thos before his birth.
August 7 1838 Mary Sherburne

I hereby certify that from evidence of the fact as above
stated I am under the impression that the bearer is the son
of the above named Beck Lodge one of those mentioned by
Mr. Anne Lawrence

Aug: 7. 1838

J. M. McKim

Eliza Shorters

{ letter from
Thos. G. Gyles

Manumission Papers

filed 23rd Nov. 1840 -

Having been call'd on by Eliza Chapman (Col Moman) to assist the ages of her children (5 in number), I will state as far as I know.

Niz.

Her Eldest Son (William) —	aged —	14
Her Daughter Matilda — — — —	— — — —	12
Her Son John — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — —	9
Her Son Sampson — — — — — — — —	— — — — — — — —	7
Her youngest daughter — Jane — —	— — — — — — — —	3

I further state that this woman Eliza Chapman was born
free. — — — — — aged about — — 29

Wm. L. L.

Broad Creek House

12th Nov. 1840

Affidavit of
Benjⁿ Hall

filed 21st Augt
1841.

State of Maryland Prince Georges County, Scd
On this 20th day of August 1841. personally appears
Benjamin Hall before me the subscriber one
of the said States Justices of the peace in and for
said County. and makes oath on the Holy
Evangelys of Almighty God. that negro woman
Barbara Duvall is the daughter of Dinah
Duvall a free woman of colour of the County
and State aforesaid. and that he believes that
said Barbara Duvall was born free —

Sworn to —

Before —

Geo. W. Wilson.
Justice Peace.

Certificate &
affidavit of
Edward G. Mallett -
of identification of
Wm Curtis -

Filed 14. May 1841 -

State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit
On this 19th day of May in the Year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one person
I duly appear before me the Subscriber a Justice
of the Peace of the State of Maryland in and
for the County aforesaid Edward Ellett and
make Oath on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God
that he knew Kelly Curtis the Mother of William
Curtis, and that she was free, and that the
said William Curtis was born free

Given under my hand the day and date
above written,

Thos. Queen
JP

Cut of Thomas
Lowe Identifying
Elizabeth Hall

sd 6th April 1842

Prince Georges county to wit..

on this 6th April 1842, personally
appeared Thomas Lowe, before the
subscriber a Justice of the peace
of said county and made oath on
the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that

negro woman Elizabeth Hall (aged about
twenty years, yellow complexion, about 5
feet 6 or 8 inches high) is a free ~~woman~~
born woman to his knowledge
and belief.

Sworn before

Geo. W. Wilson (JS)
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William B Hoill
affidavit
Ed 19th Octo 1842

Maryland - Prince Georges County, Town of
on this 19th day of October in the year 1843
personally appeared William B. Mill;
before the subscriber a Justice of
the Peace of said State in and for the
County aforesaid, and made oath on
the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that
negro boy Daniel Holland, of light
complexion, about 12 years of age -
Four feet ^{inches} ~~high~~ ^{half} higher - a scar on the
thumb of his left hand - and his son of
Rachel Holland who was Manumitted by Col Francis
M. Hall of the County aforesaid

Given before

W B Mill JP

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Wm. D. Hall

Maryland —
Prince George's County - To wit:

On this 22nd day of February, in the year 1842, before the subscriber, a Justice of the Peace, personally appeared Wm P. Hall, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that, negro man Isaac Duwall, of black complexion, about 22 years of age, five feet 8 or 10 inches high; Negro man William Bragg, of black complexion, about 23 years of age; five feet 6 or 8 inches high; — Negro man Otho Waters, of light complexion, about 24 years of age, ^{about} five feet 3 or 4 inches high; — Negro man Samuel Waters, of light complexion, (and brother to Otho Waters) about 22 years of age; about 5 feet 4 or 5 inches high — Negro Woman Amy Thomas (sister of Otho and Samuel Waters) of light complexion, about 21 years of age, five feet 4 or 5 inches high; — and negro Woman Martha Waters (sister of Amy Thomas), of rather dark complexion, about 19 years of age, five feet 4 or 5 inches high — Are each and every of them, to his knowledge and belief free born negroes.

Sworn before

Geo. W. Wilson
J.P.

Geo. S. Webster
Identification
of Capt. Gainer

6th day of
Sept 1842,

Prince Georges County - To wit:

On this 5th day of September 1842,
personally appeared James G. Webster,
before me, the subscriber, a Justice
of the peace of said County, and made
oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that Negro Woman Elizabeth
Gainer, whose maiden name
was Elizabeth Lee, aged about
forty years; a fine foot two and a
half inches high; black complexion,
has a scar on her right arm near
the bend thereof, and one on the
same arm near the wrist; and
another on her left hand near
the bone finger; and one on the
left arm near the bend thereof,
and has a scar on her left cheek.
— was set free on the 12th March,
1810 by her father Lancaster Lee,
and is now a free woman
to his knowledge.

Sworn before Geo. W. Wilson J.S.

Benjamin Wall
affidavit

filed 7. Sept 1842

Prince George's county - to wit:

on this 7th day of September 1842,
personally appeared Benjamin Hall,
before me, the subscriber, a Justice of
the peace, and made oath on the
Holy Evangelist of Almighty God
that negro woman Lelitha
Walker, (about 5 foot 3½ inches
high - not very black - 18 years
of age, - has a scar on her left
cheek - and one on ^{the palm of} her left
hand near the wrist. -) is a
free born woman to his
knowledge and belief.

Sworn before

Geo. W. Wilson

Prince George's County - to wit:

on this 7th day of Sept. 1842 - personally
appeared Benjamin Hall before me,
the subscriber a Justice of the Peace
of said County, and made oath on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God
that Mary Monahan Blackall
Spinig, (about 5. feet $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches
high, black complexion - has a
large scar on her left cheek, occasioned
by a burn, - and ~~one~~ ^{two} on her right
arm between the bend ^{and} elbow
thence, and one on her ~~left~~ ^{right} hand near
the thumb. Also one on her left arm
~~between~~ midway between the bend

and must them, and one on
her left hand (near the four
finger,) is a free born woman
to his knowledge and belief.
known before

Geo. Wilson (25)
J.W.

13th Sept 1842.

To the Clerk of
O'Connell's Court

Wm. H. Black
of the
County of

State of Maryland Prince Georges County Fe¹^d

September 17th 1843 Then appeared Richard
Smith of the County and State aforesaid before

The Judge of the Peace for

The County aforesaid and he did oath in the

Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that Henry

Black and Mary Black now before him

are a Justice of the Peace as aforesaid

are the same Person ~~that~~ was named

made by Diligla Dunde deceased

H^o H^o

Sworn Before.

I do so Dunde

James Ford
 Certificate of freedom

for the 18th of April 1843

$$\begin{array}{r} 57- \\ 25- \\ \hline 84- \\ 18- \\ \hline 100- \end{array}$$

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Maryland, Prince Georges County To Wit, On this Eighteenth day of
April Eighteen Hundred forty three personally appears George
H Hunter before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of
said State in and for the County aforesaid and made oath on
the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God that Negro Man James
Ford of dark complexion, about Twenty two years of
age about five feet eight & a half inches high, has a
burn on the right wrist & a scar on the right hand thumb
and also a scar above the left eye -
Was free born & is entitled to his free papers & was
born & raised in the neighborhood of Piscataway -

Sworn before

Geo. W. Wilson

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.. Certificate
of Philemon Chew
Jd 24th Feby
1843

Maryland, Prince Georges County Corrob. on the twenty-
fourth day of February Eighteen Hundred Forty three personally
appeared Phil. Lee before me the undersigned a Justice
of the Peace of said State in and for the County aforesaid
and made oath on the Holy Evangelists, solemnly to say that
Negro Girl Milley Blacklock of dark ^{skin} ~~complexion~~
complexion, about 15 years of age, about ^{five} feet 4 inches
high, ~~was~~ person of is entitled to her free Papers, & was
born of parents in the vicinity of Upper Marlboro -

Geo. Wilson
No 21.

Account of
Mr. W. W. W. W.
the 13th of June 1843.

Piscataway 12th Jan'y 1843

I here by certify, that I have known
the bearer of this - James Barton, from
his infancy; & that he was always reputed, &
considered, by every person, to be the son
of Charlotte Barton, A free Borne woman
of this village, who is still living; & recog-
nized as such - & although, I cannot
swear positively, that the said James,
is the son, of the said Charlotte - not
being present at his birth) yet I have
not the least doubt but he is - & I
am quite sure, no other person ac-
quainted with the parties has. I believe him
to be about 21-years old - John W. Ward

On this 12th Jan 1843. before me the
undersigned a justice of the peace of the
County of Prince Geo County personally appeared
John W Ward and made oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that the above
statement is just & true, to the best of his knowledge
& belief. Sworn before H. D. Dyron

State of Maryland Prince Georges County J. L.

On this 9th day of October in the year
eighteen hundred and forty four before the subscriber
a justice of the Peace for the County and State aforesaid
personally appears Richard Prather of said County and
in the oath on the holy evangel of St. Matthew he swears
that he has been acquainted with William Gallaway
who is now about twenty three or four years of age
of a swarthy complexion has a scar on the left side
of his face near his eye for about fifteen years
past during all of which time he has to the know-
ledge of this deponent been invariably recognized
and considered as free born. This deponent further
swears that ever since his acquaintance
with the said Gallaway he has been reputed and
considered to be the son of Rachel Gallaway
who died about ten years since and who
this deponent knew for about twenty years previous
to her death as a free woman of color—

Sworn before

Brigs & Lowndes J. P.

Endorsed of
Attending of
to in Court and my

To
Att. Gen. Oct 10/1844

State of Maryland Prince Georges County 2d

On this 9th day of October in
the year eighteen hundred and forty four before the
subscribed a justice of the peace for the county and
state aforesaid personally appears Rochester Gallaway
a free man of color of said county and on oath
sworn on the holy evangel of Almighty God that
he is the father of William Gallaway who was
born on the 21st day of August in the year eighteen
hundred and twenty and that he was free born.
Said William Gallaway is of a mulatto complexion
has a scar on the left side of his face near his eye
and is the son of Rachel Gallaway the wife of
Thomas Bennett who was a free born mulatto and
died about ten years since.

Subscribed

Wm. D. Lowndes J.P.

Certificate of
Identity of Negro
Henry

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Mayland Prince Georges County Asst
Do it remembered that on this fifteenth day of
April Eighteen hundred and forty four personally
appeared Richard A. Manning before me
the subscribed Justice of the peace in and for
said County and made oath in the Holy Evan-
gely of Almighty God that Negro Hannah who is
labeled and described in a deed of manumi-
tion from Vincent Hollyday on the nineteenth
day of July Eighteen hundred and twenty is the
Identical person,

Sworn before

Thos. Bruce

Portrait of
Nancy Lee by
Chas. W. Perkins

Dec 31st Feb 1874

Prince George's County - State of Maryland
To wit:

I certify that on this 21st day of February
in the year 1844, personally appeared
before me a Justice of the Peace, of said County,
John W. Perkins, and made oath on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that
Negro Woman Nancy Lee, aged about
thirty-eight years, of dark complexion,
about five feet high, is the same
Negro woman purchased by her
father Lancaster Lee, from G. B. Sworth
Bayne, as of record appears -

In witness whereof

Geo W Wilson
J. P.

State of Maryland Prince Georges County to wit: -

On this 13th day of August
eighteen hundred and forty four before the subscriber
a justice of the Peace for the county and state aforesaid
personally appears Sarah Banton of said county
mother of Louisa Banton of said county and makes
oath in the holy evangel of Almighty God that
she the said Sarah Banton was manumitted
by William Clarke of Talbot County in the said State on
the ninth day of May 1815. That she the said
Sarah is the mother of the said Louisa Banton
that the said Louisa was born on the 22^d of August
1815 and that she is free born -

Sworn before

Hanson Penn
" "

I Hanson born a Justice of the Peace for Prince
George County and State of Maryland do hereby
certify that I have been acquainted with the
within mentioned negroes ever since the year
1827 — ~~and~~ that since that time they have
been recognized and considered as free and that
it is the general reputation of the neighbors
in which they live that the said negroes are
free — I have under my hand this 18th day
of July 1844

Secretary of
Lancaster

John W. D. J. J.
1844

Hanson born

Affidavit of
John W. Thomas

filed 2 March 1874

In this 2^d day of March 1844. personally
appeared John W Thomas. before me the subscriber
one of the State of Maryland Justices of the peace
in and for said County. and makes oath on
the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God. that he
knows John Curtis. who is the son of one
Matilda Curtis. to be a free born person
and has known him for some time past.

Sworn before.

Geo. W Wilson
JWS

Slavery of Negro
Joseph Boone by
Saml. C. Snowden

St. Nov 1845

Maryland Prince Georges County Ch.
On this fourth day of November 1848. Came
Samuel C. Snowden before me the Subscriber
one of the Justices of the peace of the County
aforesaid. and solemnly and sincerely affirmed,
on the Holy Evangel of Almighty God,
that Joseph Beall. Negro Man, about twenty
five years of age. is a free man, and was
born in Lincoln.

J. B. B. B. B.

Applicant of
Wm H Piles
of quantity of
Munroe Hill Taylor

Filed 14 Aug 1880.

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
Sherriff's Office On this 19th day of August 1845
personally appears. William H. Piles before
me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and
for said County, and made oath on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God. that negro man
~~Don~~ Hall. aged about 21. years of age.
is the identical negro man. mentioned in
a deed of manumission from Elizabeth Hawkins
to negro Matilda & others. dated the 25th day
of February 1831. and recorded in the Clerk's
office of P. G. County.

Sworn before.

Wm. H. Piles J. P.

*Affidavit of
John R. Baden
of Identity of
Crescy Curtis*

Filed 25 Aug 1845

Prince George's M.C.

1845 July 1st This is to certify that Cusey Curtis
the bearer of this about twenty-six years old was
free born. Her Mother is wife to My Servant Osborne.
I have seen her free papers frequently and they
are dated Oct-1808 about fourteen years before the
bearer was born. and will be found recorded in
Calvert County records. In testimony whereof I do
hereunto subscribe my name

Robt Thomson.

N B Cusey has three children to wit-

Martha Ann	aged about five	} years
John	aged about three	
Calvinus	aged about one	

Prince George's County Sch.

On this 25th day of August 1845. Came before
me one of the Justices of the Peace.
in and for the County aforesaid. John R
Baden. and Made oath on the Holy Scriptures
by Almighty God that the above certificate
is true & true as stated to the best of his knowl-
edge and belief

Given before

Myself J.P.

N^o 22

Martha Manning

as { affr

Ch. Palmer

18th Apr. 1845

State of Maryland

James Lewis having testified

He remembered that on this sixteenth day of April
1845 before me the Subscribing a justice of the
peace of the State of Maryland personally appeared
Martha Manning & makes oath on the Holy
Evangelists of Almighty God that she did not
hear or know until after the trial of
the case of Manning v. Palmer in James
Lewis brought at this time in what ^{case} Lewis
Bedford was plaintiff, that Eli S. Palmer
could give any evidence material to the issue
in said case & ~~that she did not know~~
~~that he~~ sworn but

J. W. Ward

Identity of West
Book to the person
by
A. M. Robinson

for M. C. May 1848.

Prince George's County to wit.
on this 14th day 1845 personally appeared
Jeford G. Hutchinson before me as
Justice of the Peace of said County and made
oath on the Holy Banns of Almighty God
that negro man William Henry Booth, is the
son of Helen Booth and that the said Helen
Booth was a free negro woman at the time
of giving birth to the said Wm. Booth

Subscribed before

Geo W. Wilson

W.D.

apl 6.th 1846.

Negro Woman Maria was set free by deed of
manumission, ^{made} by Clement Holiday in the year
1820. James E. S. Holiday

J. W. B. Brink Clerk. S. G. Co. court.

Identity of negro
Memorandum by
C. L. Fowle

Ed 7th April 1846

State of Maryland Prince George's County
to wit:

On this seventh day of April in the year
of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty five,
before me the Subscriber, one of the Justices
of the peace, in and for the State and County
aforesaid, personally appeared Edward S. Serrie
and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of
Almighty God, that Negro Maria is the ident-
ical person who is named and described in a
certain deed of manumission from Clement Holliday
to Negro Isaac and others, filed and recorded in
Liber A.B. Number One, folio three hundred
and eighty to the best of his knowledge and
belief

Sworn before D.B. Cross, J.P. Seal

John B Brooke Esq

Upper Marlboro

Lancaster Pa Aug 9/46

Mr John B Brock

Dr Sir -

The bearer of this
William Donaldson is the boy
set free by Mrs E W Snowden.
He wishes to get his free papers
by reference to the record
you will find his name among
others freed by Mrs E W S. Mr
Charles Hill will probably certify
further to his being the man, should
it be found necessary.

Yours Very Respectfully
H Capron

Identity of Negro
Dane. Maryland
Search by
H. B. Beale

Feb 14th Apr 1860.

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to wit:

Be it remembered that on this fourteenth day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and forty six, personally appeared before me the subscriber, one of the Justices of the peace in and for the State aforesaid, Thomas Ball and made oath in the Holy Evangel of Almighty God that the three negroes, vizt. Isaac, Sarah and Mary are the identical persons set free and manumitted by Elizabeth Snowden, and recorded in Liber A.B. N. 11, folio 604 in the Clerk's office of Prince George's County, to the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn before

J. B. Cross, J. P. Seal

Identity of G. H.
Lagge by D. H. of
G. H.

13th April 1860

State of Maryland, Prince George's County, to wit:
Be it remembered that on this thirteenth day of
of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred
and forty six, before me the subscriber one of the Justices
of the State and County aforesaid, appeared John J.
Drury and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
God that the negro children, the increase of Negro
Woman Nancy, vizt: William aged eighteen years,
Thomas Henry aged five years, Fanny Ann aged four
years, John aged three years and Kitty aged two
years, that the foregoing negroes was manumitted
and set free by Margaret Murdock on the fifth
day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty one, to
the best of his knowledge and belief.

Sworn before

J. B. Cross, J. P. Deut

This woman Laky Bacon was liberated - by my mother
Mrs. Elizabeth W Snowden September - 1840.

Mrs Chas Hill
September 28th 1843

Identity of
Negro Turkey Record
by Dr. Ch. Hill

Feb 2. June 1846.

Emily Bird's
cert. of identification
of Susan Bowie

Filed 15 June 1847.

I do hereby Certify the bearer of this to be
the Abulatta, Girl Susan Maria, whom I Manumitted
at the age of sixteen & who has now arrived
to that age. & wishes to leave the Society, I will
thank Mr. Brock, to attend to her business, for her
to give her such papers, as will entitle her to her
freedom, ever, respectfully,
Emily Bird

June 6th 1847

Dr Charles Bonnet
cert. of identification
of Susan Bonnet

Filed 15th June 1847

John A. Brown Esq

Dear Sir,

This will be handed
to you by Maria, she is the
mother of the mulatto girl
Susan for whom it wishes
to obtain her manumission
papers. Susan was liberated
by her mistress Emata Levalle
(now Mr. Bird) y^rs. most respectfully

May 17. 1847

Charles Bonin

Sanctity of
Adolphus Davis

by

C. C. Warner

Feb 18th Aug 1848.

Maryland - Prince George's County - To wit:
On this 19th August 1848. personally appeared
Overton C. Warner, and made oath, in the
Holy Evangelist, Almighty God, that Mr.
Groshoy Adolphus Davis, aged twenty-one
years, of light complexion, is the re-
puted son of Mary Faversham White
woman - and that he believes the
said Adolphus Davis was born free
before

Geo: Wilson
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Identity of
Thos. Sulamy
by

George Norton

of 11th April 1829

Maryland Prince Georges County. Pch

On this 4 day of April 1849 personally appears
before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for
the County aforesaid George Morison and makes oath on
the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he knows
Thomas Kulany ^{to be} the son of ~~Edward~~ ^{Peggy} Kulany
a free woman of colour to the best of his knowledge
(and belief.

Sown Before
Wm A. Dwyer
J.P.

about 21 years of age a scar across his nose and
the thumb of the right hand off caused by the
biting of a dog born & raised in the neighborhood
of Woodville P.E.C. Md

Identity of Paper
Mining Area
by Alexander McKee

July 11th June 1849

Prince Geo Caspary - La. w't.

On this 9th June 1849, personally appeared Alexander McKee before the subscribers, a Justice of the Peace of said County, and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that negro Mary Ann Casey, formerly Mary Ann Harrison, is a free born woman. The daughter of Lucy and James Harrison, free persons of color - to the best of his knowledge and belief. Sworn before

Geo. W. Nelson J.P.

Identity of
Hansen Magnolia
Raney Rammes
Lonia Addison

P. D. Aug 1889

by John H. Beal

Many land Porico George County Court
On this 30th day of August 1849. personally
appeared John H. Beal before, the Subscribes &
Justices of the Peace in and for the State and
County aforesaid, and made oath on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that negro
John Samuel Magruder and Nancy Lemmes,
and Louisa Addison are free persons of Color
and he and entitled to their freedom by virtue
of their being the reputed son & daughters of
~~John Magruder~~ Matilda Magruder who was
a free woman of Color to the best of his
knowledge and belief. Sworn before

Geo W. Mason

J.P.

Identify if
Frank Butler was

Jan 24. May 1850

May 22nd 1850

Maryland Prince Georges County
I hereby certify that Elenor Butler the
mother of the following named negroes ^{was}
the daughter of Phileas Butler ^{a free woman} - I have
known Elenor for between forty and
fifty years, the following named are
her children and wish to get their free
papers - John William - Sarah -
Samuel Thomas, Reuben, Mary
Ann Phillis, Dicandice, Elizabeth,
To Mr B. Brooke Esq. }
Clerk P.G. County }

Geo. Morton

Maryland Prince Georges County
I hereby certify that I have known
Elenor Butler mentioned in the above
certificate since the year 1827 and
that she has passed as free and known
to be free by all who know her those
mentioned in Mr. Mortons certificate
as her children, ~~and wish~~ are hers
and wish to get their free papers
I also know Phileas Butler her mother
from the time mentioned to her death
as a free woman.

To Mr B. Brooke Esq
Clerk P.G. County

John Hall
May 22nd 1850

Identity of
Negroes Benjamin
Thomas Ford and
John Henry Ford
by Samuel C. Moran

Filed 31st July 1857

to
Mr John B Brodhe
Solicitor at Law
Grand County
Ark

Mr John B Brooks

I have by certify that Thoses Two Boys
Benjamin Thomas Ford, and John Henry
Ford are free and was born free
Benjamin Thomas Ford, is the son
of Rebecca Ford, ~~and~~ he is about
Twenty Two years of age John Henry
Ford is the son of Jane Ford, he
is between Twenty one and Twenty
Two years of age, in there possession
you will find there Mothers free
papers which will be more satisfa-
ctory to you -

Samuel C. Moran

July 30. 1830. Charles County Maryland

Identity of
Negro Cornelius West
by Rich. S. Mill Esq.

18th July 1830.

Maryland 1st County, Prich
On this 11th day of July 1830. Came before me
the subscriber Richard S. McCoy, and made
Oath on the Holy Gospels of Almighty God
that negro woman Cornelia Keest is a free,
woman of Color, and is entitled to her freedom
by virtue of her being the reputed daughter of
Larina Keest who is also a ~~man~~ free woman
of Color, given under my hand this day and
date above written.

J. S. Huntington J.P.

by Wm. Norton

Sept 17 Aug 1858

by Certify that James Ford in his twenty
th year and Thomas Ford in his
fourth year is sons of Sarah
who was born free and have all
lived in this neighbour hood
given under my hand this
11 July 1858

Geo. Norton

Identity of Negro
Woman Amelia
Franklin by
Amos Carrick

Filed 22^d Aug. 1850

To the Clerk of Davis George County, Court
Shirley certifies that Amelia Franklin a colored
woman about nineteen years of age is a free woman
as she is the daughter of Margaret Franklin who was
born free

Amos Barlow

Aug. 22^d 1851.

Identity of Negro
Saad. Thomas and
Kitty by
Rich. Carrick

6th Sept 1832

Maryland Prince Georges County Sch
On this 6th day of September 1832
personally appeared Richard Carick
before the subscriber a Justice of the
peace in and for said County
and made oath on the Holy Evangelists
of almighty that negro Isaac Duckitt
~~aged about 28 years~~ ^{years} ~~aged about 28 years~~ aged
about 26 years and Kitty Duckitt aged
about 24 years were Born free

Sworn before Geo R Walker J.P.

Isaac 5/6/2 small Scar on the left side of the face
Herman 5/6/2 " " " right wrist
Kitty 5/3/2 " " " buckle of 3^d finger of left hand

Negro Mary Booth
for freedom.

1853

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
on this 2nd day of November 1853 Personally
appeared Stephen B Ward before me
one of the Justices of the Peace in and for
the State and County aforesaid and made
oath on the holy Evangel of almighty
God that Mary Booth the daughter of
Henry and Annally Booth is a freeborn
Woman ~~that~~ and that she is a native of
Maryland, the said Mary Booth of light
colour is eighteen years of age well
made about five feet high Given under
my hand and seal the day and year
above written

Sworn before
John I. Lambert J. C.

Attest before me

Dear Sir

The bearer of this certificate is a woman to get
her papers and as she is a woman
has to act upon with civility please by
attending to this matter for her the
day of the change

Stephen B. Ward

Nov 2nd 1853

Negro Sam Dalton
freedom

27 July 1853

Wm
Wm
Wm

State of Maryland Prince George County
On this 2^d day of July 1853, Personally appears before
me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the said State
and for said County, John B Sansbury and made
oath on the Holy Evangelly of almighty God that Daniel
Batson, a black man, is a free born person, and is
the reputed Son of Nancy Batson a free woman of
Colour, the said Daniel Batson was born and raised
in Piscataway District in the County and State aforesaid

Sworn to before

John B Walker J.P.

Thomas
J

Negro
John Henry Chase
for freedom

Maryland Prince George County Sc.
On this 5th October 1853 personally appears
Theodore M Williams before me the subscriber
a Justice of the peace of the said State in and for
Prince George County and made oath on the
Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that John Henry
Chase and Martha Ann Chase are free born
persons and is the reputed children of Sarah
Chase who became Entitled to her freedom
by virtue of the last will & testament of
Henderson Magruder late of said
County deceased -

Sworn to before
M. W. Sanbury J.P.

Ann Maria Biscoe
for freedom

June 10 1884

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State of Maryland Prince George's County
On this 10 day June 1854 personally
appeared James ES Hollyday before me
the Subscribed Justice of the peace
in and for said County and made oath
on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God that
^{he} knows the women Deane Biscoe and Maria
^{about 20 years of age}
^{and Maria about 17 years of age}
Biscoe to be the children of Maria Biscoe
who was free at the time of their birth
sworn before

Jno R Walker J. P.

State of Maryland Prince Georges County (To wit)
I hereby Certify that Stephen B Ward Esq appeared
before me the subscriber One of the Justices of the
Peace in and for the said County - and Made Oath
on the Holy Evangelis of Almighty God. That Negro
Horace Boothe - Being born in his immediate neigh-
-borhood and of free parents and is therefore
entitled to receive papers from the County
Clerk to that Effect - The said Negro is about
23 years of age 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high
and of a Copper Colour

Given under my
Hand and seal This 2nd day of Aug^r 1853

Job Hutton

J. P. Seal

Stephen B. Ward
affid^t

Negro man

Horace Bertha

1st August 4 1855

Edward H. Calvert

afft

Negro man

no Richd Beck

Filed 9 April 1855-

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
On this 1st day of April 1855 personally appears
Edward H. Calvert before me the subscriber a
Justice of the peace of the said State, in & for said County
and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty
that Negro man John Richard Peck is a free born
person and is the reputed son of Harrietta Peck
a free woman of colour

Sworn to before
E. C. Warner J.P.

Robert Stephenson

San Francisco
California

July 13th 1886

State of Maryland

Prince Georges County - To wit

On this 5th day of December 1856 before me a Justice of the peace in and for said county, Personally appeared

James Taylor of James and makes oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that Robert Spriggs aged

Twenty One years was born free, and is well known to the aforesaid James Taylor. He is about 5 feet 7 inches high, dark complexion and slender made, and

now makes application for his papers - according to the Act of Legislature recently in such case made and provided

To the Clerk of Fielder W Greer JP
C C of Prince Georges County

The above named Robert Spriggs was raised by the subscriber born on his farm, and bound to him to serve until he was twenty one years of age as the Records of the orphan's court of said Pz County will show.

James Taylor of Pa^r

Geo. Lewis Butler

Identified by
Geo. B. Adams

Filed 27 Apr 1887

State of Maryland Prince Georges County.

I hereby certify that on this
Twenty third day of April eighteen hundred and fifty
seven before me the subscriber one of the justices of
the peace in and for the said County and state
personally appeared John B. Adams of the said County
and made Oath on the Holy Evangelys of
Almighty God that John Lewis Buttler is the
son of Ann Buttler a free Coloured woman
of the said County, and was free born and
is entitled to his free papers. witness my hand
the day and year first before written

Fielder W. Greer Justice of the Peace

Affidavit of
Eugenius F. Edelen
for

James Thomas Ford

Free papers

= = =
Filed 8 April 1837

State of Maryland Prince Georges County.

I hereby certify that on this 7th day of March in the year 1857 before me the subscriber one of the justices of the Peace in and for the said County and state personally appeared Eugenius H Edelin of Charles County and made Oath on the Holy Evangelys of Almighty God that James Thomas Ford the son of Nancy Ford was free born and is entitled to his free papers witness my hand the day and year first written

Fielder W Greer

John Wilson

affidavit

Near Charles

Henry Taylor

Filed 15 Sept 1857

State of Maryland Prince Georges County,
I hereby certify that on this 11th day of May
eighteen hundred and fifty seven before me the subscri-
ber one of the justices of the peace in and for the
said County and state. personally appeared John J-
Wilson and made oath on the Holy Evangelis
of Almighty God that Charles Henry Taylor the
son of Rachel Taylor a free coloured woman
of the said County, was free born and is entitled
to his free papers. the said Charles Henry is about
twenty seven years of age. witness my hand
the day and year first before written

Fielder W Greet Justice of the Peace

I, John W. Greed, Justice of the Peace,
do hereby certify that on the 25th day of November
before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the
Peace in and for said County, personally appeared
me B. Graycroft and made oath on the
Example of Almighty God that James
Curtis aged about 23 years with a large scar on
the left side of his abdomen just above the navel
caused by a burn, is the son of Ann Curtis a
free born coloured woman and that he is en-
titled to his free papers. witness my hand the
day and year above written
Sworn before, Fielder W. Greed Justice of the Peace.

Curtis
affidavit of
The Berneycroft

Filed 20th Feb 1857

Negroes
Sarah Ann &
Louisa Chase
affidavit of
Theodore Williams

Filed 17 August 1857

State of Maryland Prince George's County
On this 14 day of August 1857 Personally appeared
before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace of
the said State & County Theodore M. Williams &
made oath on the Holy Evangel of almighty God
that negroes Mary^{Ann} & Louisa Chase
were born free being the reputed children of
Sarah Chase ————— who was
set free by the last will & testament of Henderson
Magruder late of said County deceased

Sworn to before

C. R. Benson J.P.

State of Maryland Prince Georges County, Sch.

On this 12th day of April Anno Domini 1859 personally appeared before the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the said State in and for said County - Thomas M. D. Borden and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God ^{that} Jerry Davis William Davis and Maria Harper the first named about 31 years of age the second about 25 and the last named about Twenty Five years of age, and the reputed children of Lucy Davis a free woman of colour, and were born and raised in the neighbourhood of Horsehead in Aquasco District in said County & state -

Subscribed -

T. M. D. Borden

A. T.

Robert G. Thayer
affidavit

Wm Evans &
Ann Sorvener

Filed 30 Oct 1860

State of Maryland Prince Georges County
On this 30 of October 1860 personally appears before me
subscriber a Justice of the Peace of the said State &
County Robert G. Pendall and makes oath on the Holy
Gospels of Almighty God that William Evans was
born free and is the reputed son of Mary Stuart a
free woman who became entitled to her freedom in virtue
of the Will of a Mr. Sunderland of Anne Arundel County
said State & also that ^{Sarah Ellen} Ann Scrivener was born free and
the reputed daughter of Ann Scrivener a free woman
of colour who ^{became entitled to her freedom in virtue of a deed} ~~was of a free woman~~ ^{the latter will and testament of} ~~was of a free woman~~
of Calvert County - the said William Evans &
Ann Scrivener were born & raised in Anne Arundel County.

Done 30th Oct 23/4 In Sworn to before

Fielder J. Sci't J.P.

1860

Robert Gray
 Affidavit
 Eleanor G. Marney

Filed 31 Jan'y 1860

5 feet 10

Scar on left wrist Scar between eyes
near the left Small scar in forehead
right ankle tag } & 1 left leg burned

Chs J Muddelm
To ~~James A~~ Justice Esqr Sir Robert Gray the bearer
of this is free born. his Mother Matilda Gray. who
was purchased by my Father James Harvey. from
the Estate of The late Martha Cox, and to serve
for a certain time by her last will and Testament
and the said Matilda did serve her time out
and the aforesaid Robert was born after his
Mother (Matilda Gray) become free. ~~that~~
he is about 5 feet 10 or 11 inches high and has
a scar on his left ankle from a burn and a
small scar in his forehead and one on his right
wrist occasioned by the cut of scythe. I send you
this for the purpose of his obtaining his free paper
which he is Entitled to. Charles G. Harvey

The above annexed, was sworn to and subscribed
before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of The
State of Maryland in and for Prince Georges County
This 28th day of January in the year of our
Lord one thousand Eight hundred and Sixty
and that the said Robert Gray was born July 2^d 1836
Sworn before E. Connick J.P.

1862
Affiant of
Jeremiah Mullikin

To

Noratio Dyer's
freedom

Filed 25 June 1862

State of Maryland, Prince Georges County Sch:
On this 25th day of June 1862 personally appeared
Jeremiah Mullikin and made oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that Horatio Dyer a free
man of color, the reputed son of Ellen Dyer a
free woman was born free.

Sworn before

J. L. Ghiselin J. P.

1862

Affiant of
Jeremiah Mulliken

In

Noratio Dyer's
freedom

Filed 25 June 1862