Jane's Freedom Certificate and Description. 23 October 1828. Manuscript. Petersburg City (Va.) Chancery Causes, 1803-1960. Jane v. Admr of Edwin Lanier etc, 1840-066. Local Government Records Collection, Petersburg ity Court Records, The Library of Virginia. 730-1840-066-0046

I hereby certify that the bearer Jane who is emancipated by the last Will & testament of Edwin Lanier, which is of record in the County Court of Sussex a copy of which, she has in her possession, is a person of good character, & is by the laws of the state entitled to her freedom under the sd. Will & testament: I give her this certificate that she may be identified as the same person emancipated under the said Will & testament as she is going among strangers.--

She is of brown complexion, about twenty years old or perhaps a little upward: her teeth somewhat decayed in front: has a very small scar on her forehead a little over the inner corner of her right eye brow; a scar from a burn on the back of her right hand; another small scar on her throat, about midway between her chin & collar:—She has a small female child with her about three months old. The laws of our State require that persons emancipated shall leave the state within twelve months or they forfeit their title to freedom.

David May

Petersburg October 23rd 1828

