

State of Maryland

Calvert County to wit 15<sup>th</sup> July 1828

Personally appeared George Ireland Esq. before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid & did seriously, solemnly and truly affirm & declare that in the year 1814 he was living on Drum Point in said County when he had a great opportunity of seeing the British fleet while they were in the Potomac river & that in the summer of the said year 1814 he saw Alexander or Sawney the property of Susana Rawlings with one of the Marine officers & that the said Alexander or Sawney had a quid as tho' he was armed & no doubt belonged to the Marine forces and that during the said year 1814 he saw Minty property of the said Susana Rawlings in the British service a washing & that the said Minty Alexander or Sawney and Minty has been entirely lost to their masters ever since

Affirmed before

Joshua Seawick

Calvert County &c

I hereby Certify that Joshua Seawick Gentleman  
& whose name is truly subscribed  
before whom the above affirmations was made & taken  
was at the time of so doing and that he is one of the State  
of Md Justices of the peace in and for Calvert County  
aforesaid & Commissioned & Sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set  
my hand & affixed the seal of Calvert  
County Court this 18<sup>th</sup> day of July 1828  
Wm. M. Lee Clerk of Calvert  
County Court

Maryland Calvert County to wit,

On the first day of March 1828 personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for the County and State aforesaid Mrs. Alletha Smith as witness in the case of Susanna Rawlings respecting the elopement of negro Alexander, Peter, and Minty, and made oath on the holy Evangelist of almighty God, that she knew the said negroes, that Alexander or Jerry went by the name of Harrington, Peter being but a youth had no surname positively but at times called himself Rawlings, Minty had two surnames Jerry, and Callan, that she had a husband by the name of Joe Gunning the property of Mr. Ireland that a short time after their marriage they fell out and parted, she then formed an intimacy with a negro woman the property of David Avis by the name of Philis Callan, they both joined the Methodist Church claimed a Sisterhood, and she adopted that name as Miss Minty Callan as such she went to the British in the year 1814 while her husband was in the Patent office to the best of her knowledge so help her God

Sworn before

James Wilson



Susanna Rawlings appears on the Deposition list at page 27 as  
the claimant for three slaves, viz Minty - Sawney & Peter -  
She proves by the deposition of a witness named "Colonel Brooke"  
that in the year 1814 she owned as slaves for life, the three above  
named negroes - that in the summer of the same year, while the  
British fleet was in the Patuxent River, the said negroes eloped  
from their mistress's went on board the British fleet & that they  
have been entirely lost to the claimant - It is also proved by  
this witness, that negro Minty was known by the name of "Minty  
Caden" or "Gurry" being it is supposed called sometimes by  
one & sometimes by the other name - the Surnames of the other  
two negroes are also given in the deposition of Mr Brooke

On reference to the Halifax list of negroes received into the  
province of Nova Scotia "from the U States of America" after  
the 27 April 1815. at page 75. the agent finds a negro called  
Minty Caden - the name is a peculiar one, & altho there is not  
an exact correspondance in the ages of the two, there is  
ground for a strong presumption that they are the same -

The deposition of Colonel Brooke is filed in the case of Juliet  
Rawlings, & is respectfully referred to - It ~~was~~ is written on  
the same paper with the deposition of the witness, in the case  
of Juliet Rawlings, it was not thought advisable to se-  
parate it, the two depositions, being authenticated by  
one ~~and~~ certificate of the County clerk

The claimant is without proof as to the time when Sawney  
& Peter were removed from the United States. & they cannot  
be traced by the Surnames given, on either of the lists - is

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Susanna Rawlings

Agent's remarks

Power of attorney is filed  
in the case of Juliet Rawlings  
claiming



it not reasonable to presume, that they were kept together,  
as Minty was not removed, at a period earlier <sup>than</sup> ~~that~~ to ad-  
mit of her arrival at Halifax, before the 27 April 1815, that  
Lawancey & Peter were also within the U States after the 27  
Feb 1815. If the men were separated from the woman, it is  
likely to have been done for the purpose of employing  
them in the military service of the enemy - to which their  
ages were suitable, the one being 24. the other 18 years of  
age.

It appears by the deposition of George Ireland, that he saw Lawancey, the  
property of the Claimant, on shore, in company with a Marine officer  
of the Enemy - ~~and~~ that the said negro was armed with a gun,  
& that the deponent entertained no doubt he had enlisted in  
the marine service, which I take to be the idea, designed to be  
conveyed by the words "no doubt (he) belonged to the marine  
forces -"

John Marbury  
for Claimant -  
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