

application and hereby certify that from his own account he was twenty one year  
of age about the first day of July last past, five feet, seven and three  
quarter inches high or thereabouts born and raised in Caroline County  
Complexion Black, and has no notable marks or scars that I have observed

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the  
public Seal of my office this 2<sup>d</sup> day of March A.D. 1838  
Cost. \$1.00 J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court.

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas heretofore to wit on the twenty third day  
day of December seventeen hundred and ninety nine, a certain David Hancock  
and Solomon Newton of Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly executed acknow-  
ledged & recorded among the Land records of Caroline County, did manumit and set  
free among others a negro man called Stephen, to be free and at perfect liberty on  
the first day of January Eighteen hundred and seven, and the said negro man  
named Stephen, having made application to me for a certificate of freedom agree-  
ably to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided; and whereas also  
upon the oath of Eliza Atkinson of Caroline County that the said negro man  
Stephen for whom is this certificate is made is the same person mentioned in  
said manumission, I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify  
that from his own account he was fifty six years of age  
on the 23<sup>d</sup> day of December last past five feet seven inches high or thereabouts  
complexion nearly black born and raised in Talbot County his fore finger  
on his left hand crooked at the last joint and has a scar of a cut on his  
right hand between his wrist and thumb, and has no other notable mark  
or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the  
public seal of my office this 7<sup>d</sup> day of March Anno Domini 1838  
J. Richardson Clerk of  
Caroline County Court.

Cost. \$1.00

State of Maryland; Caroline County to wit; Whereas Application hath  
been made to me by a negro man Alexander Canada for a certifi-  
cate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made  
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 Hugh Taylor of Caroline County that a person