

State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Court
 I Nicholas Harwood Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court, hereby certify that a negro man named Edward Shater who is now present and who has made application to me for a certificate of his freedom has proved by testimony which is satisfactory to me that he is a free man, and the said Edward Shater is about five feet five and a half inches high, of the age of about fifty two years his complexion black was born and bred

State of Maryland, Anne Arundel County Ct.
 I Nicholas Harwood Clerk of Anne Arundel County Court, hereby certify that it appears by a deed of manumission from Mary Dams to negro Will of the county aforesaid bearing date on the twenty third day of October in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and five and record in Liber ed. folio 244 one of the manumission books of the county aforesaid, that freedom was thereby granted unto a negro man ~~named~~ stated to be then of the age of twenty years, which said freedom was to take place from the date of the said manumission, -
 I further certify that a negro man named Will now present, and who has made application to me for a certificate of his freedom, has proved by testimony which is satisfactory to me, that he is the identical person who was manumitted by the above mentioned deed of manumission, - the said negro man named Will is about five feet eight inches high, and appears to be about the age

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