

the County Court here as well the said George Henderson by his attorney
of record as the said Negro Tom by his said attorney, And the said
George Henderson by his said attorney as before defendz the force and
injury when and soforth, and prayz leave of the court here further
to imparle until the second Monday of March next, and he
hath it, the same day is given to the said Negro Tom then do.

At which said second Monday of March in the year of our
Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifteen comes again into
the County Court here as well the said Negro Tom by his attorney
attorney of record as the said George Henderson by his said attorney

And the parties aforesaid by their attorneys aforesaid file in Court
here the following statement of facts to wit;

Negro Tom } Petition for freedom in Harford County Court,

vs

George Henderson } This cause upon the assent of the parties being
brought before the court aforesaid for hearing and
trial by the court; The petitioner proved to the court in support of
his petition that he was imported from the State of New York into
Harford County in the State of Maryland in the year 1792. or 1793.

The Defendant on his part proved to the court that Abraham Cole a
Citizen and resident of the State of New York removed from that
State into Harford County and State of Maryland in the beginning
of the year 1793 and brought with him from New York into Harford
County aforesaid sundry Negro Slaves of ~~which~~ which the petiti
oner Tom is one of which, that he continued to reside in Harford
County aforesaid, ^{from the time of his coming aforesaid} for about 15 years that the Defendant then
and ever since a resident of said County having intermarried
with the Daughter of said Cole received from him the petitioner
as a part of the portion of his wife, and has so held him ever
since; That the petitioner was born in the State of New York
in the family of said Cole to whom the petitioner and his mother
belonged as Slaves and has lived with him in New York from
the time of his birth; that at the time said Cole brought
said Negro into Harford County aforesaid there was no naval
officer in said County, but a naval officer at the City of
Baltimore; That one Thomas Taylor was collector - - -
of the tax at the time of the bringing said Negro into said
County, that in some short time after said Negroes was so
brought into said County a conversation did take place
about said Petitioner and the other Negroes so brought into
Harford County; the particulars or design of that conversation