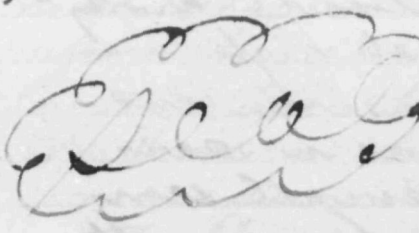


State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas a certain Thomas Straihan, <sup>Caroline County</sup> hertofore, to wit, on the 27 day of March, Eighteen hundred and forty eight, by deed of manumission duly executed & acknowledged, and recorded among the Land Records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro woman named Nussy Curtis to be free on the first day of May, Eighteen hundred and forty eight, - and the said Nussy Curtis having made application to me 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 per- mitted~~ And whereas also upon the oath of Nussy Curtis Robert Clendinning, of Caroline County that the said negro woman named Nussy Curtis 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 own account she is now about ~~36~~ thirty six years of age, five feet two inches high or thereabouts of a black complexion, <sup>was</sup> born in Queen Anne's & raised in Caroline County and has a large scar on her left cheek and a small one, on her right wrist and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I have to  
  
 subscribed my name and affix  
 the seal of Caroline County  
 Court this 10<sup>th</sup> day of June Anno  
 Domini 1857  
 James H. Fountain *Clk*

Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas a certain George and William Sparks, hertofore to wit, on the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January 1838, by deed of manumission duly executed & recorded among the Land Records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro <sup>boy</sup> named John, to be free on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January 1845 - and the said John (now calling himself John Scribner) having made application to me for a certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such case made and provided as And whereas also upon the oath of William H. Dawnes of Caroline County that the said negro man named John Scribner for whom this Certificate is made ~~was free born~~ is the same person mentioned in the said manumission - I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from his own account he is now about 36 years of age.