

State of Maryland Caroline County Court

Whereas hereafter to wit the twenty fifth day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine a certain John Cooper of Caroline County the Deced of Maximilian who duly executed acknowledged and recorded among the said Records of said County of said Maximilian and yet free although they were no longer Benjamin to be free from said Maximilian the date of the said Maximilian and Whereas the said Negro Benjamin hath this day made application to me for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to a Resolution of Assembly in such case made and provided, and being satisfied by the Oath of John William Potter that the said Negro Benjamin to whom this Certificate is delivered is the identical person mentioned by that name in the Maximilian

hereby Certify that from the age of twelve in the Maximilian of the said Negro Man called Benjamin is about twenty two years of age, was raised as the said things of partly in England partly in Queens County and partly in Caroline County - he is five feet six inches high, of tolerable make, and Black Complexion, has a large scar on the outer part of the left thigh occasioned for the said by a burn and a small scar on the left arm occasioned by a thorn, and no other notable marks that I can discern.

In Testimony whereof I have
Signed my hand and affixed the
Public Seal of my Office this 27
day of July 1843.

Thos. Richardon Clerk
Caroline County Court