

"Ann Barnet

vs

Thomas Willson  
Administrator with  
the will annexed of  
Elizabeth Richmond

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In Baltimore City Court

At the trial of this cause, the petitioner to support the issue on her part offered in evidence to the Jury that she had been living and acting in the City of Baltimore as a free woman from the 27<sup>th</sup> day of July in the year 1830 until she was arrested as a slave by the Defendant on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of October Inst. and confined in Baltimore County Jail as a runaway by his order. The Defendant to support the issue on his part then offered in evidence to the Jury that the petitioner was born the slave of Elizabeth Richmond late of Queen Anns County in the State of Maryland deceased. That the said Elizabeth Richmond on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of October in the year 1831 made and published her last will and testament and departed this life on 7<sup>th</sup> December 1831 without altering or revoking the same. That it was after her death duly exhibited and proved before the Orphans Court for Queen Anns County that the Defendant obtained from the said Court letters of Administration with the will annexed upon her personal estate and returned an Inventory thereof and offered in evidence a copy of the said Will and letters of Administration and inventory, and an order of the said Court to sell the said negroes, to show the insufficiency of the rest of the personal estate for the payment of debts. "In the name of God. Amen."  
I Elizabeth Richmond of Queen Anns County State