

Richard Grason Esq, a competent Witness of lawful age, being produced on the part of the said J. S. Mitchell, and duly sworn on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, deponeth and saith.

That he is well acquainted with James S. Mitchell Esq of said County, and that said Mitchell was in the town of Elkton in said County, and in the Office of said Grason, two days before the Negro Woman, claimed as a fugitive Slave by said Mitchell, and her infant son, were brought to the said town of Elkton, by a certain Alberti of Pennsylvania, and that he the said Mitchell remained in said <sup>town</sup> during that night, and the next morning after breakfast left the said town in his Carriage to attend a Camp Meeting, about ten Miles from said town. That on the following day the said Alberti arrived at the said town of Elkton, having the said Negro Woman, and child, in charge, and procured a conveyance and left the said town of Elkton for the residence of said Mitchell, in the lower part of said County, and late in the evening of the same day the said Mitchell and Alberti returned to said town in Company — The said Negro Woman, acknowledged in the presence of said Grason, that she was the slave of J. S. Mitchell, and that the child which she then held in her arms was her child.

The said Grason, has no knowledge whatever, nor does he believe that the said J. S. Mitchell, was in the State of Pennsylvania, for a long time previously to the occurrences above mentioned.

The said Grason, has no knowledge of any negro Woman or child having been brought from Pennsylvania or elsewhere to the said County for the said Mitchell, other than those above mentioned.

Sworn to, and subscribed before  
me, on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March  
Anno Domini 1851.  
Geo: H. Joyce, ~

Rich: Grason

Joseph Wells, a competent Witness of lawful age, being produced on the part of the said J. S. Mitchell, and duly sworn on the Holy Evangelly of Almighty God, deponeth and saith — That on the preceding day of the arrival of the fugitive Slave Woman, and her son, Joel Henry Thompson, at the town of Elkton, that he was in company with the said J. S. Mitchell, within a few Miles from Elkton, at a Camp Meeting, on the Delaware line, that he frequently saw Mr Mitchell during said day, and verily believes he was not in the State of Pennsylvania, either as principal or accessory, engaged, in the capture of said Slaves.

Sworn to, and subscribed, before me,  
on this 15<sup>th</sup> day of March, 1851 ~

Joseph Wells