

in the said manumission I do therefore grant his said ~~manumission~~
application - and hereby certify that from the age expressed in
said manumission he is thirty years of age and upwards - he is five
feet six inches and one fourth of an inch high or thereabout, has a
small scar on the brow of the right eye and a small scar near his
left eye, & has a scar on ~~his~~ his right instep - he is of a dark complexion
was raised in Caroline County - and no other notable marks that
I have discovered - In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my
hand and affixed the public seal of my office this twenty ninth
Seal day of May anno. Domini Eighteen hundred and seventeen.

J. Richardson to the
Caroline County Court

Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named
Peter Hopkins for a certificate agreeably to an act of the general assembly
of Maryland passed at November Session Eighteen hundred and
five, by which said act free negroes and mulattos are permitted to
travel out of this state upon their obtaining of a certificate of being
free born, and whereas also upon the affirmation of Thomas Hopkins
Jury of the County aforesaid that the said negro man named Peter Hopkins
for whom this certificate is made was free born I do therefore grant
his said application and hereby certify that he is five feet five and
an half inches high or thereabouts, was raised in Caroline County
supposed by Mr. Hopkins to be about thirty one years of age -
his left ankle is somewhat crooked - is of a black complexion
shows his teeth middling plain and has no other notable marks
that I have discovered. In Testimony whereof I have hereto

Seal set my hand and affixed the public seal of my office
this fifth day of June, Eighteen hundred and seventeen

J. Richardson to the
Caroline County Court