

Maryland Kent county to wit - I hereby certify that  
Samuel Pearce, bearer hereof, is a free man - he was born  
of a free woman and raised in Kent County - he is  
about twenty three years of age - Witness my hand this  
twenty fifth day of April Eighteen hundred and fifty three

John Bordley

Samuel is five feet eight and one half inches high - dark  
complexion

April 25 - 1853

Filed and recorded on the 25<sup>th</sup> day of April 1853 and certifi-  
cate issued  
By James F. Gordon clrk.

To the clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, This  
is to certify that William Harris Pearce who is now present  
and applying for a certificate of freedom was free born  
and raised in Kent County and is now about twenty five  
years of age.

May 16 - 1853

John Bordley

William Harris is five feet eight inches high of a rather  
light complexion

Filed and recorded on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May 1853 and  
certificate issued  
By James F. Gordon clrk.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County -  
This is to certify that John Henry Pearce who is now  
present and applying for a certificate of freedom was  
free born and raised in Kent County and is now about  
twenty seven years of age.

May 16 - 1853

John Bordley

John Henry Pearce is five feet five inches and a quarter  
high, light complexion with a mole on the right side of his  
upper lip.

Filed and recorded on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of May  
1853 & certificate issued  
By James F. Gordon clrk.

To the Clerk of the Circuit Court for Kent County, -  
This is to certify that Julia Ann Freeman who is now  
present and applying for a certificate of freedom was free  
born and raised in Kent County and is now about