

said negro man named ~~John~~ LeCharles Dawnes 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 eight years of age five feet, nine & one half inches high or thereabouts of a Chesnut Complexion was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, eyes of a gray color and has no notable marks or scars that I have observed.

Seal

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court this ~~24~~²⁰ day of ~~August~~^{Sept.} Anno Domini ~~1851~~¹⁸⁵¹.
James H. Fountain

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit: Whereas a certain William Pottor ^{of Caroline County} heretofore to wit on the second day of August 1851, by deed of Manumission duly executed and recorded among the Land Record Books of Caroline County did Manumit and set free a certain negro woman named ~~Harriet Turner~~ ^{Belsay} to be free on the ~~4th~~^{1st} day of ~~October~~ January 1851. and the said Belsay (now calling herself Elizabeth Smith) having made application to me for a Certificate of her freedom in such case made and provided; and whereas also upon the oath of Thomas H. Williams of Caroline County that the said negro woman named Elizabeth Smith 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 thirty five years of age, five feet, five & one half inches high or thereabouts of a black Complexion was born and raised in Caroline County, and has a scar ~~of a cut~~ on her left jaw, and another on the right side of her chin and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.

Seal

In Testimony whereof I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court this 20th day of September Anno Domini 1851.

The above } James H. Fountain
Certificate Not Granted }
J. H. F. } Caroline County Court