

Kent County Act. On this 6th day of March 1855- personally appears Chester Tillison a free negro before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Kent County, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he had his free papers or certificate of freedom (granted to him by the clerk of Kent County Court on the 8th December 1843) in a chest or box in the granary belonging to Jacob Tame in Port-Deposit-Civil County, at the time said granary & its contents were destroyed by fire on the night of the 21st July 1854- and that his chest and free papers among other things were burnt up in said granary.

Known to before James Graves

See act 1805- ch. 66 Sec 4. - See Manumission of Maria Scott recorded in Liber I N G No 3 page 407

To the clerk of the Circuit-Court for Kent County

This is to certify that Chester Tillison a free negro who is now present & applying for a certificate of freedom (the first being destroyed by fire in Port-Deposit on the 21st July 1854) is the identical person who was Manumitted by Maria Scott on the 8th Dec. 1843 - the said negro Chester belonged to & lived with my father Mr. Perry Wethered for several years before & after he was free - and the said negro Chester has always been a well disposed & trust worthy servant.

March 6th - 1855.

John L Wethered

Chester is about fifty years old, five feet eight-inches high - scar near his left eye - & a small scar on his left wrist. Filed and recorded on the 6th day of March 1855- and certificate filed.

By Jas. F. Gordon CLK.

To the clerk of the Circuit-Court for Kent County Md.

This is to certify that a negro man named Joseph Miller now present and applying for a certificate of freedom was born of a free woman and raised in Kent County And is now about thirty