

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County

This is to Certify that a negro man named Jas Graves now present and applying for a certificate of Freedom, was born free and raised in Kent County

July 12th 1858

Benjamin Fiddis

James is 6 feet 1/2 inch high and of light complexion  
Filed records and certificate issued July 12th 1858  
by Simeon Himes Clerk

Maryland, Kent County set

On this 22nd day of January 1858 personally appeared Pere Tilghman, free Negro of Kent County before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace for Kent County, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he has lost his certificate of freedom, given him by the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County that it was lost or stolen from his Pocket about ten days ago and that he has not sold nor loaned, nor given it to any other person, but that the same was really lost to him.

Sworn before James Graves

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County  
I hereby Certify that Negro Pere Tilghman now present and applying for a certificate of freedom is personally known to me, and that I have heard Mrs James Thomas the widow of John Thomas from whose Estate Pere got free. Speak of him as having obtained his freedom from her Husbands Estate. I further Certify that Mrs Thomas called a few days ago to see me and to request me to assist Pere to get his papers, and from my knowledge of Pere I have no doubt that the account he gives of losing his pap is true

A M Sparks

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