

State of Maryland Prince Georges County Se.

On this 9th day of October in the year
eighteen hundred and forty four before the subscriber
a justice of the Peace for the county and state aforesaid
personally appears Richard Prather of said county, and
swears on the holy evangel of Almighty God
that he has been acquainted with William Gallaway
who is now about twenty three or four years of age
of a swarthy complexion has a scar on the left side
of his face near his eye for about fifteen years
past during all of which time he has to the know-
ledge of this deponent been invariably recognized
and considered as free born. This deponent further
swears on the holy evangel that ever since his acquaintance
with the said Gallaway he has been reputed and
considered to be the son of Rachel Gallaway
who died about ten years since and who
this deponent knew for about twenty years previous
to her death as a free woman of color.

Sworn before

Brig^d D. Lowndes J.P.