

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Norris vs. Ritchie: petition of Daniel Norris 15 October 1855; petition of Lydia A. Norris 15 October 1855  
Blacks claim they are being illegally detained in bondage  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-80, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-1 M 11020

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Petition of Ezra Shank 25 April 1855  
Obtains permission to sell Matilda Roberts, a "notoriously vicious & turbulent" slave  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-83, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-2 M 11020

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Petition of George W. Brown, Negro 9 June 1855; copy of commitment 6 June 1855  
Black arrested on assault and battery charges receives permission to have his case heard in court  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-85, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-3 M 11020

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Petition of Dudley, a Slave 13 December 1855; copy of commitment 13 December 1855  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-89, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-4 M 11020

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Petition of William Joyce and Samuel Joyce 4 February 1865  
Two former slaves claim they are free by the Maryland constitution but are held in bondage; court issues writ of habeas corpus  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-104, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-5 M 11020

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS**  
(Schweninger Collection)  
**FREDERICK COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT**  
(Petitions) Petition of William Henry Brown 3 May 1865; court order to sheriff 3 May 1865  
Father obtains writ of habeas corpus for son Isaac who is detained in slavery  
[MSA C848, MdHR 40,295-107, 01/41/07/32]  
MSA SC 4239-33-6 M 11020