

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas applications hath been made to me by a coloured woman named Betty Grace for a Certificate of her freedom agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided - by which said act free negroes and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtention of a Certificate of being free born. And whereas also upon the Oath of Elijah Satterfield of Caroline County that the said coloured woman named Betty Grace for whom this Certificate is made was free born. I do therefore grant her said application and hereby Certify that she is about Twenty seven years of age, about five feet four and a half inches high, was born and raised in Caroline County of a brown complexion and has a scar on the back of her left hand about the size of the sixteenth of a dollar, a natural mark on the joint of her left index, and another scar on her left thumb which she says proceeded from a canker, and a mole on the centre of her upper lip and no other mark or scar that I have discovered.

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix the public seal of my office this 7th day of December Anno Domini 1824
 J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court

State of Maryland Caroline County to wit; Whereas hereto fore to wit; on the Fourteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and six, a certain Mary Hicks of Caroline County 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 Esther to be free and at perfect liberty from and after the date of the said manumission and the said negro woman named Esther (now calling herself Esther Tillotson) 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 Oath of Henrietta Byrn of Caroline County 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 she is supposed to be fifty years of age or thereabouts she is about five feet six and a quarter inches high of a dark brown complexion (nearly black) was born and raised in Caroline County and has a number of large scars on both arms, caused by burns, and no other particular marks or scars that I have observed.

In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name & affix the public seal of my office this thirteenth day of December Anno Domini 1824
 J. Richardson Clerk of Caroline County Court