Kent County Sct. 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 Evangely 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 Jones in Port Deposit Cecil County, at the time said granary & its contents were distroyed 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

Sworn to before James Graves

See act 1805 ch. 66 sec 4. - See Manumission of Maria Scott recorded in Liber I A 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 distroyed 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. Perg. 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 issued 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

two years of age

March 20th - 1855 Wm. S Lapsell

Joe is five feet four inches high of a dark complexion with two scars over the left eye brow.

Filed and recorded on the 20th day of March 1855 and certificate issued By James F. Gordon clk.

Maryland, Kent County, to wit:

This is to certify that a negro woman named Jane Reed now present and applying for a certificate of freedom is the identical negro woman manumitted by me this day.

April 17th - 1855 Geo. D S Handy

Jane Reed is five feet three inches high of a light complexion

Filed and recorded on the 17th day of April 1855 and certificate issued By James F. Gordon clk.

This is to certify that a negro man now present and applying for a certificate of freedom named Isaac Johnson is the identical negro boy mentioned in a manumission from Jacob Dorsey (fn) dated December 10th - 1825 by the name of Isaac four years of age on the 15th day of May 1826, to be free at the age of twenty years.

April 18th - 1855 John D Welch

Isaac is five feet nine & a quarter inches high with a scar over the right eye, of a black complexion

Filed and recorded on the 18th day of April 1855 and certificate issued By James F. Gordon clk.

This is to certify that a negro woman named Ann Maria Jones now about twenty five years of age and Sarah Ann Elizabeth Adeline Jones now about twenty four years of age now present and applying for certificates of freedom were born free and raised in Kent County

Witness Jos. A Gordon Jr. Jn A Wilmer

Ann Maria is four feet six inches and a half high with a scar just above the elbow on the inside of the