

In the matter of
the Petition of
#42 Sally Eliza Dorsey
& Priscilla M Dorsey

To the Honorable William F Giles, Judge
of the District Court of the United States for the Maryland
District.

The petition of Sally E Dorsey and Priscilla M Dorsey of
Howard County in the said State of Maryland respectfully sheweth
that your Petitioners are the lawful and bona fide owners of a
negro man, Charles, now about twenty seven years of age, and
that your petitioners have owned the said negro as a slave in life
for about four years, during all which time the said negro
was in the possession of your petitioners until Sunday the second
day of September eighteen hundred and sixty, when said negro
escaped and ran away from your petitioners, and that your
petitioners have not since recovered possession of their said slave.
They further shew that their said slave Charles, is of a dark
brown complexion, is twenty seven or twenty eight years of age,
about five feet nine or ten inches in height, has rather a long
face, and sings himself a good deal when walking rapidly, has
a very large mouth and thick lips.

And your petitioners further shew that they have caused a
deposition of a legal, competent and disinterested witness to be
taken before Edwin Gale Esquire one of the Commissioners appointed
by this Court, touching your petitioners rights in the premises,
and all the facts aforesaid, and which deposition is herewith
filed.

Your petitioners therefore pray your Honor to consider this their
petition and proofs, and if the same shall be satisfactory to
your Honor, that you will by order cause a record thereof to be
made, and a transcript thereof properly authenticated to of such
record to be delivered to your petitioners, and as in duty bound
your petitioners will ever pray &c.

Sally E Dorsey
Priscilla M Dorsey.

District and State of Maryland,

Baltimore City, Oct.

On this second day of November 1860 before the subscriber a
Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Court of the United
States for the fourth Circuit in and for the Maryland District
personally appears Sally Eliza Dorsey and Priscilla M Dorsey, the
petitioners above named, and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of

Almighty God that the matters and facts above stated are true as therein stated.

Sevin Gale

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Proof.

In the matter of the
petition of Priscilla
M Dasey and Sally
E Dasey

The deposition of William H. Dasey a witness produced, sworn and examined before the subscriber a Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the fourth Circuit in and for the District of Maryland; the said witness being by me the said Commissioner first duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God to testify the whole truth, deposed and said as follows, to wit: I am forty one year of age, and reside in Howard County in the State of Maryland. I am the brother of Priscilla M Dasey and Sally E Dasey. I have known a negro slave Charles, who calls himself Charles Dreedham, ever since his birth. he is now aged about twenty seven or eight years, his mother was the slave of my late father Thomas B Dasey, and this slave Charles was born upon my father's place in Howard County, whilst his mother was my father's slave, and said Charles was my father's slave, and said Charles was held by my father as his slave up to the time of his death, which took place in the year 1855. My father by his will bequeathed this slave Charles to my two sisters above named and myself. and after wards in the division of the property made on the 26th of July 1856, this slave was apportioned and allotted to them, and they the said Priscilla M Dasey and Sally E Dasey have held him jointly as their slave on their farm in Howard County in the State of Maryland from that time until he absconded about the first day of September last.

Charles is of a dark brown complexion, about twenty seven or twenty eight years of age, about five feet and nine or ten inches in height, has a rather broad face, and a harsh voice, he swings his arms a good deal when walking, and has a large mouth and thick lips. I don't recollect that he has any particular marks or scars upon him.

Wm H Dasey.

Sworn to and subscribed before me the subscriber a Commissioner appointed by the Circuit Court of the United States for the fourth

Circuit in and for the District of Maryland this second
day of November 1860

Levin Gale,
Comr

The United States of America

District of Maryland, set.

The foregoing Petition on oath together with the deposition therein
referred to, having been submitted to me in vacation, and I
being satisfied by said Petition and deposition, and also by the
testimony of John J. Dancy a witness of lawful age examined
by me, of the escape of said Negro Charles from said Sally
Eliza Dancy and Priscilla M. Dancy, and that the said Negro at
the time of his said escape, was, and now is, the slave of the
said Petitioners for life, and owed such service as therein
set forth, and a general description of the person of said
Negro being set forth with convenient certainty in said
petition and deposition. I hereby order and direct the Clerk of
the said Court to cause a record to be made of the matters aforesaid,
and to deliver a transcript thereof properly authenticated
to the said Petitioners. Witness my hand this second day of
November 1860

William F. Giles