

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas application hath been made to me by a Coloured woman named Susan Benson for a Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided by which said act free negroes and molattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free, and whereas also upon the oath of Samuel Hummer of Caroline County that the said negro woman named Susan Benson for whom this Certificate is made was free born I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that she is five feet three and a half inches high or thereabouts about thirty five years of age was born and raised in Caroline County of a complexion nearly black has a scar of a cut on her left wrist and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed In Testimony whereof

*(seal)* I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my office this 30th day of August anno Domini 1828

Richardson Clerk of  
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas before to wit on the fourth day of January in the year Eighteen hundred and eight certain John Barnes by deed of manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded among the land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro woman named Rachel (now calling herself Rachel Gibson) to be free from and after the first day of January Eighteen hundred and eighteen and the said negro woman named Rachel (now calling herself Rachel Gibson) having made application to me for a certificate of her freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, and whereas also upon the oath of Joseph Bonn of Caroline County that the said negro woman named Rachel (now calling herself Rachel Gibson) for whom this Certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said manumission, I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that from her age as expressed in the said manumission she was thirty nine years of age the fourth day of January last was born in Talbot County and raised in Caroline County of a dark molatto complexion five feet and one half inch high or thereabouts has a number of small scars of burns on her right arm about and below the elbow joint and no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.

*(seal)* In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the public seal of my Office this 28th day of October anno Domini 1828.

Cost \$1.00

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