

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 inches and one quarter of an inch high or thereabouts was raised in Caroline County, says she is about thirty five years old, has a long scar on the upper part of her left cheek, or rather in her temple, nearly opposite her left ~~eye~~ eye, and extending towards & near the eye, has some slight scars on her right arm has lost some of her upper fore teeth, she is of the ordinary complexion, talks tolerably brisk, 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 first day of July anno Domini Eighteen hundred and seventeen.

J. H. Richardson Clk
Caroline County Court

Maryland Caroline County to wit

Whereas on the twenty first day of March sixteen hundred and eighty seven Henry Downes of Caroline County by deed of manumission duly executed acknowledged and recorded amongst the records of Caroline County did manumit and set free a negro named Silas to be free on the first day of January Eighteen hundred and eight, as it appears of records, and whereas the said Silas has made application to me for a certificate of his freedom, agreeably to the act of assembly in such case made and provided, and I being satisfied by the testimony of Henry Downes Sellers Esquire of the County aforesaid that the said negro man named Silas for whom this certificate is made is the identical person mentioned in the said manumission I do therefore grant his said application and hereby certify that from the age expressed in said manumission he is forty years of age or thereabouts he is five feet seven inches and one fourth of an inch high or thereabouts, was raised in Caroline County, his complexion not very dark, has a stammer in his speech, and no other notable marks that I have discovered.