

Maryland Prince Georges County Set:
I William A. Larboe Register of Wills for the aforesaid county
in the State aforesaid do hereby certify that Benjamin
who calls himself Benjamin Shields, is of a dark
complexion, five feet ten and a half inches high, has
a small scar on his right forehead and on his
right arm a few inches above the wrist, was set
free by the last will and testament of William
Cooper bearing date the twenty first day
of August in the year of our Lord 1834 now
on record in my office

In Testimony Whereof I hereunto set my
hand and affix the seal of the Orphans Court
of Prince Georges County this sixth day of
June Anno Domini 1854
Test: William A. Larboe Register of Wills

I identified upon oath by William Cooper June
6th 1854 and the said Cooper also testifies po-
sitively to the occurrence of the contingency
upon which said negroes freedom
depended
William A. Larboe