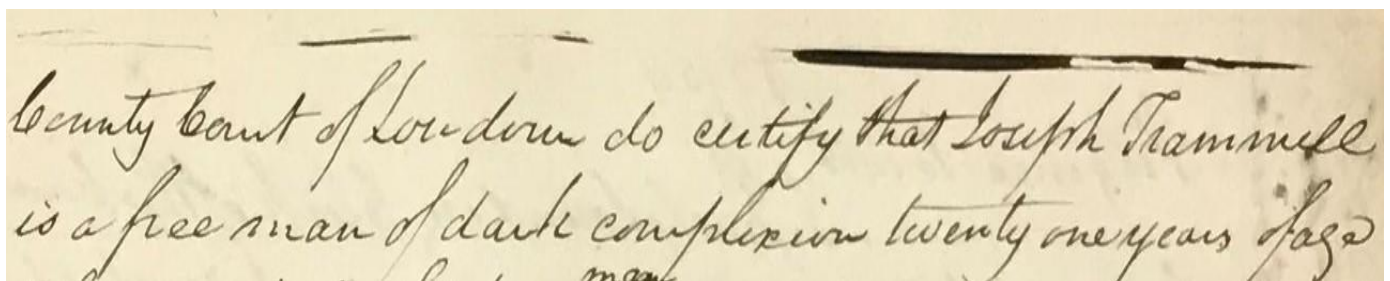


## Freedom Papers

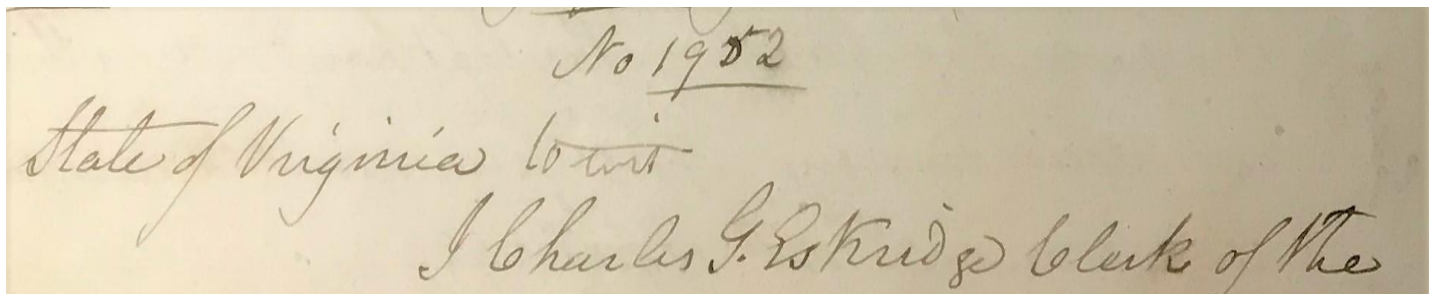
Joseph Trammell first registered as a free person in 1852, as required by law. His registration number was 1952. After the appropriate legal documents were recorded in the Register of Free Negroes in the Clerk's Office, he received his freedom papers.

This valuable document descended through his family and was donated to the National Museum of African American History & Culture, Smithsonian Institution, where it is on permanent display. The display can be viewed online at <https://nmaahc.si.edu/explore/stories/joseph-trammells-freedom-papers>

*Joseph Trammell, Register of Free Negroes, 1852*



County Court of Loudoun do certify that Joseph Trammell  
is a free man of dark complexion twenty one years of age



No 1952  
State of Virginia to wit  
I Charles G. Estbridge Clerk of the

The full pages from the Register of Free Negroes are shown below. Trammell's registration starts at the bottom of the first page and continues onto the next.

No 1949

Virginia to wit

I Charles G. Estbridge clerk of the County Court of Loudoun in Va. do certify that Joseph Jackson whose freedom is proved by Richard A. Sumner is a black man aged about 24 years, 6 feet high, has a long plain scar on the right cheek with some scars on his hands was this day registered in my Office pursuant to an order of Court made this 12<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852

No 1950

State of Virginia to wit

I Charles G. Estbridge clerk of the County Court of Loudoun in the state aforesaid do certify that Joseph A. Payne (whose freedom is proved by the Affirmation of Ganet Walker) is a man of dark complexion, about 22 years of age 5 feet 9 1/2 inches high he has a scar running from the edge of the right eye brow to a scar on his chin with some faint scars on his hands was this day registered in my Office by an order of the Court made this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April 1852

No 1951

State of Virginia to wit

I Charles G. Estbridge Clerk of the County Court of Loudoun in the state aforesaid do certify that Sarah Ann Johnson a free woman of brown complexion aged 24 years, 5 feet high said woman has no visible scars or marks her freedom proved by Thomas S. Dorrell was this day registered in my Office pursuant to an order of Court made this 10<sup>th</sup> day of May 1852

No 1952

State of Virginia to wit

I Charles G. Estbridge Clerk of the

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Copy made & delivered on day  
 of the 10th May 1852  
 J. B. May  
 1852

County Court of Loudoun do certify that Joseph Trammell is a free man of dark complexion twenty one years of age 5 feet 7 inches high said <sup>man</sup> has a small scar in the forehead & one on his left arm 6 or 8 inches above the wrist, whose freedom was proved by the oath of Thomas Dorrell, was this day registered in my Office Pursuant to an order of Court made on the 10th May 1852

No 1953

I Charles G. Estbridge Clerk of the County Court of Loudoun in the state aforesaid do certify that Louisa Bank whose freed was proved by Joseph Nichols. She is a woman of dark complexion about 24 years of age 4 feet 11 1/4 inches high has a small scar in her forehead was this day registered in my Office pursuant to an order of the Court made this 10th day of May 1852

No 1953

State of Virginia to wit

I Charles G. Estbridge clerk of the County Court of Loudoun in the state aforesaid do certify that Helen Lee & her five children are free as proved by the oath of James Thomas, said Helen Lee is about 40 years of age dark complexion 5 feet high she has a scar on the right cheek & one over each eye & one on her left wrist, her oldest child is John Lee about 11 years old very dark Mulatto Amanda Ellen about 9 years old. Henry Clay Lee about 7 years a bright Mulatto, Lydia Ann. about 5 years old, & James Smith the youngest and last between 2 & 3 yrs old was this day registered in my Office pursuant to an order of Court made this 10th day of May 1852

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