

State of Maryland - Calvert County - to wit:

Be it remembered that on the Twenty second day
of January in the year sixteen hundred
& twenty eight personally appeared Mrs Eliza
-beth Brown before the subscribed Justice
of the Peace of the State & for the County
aforesaid & makes oath on the Holy Evan-
-gely of Almighty God that before - during
& since the late war between the United States
& Great Britain - she this deponent frequently
visited at the house of Mr James D. Denton
of the State & County aforesaid & was & still
is well acquainted with the names of the
said James D. Denton & that in the year
eighteen hundred & fourteen a negro woman
belonging to the said James D. Denton who was
about twenty years of age at that time
& who was commonly called "Machael
Manister" absconded & went to the British
fleet which then lay in the River Patuxent
-ent as this deponent never believes -
This deponent hath frequently heard the
said negro woman called "Machael Fields"
at which she seemed to be offended - &
generally insisted that her name was
"Manister" & not "Fields" - & further This
deponent saith not -

sworn before

Agatha J. Bowen

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The agent refers the Board of Commissioners to the Halifax list page 68
for the name of "Ratchel Manister".

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agent for claimant

State of Maryland - Calvert County

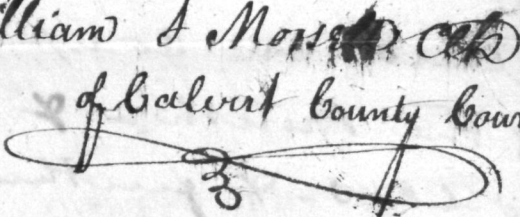
Col. John Broome & esq. James W. Moore
being first duly sworn depose & say, that
in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen
in the month of August, they saw negro
-chase the slave of esq. James S. Denton of
the State & County aforesaid - aged about sixteen
years - in company with, or in the possession
of the miter - & worth about three hundred
dollars - & further say not - Given under our
hands this twenty fourth day of April in the
year eighteen hundred & twenty one -
Signed John Broome
James W. Moore

be it remembered that on this twenty
fourth day of April in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty
one - Col. John Broome & esq. James W. Moore
made oath on the Holy Evangelist of the
God to the truth of the above deposition
to the best of their knowledge, recollection
& belief - before the subscriber a Justice
of the Peace for Calvert County in the State
of Maryland -
Wm. C. Dawkins

State of Maryland, Calvert County
I hereby certify that William C. Dawkins
Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and taken and
who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing one of
the Justices of the Peace of the said State in and for Calvert County

aforesaid duly Commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto
subscribed my name and affixed the seal of
my office this sixteenth day of May in the
year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and
twenty one....

William J. Mosser 
of Calvert County Court

Denton, James D. - Calvert Co. Md.

24 April 1821

1 Book (Morrison v. M. Brown) - 1 slave,
Rachel, 187. \$300.

March 26 1821

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State of Maryland - Calvert County - To wit

Be it remembered that on this Twenty Second day of January in the year eighteen hundred & twenty two personally appeared James Denton upwards of twenty one years of age & George Denton upwards of eighteen years of age & sons of James D. Denton of the State & county aforesaid & made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that in the year eighteen hundred & fourteen as well as they remembered - negro "Machael Fields" or "Manistu" belonging to their Father James D. Denton who is now in full life absconded & a short time afterwards returned home in company with British soldiers in arms & demanded his clothes & went off again with the said British soldiers & several times passed & repassed with other British soldiers & pelleted fruit & other things & finally went off with the said soldiers & hath not since returned to the service of the said James D. Denton & further these deponents say
not -
sworn before

Aquilla C. Bowen
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James A. Denton appears on the Definitive list at page 15. as a claimant for one negro named Ratchael

He proves by the deposition of John Brooke & James M. Broome, that they saw negro Ratchael the slave of the claimant, some time in the month of August 1814, in the possession of the British. — By the deposition of Elizabeth Bowen, that she was well acquainted with the slaves of the claimant, that in the year 1814. a negro woman the property of the claimant, being about 20 years of age and commonly called "Ratchael Bannister", absconded from her Master & went to the British fleet, then in the Patuxent River. that this negro was sometimes called Fields, — but generally called herself "Bannister" — He further proves, by the joint deposition of James & George Denton, ^{that} after she absconded Ratchael returned to her Master's house in company with British Soldiers, & several times passed & repassed in their company & finally went off with them & has not since returned — ~~it is further proved by the~~
~~depositions of the Dentons~~

The claimant is without other proof as to the time when the negro Ratchael was taken from the U States, than that afforded by the Halifax list of American negroes, received into that province, "from the U States of America" after the 27 April 1815, on that list at page 68 the name of "Ratchael Bannister" is found whose age on the list agrees very nearly with the age of the claimant's negro — the unusual surname, & the correspondence in the ages of the Two, leave no room to doubt that they are the same

John Marbury
Attorney for Claimant