

The sentence and judgment of the Court in the within case is that the said James Harris be confined in the Penitentiary of this state for the period of six years and six months from this date.

November 7th 1863.

J. Neisel

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The State of Maryland

vs

James Harris

Indictment

A True Bill

C. M. Thurston

Foreman

Filed Oct. 15/63

Witnesses

James W. Robinson

Elias Wilson

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Elias Wilson  
J. W. Robinson

Oct 14 1863, Seal W. C. C. C.

State of Maryland,

Alleghany County, to wit:

The Jurors of the State of Maryland, for the  
body of Alleghany County, do on their Oath  
present, that, James Harris, late of said  
Alleghany County, free, <sup>negro</sup> ~~colored man~~, on the  
Tenth day of August in the year of Our  
Lord One thousand eight hundred and Sixty  
three, at Alleghany County aforesaid, did  
then and there, unlawfully, entice, persuade,  
and assist two negro women Slaves, one  
named, Fanny — and the other named  
Mary Harris, the said negro Slaves, then  
and there being the lawful property  
of one Elias Wilson, ~~owner~~ of Alleghany  
County aforesaid, and the said Elias Wilson  
being then and there, the lawful owner, and  
possessor of the said negro women, Slaves,  
named, Fanny — and Mary Harris, he, the  
said James Harris, then and there well  
knowing, the said Fanny, and Mary Harris  
to be the Slaves, and to be the property  
of the said Elias Wilson, and the said James  
Harris, then and there well knowing, the said  
Elias Wilson to be, then and there, the lawful  
owner and possessor of the said Slaves, against  
the will and consent of the said Elias Wilson,  
to run away from him, the said Elias Wilson,  
the lawful owner and possessor, of the said Slaves,  
Contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly

in such case made and provided, and  
against the Peace, Government, and  
dignity of the State -

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their  
oath aforesaid, do further present, that  
the said James Harris, late of Allegany  
County aforesaid, afterwards, to wit - on  
the same day and year aforesaid, at the  
County aforesaid, did then and there,  
unlawfully entice, two other negro women  
Slaves, one named, Fanny \_\_\_\_\_ and the  
other named Mary Harris, the said last  
mentioned Negro Women, Slaves, then and  
there being, the property of the said Elias  
Wilson, and the said Elias Wilson, being  
then and there, the lawful owner and  
possessor, of the said last mentioned Slaves,  
he, the said James Harris, then and there,  
well knowing, the said last mentioned  
Slaves, to be Slaves, and the lawful prop-  
erty of the said Elias Wilson, and he -  
the said James Harris, then and there,  
well knowing, the said Elias Wilson, to be  
the lawful owner and possessor of the  
said last mentioned Slaves; against the  
will and consent of the said Elias Wilson,  
to carry away from him the said Elias Wilson,  
the lawful owner and possessor of the said last men-  
tioned Slaves, contrary to the form of the

Act of Assembly in such case made  
and provided, and against the peace,  
Government and dignity of the State—  
And the jurors aforesaid, on their oath  
aforesaid, do further present, that the said  
James Harris, late of Allegany County aforesaid,  
~~late of Allegany County aforesaid,~~  
on the same day and year aforesaid, at  
Allegany County aforesaid, did then and  
there unlawfully persuade two other negro  
Women, Slaves, one named Fanny ———  
and the other named Mary Harris, the said  
last mentioned negro Slaves, being then and  
there the lawful property of the said  
Elias Wilson, and he, the said Elias Wilson,  
being then and there, the lawful owner,  
and possessor of said last mentioned  
Slaves, he, the said James Harris, then  
and there well knowing, the said last  
mentioned Slaves, to be the Slaves, and  
to be the lawful property of the said Elias  
Wilson, and he the said James Harris,  
then and there well knowing the said  
Elias Wilson to be the lawful owner and  
possessor of the said last mentioned  
Slaves, against the will and consent of  
the said Elias Wilson, to run away from  
him the said Elias Wilson, the lawful owner  
and possessor of the said last mentioned Slaves,  
contrary to the force of the Act of Assembly

in such case made and provided, and  
against the Peace, Government and dig-  
nity of the State -

And the Jurors aforesaid, upon their oath  
aforesaid, do further present, that the said  
James Harris, Late of Allegany County,  
aforesaid, free colored man, afterwards  
to wit: - On the same day and year  
aforesaid, at the County aforesaid, did  
unlawfully, then and there assist,  
two other negro women, Slaves, one named  
Fanny ~~Wilson~~, and the other named, Mary  
~~Harris~~, the said last-mentioned Slaves,  
being then and there, the lawful property  
of the said Elias Wilson, of the County  
aforesaid, and the said Elias Wilson, being  
then and there, the lawful owner and  
possessor, of the said last mentioned Slaves,  
he, the said James Harris, then and  
there well knowing, the said last-mentioned  
Slaves, to be ~~the~~ Slaves, and to be the lawful  
property of the said Elias Wilson, and he,  
the said James Harris, then and there well knowing  
the said Elias Wilson, to be the lawful owner and possessor,  
of the said last-mentioned slaves, against the will and consent  
of the said Elias Wilson, to run away from him the said Elias Wilson,  
the lawful owner and possessor, of the said last-mentioned Slaves,  
Contrary to the form of the Act of Assembly, in such case made and  
provided, and against the Peace, Government and dignity of the State,

C. B. Thurston  
The States Attorney  
in Allegany County

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In the Circuit Court for Allegany County,

October

TERM, 1863.

The Grand Inquest of the State of Maryland, for the body of Alle-  
gany County, on their oaths do present James Harris for  
enticing & aiding six slaves (the property  
of Elias Wilson) to abscond about the  
13<sup>th</sup> day of August last - Said Harris knowing  
them to be slaves contrary to Article 30 of the Code  
Witness Section 17<sup>th</sup>

James M. Robinson

C. M. Shuster

Foreman.

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State of Maryland

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James Harris

Presented for Entering  
away Slaves &c

Ce p<sup>in</sup> Dr Jail  
T. G. McCulloch  
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**Alleghany County, to wit:**

The State of Maryland to the Sheriff of Alleghany County, Greeting:

We command you that you take James Harris

if he shall be found in your Bailiwick, and  
him safely keep, so that you have his body be-  
fore the Circuit Court for Alleghany County,  
<sup>now</sup> to be held at the Court House, in the City of  
Cumberland, on the ----- Monday of

----- ~~next~~, to answer unto the State of Maryland of and concerning  
a certain trespass, contempt and misdemeanor by him committed, as it is pre-  
sented and so forth, and have you then and there this writ.

**Witness** the Honorable **Daniel Weisel**, Judge of the said Court, the  
12<sup>th</sup> day of October, 1863. Issued the 14<sup>th</sup>  
day of October, 1863.

M. Mesley, Clerk.

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# State of Maryland

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Annapolis Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> 1864

I, *William B. Hill* Secretary of State, of the

State of Maryland, do hereby certify that the Governor this day granted a Pardon

to *James Harris (negro)*

convicted in the Circuit Court for Allegany County

at *October* Term, 1863, of enticing slaves to run away

and sentenced to be confined in the Penitentiary for 6 years & 6 months

Given under my Hand and the seal of my Office,

this *20<sup>th</sup>* day of *December*

in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight

hundred and sixty=*four*.

*W. B. Hill*