

Maryland Prince Georges County

I hereby certify that the bearer hereof  
negro Matthew who calls himself Matthew Patten  
about twenty five years of age five feet nine and three  
quarters inches high having a scar on the thumb of the  
right hand a large mouth and wide nostrils is a  
free man being the free son of Ginny Patten a free  
woman of Calvert

In Testimony &c

certificate given February 16th 1823

Aquila Bealleck

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I hereby certify that the bearer hereof  
negro Benjamin who calls himself Benjamin  
Bacon about twenty three years of age about five  
feet four inches high of a dark complexion is a  
free man and became entitled to his freedom by  
virtue of a deed of manumission from Sarah  
Cridgely to sundry negroes bearing date the twelfth  
day of May One thousand eight hundred and  
including the said Benjamin and that he is the  
identical person therein named  
certificate granted the 9th Testimony &c  
25th day of Feb 1823 identified by G C Swall