

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit.

Whereas heretofore to wit on the 16th day of Sept. 1826 a certain James Turner of Caroline County by Deed of Manumission duly executed and Recorded among the Land Records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro boy named John to be free when he should arrive at the age of twenty eight years (and the said John (now calling himself John W. Holmes) having made application to me for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided, and whereas also upon the affirmation of Richard Willis that the said negro man named John W. Holmes is the same person mentioned in the said manumission - I do therefore grant his said application & hereby certify that from his age as expressed in the said manumission he is now about twenty nine years of age Five feet, seven & a quarter inches high & throughout of a black complexion was born and raised in Caroline County and has a scar of a burn on the right arm just below the elbow and has no other notable marks or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereunto
subscribed my name and affix
the seal of the Circuit Court for
Caroline County this 13th day of
April Anno Domini 1852.
Thomas F. Garrett

Seal

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit. Whereas heretofore to wit on the 2^d day of June 1820 a certain William Turner by deed of Manumission duly executed and recorded among the Land Records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a certain negro boy named ~~John~~ ^{Demmond} to be free when he should arrive at the age of or on the first day of January 1836. And the said Demmond (now calling himself Demmond Stanford) having made application to me for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the act of Assembly in such case made and provided. And whereas also upon the oath of William Turner that the said negro man named Demmond Stanford 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 thirty seven years of age, five feet, and of a black complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County, eleven inches high or thereabouts, and has a scar under the chin near the throat and has no other notable marks.