

When this case was before the Board. The Hon. Commissioners had noted on the papers, that further information was wanted in relation to some of the witnesses. The enclosed certificate and affidavits have been secured by the agent, and are respectfully submitted to the Board for consideration.

D. A. Hall agent,



England Saint Marys County To wit

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of April in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, appeared Sarah Smith before ~~me~~ the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, who deposes and sayeth that she knew negro Isaac the property of Mordicae Jones, and that Isaac called himself Isaac Jones; and was known by that name prior to his going to the British during the late war.

This deponant further sayeth that she knew Betty Jones (wife of the aforesaid Isaac Jones) and her children, to be the property of Margaret Biscoe, but she does not recollect the names, or number of children.

Seen and Subscribed
to before

Sarah ^{her} X Smith
make

Jenifer Taylor
Justice Peace

Point Lookout

April 21st 1828

I hereby Certify that Sarah Smith, is a respectable, white inhabitant, of lawfull age, and a competent witness

Jenifer Taylor
I entirely concur in the above certificate
of Mrs Jenifer Taylor

M. G. Jones

We the undersigned having been called on by Mrs
Margaret Percer to set a valuation on her slaves
agreeable to instruction from Mr. Adams Secretary
State requesting all persons that lost Slaves to transmit
without delay to the department of State an authentic and
proof of the number of Slaves carried away and of
their value by the current prices at which they
might have been sold for. at the time the loss was
sustained - do value and appraise them as follows

- | | |
|---|------------|
| One dark mulatto woman aged about 30 years
called Betty - two hundred and forty dollars | } \$240.00 |
| One dark mulatto Boy aged about 9 years
called Glen two hundred & thirty dollars | |
| One dark mulatto Boy aged about 7 years
called Charles - one hundred & eighty dollars | } 180.00 |
| One dark mulatto Girl aged about five
years called Margaret. one hundred & twenty five dollars | |
| One dark mulatto Girl aged about 6 months
called Mary. forty dollars | } 40.00 |
| Witness our hands and seals this
16 th day of Aug 1822 | |

Maryland & Maryland bounty to wit, James Langley Esq
Benjamin Percer Esq
Do I remember that on the 16th day of August

personally appear James. A. Langley and Benjamin
Percer before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in
and for said bounty, and makes oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that the above valuation
is as near the current prices of said Slaves as they
bear aputain & what such Slaves would have sold
for at the time the loss was sustained to the

Sum
The James Abington of 2 Sept 1822
13th Dec. Mrs Margaret - St. Mary's Co. Md
15 Aug 5 1822
5 Slaves - \$815
1 - 240
1 - 230
1 - 180
1 - 125
1 - 40

best of their knowledge & belief

Peter W. Thomson

Maryland St. Marys County to wit,

on the 16th day of August 1822 personally appeared
Margaret Buscoe, wife of Thomas Buscoe, late of
Saint Marys County deceased, and after having been
duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of almighty
God. deponee and saith that on or about - the fourth
or fifth day of November 1813 ~~she~~
slaves of her said husband absconded and went off,
and that she said states were of the following descri-
-ption a mulatto ~~man~~ woman called Betty aged
about thirty and her four children as follows one
mulatto boy aged about nine called Glenn, one
mulatto boy aged about seven called Charles
one mulatto girl aged about five called Margaret
and one mulatto girl aged about six months
called Mary - the deponent further saith that
the said slaves, has never returned nor has there
occurred any compensation for them, and that
she does verily believe that the said slaves
were carried off by the British vessels when they
left the waters of the United States - the deponent
further saith not

Margaret Buscoe

signed and acknowledged

before Peter W. Thomson, JP

State of Maryland, Saint Marys County to wit:

I hereby certify that Peter W. Thomson
Gentleman before whom the annexed depositions
were ~~made~~ taken and whose name appears thereto
signed, was at the time of taking and signing thereof
and still is one of the justices of the peace of the State
of Maryland for Saint Marys County aforesaid
duly commissioned and qualified; and to all whose acts
as such due faith and credit is and ought to be
given as well in Courts of Justice as there out.

In Testimony whereof I have
hereunto set my name and affixed
the seal of my office this 22^d day
of September 1822. -

J. Harris CJ
St. Marys County

and Saint Marys County, To wit

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of March, in the year, one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight appeared Peter Jones, before me the subscriber, a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, who deposed and sayeth that he was well acquainted with a Negro Man by the Name of Isaac Jones, the property of Mr. Mordecai Jones of the County and State above mentioned, and that he saw said Isaac Jones together with his wife Named Betty Jones and her four Children by the Names of Clem, Charles, Margaret and Mary, the property of Mr. Margaret Winsor of Saint Marys County, go on board the British ship Dragon, some time during the late war, then lying of Saint Georges Island in the Potomack River, and this deponent knowes said slaves has Never returned to their owners

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me this 21st day of March 1828

his
Peter X Jones
Mark

Jenifer Taylor Justice of the peace

of Margaret Biscoe
for five slaves to wit,

Betty Jones
Clem Jones
Charles Jones
Margaret Jones
Mary Jones. p. 25. 58.

Mary was the daughter of
Betty Jones, see new dep-
ositions filed, and see the
name of Mary Jones on
the British List, page 25,
& p. 58. where she is called
a child.

as the property of
by the testimony of
doubt went by the
since his name is found
ed list, accompanied
r, who, it is presumed,
and children now

deputy of Mrs. Margaret Biscoe
board the British Ship dra-
the war, then lying off saint
ack live, and that deponent
returned to their owners,

done
the year

his
Thomas Cole
marks

The Slave Isaac was the property of
Mordecai Jones, as appears by the testimony of
Elwiley Smith, and no doubt went by the
name of Isaac Jones, since his name is found
on page 88. of the printed list, accompanied
by a wife and children, who, it is presumed,
are the female slave and children now
claimed.

Margaret, and Mary the property of Mr. Margaret Biscoe
of Saint Marys County; go on board the British Ship dra-
gon, some time during the late war, then lying off Saint
Georges Island, in the Potomack River, and that deponent
knows said Slaves has never returned to their owners,

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me this 21st day of March 1828

Jenifer Taylor Justice of the Peace

his
Thomas X Cole
mark

and Saint Marys County to wit

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day
of March, in the year one thousand Eight hundred and twenty
Eight, appeared Thomas Cole, before me the Subscriber a Justice
of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, who deposed
and sayeth that he was well acquainted with a Negro Man
by the Name of Isaac Jones, the property of Mr. Mordecai
Jones, of the County and State above Mentioned, and that he
Saw said Isaac Jones, together with his wife Name Betty Jones
and her four Children by the Names of Clem. Charles,
Margaret, and Mary the property of Mr. Margaret Biscoe
of Saint Marys County; go on board the British Ship dra-
gon, some time during the late war, then lying off Saint
Georges Island, in the Potomack River, and that deponent
knows said Slaves has never returned to their owners,

Sworn to and Subscribed before
me this 21st day of March 1828

Jenifer Taylor Justice of the peace

his
Thomas Cole
mark

England Saint Marys County To Wit.

Be it remembered that on this twenty first day of March, in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty eight, appeared Arnold Jones, before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the County and State aforesaid, who deposeth and sayeth that he was well acquainted with a negro man by the name of Isaac Jones, the property of Mr Mordecai Jones of the County and State above mentioned, and that he saw said Isaac Jones, together with his wife named Betty and her four children by the names of Lem - Charles, Margaret and Mary, the property of Mrs Margaret Biscoe of Saint Marys County, go on board the British Ship Dragon, some time during the late war, then lying off St. Georges Island in the Potomack River, and this deponent know, said Slaves has never returned to their owners.

Arnold Jones
his mark

Sworn to and subscribed }
before me this 21st day of March 1828 }

Jonifer Taylor

Justice of the Peace

Ridge Post Office A. Mary's County Md.

April 23. 1828.

To

David A. Hall Esq.

I hereby certify that I have for many
years known Peter Jones, Arnold Jones and Thomas Cole,
and they sustain fair and honest characters.

M. Clarke
Postmaster

Jones, being duly sworn on the holy Evangelij of al-
mighty God, deposes as follows to wit, on the Night of the
3. of Nov^r: 1813, his father Negro Man Isaac aboconded, with
his wife Betty and four Children, all of which were the pro-
perty of Thomas Biscoe, Now deceased, and went to the bir-
-toon, early in the Morning of the 4th: the batteau in which
I believe they were, was then of their house contending against
a strong North west wind, Making for his Britanic Majesty's
Ship Dragon, Com^d: Mary, then lying off Saint George's Is-
-land; A boat from the Ship, was sent down to their assist-
-ance ^{to} took them in, and conveyed them to the Dragon ^{and} ^{the} ^{three} ^{other} ^{Negro} ^{fellow} ^s, ^{two} ^{the} ^{property} ^{of} ^{Josiah} ^{Biscoe}, ^{the} ^{other} ^{the} ^{property} ^{of} ^{Robert} ^{Dun} ^{Simmon} ^{son} ^{now} ^{deceased}, ^{abandoned} ^{the} ^{same} ^{night}, and he believes
were in the batteau with his father Man Isaac, his
wife Betty and their four Children (Slaves of Thomas Biscoe
as aforesaid), for the batteau appeared to be pretty full

Sworn before Jenifer Taylor

Dec: 17th 1827

Uwiley Smith, being duly sworn on the holy Evangel
of almighty God, deposes and saith as follows to wit;
Betty and her four Children, all of them slaves to Thomas
= Biscoe, ^{Now dead} absconded and went to the British in the late war,
the Morning after Betty and her Children ~~absconded~~, together with
one Negro Man Isaac, the property of M. Jones, two other
men the property of Josiah Biscoe one named Harry, the other
Tom, and one other Slave the property of Plot. Dankinson
named Abram, absconded; he the deponent saw them in
a batteau, contending against a strong Northwest wind,
and aiming for his Britanic Majesty's Ship the Dragon
Com^d. Barry, then lying off Saint George's Island, he the
deponent further saith that he saw a boat from said Ship
(Dragon) come to their assistance, and convey them on board
said Ship

Sworn before
Jenifer Taylor
(Dec. 17th 1827)

State of Maryland Saint Marys County to wit
Margaret Biscoe, being duly sworn on the holy Evangel
of almighty God deposes as follows to wit; that some time
During the late war, Betty, Clem, Charles, Margaret and
Mary, all absconded ^{at} the same time, and went on board his
Britanic Majesty's Ship Dragon, then lying off Saint
George's Island, as she believes; this deponent further
saith that she aforesaid, Betty, Clem, Charles, Margaret and
Mary were all slaves, the property of Thomas Biscoe, Now
Dead

Sworn before
Jenifer Taylor
(Dec. 26th 1827)

State of Maryland St Marys County to wit.
I hereby Certify that Jenifer Taylor Esq. before
whom the aforesaid affidavits appear to have been made
and whose name is signed thereto was at the time doing so
a Justice of the Peace of the State of Maryland for the
County of ~~St Marys~~ a usual duty commissioned & sworn.
In Testimony whereof I hereunto set my
hand & seal of office this 28th day of
December 1827
J. Harris
St Marys County Col.

Maryland Saint Marys County &c.

Be it remembered that on this 23rd day of August 1822, personally appears James Tarbes of the State of Maryland & County aforesaid, before me the Subscribed one of the Justices of the Peace in and for said County, and made oath on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, that he was part of the years 1814 & 1815 a prisoner of war on parole in Novascotia near Halifax, and that while a prisoner as aforesaid he frequently saw Negro Betty the Property of Thomas Biscoe late of the County aforesaid at the house where he the ^{said} deponant boarded, Betty was a dark Molatto and had several of her children with her as the deponant understood from her the said Betty, the number of children the deponant do not recollect & further not sayth the deponant

Sworn before

J. P.

St. Inigoes St. Marys County Md.
April 23. 1828.

To David A Hall Esq.

I hereby certify that I have
for many years known Peter Jones, Arnold Jones and
Thomas Cole, and that they sustain fair and good
characters.

Thomas I Bennett
Post Master.

Sir,

Agreeably to your request in a letter to
Gen. George W. Biscoe, and at his request I herewith
forward the accompanying certificates, also Mrs.
Smiths deposition

Yours very respectfully
Thomas I Bennett.

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Claim of Margaret

Brices of Va.

No 524

To be filed in the

Brices claim.

Washington City Co.

Attorney at Law

David A Hall Esq.

Th. I Bennett PM

St. Inigoes Md.

April 23. 1828