

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named William Byrn 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 mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free born, and whereas also upon the affirmations of Richard H. Wright of the County aforesaid that the said William Byrn 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 is now about twenty one years of age five feet eight & one half inches high or thereabouts was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid of a black complexion as has a scar over the left eye extending towards the ear and a small scar below the same eye also a large scar on the back of the right hand just below the thumb joint and thus no other notable marks or scars that I have observed

In Testimony Whereof I hereto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court this 26th day of July AD 1847

James H. Fontaine Clerk

of Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit whereas application hath been made to me by a negro woman named Susan Chatman for a Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the acts of assembly in such case made and provided by which said acts free negroes and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free born, and whereas also upon the affirmation of Thomas Stanton of Caroline County aforesaid that the said negro woman named Susan Chatman 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 six years of age on the 16th day of October next, five feet three & 3/4 inches high or thereabouts of a chestnut complexion was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid & has a large scar on her right temple also one on her fore head over the left eye both occasioned by cuts also a scar on her right wrist occasioned by a burn, and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed

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