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man named Dick Gibbs, five feet, five inches  
and three quarters of an Inch in height, of a black  
complexion, a scar under his right eye, on the form  
of a curve about an Inch in length; also a scar on  
his forehead nearly over the right eye and a slight  
scar on his under lip, was manumitted and set-  
free by the last will and Testament of the said John  
Broune; his freedom to commence at the expiration  
of five years from the first day of January Eighteen  
hundred and sixteen — His person identified by a  
certain William Harper Sen; Given under my hand  
and the seal of my Office, this 27<sup>th</sup> day of September  
Anno Domini Eighteen hundred and twenty five

Thos. Brailsford Wells  
for Queen Anns County

State of Maryland, Queen Anns County, To Wit

Whereas a certain Negro woman named Nan  
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  
persons whom it doth or may concern, that by the last will  
and Testaments of a certain Thomas Elliott, dated on the  
2<sup>d</sup> day of November 1813 and proved in my Office on the  
24<sup>th</sup> day of May 1814, a certain Negro woman named  
Nan, five feet five inches in height, dark mulatto,  
a large scar on the back of the left hand occasioned  
by a scald or burn, was manumitted and set free by the  
last will and Testament of the said Thomas Elliott;  
Her freedom to commence when she shall have attained  
the age of thirty one year. — By the Inventory of the personal  
Estate of the said Thos Elliott, dated the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September  
1814, the said Negro woman Nan was then said to be