

State of Maryland. Somerset County to wit

I William Suddler do make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that on or about the month of October in the year one thousand eight hundred and ~~fourteen~~ <sup>fourteen</sup> my Negro Men one named Arnold aged about 20 years and one other named Sorsam aged about 19 or 20 years slaves for life ran off and went on board some of the British Vessels lying in Tangier sound and were by them carried away in that they were stout, healthy men and according to the prices current would have sold for the sum of four hundred dollars each. Witness my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty one

William Suddler

Sworn before us Two of the Justices of the peace in and for the county and State aforesaid. The day and year aforesaid  
Witness our hands & seals. —

William Williams

John Wilkins

We Henry Fontaine & William Waters of law do make oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that we were near neighbours to William Suddler the deponent at the time his Negro Men Arnold and Sorsam Slaves ran off to the British and do verily believe the circumstances as sworn to him by him are correct. Witness our hands and seals this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April one thousand eight hundred and twenty one —

Henry Fontaine

William Waters

Sworn before us Two of the Justices of the peace in and for the county and State aforesaid

William Williams

John Wilkins

Maryland J<sup>o</sup>  
 I William B. Martin Chief  
 Judge of the fourth Judicial District of Maryland  
 composed of Donchester, Caroline, Somerset & Worcester  
 counties hereby certify, that John Bone Esq. who  
 appears to have signed the certificate below is  
 Clerk of Somerset County Court aforesaid -  
 Seal at Cambridge this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May 1821.

William Martin Seal  
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State of Maryland  
 Somerset County to wit. I John Done Clerk of Somerset County in  
 the State of Maryland, do hereby Certify to all whom it doth or may  
 Concern that William Williams and John Wilkins Esquires before  
 whom the within affidavits appear to have been taken and whose  
 signatures are respectively affixed thereto, were at the time of their  
 taking and certifying the same, two of the Justices of the peace of  
 the peace of the State aforesaid for the County aforesaid, duly  
 Commissioned and sworn, and that full faith and credit ought to  
 be given to all acts done by them as such as well in Courts of  
 Justice as thereout.  
 In testimony whereof I have hereto set  
 my hand and affixed the seal of my  
 office this fourth day of May in the year  
 of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
 and twenty one  
 John Done Clk. Somerset County



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Aaron Sterling of Somerset County and  
State of Maryland being duly sworn  
doth depose and say, that on or about  
the month of November in the year  
one thousand eight hundred and  
fourteen he was on Foxgrip Island  
at the time the British had possession  
of that place. that he had been well  
acquainted with Arnold and Tavenor  
the slaves of William Tucker of  
Somerset County having lived  
in the same neighbourhood and  
had frequent opportunities of  
seeing them, and that he saw the  
said slaves Arnold and Tavenor  
in the British ranks and in British  
uniform on said Island, they having  
enlisted as soldiers in the British  
service. In testimony whereof he  
has hereunto subscribed his name  
this fiftenth day of May in the year  
one thousand eight hundred and twenty  
ninth. Signed in presence of  
The Hon. Wm. Waterhouse } Aaron Sterling

Deposition to be  
filed in the claim  
of W. Tucker.

1834

Wm. Waterhouse  
Somerset County

State of Maryland Somerset County  
to-wit: on this fifteenth day of  
May in the year one thousand eight  
hundred and twenty eight personally  
appeared before voters subscribers  
two of the Justices of the peace  
for the County and State  
aforesaid Aaron Sterling and  
made oath that the foregoing  
statement to which his name is  
subscribed is true and correct  
to the best of his knowledge -  
Given before

Thomas Robertson

Wm. Waters

Maryland J. C. I hereby Certify that Thomas Robertson  
and William Waters gentlemen before whom the within  
affidavit was made (and whose signatures appear thereto  
were at the time of making and signing the same  
Justices of the peace of the State of Maryland in and  
for Somerset County, duly Commissioned and sworn

In testimony whereof I have  
hereunto set my hand and affixed  
the seal of Somerset County and this  
fifteenth day of May 1828.  
Geo. Mason J. C. Somerset County

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William Sudler

of Maryland

& slaves.

D. A. F. agent.

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19<sup>th</sup> July 1828 allow-  
for Two slaves taken  
from Maryland at  
\$280 making \$560  
Interest reserved

William Judler being duly sworn, deposed and sayeth, that on or about the first of February in the year 1815 he went with a flag of truce from the Commanding officer of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Regiment, Maryland Militia to the British Command on the Tangier Island for the purpose of inquiring about two Slaves who had fled from him in October preceding to the British Vessels lying in Tangier Sound. This deponent represented to the British Command that his Slaves together with eight other Slaves the property of the following persons to wit: Two belonging to Thomas K. Canoll, three to Samuel Beauchamp, one to Isaac Beauchamp, one to Henry Fontaine, and one to Joseph Handy, had absconded at the same time, in a Canoe Copper fastened belonging to Isaac Beauchamp. This deponent further says that the aforesaid British Command told him that such a Canoe as above described had arrived at Tangiers in the month of October preceding containing the exact number of Slaves as he the said deponent had declared had gone off at that time; and upon calling over the names of said Slaves the British Command agreed that they were the same who had arrived at the time and in the manner before mentioned. That the said British Command observed further, that one of the party who had fled to them at that time, was a Fidler and his name menton. This observation tended to confirm the belief that the above named Slaves had fled to the British at the time aforesaid, as he the said deponent knew one of

Wm Judler's affidavit.

in favour of

- Isaac Canoll 2
- Samuel Beauchamp 3
- Isaac Beauchamp 1
- Henry Fontaine 1
- and
- Joseph Handy 1

No objection

10 Slaves

James J. Matthews  
1815

the party to be a fiddle, his name Mentor, the property of the aforesaid Isaac Blanchamp. And this deponent further says that the British Com=  
=mander declared that this party of slaves had been sent off to New Orleans on the 10<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>r</sup> preceding. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal this 28<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823

William Judler *Seal*

Sworn before us the subscribers this day and year above written in  
John Wilkins  
John H. D. Waters

State of Maryland }  
Somerset County } to wit.

I hereby certify to all whom it doth or may concern that John Wilkins and John H. D. Waters Esquires before whom the above deposition was taken, and whose signatures appear above, were at the time of so doing two of the justices of the peace of the State of Maryland for Somerset County aforesaid, duly commissioned sworn in and qualified

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of my office this 30<sup>th</sup> day of April 1823  
Geo. Handy Clerk Somerset County

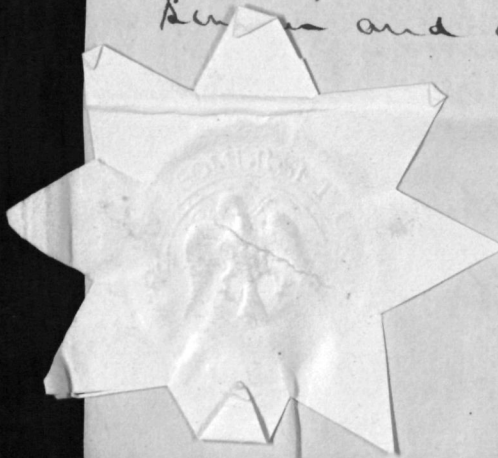
State of Maryland }  
Somerset County } to wit.

I hereby certify, that George Handy Esquire, by whom the within and aforesaid certificate is signed, is & was at the time of his signing the same, the Clerk of Somerset County Court.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand this 29<sup>th</sup> day of May Anno Dom<sup>o</sup> eighteen hundred and twenty three.

William T. Martin

*[Signature]*



It will be seen by the deposition of W. Ludler that Mr. Carroll's two slaves - three belonging to Saml. Beauchamp, and two belonging to said Ludler, as well as some others, ~~and were~~ went to the British and were by them carried off to New Orleans on the 10th Dec. 1814. as was admitted by the British themselves. It is not in the power of the masters to trace them after that date, but as the very object of their being sent off, was to make soldiers of them, there can be no doubt but they were retained in the country till the war terminated.

D. A. Hoak, agent.