

that she is five feet three inches high or thereabouts, about thirty five years of age, born and raised in Caroline County, of a molatto complexion, and has a scar, not very visible partly across the left wrist a little above the joint and no other notable mark or scar that I have discovered. In Testimony whereof I hereto subscribe my name

(Seal) I affix the public seal of my office this 1st day of April Anno Domini 1826 — J. Richardson T. T. D.
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State of Maryland Caroline County to wit, Whereas application hath been made to me by a coloured girl named Mary Benson 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 molattos 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 Charles Ridgway of Caroline County, that the said, coloured girl named Mary Benson for whom this Certificate is made was free born. I do therefore grant her said Application and hereby Certify that she is five feet two and a half inches high or thereabouts says she is about Eighteen years of age, was born and raised in Caroline County, of a complexion nearly black has a small scar of a burn on her left wrist joint, another small scar ^{wright} on her wrist joint, a nother small scar on the back part of her right arm about five inches from the scar on her right wrist, ~~and~~ and another scar of a cut about three quarters of an inch in length, beginning on the right side of the root of her nose near the inner termination of the right eye brow, extending nearly perpendicular up to the forehead and no other marks or scar that I have discovered.

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