

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas
hitherto, to wit, on the 21st day of December, Eighteen
hundred and seven a certain William Burton of
Caroline County by deed of Manumission duly
executed acknowledged and Recorded among the Land
Records of Caroline County did manumit and set
free a certain negro boy named Jack, to be free when
he should arrive ~~at~~ to the age of twenty five years.

And the said Jack now calls Jack Hicks having
made application to me for a certificate of his freedom
agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made
and provided. And whereas also upon the oath
of John Nicols Esq^r formerly of Caroline County now
of Pittsburgh Pa that the said negro man named
Jack or Jack 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
expressed in said Manumission, he is now about
forty five years of age five feet six and a quarter
inches high or thereabouts of a dark chesnut
complexion was born and raised in Caroline
County aforesaid & has a large scar just behind
the left ear and a small one below the
right knee and has no other notable marks or
Scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto
subscribe my name and affix the
seal of Caroline County Court
this 11th day of September Anno
Domini 1850.

Seal

James H. Fountain. Clerk

of
Caroline County Court

Caroline County to wit. Whereas application hath
been made to me by a negro woman named Aba
Black 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 obtaining of a certificate of
being free born. And whereas also upon the oath of
~~John F. Fountain~~ Silghman Bartle of Caroline County
aforesaid that the said ^{we} negro woman named Aba Black
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 now about ~~thirty five~~
^{thirty five} years of age five feet ~~two~~^{two} inches high or thereabouts