

Maryland, Queen Anne's County To Wit.

Whereas a certain Negro Man named Sam, who commonly calls himself Sam Bentley, has made Application to me for a Certificate of freedom, under an Act of the General Assembly of Maryland, passed at November Session 1805-

I do therefore Certify to all whom it doth or may concern, that by the last Will and Testament of a certain Arthur Emory, late of Queen Anne's County, deceased, duly executed on the 7th day of September in the year 1799 and proved in my Office on the 18th day of September in the year 1801 a certain boy named Samuel born the 11th day 1795, of a light complexion, five feet-nine inches in height a scar on his left wrist and a scar also on his left thigh just above the knee joint, was committed and set free by the last Will & Testament of the said Arthur Emory - his freedom to commence on the first Christmas day after he shall have attained the age of twenty eight years. His person identified by a certain Theodore Emory, to whom the said Negro Sam was bequeathed by the last Will & Testament of the said Arthur Emory. Given under my hand & the seal of my Office, this 11th day of June Annus Domini Eighteen hundred & twenty three. —

J. H. Drake Reg. Clerk
Queen Anne's County