

Maryland, Queen Anne's County, to wit;

At a County Court of the second Judicial District of the State of Maryland, begun and held at Centre Ville in and for Queen Anne's County aforesaid, on the first Monday of May, it being the fifth day of the said Month in the Year Eighteen hundred and fourteen, and in the forty first Year of the Independence of the United States of America -

Were Present

^{my} The Honble Richard Dilghman Esquire Chief Judge
^{my} Samuel Furnalls Esquire Associate Judge
^{my} ^{and} Thomas Worell Esquire

Richard Moffett Esquire Sheriff Tho. Murphy Clerk

In the Record of Proceedings of the said Court amongst others were the following to wit -

Negro Hannah and her Children
Abner Sparkes
Be it remembered, that on the first Monday of May, being the fifth day of the said Month in the Year Eighteen hundred and fourteen, Negro Hannah and her Children Elijah, Ann and Martha by William Carmichael their Attorney exhibited to the Court here fitting their petition for Freedom against Abner Sparkes in form following to wit -

To the Honourable the Judges of Queen Anne's County Court
The petition of Negro Hannah and her Children Elijah, Ann and Martha humbly shew that