

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named Eli Rufsum for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such Case made and provided by which said acts free negroes and mulattos are permitted to travel out of this state upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free born And whereas also upon the oath of Caleb P. Davis of Caroline County that the said negro man named Eli Rufsum for whom this Certificate is made was free born I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that from the account of the said Caleb P. Davis he was twenty two years of age sometime in Christmas week last past that he is five feet five and a half inches high or thereabouts of a black Complexion that he was born and raised in Caroline County and has a small scar of a burn or bite on his wright wrist and ~~has no other~~ notable mark or scar that I have observed

In testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this 24th day of August Anno Domini 1836.

J. Richardson Clerk of
Caroline County Courts

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State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Mary Webb, for a Certificate of her freedom, agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such cases made and provided, by which said acts free negroes and mulattos are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free born, and Whereas also upon the oath of Robert Walker of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro woman named Mary Webb, for whom this Certificate is made, was free born, I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that from her own account she is twenty three years of age some time in this present Month (August) that she is four feet nine and three quarter inches high or thereabouts of a dark brown Complexion, born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid and has a scar of a cut about one inch and a half long on the right cheek nearly perpendicular, and another scar of a cut on the left side of her jaw, nearly horizontal with the jaw bone; and another scar nearly round, about the size of a five Cent piece, and another large scar of a burn, on the inner side of her left arm, and a scar of a cut on the inside of the same arm and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed—

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