

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

COUNTY OF WASHINGTON.

} to wit:

On this _____ day of *May* 1862, in open Court in the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia, personally appeared *Nashamie Clayton* a citizen of the United States, residing in *Montgomery* County and State of Maryland, and made oath according to law that he is the lawful owner and possessor of the slaves hereinafter named, to wit:

Johnson Brown, Alvin Smith and John William, and Charles, his children

That the said slaves are slaves for life, and were residing with, and in his possession at his residence in said *Montgomery* County, that *about the first day of March 1862 Alvin and his children and about the 12th day of May Johnson Brown* the said slaves respectively absconded from the possession of this affiant in said *Montgomery* County, against his will, and without his knowledge or consent, and fled to the District of Columbia, where he has reason to believe, and does believe they now are fugitives from labor and service due to this affiant by them in the said State of Maryland, and he prays process, and that said slaves may, by the order of this Court, be taken, and delivered to this affiant to be taken back to the State of Maryland.

Test: *Nashamie Clayton*