

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas heretofore to wit, on the thirty first day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty three a certain John Carter by Deed of Manumissions duly executed acknowledged and recorded among the land records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain coloured man named Charles now calling himself Charles Hicks to be free from and after the date of the said manumission, and the said coloured man named Charles now calling himself Charles Hicks having made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made & provided, and whereas also upon the oath of Levin Wootters of Caroline County that the said coloured man named, Charles now calling himself Charles Hicks for whom this certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said manumission, I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his age as expressed in the said manumission he was thirty five years of age the thirty first day of January last, five feet six and quarters inches high or thereabouts was born and raised in Caroline County of a Black complexion has a large scar of a cut extending from between the middle and hand joint of his left fore finger in a circular form to a tittle above the hand joint of his left thumb & the end joint of the middle finger of his right hand crooked and stiff from a cut on the joint, and no other 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 14th day of April Anno Domini 1829

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J. Richard for Clerk of
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit. Whereas application hath been made to me by a Coloured man named Thomas Bell for a Certificate of his 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 born, and whereas also upon the oath of John Collier of Caroline County that the said Coloured man named Thomas Bell for whom this Certificate is made was free born I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he was twenty one years of age the sixteenth day of February last was born and raised in Caroline County of a complexion nearly black, five feet four inches