

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit; Whereas on the second day of August in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & six, Henry Townes of Caroline County by deed of manumission, duly executed acknowledged & recorded amongst the land records of Caroline County, did manumit and set free a certain negro woman named Maria to be free on the first day of January Eighteen hundred & sixteen & the said negro woman named Maria having made application to me for a Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made and provided, And whereas also upon the Testimony of Mrs. Elizabeth Nicks of Caroline County that the said Negro woman named Maria for whom this Certificate is made is the same person mentioned in the said manumission. I do therefore grant her said application & hereby Certify that the said negro woman named Maria is forty four years of age or thereabouts in August next, she is about five feet, five inches high of a brown complexion, was born & raised in Caroline County she has a black flesh mole behind her right ear & no other mark or scar that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of my Office this 10th day of April Anno Domini 1823

Richardson Clerk
Caroline County Court

Caroline County

State of Maryland, Caroline County to wit; - Whereas on the 29th day of April, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred & twenty three, Shelby Jumps - of Caroline County, by deed of manumission, duly executed acknowledged & recorded, amongst the land records of Caroline County, did manumit and set free a certain ~~negro~~ negro woman named Esther to be free from the date of the said manumission & the said negro woman named Esther having made application to me for a Certificate of her freedom, agreeably to the Act of Assembly in such case made & provided, And whereas also upon the Testimony of the said Shelby Jumps that the said negro woman named Esther, 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 the said negro woman named Esther is thirty seven years of age or thereabouts, she is about five feet one & half inches high - of a dark complexion, was born & raised in Caroline County, she has a prominent scar on her left cheek - from a breathing out, occasioned by the Jews, or tooth aches, and no other notable mark, that I have observed.

Shelby Jumps

In Testimony whereof I have subscribed my name and affixed the Public Seal of my Office the 29th day of April Anno Domini 1823

Richardson Clerk
Caroline County Court