

application, and hereby Certify that from his age as expressed in the said Manuscript he was twenty five years of age on the twenty eighth day of May last past five feet eight and three quarters inches high or thereabouts, of a dark Complexion, was born and raised in Caroline County, and has a scar on the inner part of his left hand, and has no other notable Marks or scars that I have observed. — In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto

Seal of Caroline
County Court

Subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court this twelfth day of March Eighteen hundred and forty five —

James H. Fontaine Clerk of
Caroline County Court

State of Maryland, Caroline County Court, Whereas application hath been made to me by a negro man named John Brooks for a Certificate of his freedom agreeably to the acts of Assembly in such Cases made and provided by which said acts free negroes and mulattoes are permitted to travel out of this State upon the obtaining of a Certificate of being free bond. And Whereas also upon the Oath of Thomas V. Bishop of Caroline County aforesaid, that the said negro man named John Brooks for whom this Certificate is made was free bond; I do therefore grant his said application and hereby Certify that from his own account he was twenty nine years of age in January last past five feet two and three quarters inches high or thereabouts, was born and raised in Caroline County aforesaid, and of a black Complexion, has three small scars on the back of his left hand near the thumb joint and has no other notable Marks or scars that I have observed.

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Court

In Testimony Whereof, I hereunto subscribe my name and affix the seal of Caroline County Court this fourth day of April Eighteen hundred & forty five. —

James H. Fontaine Clerk
of Caroline County Court