

The State of Maryland Queen Anns County Territ Whereas ¹¹
Application has been made to me by a certain negro Man named
Benjamin for a certificate of his being a free Man under an act
of the General Assembly of this State passed at their November Session
Eighteen hundred and five. I do therefore hereby certify all persons
whom it doth or may concern, that by the last Will and Testament
of a certain John McClines late of Queen Anns County deceased
duly Executed on the eighth day of September Seven hundred
and ninety four, and proved in my office on the 28th day of October
1795 - a certain negro Man named Ben of a dark complexion
about thirty six years of age, five feet four inches, and
half an inch high, a full face, well made, a little grey
headed, a small scar on the first joint of the third finger on the
left hand, no other visible mark was in an unblemished and
well free his freedom to commence on his arriving at the age of
thirty four years - his person identified by William
Clayton Esq and Miss Ann Thompson to be the same
Ld
Thos Earl of Mills - Apr 16. 1816

The State of Maryland Queen Anns County Territ Whereas
Application has been made to me by a certain negro Man
named Bob alias Robert Gads for a certificate of his free-
dom, I do hereby certify all persons whom it doth or may
concern that by the last Will and Testament of a certain
John McClines late of Queen Anns County deceased and duly
executed on the eighth day of September 1794 and proved
in my office on the 28th day of October 1795 - a certain
negro Man named Robert of a dark complexion thirty
four and upwards of age - five feet eight inches and
a fourth inch high high cheek bones both a scar on the
joint of the elbow of the right ^{accused by a burn} hand arm, and one on the
left arm ^{accused by a burn} cut was in an unblemished
and at his freedom to commence at his arrival
at thirty four years of age - his person identified
by Wm Clayton Esq and Miss Ann Thompson to
be the same - Apr 16. 1816
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