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Copy Price 50¢ Nelson a free man	Certificate of Free Paper	Virginia At a Court held for Middlesex County at the Court House on Monday the 23 <sup>rd</sup> day of July 1842
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Upon the application of Nelson Patterson a free negro who has lately attained  
 the age of twenty one years It is ordered that the Clerk of this Court issue and  
 deliver to the said Nelson Patterson a certificate of his freedom  
 A copy. Sent P. J. Woodward clerk

Register of free negroes and mulattos in the County of Middlesex 1842

Nelson Patterson born free in the County of Middlesex age 22 twenty one years five  
 feet 8 1/2 inches high black complexion a scar in the right arm near the elbow  
 Certificate Not Grant'd Septembers 1842  
 A copy Sent P. J. Woodward Clerk

State of Virginia }  
 County of Middlesex } P. J. Woodward Clerk of the County Court in  
 and for the State above mentioned do certify that the above copies are true extracts from  
 the records of my office and that the aforesaid County Court is a court of record  
 having general jurisdiction

Given under my hand and seal of office at Saluda  
 on Saturday the 19<sup>th</sup> January 1856  
 P. J. Woodward Clerk

Virginia Middlesex County In Writ. I Thomas Street the presiding Justice for  
 the County Court of Middlesex in the State of Virginia do certify that P. J. Woodward  
 whose genuine signature appears to the foregoing copies and certificates is and was  
 at the time of signing the same the clerk of the County Court of Middlesex duly  
 qualified according to law and that all his official acts as such are entitled to  
 full faith and credit

Given under my hands this 28<sup>th</sup> day of January 1856  
 Thomas Street P. J.  
 Recorded the 13<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1856 by W. H. McCreary del. To

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