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freedom to commence when he shall have attained
the age of twenty seven years - His person identified
by the Oath of a certain John Baxter, who administered
on the Estate of his deceased father John Baxter, whom
he states intermarried with Petney Sheerwood, to whom
the aforesaid Negro Daniel was bequeathed by the will
of the aforesaid Lewis Derockbrune until he arrived
at the age of twenty seven years as aforesaid Given
under my hand and the seal of my
Office, this 3^d day of July Anno
Domini 1826

Thos. Charles Esq. Clerk
Queen Anne's County

State of Maryland, Queen Anne's County, Town of

Whereas application has been made to
me by a certain Negro Man named Elbert,
for a certificate of freedom under an Act of the
General Assembly of Maryland, passed at Nov
Session 1805. - I do therefore certify to all persons
whom it doth or may concern, that by the last will
and Testament of a certain James Griffiths duly
executed on the 18th day of July 1821 and proved
in my Office on the 24th day of August 1822, a
certain Negro Man named Elbert, five feet six
inches and a half in height, very black, a scar
on his forehead just over the right eye, notch
in his left ear, the great toe of his right foot slit
leaving a considerable scar, was manumitted and
set free - His freedom to commence on the 1st day of
January 1826 - His person identified by a certain
John Haffitt, the Executor appointed by the will
of the said James Griffiths, and to whom Letters
Testamentary have in due form been granted