

Frederick County and said to him I have
given Ester and her Children (of which
the petitioner was one) to Maria Herstons
the said Maria Herstons was then an
infant about 3 or 4 years old and was
then at the house of the said Sprigg in
Frederick County about 6 or 7 miles from
Frederick Town and continued to reside
with him until the spring of 1807. when
she went to reside with her Father the
said Herstons in George Town, at the time
of the aforesaid declaration of Sprigg to
Herstons the said Ester and her children
of whom the petitioner was one were
then at the house of the said Herstons
the father and guardian by nature of
Maria Herstons and were then and there
left in his possession by the said Sprigg
and from thenceforth were held by the said
Herstons as the property of the said Maria
Herstons and for her that the said
Charles Herstons held and possessed in
Frederick Town the said Ester and her Children