

RG 21 E6 Legal Affairs of Black Washingtonians

Unfortunately, lots of the Circuit Court's paperwork has disappeared. The docket book for the December term, 1816, for instance lists a Criminal Trial 2, "U.S. v. Caleb Simpson...for keeping a disorderly house, & harbouring slaves on the sabbath," but there are no surviving documents that relate to the case. There are entire terms of the court for which no petitions for freedom survive. What follows is a list of cases for which there is at least some documentation extant.

BOX 1 contains miscellaneous early documents, including an arrest warrant for "Negro Ben," who had run away from Sabrett Scott, and a writ of error for Ben's wrongful imprisonment.

For the following items, consult the box list.

June term 1807

Criminal Trials

17 U.S. v. Sabrett Scott "For conspiring with Negroes"

December term 1808

Petitions for Freedom: Civil Appearances 18, Ann Shorter v. Thomas Corcoran; 19, Ann Shorter v. Daniel Rapine; 21, Ann Shorter v. George Fenwick; 24, Nelly Brown v. Nicholas Young; 25, Nelly Brown v. Mary Young; 41, Becky Joice v. William Jenkins; 133, Philis Butler v. Augustin Saira. Petitions for Freedom with no number: Henry Joyce v. Thomas Conner; Elizabeth Bentley v. Thomas Keen; Sarah Oakley v. Mary Ann Fenwick; Catherine Killegrew v. Mary Ann Fenwick.

June term 1809

Civil Appearances

54 William Killegrew v. Daniel Carroll petition for freedom
55 Susan Joyce v. Daniel Carroll petition for freedom
151 Joseph Varden v. John Clay sale of "4 Negroes" for \$1500 (Clay was from New Orleans, not Washington; laws regulating the sale of slaves in the District probably complicated this case)

Civil Trials

91 Edward H. Calvert v. James C. Lee Lee promised to pay Calvert \$250 and accrued interest for "a Negro Girl named Betty"

Criminal Appearances

23 U.S. v. John Watkins Watkins "did willingly entertain, and willingly permit and suffer to be about his house, a certain negro woman slave, named Lydia, then and there unlawfully absenting herself from her master and owner...."

Judicials

- 9 Susan Davis and her daughter Airy v. Caleb Swan judgment in their favor of \$37.62 ½ or 186 lbs. Tobacco “for their costs and charges by them about their suits (in behalf of their freedom prosecuted in the said court) laid out and expended”

Inquests

- 4/8/1809 Henry Butler “a free Black man . . . found floating in Rock Creek on the 8th of April with a silver watch in his pocket and a gold ring on his finger”
 4/11/1809 Henry Bealls (includes testimony of George Peck, “a Black man who acted as cook” on frigate U.S.S. *United States*)
 4/29/1809 “John a Black Boy who was accidentally Buried in the Sand Bank”

December term 1809

Civil Appearances

- 174 James Currill v. Archibald McMullin Petition for freedom
 (F.S. Key, attorney)
 271 Peter Thomas } “they are entitled to be free, being descended from a
 272 Walter Thomas & Dennis Thomas} free white woman whose name was Elizabeth
 Thomas, in the female line”

Civil Trials

- 40 Negro Charles and Nan his wife v. Daniel Mosley et al. (F.S. Key, attorney)
 235 Henrietta, Henry & Stephen v. Gilbert Docker petition for freedom
 236 John, Terrissa & Mary Ann Davis v. Hezekiah Wood petition for freedom
 246 Negro Ben v. Sabrett Scott petition for freedom (see June term 1811, Civil Trial 190)

Equity

- 75 Andrew J. Villard v. John Darby fraudulent sale of “a negro man slave by the name of James”
 78 Negress Sall v. Thomas Bird et al. “On behalf of herself and her child James an infant aged one year”

Inquests

- 8/28/1809 “Negro Harry a Slave who was accidentally drowned in the Eastern Branch”

Judicials

- 23 S. H. Smallwood v. James Veitch “1 Negro Boy named Nicholas” \$300

References

- 74 Alexander Scott v. Elias B. Caldwell “Hire of negroes Harry, Billy & Basil”
 (Billy for three months; Harry for one year; Basil for three years: total \$258.13)

June term 1810*Civil Trials*

- 88 Samuel Speake v. Samuel Davidson involved a "small negro girl named Mary," valued at \$65, and/or "one Negro Girl about 8 years old," valued at \$75--perhaps different appraisals of the same person
- 105 Daniel Carroll v. Henry Whitcroft involved 5 males, aged 10-45, and 6 females, aged 16-40 (total value \$2375), seized for unpaid taxes
- 106 Arnold Elzey v. Joseph Thompson arising out of "the hire of a negro man called Isaac" (Elzey's slave)
- 207 Mima Queen v. John Hepburn hinges on whether her female ancestor was free or slave
- 209 Alexia Queen v. John Davis petition for freedom
- 217 Walter & Dennis Thomas v. Alexander Scott a particularly thick file (see Civil Appearance 272, December term 1809)
- 218 Peter Thomas v. Christiana Hamilton (see Civil Appearance 271, December term 1809)
- 220 Margaret Joes & children v. Fellow Hewes petition for freedom
- 221 Isaac & Edward Davis v. John Travis petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 20 U.S. v. Richard Spalding assault and battery "upon one Negro Charles the slave of one Thomas B. Bealle"
- 21 U.S. v. John Cannon same charge as above
- 22 U.S. v. Oswald Hughes assault and battery "on a Negro Man to the jurors . . . as yet unknown"
- 29 U.S. v. Thomas Oliver bigamy
- 39 U.S. v. Azeriah "a free negro" stealing goods and money worth \$8.00

Imparlanes

- 139 Richard Picknall v. John Minitre "a negro girl named Sal" \$120
 "a negro boy named basil" 150
 "negro Lucy" 125

Inquests

- "Negro Chester... accidentally killed by falling out of the Cart and the wheel striking his head"
- "Negro Celia who died by the Visitation of God"
- "a negro Child which died suddenly by the Visitation of God"

Judicials

- 15 Jeremiah Boothe v. Sarah Washington "one negro boy named Willy about 14 or 15 years of age" \$225.00
- 54 David Bates v. Philip Selby "one negro man name of Peter about 25 years old" \$275.00

58	Elisha Gordon v. Henry Knowles		
		"one negro man name of Jim about 25 years old"	\$400.00
		"one negro lad named [Tim?] about 15 years old"	\$350.00
87	B. Higgins v. R. & L.H. Johns	"one yellow lad named Jerry"	\$250.00
		"one negro man"	\$150.00

December term 1810*Civil Appearances*

17	Samuel Busey v. James B. Kortright	"one negro woman named Sarah"	\$100.00
		"one negro boy named Frank"	50.00

Civil Trials

16	William Hay v. Ignatius Newton	has to do with hiring Hay's slave, "a negro man named Tom," for 3 months and 13 days, for \$51.50	
60	Francis Newman v. Henley Davis	Davis shot Hannah, Newman's slave. One deponent said "that he has heard the negro woman called Hannah say that if Davis ever touched her again she would be a match for him and would kill him if she could, that she never had been, nor ever would be Whipped by such a poor Son of a Bitch as he was." Another deponent "being asked what was the general Character of the defendant Davis--answer that he is generally thought to be a cruel, bloody minded Ill tempered Person and further says not." Another deponent "heard negro woman Hannah say that if Davis struck her she would resist him, that she never had been conquered by an overseer--heard Davis say that the Husband of Hannah had attempted his life and shewed him marks of violence on his throat." Another deponent: "Davis said he wanted them [pistols] to defend himself; he had been attacked by Mr Newmans Negroes once or twice and was determined if they again resisted him to kill them."	
123	John Pritchard v. John Minitree	Minitree had seized Pritchard's slave, a "negro lad named Peter," valued at \$275, "against sureties & pledges & so forth"	

Criminal Appearances

37	U.S. v. Benjamin Beall	Beall stole three woolen blankets (worth \$4) and a pair of breeches (worth 50 cents) "from negro John Brown the slave of George French." At issue was John Brown's ability to testify in the case; the defense held that he was not a competent witness.	
38	U.S. v. John Harris	Harris, a free Negro, stabbed "Hugh, otherwise known as Uriah, a negro and the slave of one Job Smith"	
45	U.S. v. Negro Levi	for stealing 1/4 of a cord of wood (worth one dollar)	

Imparances

29	Mary Lane v. David Bates	"one yellow Girl named Eliza"	\$250.00
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Rough Bundle

Petition for Freedom--Rezin Ogletton (sic) v. Isaac Franklin

Petitions for Freedom--Resin Overton (sic) and Amy, Daniel, Joan, Nelly, Pompey and Susan Overton, "having lineally descended in the female line from a free woman"

June term 1811

Civil Appearances

34 George A. Thomas v. Fielding Parker "one negro girl named Charity aged about 10 years old" \$160.00

Civil Trials

190 Negro Ben v. Sabrett Scott petition for freedom
 191 Susan Bordley and her children v. Anne Tilley petition for freedom
 193 Michael & Anthony Oakley v. Notley Young petition for freedom
 194 Loeticia & Rachael Davis v. Rebecca Forrest petition for freedom
 196 Negress Patty et al. v. Thomas & Gerrard Greenfield petition for freedom
 197 Ann Davis and her children v. Charles Miniffee petition for freedom
 201 Negro Anne v. Elisha W. Williams petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

12 U.S. V. Richard Bevans, "free mulatto," for assault and battery on Polly Bevans (Bevans appears on that term's "List of Prisoners Confined in the Jail," but without any racial distinction)
 38 U.S. v. William Smith, "free negro," for keeping a disorderly house ("gaming" was written on the printed form, above the usual words "drinking, tippling, whoring, and misbehaving themselves unlawfully")

Rough Bundle

"Inquest on James Smith a yellow Boy who was accidentally drowned in Rock Creek"

December term 1811

Civil Trials

214 Davy Davis v. James Cassin petition for freedom
 215 Sarah Davis v. James Clerklee petition for freedom
 218 George Davis v. Mary Young petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

17 U.S. v. Susannah Molby, "free mulatto woman," for assault and battery on Ann Flint
 75 U.S. v. Ling Nickles, "free negro," for stealing one jacket worth \$2.50 and a handkerchief worth 50 cents
 77 U.S. v. Thomas Hawkins, "free negro," for assault and battery on Liddy Butler
 79 U.S. v. Jesse Tyler, "free mulatto," for stealing one barrel of herring worth \$4, and four pairs of shoes worth \$4

- 94 U.S. v. Jim Thomas, "slave," for breaking and entering and stealing 150 pounds of bacon worth \$20

Rough Bundle

U.S. v. Negro Ninian Ninian Nicholls, "free negro," stole a shoulder of bacon worth 75 cents

Judicials

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| 2 | William C. Newton v. George Adams | "one Negro Girl named Sabra" | \$250.00 |
| 6 | John Vint v. Levi White | "one negro man [illegible]" | 300.00 |
| 53 | Peter Hoffman v. Ann Tilloy | "1 negro girl named Charlotte aged about 15 years" | 200.00 |

June term 1812*Civil Trials*

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| 9 | Samuel Scott v. Henry Edwards | "hire of a negro woman" | L12-1-10 ½ (\$32.22) |
| 99 | Jacob Ducket v. Francis Jenkins | "one negro man named Andrew about 33 years old" | \$300.00 |
| | | "one negro boy named John about 14 or 15 years old" | \$300.00 |
| 120 | R.H. Picknall v. W. Rider | "1 negro boy named bill aged about 16 years" | \$250.00 |
| | | "1 Negro Girl named Sall aged about 12 years" | 175.00 |
| 252 | Negro Joe v. George Chapman | petition for freedom | |
| 253 | John and Serena v. Henry Moscross | petition for freedom | |
| 254 | Esther Bradley v. Elizabeth Wilson | petition for freedom | |
| 257 | Rachel Lyons and her children v. Richard M. Johnson | petition for freedom | |

Rough Bundle

Inquest "on a female infant the child of Bidly a Slave of William Rhodes who died Suddenly by the Ill treatment of the Mother"

Inquest "on Negro John the Property of Mrs Hamilton who being in a State of intoxication died by the abuse he gave himself"

Judicials

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| 29 | Thady Hogan v. William Thornton | "one negro man named John" | \$350.00 |
| 67 | Suman Bishop v. Henry Knowles | "one yellow Girl named Mariah" | 280.00 |

June term 1813*Civil Trials*

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| 249 | Priscilla Queen v. Francis Neale | petition for freedom | |
| 250 | Hester Queen v. J. Nevitt & R. Nally | petition for freedom | |
| 255 | Matilda Gray and her child v. Mary Ann Pic | petition for freedom | |
| 257 | Thomas J. Browner v. Horatio Smallwood | "hire negro girl" | \$15.00 |

Criminal Appearances

- 47 U.S. v. Joseph Butler Butler, a carpenter and "free negroe," was charged with stealing "one sorrel bay gelding" worth \$120
- 48 U.S. v. Joseph Butler Same defendant charged with stealing one saddle (\$5), one bridle (\$5) and "one great coat of woolen cloth" (\$7)

Rough Bundle

Coroner's inquest on "a Negro Lad named Bill...drowned in the Waters of Rock Creek..."

Judicials

- 54 Mary Shaw v. Henry Knowles "one negro man named Levi" \$350.00
- 55 William Stewart v. Henry Knowles "one negro man named Levi" \$350.00
(Levi's state of mind, as the stake in simultaneous lawsuits, may be imagined.)

December term 1813*Civil Appearances*

- 56 Negro Rachel and child v. Jonathan Morris Petition for freedom
- 224 Lewis H. Machen v. Thomas Dunn
"one Negro boy About ten years old named George" \$200.00
"one Negro girl named Mariah about eight years old" \$150.00
- 228 John G. McDonald v. Thomas Dunn
"One Negro boy named William about 4 years old" \$100.00

Criminal Appearances

- 42 U.S. v. Harry Thompson, "free negroe" stealing 7 calfskins worth \$27.00
- 46 U.S. v. Azariah Kitts, "free negroe" stole clothing and bed linen worth \$18.00
- 47 U.S. v. Polly Brown, "free negress" stole one calico gown worth \$3.00
- 48 U.S. v. Polly Brown stole dresses, shoes and bonnet worth \$24.00
- 49 U.S. v. Nancy Swann, "free mulatto" stole one silk umbrella worth \$4.00

Judicials

- 23 Thomas Williams v. Samuel Speake
"one negro girl or woman named Eliza about 16 years old" \$200.00

June term 1814*Civil Trials*

- 46 Samuel S. Hamilton v. Spence Grayson
"One Negro man named Jesse to serve" 2 years, 9 months \$125.00
- 202 Negro John and Serena v. Henry Moscross petition for freedom
(see June term 1812, Civil Trial 253)
- 205 Negro Lucy and her children v. John & Nathan Somers petition for freedom
- 206 Negro Rachel and her children v. Henry Jarvis petition for freedom
- 207 Sally Henry v. Henry W. Ball petition for freedom

208	Emanuel Gasbury v. Henry W. Ball	petition for freedom
209	"Violet a woman of Colour and her children" v. H.W. Ball	petition for freedom
211	John McCloud v. Esias Travers	petition for freedom
214	John Bradley v. Pendleton Heronimus	petition for freedom

Judicials

42	David Lenox v. Alexander S. Smoot	
	"1 negro man named Stephen aged about 34 years"	\$350.00
	"1 negro man named Joseph aged about 26 years"	\$350.00

December term 1814*Civil Trials*

247	Priscilla Graham and her children v. Redmond Gracey	petition for freedom
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Judicials

22	Bank of Washington v. Alexander Scott	"one yellow man named William"	\$350.00
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Rough Bundle

Coroner's inquests "Manuel a Coloured man...who died by the Visitation of God"
 "a Coloured man found in the Potomac unknown and the cause of his death unknown"

June term 1815*Civil Trials*

184	John A. Burford v. John Selby	Cause of suit: "You wickedly & maliciously attempting to persuade my black people to run away"
274	Negro Lucy and children v. Stephen Cooke	petition for freedom

Rough Bundle

Coroner's inquest on "a Negro boy named Bernard, belonging to the estate of the late John B. Rittenhouse, lying dead, at the shore of the River Potowmac, at Georgetown..., where he was found floating in the River by a certain Negro man, named Clement Shorter"

December term 1815*Civil Appearances*

112	Thomas Foyle v. Washington Boyd	"one negro girl named Lotty"	\$300.00
132	Gerard Alexander v. ----- Armsby	"one negro woman slave aged about 21 years and her infant child named Rosanna aged about one year both valued at \$325.00"	
140	John Ball v. Mary Gatton	"one black boy named John about fifteen years old"	\$300.00
177	Adam Lindsay v. Thomas Davis	"one negro woman named Laura about forty years old"	\$200.00
		"One negro child named Anne about five years old"	75.00

- 241 Nancy D. Hewitt v. Bennett Smith
 "One Negro girl named Rachel about fifteen years of age" \$250.00
- 414 Cordelia Wilson v. [blank] Brown petition for freedom
- 415 Rosanna Brown v. [blank] Bennett petition for freedom
- 416 John Parker v. [blank] Offutt petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 83 Charles Miniffee v. Ambrose White "two Negro Boys (Frederick & Hanson)
 sold...at one year's credit" \$600.00
- 84 Charles Miniffee v. John A. Burford "Negroes David & Nancy" \$400.00
- 326 Negro Delia and children v. Thomas Offutt petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 69 U.S. v. John Allen, "free negro...for stealing a Pocket Book containing ninety or ninety five dollars two Tobacco Notes and a note of Hand of James Johnston for 100 dollars"

Judicials

- 6 Thomas W. Pairo v. Francis Jenkins
 "one Negro boy about 20 years old named John" \$350.00
- 125 J. Harding v. B. & E. Perry
 "one young negro man named George about 25 years" \$400.00

Rough Bundle

Grand Jury "representation respecting James French..., a retailer of spirituous liquors, keeps a very disorderly house--particularly on the sabbath day, when there are large and tumultuous meetings, at his house, of negroes, and worthless whitemen-- That the slaves in the neighborhood are corrupted by means of such meetings and practices...."

Coroner's inquests on "Jonathan a Coloured Boy" and "Bill a Coloured Man [who] died suddenly by the Earth falling on him where he was dig[g]ing"

June term 1816*Criminal Appearances*

- 35 U.S. v. William Ennis, "free mulatto," for stealing "nine pieces of pork of the value of eight dollars"
- 39 U.S. v. Ned Johnson, "free negro," for stealing four fence rails worth forty cents

Rough Bundle

John Brown's certificate of freedom and character reference, in "miscellaneous" file

"Case of Negro Morris" Morris Peers' petition for freedom; see also December term 1816, Civil Trial 336, and June term 1817, Civil Trial 360.

December term 1816

Civil Trials

- 336 Negro Morris v. George Miller petition for freedom
 338 William Ethington v. William Crawford petition for freedom

Inquests

Richard Contee, "a coloured man...died suddenly...no marks of violence to be seen...."
 "Col Liles man Billy...being in a state of intoxication and out of doors and overcame by cold"

June term 1817

Civil Trials

- 351 Negro Cato v. Thomas Offutt, Jr. petition for freedom
 360 Morris Peer v. J. Davis & J. Kincaid petition for freedom (see also June term 1816, Rough Bundle)

Presentments

- 20 U.S. v. Darky Johnson, "free negress" for stealing "a ham of Bacon" worth one dollar
 21 U.S. v. Thomas Brown, "free negro" for stealing "one pair of pantaloons and one flannel shirt" worth seven dollars
 23 U.S. v. Nat Dark, "free negro" for stealing an axe and a turkey, together worth \$2
 24 U.S. v. John Sims, "free negro" for stealing a pistol worth one dollar

Rough Bundle

Susan Johnston's certificate of freedom, in "miscellaneous" file

December term 1817

Civil Appearances

- 447 S. Walker v. J.R. Edmonston & N. Moore "one negro woman named Monica," worth \$150
 812 Mary Speake v. Walter Clarke apparently has to do with a family: man Richard (valued at \$200), woman Sarah (\$180), boy Frank (\$250), girl Rachel (\$200) and girl Aley (\$150); at sale, Rachel actually brought \$216 and Aley, \$192.

Civil Trials

- 281 Ann Queen v. Washington Boyd "Mulatto girl Catharine aged fifteen" \$350
 446 Joe & Nelly Thompson and Sarah their infant v. Walter Clarke petition for freedom

Judicials

- 142 Joseph Clark v. Walter Beale "one negro man named Moses About 27 years old" \$150

June term 1818

Civil Appearances

- 54 Clementson & Joucherez v. Forrest "one Negro man called James" \$200.00

Civil Trials

- 163 Henry McPherson v. George Miller medical care for "a negro man slave named John"
 345 Charles B. Robinson v. John W. Bronaugh "treating seven negroes" for typhoid fever
 (14 pounds, four shillings, sixpence=\$28.33 1/3 [?])

Criminal Appearances

- 80 U.S. v. Stephen Potter "for aiding and assisting a certain slave, by the name of William,...in making his escape from his master...; for forging an instrument of writing, and furnishing the said William therewith, by which he, the said William, passed as a free man of color..." (This file also contains the runaway advertisement, clipped from a newspaper.)

Judicials

- 136 John Tayloe v. William Grayson Jack, aged 58, \$150; Agnes, 52, \$50; Nell, 17, \$400

Rough Bundle

Coroner's inquest on "a coloured lad by the name of Moses," a slave of Martin T. Gilbert, accidentally drowned in the Potomac

December term 1818

Civil Appearances

- 161 Jane H. Slocum v. Peter Griffin "negro slave named Mary aged about" 27;
 Charlotte, 6; Harrison, 4, all seized for debt
 162 T.O. Williams v. R. & T. Beall "negro woman named Letty" (replevin)
 363 Job Smith v. Edward Mattingly "one Negro Boy James," age 9, \$300.00
 413 James Smith v. Job Smith "negro boy named James about nine years of age"
 (pretty obviously the same child in both cases; another instance of the use of slaves as counters in lawsuits)
 509 Josias Simpson v. T.R. Smith "one Mulatto Man called James" \$700.00
 566 C.W. Goldsborough v. J.C. Hutchinson use of Goldsborough's schooner *Shamrock*
 to bring a "load of slaves" from "Mattox Creek" to Baltimore, \$130; from Mattox
 Creek to the Washington Navy Yard, \$75.
 611 Samuel Bias v. John Rose petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 6 William Baker v. Gerard Gibson Doctor's bill for \$33.00, most of which seems to
 have involved treating slaves, as: "Calomel for little negro," at 50 cents a time.
 76 Jenny Thompson v. Joseph Clarke petition for freedom
 77 James Thompson v. Electius Spalding petition for freedom
 78 James Butler v. Electius Spalding petition for freedom
 265 Francis Lowndes v. John Potts "hire of a negro boy" \$50/year
 410 James Piper v. John Chalmers "hire of 4 negro men in his rope walk 264 days" \$264

Criminal Appearances

- 2 U.S. v. John Frazier, for "assault and battery on the body of David Hall, a black man the property of Washington Boyd...."
- 26 U.S. v. Matilda & Eleanor Brown, "for retailing spirituous liquors to slaves minors & other persons on Sundays & other days without having a license"
- 39 U.S. v. Dennis Edmonston, for "assault & Battery on the body of Harry, a negro slave the property of William Worthington...."
- 51 U.S. v. Edward Johnston, "a colored man, for an assault and battery on the body of Rezin B. Offutt...."
- 64 U.S. v. James Carter, "a free yellow man, for an Assault & Battery on the body of [blank] a slave the property of Jesse Sims...."
- 81 U.S. v. Kitty Jenkins, "free negress," for stealing "a ten dollar note"
- 83 U.S. v. Ann Thomas, "free negress," "for stealing a wig worth \$25"
- 85 U.S. v. Edward Johnson, "free negro," "for stealing 12 ½ yards domestic Cotton" (\$5.00)
- 87 U.S. v. Offey Rounds, "free negro," for stealing two chickens (50 cents)
- 88 U.S. v. Elzey Kindle, "free mulatto," for stealing forty dollars

Judicials

- 222 Robert Brent v. Pendleton Heronimus "One dark Mulatto Girl named Betty Thomas who has from 4 to 8 years to serve not exactly known to us, the terms of service" \$100.00
- "1 Mulatto man named Jere Campbell" \$500.00
- "one Negro Girl named Clarissa" \$350.00

June term 1819

Criminal Appearances

- 7 U.S. v. Alexander Reynolds, "a colored man, for stealing some mahogany wood and maple" worth \$2.00
- 16 U.S. v. Joseph Washington, "a colored man, for an assault and battery on Joseph Pebine, by whipping him with a cow-hide...."

December term 1819

Civil Trials

- 30 Luke Wormley v. Smith Cock petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 22 U.S. v. John B. Butler, "a free Negro, for an assault & Battery on...Joab Blakeman"
- 23 U.S. v. John B. Butler, "for an assault & Battery on...Samuel Gregory"
- 44 U.S. v. Thomas Riker, "(a Black man) for stealing a pair of shoes" worth \$2.00

June term 1820*Civil Appearances*

358 Henry Drain v. Charles C. Sears household goods \$ 73.50
 included "one negro woman named Sarah" valued at \$50.00

Civil Trials

14 F. & T. Jenkins v. J. Wheaton & J. Dove the Jenkinses have "taken and unjustly detain
 . . . one negro man slave named Lewis"
 26 "William Green's Release to Mrs. Sayres . . . the recovery of the freedom of a Certain
 Negro Clara and her children" (has to do with Clara's petition for freedom from Thomas
 Ewell)
 251 Negro Arnold v. George N. Thomas petition for freedom
 694 Richard T. Semmes v. William Sedwick cloth \$ 950.61
 the bill includes "hire of negro Lucy" for \$10.00

Criminal Trials

26 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Miles arson

Presentments

3, 5 John Allen, "free negro" for stealing clothing worth \$22
 4 William Davis, "free negro" for stealing cloth worth \$16
 6 George Shorter, "free negro" for stealing clothing worth \$50
 7 Harry Hanson, "free mulatto" for stealing a silver watch worth \$10
 13A Bill Hollard, "free mulatto" for stealing clothing worth \$3
 13B William Thompson & Benjamin Bridges for "harboring a runaway slave"
 31 Negro Arnold (a slave belonging to Mrs. Elzey) for assault and battery
 35 John Warden, for "forging . . . free papers for slaves, and selling them as such"

Recognizances

U.S. v. George Davis \$100.00 "in case Negro Samuel your slave shall not be of good
 behaviour for the space of six months from this date [February 6, 1820]"
 C. Tippitt "Maintenance of Negro Phillip in jail from March the 6 to April the 8 both days
 included" \$16.89
 U.S. v. Henrietta Elzey \$100.00 Arnold's assault on Edward Kerr, "& the said negro, Arnold
 shall also keep the peace generally . . . til the next Court. . . ."
 Statement of William Thornton, magistrate, that John Waters, constable, beat him for issuing a
 warrant against Mrs. Waters for stealing a chicken from "the coloured woman
 Henny Gray"

Judicials

71 James Young v. John Addison includes an appraisal (no values listed) of "1 Negro
 Man named Dennis, 1 Brown horse, 1 Bay ditto"

December term 1820

Criminal Trials

- 7 U.S. v. George Nebison, "free negro," for stealing soap and candles worth \$10
- 8 U.S. v. George Copley, "free negro," for stealing soap and candles worth \$10
- 19 U.S. v. Theophilus Rounds, "free mulatto," for stealing 39 cedar posts worth \$18
- 20 U.S. v. Negress Julia, "free negress," for stealing "one delf bowl" worth 12 cents
- 30 U.S. v. Peggy Reynolds, "free negress," for stealing one hog worth \$3
- 43 U.S. v. William Davis, "free negro," for stealing a saddle and bridle worth \$100
- 45 U.S. v. John Miller, for stealing "one negro slave named John Hall" belonging to Susannah Smith, worth \$200
- 46 U.S. v. John Miller, "for kidnapping and afterwards offering to sell Daniel Brown a free negro"
- 49 U.S. v. Kitty Jenkins, "free negress," for stealing 2 shifts (\$4), 1 petticoat (\$3), 1 cambric frock (\$3), 2 handkerchiefs (\$1) and 2 aprons (\$1.50), total: \$12.50
- 51 U.S. v. John Allen, "free mulatto," for stealing a pair of boots worth \$7

[There is no docket book for the December term of 1820 (the last year in which the court sat during June and December); the April 1821 docket book lists Criminal Appearances numbers and punishments: 46, George Nebeson, "5 stripes"; 47, George Copely, five; 45, "Negro Julia," five; 51 and 79, John Allen, \$5 fine and 25 stripes on each.]

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus petition of Basil Lee, a free man being held "as a Run away Slave" in the Washington County jail

Bench warrants for George Copley and George Nebeson, each described as "a coloured man," charged with stealing soap and candles worth \$10.00 (see Criminal Trials 7 and 8, above)

April term 1821

Civil Appearances

- 80 Lawson Clark v. Zadock Wilson replevin of a "negro man named Cato [valued at \$375] aged about thirty three years the slave of the said Lawson Clark which the said Zadock Wilson hath taken and unjustly detained against sureties and pledges...."
- 1148 Richard Davis v. John Stiles "one dark mulatto boy named Harry about 15 years" [value illegible] and "one negro boy named Garrison about 13 years old" [\$300]
- 1201 Humphrey Belt v. Jonathan T. Bush replevin of "one Negro woman Delia" [\$250]; "one Negro girl Maria" [\$150]; "one Negro Boy Ambrose" [\$150]; "one Negro girl Charlotte" [\$80]
- 1202 Humphrey Belt v. Jonathan T. Bush replevin of "one Negro man Ceasar" [\$350]; "one child named Mary" [\$20]; two horses [\$70]

- 1354 William D. Merrick v. Thomas B. Pottinger hire of Rose Matthews' "Negro man Frederick" for \$80 a year

Civil Trials

- 185 Jack Garretson et al. V. Janet Ligan petitions for freedom of Jack Garretson, Richard Lockett, Richard Johnson and Rachel Garretson
- 484 John P. Van Ness v. Theresa Baltimore, "a free black woman" rental agreement
- 496 Rezin Wootton v. James Smith petition for freedom
- 786 Ormond F. Butler v. Damuel Winsatt "To maintenance of Negro Horatio for safe keeping in jail" 120 days @ 50 cents \$60.00
partially paid with 4 cords oak wood 27.50
- 920 Esaias Travers v. Jonathan Appler "a black boy" delivering bread for a baker used tally sticks to keep track of the customers' bills

Criminal Appearances

- 79 U.S. v. John Allen, "a freeman of colour" (stole a coat worth \$10)
- 80 U.S. v. John Allen (stole two watches worth \$15; 1 set earrings worth \$5)
- 81 U.S. v. Rachel Glasco (evidently white, "or dealing with slaves, for receiving stolen goods" worth \$7)
- 85 U.S. v. William Johnson alias Harvey Hanson, "a free black man" (stole a coat worth \$30)

Criminal Trials

- 14 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Miles (arson; burned house of John Gardiner)

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus of "James Hart, a mulatto . . . is a free man born of a white woman; it is ordered that he be discharged from his imprisonment"

Habeas corpus of "George Landrick a Negro boy about 16 years" (evidently his father had bound him in apprenticeship as a waiter, but his master had "sublet" him for more money than he was paying George's father, who wanted to break the contract)

Recognizances

- 13 U.S. v. Henrietta Elzey & Benjamin Harrison "Arnold (the slave man of Mrs H Elzey) to keep the peace with all good citizens of this county...."

Judicials

- 24 Robert & John Oliver v. Thomas Ewell (debt of \$1220 + interest, total \$1590.78) "Levied as per schedule the Negroes levied on sold at private sale by Defendant to Plaintiff & taken by Plaintiff to Baltimore" list includes "one negro woman Clarah" \$350; "girl Moria" (12 years old) \$200; "boy Louis" (8) \$200; "girl Sophia" (5) \$150; "girl Eliza" (4) \$125 Total \$1025
- 131 Robert S. Beckley v. Washington Boyd "Mulatto Andrew who has between 4 & 5 years to serve" valued at \$200 sold to David Minor for \$130 towards settlement of a debt; "negro John Giles a slave for life" not sold

- 273 Joseph King, Jr., v. William H. Barron "1 negro boy Tom," value \$250, sold for \$100; "1 negro girl Jane," valued at \$200, sold for \$250; "Barbara," valued at \$200, sold for \$130
- 305 Union Bank of Georgetown v. Alban Clarke "1 negro man (Mulatto) Francis" appraised at \$500
- 403 H. Marshall v. D. Renner & D. Bussard Renner gave the D.C. Marshal "full liberty to take my negro Boys Mosse aged about 26 year & Negro Gilbert aged 24 year at any time he may wish, to satisfy the one half of a judgment against Renner & Bussard...." Bussard similarly agreed to give up his slaves Nate and Lucindy

October term 1821

Civil Appearances

- 93 John D. Freeman v. Adam Mayn "Negro Man by the name of Adam Vincent" hired for one year: \$80 plus clothing
- 94 Francis Sewall v. Adam Mayne "Negro man by the Name of Jack Vincent" hired at the same rate
- 123 Hezekiah Hall v. Charles W. Butler replein of "one negro girl named Mary and an infant child about four months old"
- 263 Richard Johnson v. Janet Lingan petition for freedom
- 264 Richard Luckett v. Janet Lingan petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 19 Michael Keogh v. Edgar McCarty "1 Negro Girl" \$200.00 "account current"
- 125 William Henry v. Gustavus Beall involves the fraudulent sale of two "negro girls," unnamed, by a third party
- 275 Elizabeth Purdy v. Joseph Ratcliff personal estate of Mary Yates includes 5 m., 3 f., ages 2-38, assessed value \$2750
- 994 Leonard Dunbar v. James Bail Dunbar, "a boy of colour aged about twenty one years," claimed that he was illegally sold--that is, within a year of his former master's moving to Washington from Virginia

Criminal Appearances

- 17 U.S. v. John C. Harper "for dealing with slaves...Housing Stolen Goods"
- 49 U.S. v. Jacob Robinson, "a free Negroe" stole clothing worth \$1.50
- 53 U.S. v. Thomas Brown alias John Sims, "a free Negroe" stole clothing worth \$2.00
- 54 U.S. v. Thomas Brown alias John Sims stole clothing worth \$2.00
- 56 U.S. v. Cornelius Davis, "a free Negroe labourer" assault & battery on a constable
- 67 U.S. v. Henry Chub, "a free Negroe labourer" assault & battery
- 68 U.S. v. Henry Johnson, "a free Negroe labourer" stole a "pocket book" worth \$1.00
- 69 U.S. v. Clinton Adams, "a free Negroe labourer" stole food worth \$1.00
- 70 U.S. v. Thomas Brown, "a coloured man...labourer" stole cloth (?) worth 50 cents

Judicials

2	Linthicum & Magruder v. Green	“one negro girl named Mary about thirteen and fourteen years old”	\$200.00
24	Riggs & Gaither v. Barron	“two negro men called Sam and Jack” “Boy called by the name of Henry about 20 years old”	\$300.00 \$400.00
43	Ann E. Peyton v. Richard G. Edwards	“1 Negro Girl named Ellen about 9 years old”	\$140.00

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus of Nicholas Cole, “a free man of colour who hath been committed as a Runaway Slave...is now held illegally in confinement in the prison of Washington County. He is prepared to prove his freedom....”

Warrant for “a Black man who calls his name Henry Lucas taken up as a runaway....”

Warrant for “John Perkins...a runaway negro...(who states that he is free)....”

Warrant for “Landon Parks...a runaway negro slave....”

April term 1822*Civil Appearances*

24	Negro Isaac v. Bennet Jarboe	petition for freedom	
381	William Hillbush v. Rebecca B. Stannard	“one negro girl Henrietta and her child William”	\$300.00
390	Negro Daniel v. ----- Ballard	petition for freedom; includes a document by Francis Scott Key; looks like a complicated case	
426	Edward Semmes v. Enos Schell	“one negro girl named Matilda” attached for debt	

Civil Trials

594	“Negro Chloe & children” v. William Marbury	petition for freedom	
775	A. Waring v. D. Kirby & D. Reintzel	“Hire of Negro Boy Robert” 14 months at \$35 a year and clothing (2 shirts) = \$42.33	
785	Mary Ann Magruder v. Robert Brown	“1 Negro Boy named Alfred” \$200 “1 Negro Girl Kitty” \$400 attached by marshal	

Criminal Appearances

59	U.S. v. Negroe John Glasgow	stole “one barrel of hogs bristles” worth \$5
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Recognizances

Recognizance of “Negro Susan Johnson,” a witness in the case of Peter Belt, a sick black man killed by some folk remedies administered by his wife and “Nancy Swann a Coloured Woman”--Susan Johnson was a witness in the case

Recognizance of James Tench “for himself and two Negro Petitioners...for the safe delivery of negro Emily and Mary” (filed March 1822)

Judicials

- 204 Richard Gill v. James Watson attachment of "1 negro man named William," valued at \$300, and \$600 worth of "household & kitchen furniture"
- 519 H. Goldsborough v. I. Mudd, C. Glover & G. Miller in a list of property attached is "1 negro girl" valued at \$300
- 539 John Wheelwright v. Joseph Gales, Jr. in a list of property attached is "one Negro Girl named Susan" valued at \$250

October term 1822*Civil Appearances*

- 43 Benjamin Berry v. William Holt "one negro boy James" \$350.00
- 77 Negro Leanna & Child v. John Pumphrey petition for freedom
- 351 Hercules Daurey v. Cartwright Tippet "Negro Maria Dorsey and child" \$250.00
- 481 Negro Charlotte v. Tobias Watkins petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 338 R.M. Scott v. B. Wood & B.M. Robertson "one negro man named Ben" \$50.00 [sic]
- 548 James Hepburn v. Thomas Crown "Thomas Crown hired Mr. Hepburn's man Tom at \$24 per month" \$91.00
- 959 Robert Henly v. Samuel Miller petition for freedom

Appeals

- 49 Noah Stinchcomb v. Jmes Shields "hire of my negroe man Orange" \$17/month

Imparlances

- 182 Negro Isaac v. Alexander Talbott petition for freedom

Judicials

- 21 O.M. Linthicum & N. Magruder v. R. Wells "one boy Thomas about 14 years" \$250.00
- 347 Patriotic Bank of Washington v. Thomas G. Addison "Harry about 20 years" \$400.00
"Daniel about 19 years" \$400.00
- 544 W.A. Bradley v. H. Ashton "1 Negro Girl named Sally 16 years of age" \$350.00

Rough Bundle

Habeas Corpus Nat Tucker, "a black man," who claimed to have been kept two years in the county jail; James Burr, "a man of color" from New York, also held in the jail; and George Snow, "a white man...now confined in the Jail of the County of Washington at the instance of one Nancy Thomas a black girl who has sworn [him] to be the Father of a child begotten upon her body...."

April term 1823

Civil Appearances

10	Negro Charlotte v. John Pumphrey	petition for freedom	
11	Nace Humphreys, Jr. v. William Berry	petition for freedom	
12	Wood Humphreys v. William Berry	petition for freedom	
25	Aquilla K. Arnold v. Phoebe Fenwick	"one negro Man called Joseph"	\$250.00
27	Nace Humphreys v. John Boswell	petition for freedom	
50	Nace Humphreys v. Henry Roberts	petition for freedom	
56	Negro Milly v. Basil Warring	petition for freedom	
117	Susan Smith v. Thomas Johns	petition for freedom	
153	Richard Johnson v. Janet Lingan	petition for freedom	
154	Richard Lucket v. Janet Lingan	petition for freedom	
301	David Randall v. John B. Reid	petition for freedom	
318	Vincent Garner v. Thompson Simpson	petition for freedom	
330	Negro Patty v. Charles Ratcliffe	petition for freedom	
456, 458	Beall & Berry v. Goldsborough	"one Negro Girl called Diana"	\$225.00
548	William Jordan v. Lemuel Sawyer	petition for freedom	
582	Negro Milly v. Thomas Massey	petition for freedom	
623	Easter Humphreys v. John B. Lambert	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

493	Richard Jones v. William Henry	"One negro boy named Edward about 11 or 12 years of age"	\$300.00
637	Nathan Moore v. Charles A. Pye	for "apprehending" and "maintenance of Negro William in Jail" for 17 days	\$10.12
647	Charles W. Boteler v. Hezekiah Hall	"Will be sold on Tuesday June 21st 1821 at the central Market house ¹ at 7 o clock a m the following Property to wit Negro Girl by the name of Mary with a small child about 5 months old...."	
1309	Negroes Lucy & Matilda v. G. Mason & H. Mitchell	petition for freedom	
1330	Negro Milly v. B. Warring & J. Gantt	petition for freedom	

Criminal Appearances

- 10 U.S. v. Tilghman Mitchell, "for selling as a slave a negro held to service for a term of years"
- 17 U.S. v. Peter Pike, "a coloured man, for receiving stolen goods"
- 37 U.S. v. William Shorter, "a colored man, for an assault and battery on Sarah Gray, a colored woman"
- 69 U.S. v. Nancy Ashton, "negro, for a violent Assault & Battery...."

¹Site of the National Archives building.

- 75 U.S. v. Harry Hanson, "negro,...for stealing a piece of cloth" (value \$3.00)
- 77 U.S. v. William James, "a free Negroe," for stealing "one pair of pantaloons, one shirt and one cravat" (value \$2.00)
- 79 U.S. v. William James, for stealing "one watch, one shirt and one cravat" (value \$25.00)
- 88 U.S. v. Thomas Shorter, "negro, for stealing a pair of shoes" (value \$1.00)
- 89-91 and 95-97 U.S. v. Michael Loman, Dora Johnson, "negro," and Henry Williams, "negro," for stealing (a) "two drab great coats & one hat" (value \$14.00) and (b) "one pair of Jefferson boots" (value \$2.00); the only remarkable feature of these cases is that Loman, whose race is unidentified, presumably was white
- 107 U.S. v. Jane Jasper, "negress,...for having stolen a pair of lead colored Morocco shoes" (value 75 cents)

Recognizances

- 29 U.S. v. Kitty, "a free mulatto woman alias Kitty Rutherford"
 John van Riswick suspects "that a certain Kitty Rutherford did last night steal from him his negro boy George"--she seems to be connected with William Rutherford, who is the subject of Recognizance 26 (a \$100 peace bond)--since William Rutherford is not identified by race, we may assume that he was white

Judicials

- 85 William I. McCormick v. Brooke M. Berry
 "one negro boy called Robert about 14 years old" \$200.00
- 155 Elijah Parsons v. John Goszler "...the following personal property that is to say, one horse and cart--one negro man named Tom and one negro girl ['woman' crossed out] named Mary--and all household furniture...."

October term 1823

Civil Appearances

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| 21 | Joseph Burke v. Rachel Hoskins | petition for freedom |
| 25 | Basil Wells v. Ignatius Young | petition for freedom |
| 33 | Nace Humphreys, Jr. v. William Berry | petition for freedom |
| 34 | Wood Humphreys v. William Berry | petition for freedom |
| 35 | Nace Humphreys v. John B. Lambert | petition for freedom |
| 38 | Nace Humphreys v. John Boswell | petition for freedom |
| 39 | James Humphreys v. Henry Roberts | petition for freedom |
| 59 | Susan Smith v. Thomas Johns | petition for freedom |
| 74 | Richard Johnson v. Janet Lingan | petition for freedom |
| 75 | Richard Luckett v. Janet Lingan | petition for freedom |
| 175 | Negro Patty v. Charles Ratcliffe | petition for freedom |
| 202 | Jane Sims v. Benjamin King | petition for freedom |
| 233 | Esther Humphreys v. John B. Lambert | petition for freedom |

306	Z. Hazle v. W. Smith & S. Black	"1 Negro woman Rachael"	\$200.00
312	George A. Goszler v. Tench Ringgold	"one negro man named Tom"	\$300.00
		"one negro Girl named Mary"	\$300.00
350	Isaac Owens v. George Tyler	"Rose a Negro woman aged 45 years"	\$ 50.00
		"Negro Susan aged about 12 years"	\$200.00
471	Mary Hughes v. C.W. Boteler	"one Negro boy about ten years of age"	\$ 75.00

Civil Trials

4	Negro Fanny and children v. Thomas Quantrill	petition for freedom	
323	Nicholas L. Queen v. James Middleton	"coffin for Black man"	\$5.00
416	Dennis Wright v. E. Robinson & R. Taylor	petition for freedom	
417	Negro Amelia v. E.B. Caldwell	petition for freedom	
562	Ann E. Payton v. Henry B. Robertson	"one Negro man Named Jerry"	\$450.00
		"one Negro woman Named Sally"	\$300.00
867	William Berry v. James Symington	petition for freedom	
1039	Peregrine Warfield v. Samuel Harrison	Doctor's bill (treating slaves)	\$ 93.25
1076	Negro Lucy and child v. Clement Smith	petition for freedom	

Criminal Appearances

48	U.S. v. Negess Caroline	theft	two dollars (money)
57	U.S. v. Negress Jane Eliza Waine	theft	clothing worth \$9.25
63	U.S. v. Negro William Graham		"did kill Negro Edward Johnson by shooting him"
68	U.S. v. Negro Henry Hanson	theft	one pair of shoes worth \$1.75
79	U.S. v. Negro Leonard Butler	theft	one quilt and clothing worth \$6.00
83	U.S. v. Negro Philip Sims	theft	cloth worth 75 cents
86	U.S. v. Negro Eliza Paine	theft	clothing worth \$43.25
90	U.S. v. Negro Jos. Turner	theft	cloth worth \$20.00
93	U.S. v. Negro Charles Cole	assault and battery (on a white man?)	
104	U.S. v. Negro Charles Johnson	theft	two hats worth \$16.00

Rough Bundle

"Miscellaneous" file "We the Grand Jurors for the body of the County aforesaid, do on our oaths present, the rapid increase of free people of colour within the said county, as an evil which requires the interference of the Legislative authority." [undated]

April term 1824*Civil Appearances*

39	Joseph Burke v. Rachel Hoskins	petition for freedom	
41	Nace Humphreys, Jr. v. William Berry	petition for freedom	
42	Wood Humphreys v. William Berry	petition for freedom	
43	Nace Humphreys v. John B. Lambert	petition for freedom	
53	Nace Humphreys v. John Boswell	petition for freedom	

54	James Humphreys v. Henry Roberts	petition for freedom
72	Susan Smith v. Thomas Johns	petition for freedom
81	Richard Johnson v. Janet Ligan	petition for freedom
82	Richard Luckett v. Janet Ligan	petition for freedom
138	Negro Patty v. Charles Ratcliffe	petition for freedom
173	Esther Humphreys v. John B. Lambert	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

450	J. Pearson & R.Y. Brent v. I.Y. Young	names, ages and individual valuations of twelve slaves, male and female, aged 3 to 35 years, worth in all \$2150; names, ages and individual valuations of four slaves, male and female, aged 48 to 64 years, worth in all \$70 ("carpr. Michael" was worth \$40; the others, \$10 each)
471	Kitty Shorter and her infant children v. Daniel Rapine	petition for freedom
472	William Jordan v. Lemuel Sawyer	petition for freedom
473	Lucy Oakley and her infant children v. Asa E. Hough	petition for freedom
555	Fanny Tarlton v. Cartwright Tippett	petition for freedom
649	Mordecai Martin v. Henry W. Ball	clothing and hire of "man Tom" (1 yr.) \$151.74

Rough Bundle

"Miscellaneous" file "Recd of Jeremiah McKenzie two hundred and thirty five dollars in full satisfaction for a certain Negrow girl Named Eliza--a bout 18 years of age"

Criminal Appearances

27	U.S. v. Negro John Mason, for stealing "divers knives and forks" worth \$20.00
45	U.S. v. Negro James Brown "one cart load of rails" worth \$1.00
50	U.S. v. Negro William Davis one horse worth \$40; saddle & bridle worth \$10.00
52	U.S. v. Negro Leonard Butler "three raw hides" worth \$6.00
55	U.S. v. Negro Henry Hanson assault and battery on Charles Moody
71	U.S. v. Negro Henry Jenkins coat and hat worth \$1.00
73	U.S. v. Negro Betsy Johnson silk scarf worth \$1.50; piece of ribbon worth \$2.50
74	U.S. v. Negro Betsy Johnson 12-15 yds calico worth \$2.00

December term 1824

Civil Appearances

43	John Bacchus Burvill v. William Melvin	petition for freedom
58	George Hunter v. William M. & Zadock Offutt	petition for freedom
59	Millie Bowie v. William M. & Zadock Offutt	petition for freedom
101	Jospeh Burke v. Rachel Hoskins	petition for freedom
102	Nace Humphreys, Jr. v. William Berry	petition for freedom
103	Wood Humphreys v. William Berry	petition for freedom
104	Nace Humphreys v. John B. Lambert	petition for freedom
108	Nace Humphreys v. John Boswell	petition for freedom

109	James Humphreys v. Henry Roberts	petition for freedom
121	Susan Smith v. Thomas Johns	petition for freedom
130	Richard Johnson v. Janet Lingan	petition for freedom
131	Richard Luckett v. Janet Lingan	petition for freedom
164	Negro Patty v. Charles Ratcliffe	petition for freedom
188	Esther Humphreys v. John B. Lambert	petition for freedom
424	Negro Rebecca and her children v. Lloyd Pumphrey	petition for freedom
523	Gill Letchworth v. Zadok Wilson	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

3	Milford Foote v. John B. Armstead	petition for freedom
355	J. Hooff v. E. Patterson & S. Smoot "hire of my boy John" 8 months @ \$15	\$120.00
	"Clothing of servant boy John which they omitted to furnish him with"	30.00
880	Negro Rebecca and her children v. Lloyd Pumphrey	petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

8	U.S. v. Negro Fielder Gantt	larceny
9	U.S. v. Negro H Smith	larceny
42	U.S. v. Negro Joe Butler	assault and battery
44	U.S. v. Negro Henry Hanson	larceny one pair of shoes worth \$1.50
46	U.S. v. Negro Margaret Smith	receiving stolen goods worth \$5.00
55	U.S. v. Negro Julia Williams	larceny clothing worth \$5.00 banknotes worth \$100.00

Recognizances

Unnumbered, dated 9/28/24 "To the Marshall of the district of Columbia: I commit to your custody a free colored woman, by name Araminta, on a charge of larceny...."

Judicials

38	Trueman Tyler v. George B. Magruder	9 slaves (5 male, 4 female), ages seven and up appraised value, \$2000.00
268	A.R. Dermott v. H.W. Ball	"1 negro man named James, about 30 years old" \$300.00

May term 1825*Civil Appearances*

18	Negress Eliza v. William Hayman & John Wetzell	petition for freedom
31	James Hutton v. William I. Belt	petition for freedom
71	George Hunter v. William M. & Zadok Offutt	petition for freedom
27	Milly Bowie v. William M. & Zadok Offutt	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

98	Negro Leanna and child v. Lloyd Pumphrey	petition for freedom
100	Prince Gray v. Joel T. Gaskins	petition for freedom
105	Prince Gray v. Catharine Linn	petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 4 U.S. v. Fielder Gantt stealing "one raw hide" worth \$3.00
 5 U.S. v. Henry Smith stealing "one coat" worth \$20.00
 45 U.S. v. Jim Tyler assault and battery on Betsey Becket
 46 U.S. v. James Price stealing "one blue cloth coat" worth \$7.00
 57 U.S. v. Jim Tyler housebreaking (Becket's house)

Criminal Trials

- 7 U.S. v. Calvin Richards stealing three pairs of shoes worth \$3.00

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus file Petition of George Griffin, "a free man of colour"

Judicials

- 197 Negro Rebecca and children v. Lloyd Pumphrey petition for freedom
 212 U.S. v. Negro Joe Butler "Pardoned by the President of the United States"

December term 1825*Civil Appearances*

- 45 Daniel Jones v. James R. Bosley petition for freedom
 80 George Hunter v. W.M. & Z. Offutt petition for freedom
 81 Millie Bowie v. W.M. & Z. Offutt petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 122 Robert Barry v. Martha Rice hire of slaves to work in tanyard \$806.00
 144 Martha Diggs v. John D. Freeman "Board of negro Bill 6 weeks when sick" 15.00

Criminal Appearances

- 17 U.S. v. Mulatto Jack Kendall assault and battery
 38 U.S. v. Negro Jane Smith stealing "4 silver tea spoons" worth \$2.00
 42 U.S. v. Negro Jack Coneck stealing a blanket worth \$3 and "1 pr pantaloons" worth \$2
 44 U.S. v. Negro Henry Thomas stealing 1 box tea worth \$30 and 1 box candles worth \$3.50
 46 U.S. v. Negro Mary Bruce assault and battery
 47 U.S. v. Negro Mary Gibson stealing a five-dollar bank note
 48 U.S. v. Negro Melinda Cozer stealing kitchenware worth \$2.00
 49, 60 U.S. v. Negro James Belfield assault and battery
 54 U.S. v. Negro James Harris stealing two horses worth \$100.00
 57 U.S. v. Negro Paul Jones stealing four bottles of "antique oil" worth \$1.00
 62 U.S. v. Negro James stealing two dollars and change
 63 U.S. v. Negro John stealing two dollars and change
 67 U.S. v. Negro Ben Wheeler stealing \$1.50 in silver
 80 U.S. v. N.H.V. Bennett includes coroner's inquest accusing "Eliza Hicks, a Mulatto woman," of infanticide--"Geo Robinson a Coloured man took the Child from under the House while it was yet warm but was dead"

Judicials

- 40 Samuel Redmon v. Philip Mauro the property seized consisted of "one negro Woman named Rosetta and her two children one named Deloze [?] about fifteen years of age and the other named Matrice about 12 years of age," together worth \$697.00, and "one Piano Forte," worth \$150.00
- 135 Union Bank v. Jesse Scott property seized was "one negro Woman named Fanny about seventeen years of age," worth \$300.00; in the previous case (134), same litigants, property seized included "one mahogany secretary and bookcase, one mahogany sofa covered with hair cloth, one dozen rush bottomed chairs, one pair handsome guilt [sic] looking glasses."
- 278 Thomas Ewell v. Joseph Gates property seized included three slaves, Eliza, Susan and Abraham, with a total value of \$650.00 (total value of property was \$2190.00)
- 326 Union Bank v. James Moore "one negro girl named Ann about ten years of age," worth \$200.00

Rough Bundle

Apprenticeship file William Hawley's petition to be relieved of "John Bush a free coloured boy" indentured as a house servant, "who has turned out to be idle & mischievous.... Petitioner has tried such means of correction & reformation, as to satisfy him, that not only his own ease & the good order of his family will be much disturbed by the continuance of said Boy in his service..., but that the morals & habits of the Boy will become so lax & deranged, as probably to produce depravity of character in him & injurious consequences to society.... [I]f the said Indentures be discharged & the Boy bound again to some steady & industrious mechanic, he may still acquire habits of industry & good conduct, that will redeem him from the destruction that threatens."

May term 1826*Civil Appearances*

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| 13 | Negro George v. Gabriel Adams | petition for freedom |
| 63 | George Hunter v. W.M. & Z. Offutt | petition for freedom |
| 64 | Milly Bowie v. W.M. & Z. Offutt | petition for freedom |

Civil Trials

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|-----|--|----------------------|
| 44 | Prince Gray v. Joel T. Gustine | petition for freedom |
| 309 | David Africana v. John Strother | petition for freedom |
| 310 | Sally Baker & children v. Hay & Cayce | petition for freedom |
| 508 | Letty Brown & child v. John H. Lowe | petition for freedom |
| 511 | Negro William v. George Milburn et al. | petition for freedom |

Recognizances

(May folder) U.S. v. Negro Bob alias Robert Johnson James Pumphrey and John Wheat furnished Johnson's bond in the amount of \$25 each on a charge of theft

Criminal Appearances

- 19 U.S. v. Abraham Williams "negro Abraham Williams...did aid and assist one negress Mary the slave of one William L. Brent, in her endeavors to escape from the service of her master...."
- 26 U.S. v. Henny & Anna Gray keeping a disorderly house
- 39 U.S. v. William Hanson, "a negro Boy 12 years of age for theft, in stealing one silver watch, some ear rings, &c of the value of Five dollars...."
- 40 U.S. v. John Gusty assault and battery
- 42 U.S. v. Henry Dant stealing four pieces of copper worth \$2.00
- 43 U.S. v. Betsey Payne stealing clothing and money worth \$2.75
- 56 U.S. v. Elijah Shay, "for having forged a pass for a negro Man, named John the property of Majr Geo Peter...."
- 72 U.S. v. Betsey Palmer stealing clothing worth \$13.50
- 73 U.S. v. Eleanor Wilson stealing clothing worth \$2.25
- 90 U.S. v. Robert Butler stealing clothing worth \$4.00

Judicials

- 233 U.S. v. Negro Mary Bruce pardoned by the President
- 378 E. Smallwood v. J. H. Wilson "one Negro boy...aged about 13 years" \$200.00

December term 1826*Civil Appearances*

- 18 Negro William v. ---- Alford petition for freedom
- 89 Negro George v. Gabrield Adams petition for freedom
- 90 Nace Humphreys v. John B. Lambert petition for freedom
- 145 J. Johnson & W. Booth v. G. Booth "negro man Joe aged about 26 years" \$350.00
- 256 Lizett Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 389 Janette Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 390 Nancy Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 33 Prince Gray v. Catharine Linn petition for freedom
- 152 Travers Dixon v. William Herbert petition for freedom
- 231 James Shields v. Mary Semmes hire of slaves \$ 579.73 3/4

Criminal Appearances

- 45 U.S. v. Negress Louisa Reed Riot, and pulling down a house worth \$5.00
- 46 U.S. v. Negress Louisa Reed Stealing a piece of scantling worth 50 cents
- 56 U.S. v. Negress Mary Jasper Stealing a shawl worth \$1.00
- 72 U.S. v. Negro George Allen Assault and battery (fine \$20.00)

Judicials

- 4 Bank of the United States v. John Threlkeld Contains the most complete account of a slave sale yet; includes both estimates (with ages), and the actual price of sale
- 124 R. & W.A. Smallwood v. John Carlon et al. "One negro boy named Dennis Shaw aged about 12 years" \$300.00
- 229 J.A. & O. Wilson v. W. Dement "one black man named Bazil aged about 25 years" \$350.00

May term 1827*Civil Appearances*

- 48 Negro David v. James Hutchinson petition for freedom
- 62 John Baptist Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 70 Negro George v. Gabriel Adams petition for freedom
- 109 Lizette Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 110 Janette Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 111 Nancy Lee v. Augustus Preuss petition for freedom
- 258 Negro Betsey v. George McCandless petition for freedom
- 282 Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 200 Negroes Frank & Maria Jennifer v. Thomas Ewell petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 14 U.S. v. Negro Alfred William assault & battery
- 16 U.S. v. Negress Polly Mason stealing an axe and an iron pot worth \$1.50
- 24 U.S. v. Negro Andrew stealing items worth \$5.00
- 29 U.S. v. Negro Jerry Norris attempted arson
- 35 U.S. v. Negro William Chubb stealing a pair of boots worth \$2.00
- 48 U.S. v. Negro Nace Lee stealing a spade worth \$1.00
- 65 U.S. v. Negress Eliza Grandison stealing two gowns worth \$2.00
- 72 U.S. v. Negro Harry Collins stealing items worth 70 cents

Judicials

- 44 John Fleming v. J.P. Vanness et al. Lists \$4000 property, \$2000 of it in slaves
- 135 Richard Wallach v. Lewin Talbot negro woman Mary aged 34 years \$250.00
negro boy Harry aged 10 years 150.00
negro girl Ellen aged 11 years 100.00
- 136 Richard Wallach v. Henry Talbott Charles, 10, \$150; Henry, 8, \$100; Emma, 6, \$100; Charity, 6, \$100; Frank, 4, \$100; Polly, 25, with Thomas, 16 months, \$300

Rough Bundle

"Habeas Corpus" file Negro George (George Chambers) claimed to be held against his will on the schooner *Agate*, "now lying in the eastern branch of the Potomac within the jurisdiction of this court...."

December term 1827*Civil Appearances*

13 Richard Hall v. Abraham Vanmetre petition for freedom

Civil Trials

115 James D. Barry v. Robert Barry part of this extraordinarily long case, contained in the second of three folders, involves a "negro woman Anna a slave for life," who was taken "out of the District of Columbia to some one of the northern cities"

508 Thomas L. Mitchell v. William Wilson "one negro girl named Mahala about 21 years of age" \$250.00

Criminal Appearances

34 U.S. v. Negro Elie Davis assault and battery

35 U.S. v. Negro William Chubb stealing clothing worth \$5, "and six silver half dollars of the value of three dollars"

38 U.S. v. Negro Nancy Reed stealing china and glassware worth \$15.00

41 U.S. v. Negro Henry Simms stealing one pair of shoes worth \$1.50

69 U.S. v. Negro James Young stealing one pair of boots worth \$3.00

72 U.S. v. Negro Emily Starris stealing one quilt (\$1) and three pairs of shoes (\$4)

Judicials

15 W. Smith v. Z. Hazle & J. Thomas "one negro boy named George aged about 16 years more or less" appraised at \$175; sold for \$143

Recognizances

(August folder) "John Walker & Rachel Walker free persons of colour" post \$100 bond each "in case the said John Walker shall not...give evidence...against a certain Eli Davis also a free perosn of colour...for stabbing & wounding him the said Jno Walker with a knife In several places on his body on the 10th June 1827...."

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus of "Robert Bell, a free Man of colour"--the case involves custody of a child

May term 1828*Civil Appearances*

30 Louisa Johnson v. Milo Mason petition for freedom

353 Abraham Smith v. John Lyons petition for freedom

408 Robert Loyal v. Benjamin Lewis petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 135 John Battle v. Thomas Miller petition for freedom
 425 Negro James v. Ignatius Newton petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

About this time, the clerk began to give up specifying black defendants by race in the docket books and printed forms, but "negro" and "negress" continue to appear in small, hand-written notes in most files.

- 43 U.S. v. Scipio Brown assault and battery on "negro Thomas Green"
 45 U.S. v. Thomas D. Thomas perjury; Thomas, a white man, swore to the truth of a false bill for services presented by "negro William Barton"
 46 U.S. v. William Barton presenting a false bill for services amounting to \$157.50
 48 U.S. v. Maria Jones stealing "sundry articles of cloathing" worth \$5.00
 49 U.S. v. Phyllis Butler stealing "one piece of silver money the amount not known"
 50 U.S. v. Maria Jones stealing "one silver spoon" worth \$1.50
 51 U.S. v. Henry Sims stealing "silver and copper money" amounting to \$2.00
 52 U.S. v. Frank Hanson stealing money and one pair of shoes, worth \$15.62½
 53 U.S. v. Isreal Chubb ("a person of evil name and fame, and of dishonest conversation, and a common buyer and receiver of stolen goods") accepted and held five dollars of Hanson's stolen money

Criminal Trials

- 4 U.S. v. Negress Margaret Holland stealing 3 decanters and 7 wine glasses worth \$10.00
 5 U.S. v. Negress Louisa Holland same case
 7 U.S. v. Negro John Marlbro receiving stolen bank notes worth \$5.00

December term 1828*Civil Appearances*

- 16 Christopher Harris v. Penelope B. Alexander petition for freedom
 21 Henry Ober et al. v. Henry Talbert petition for freedom
 33 D. & L.L. Butler v. J.H. Beall "one negro woman named Harriott aged about 24 years and her child named Fanny aged about 4 years," appraised at \$300.00
 40, 41 J.S. Clarke & W.C. Orme v. D. Magruder "one negro man said to be about 60 years old named Nat," appraised at \$50.00; "one negro boy named Washington aged about 11 years," appraised at \$100.00
 62 Negro George v. Gabriel Adams petition for freedom
 161 Rebecca Rawlings v. W. Wallace & J. Dallerhide petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 105 Mandeville & Larmour v. Cookendorfer "A List of...Expences to Boston in pursuit of slave Richard Bunbury" \$189.37
 113 Mason & Moore v. Matilda Derrick and children petition for freedom

115	Negro Ben v. James Moore	petition for freedom
402	Phyllis Clagett and children v. Ann Gibson	petition for freedom
417	Abraham Smith v. John Lyon	petition for freedom

Recognizances

7	U.S. v. George Graham	“for kidnapping a negro boy named James Cudgel”
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Judicials

57	Thomas F. Anderson v. James Moore	“one negro man named Tom aged about 38 years of a dark complexion”	\$400.00
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Criminal Appearances

3	U.S. v. Negress Betsey Ware	stealing “one Cambrick frock” worth \$10.00
5	U.S. v. John Young	stabbing “negro Cornelius Butler”
27	U.S. v. Negro Philip Sims	stealing 1 pair shoes worth \$2.25
29	U.S. v. Negro William Chubb	stealing silverware worth \$1.50
33	U.S. v. Daniel Hunt	stealing 2 pair of shoes worth \$9.00
34	U.S. v. William Chubb	broke and entered and stole \$1.25 in silver money
35	U.S. v. Negro Peter Dulany	stealing a saddle worth \$10.00
36	U.S. v. Negro Peter Dulany	stealing a horse worth \$75 and a saddle worth \$5.00
37	U.S. v. Negress Mary Thompson	stealing “sundry articles of clothing” worth \$15.00
39	U.S. v. Negro Robert Barnes	stealing silver and copper money worth \$2.00
54	U.S. v. Negro Henry Butler	stealing a hat worth \$5.00
75	U.S. v. Negro Henry Butler	stealing a hat worth \$2.00
81	U.S. v. Negro Reuben Duskins	stealing bedclothes and tableware worth \$2.50
103	U.S. v. Nelson Sims	stealing goods and money worth \$5.85
104	U.S. v. Negro George Hanson	stealing a joist worth \$1.00

May term 1829*Civil Appearances*

26	Harry Wigle et al. v. George Kirby	petition for freedom	
83	John Lee v. William Dent	petition for freedom	
97	Negro Ann Williamson and children v. George Miller	petition for freedom	
119	William P. Compton v. George Milburn	“one negro boy named Merrick aged about 13 years”	\$250.00

Civil Trials

188	Samuel I. Potts et al. v. John Holtzman	includes a newspaper advertisement for the auction of “one NEGRO BOY named LEWIS, about fourteen years of age”
234	Christopher Harris v. Robert Rowley	petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

50	U.S. v. Negro Jesse Lane	stealing four walking canes worth \$8.00
51	U.S. v. Negro Cupid (Edgar Cupid alias Spencer Day)	stealing three silver tablespoons and three plated "Desart" spoons worth \$7.00
59	U.S. v. Negro Daniel Hurt	assault and battery on Negro Harry Wallace
63	U.S. v. Negress Leah Ann Deane	stealing "one piece of Calico" worth \$8.00
87	U.S. v. Negro Richard	stealing \$29 in banknotes
91	U.S. v. Negro Thomas Brown	assault and battery
121	U.S. v. Negro Richard James	assault and battery
132	U.S. v. Negro Ben Wheeler	stealing four pieces of silver money worth \$1.00
139	U.S. v. Negro Lawson Goings	assault and battery on "Negro Miller"
148	U.S. v. Negro William	stealing \$40 in banknotes

December term 1829*Civil Appearances*

31	H.T. Weightman v. H.B. Davis	"one negro woman...about 40 years old"	\$ 80.00
35	John Kurtz v. Union Bank of Georgetown	"one negro man or boy called Richard Clarke about five feet five inches high"	\$275.00
46	Rebecca Taylor v. J.P. Ball	"one negro man...about 40 years of age"	\$200.00
157	Urania Chappell v. E.H. Healy	"one negro man...aged about 21 years"	\$400.00
166	Maria White v. Joseph M. White	petition for freedom	
171	E.N. Childs v. George Milburn	"one negro girl...aged about 10 years"	\$150.00
227½	Benjamin Burns v. John E. Berry	bill of sale for "my negro woman, named Charlott, and her child" appraised at \$300.00, sold for \$260.00	
306	Seraphim Masi v. John E. Berry	"one negro boy...aged about 19 years"	\$300.00
468	Richard H. Williams	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

249	Leonard Harbaugh v. John Waters	"one negro boy...aged about 14 years"	\$180.00
363	James Galt v. Henry G. Wilson	"100 DOLLARS REWARD.--Runaway from the Subscriber living in Georgetown, D.C., Sunday morning, August 3d, two likely young negro men, both bright mulattoes."	

Judicials

34	Daniel D. Arden v. Lemuel Sawyer	"one negro woman...aged about 22 years"	\$100.00
55	Bank of the Metropolis v. Samuel Burch	"one negro boy...aged 13 years"	\$300.00
56	G. Adrone v. N.L. Queen & W.H. Gunnell	"negro Dennis aged about 22 years" Family of James Price ("aged about 40"); wife, 35; three daughters, 12, 10 and 7; three sons, 11, 9 and infant appraised at \$600.00	\$300.00
89	U.S. v. Edgar Cupid	\$1.00 fine	

119, 120	U.S. v. William Chubb	\$1.00 fine, each case (in none of these cases is the defendant's race mentioned, either in the papers or in the docket book)	
309	Walter Clarke v. Samuel Burch et al.	"one negro boy...aged about 20 years"	\$400.00
335	John F. Webb v. Robert Keyworth	"one negro boy...aged about 15 years"	\$200.00

May term 1830*Civil Appearances*

33, 34	Valentine Carter v. John H. Beall	"one negro boy named George calls himself George Sprigg aged about 17 years"	\$300.00
46	W.G.W. White v. John H. Beall	George Sprigg, appraised at	\$340.00
52	Nancy Cox v. James Cox	petition for freedom	
72	Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood	petition for freedom	
392	Benjamin L. Gantt v. Abraham Clarke	"one negro boy...about 12 years of age"	\$160.00

Civil Trials

57	James Smith v. Walter P. Newton	petition for freedom	
121	Negro Charlotte and children v. Henry Clay	petition for freedom	
322	William Green v. Elisha Jewell	petition for freedom	

Criminal Appearances

5	U.S. v. Ennis Scott	assault	
21	U.S. v. Robert Johnson	drew a knife on a constable	
22	U.S. v. William Butler	assault on John Deane	
23	U.S. v. William Butler	assault on James A. Deane	
26	U.S. v. Samuel Butler	assault	
33	U.S. v. Arnold Green	assault	
99	U.S. v. Benjamin Tate	stole ½ bbl herring worth \$2; ten mackerel worth 50 cents	
118	U.S. v. Nelson Sims	stole one axe worth \$1.50	
127	U.S. v. James Clements	stole one comb worth \$6.00	

Appeals

23	Harriet Anderson v. Corporation of Washington	case of breaking curfew "a free negro--was found in one of the streets of the City of Washington...at a later hour than half after 10 o'clock"	
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Judicials

163	Margaret Baltzer v. William Y. Wetzel	"maintenance of Negro Moses,...Negress Julia Ann,...Sarah,...Susan & Jacob in Jail" (one week)	\$10.88
164	C & O Canal Co. v. James Kennedy	"one black boy...aged about 16 years"	\$300.00
247	John Kidglie v. George A. Smoot	"one negro girl...aged about 13 years"	\$200.00
256	Benjamin Burns v. Robert Keyworth	"one negro boy...aged about 16 years"	\$325.00

December term 1830*Civil Appearances*

131	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom
177	Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood	petition for freedom
180	Negro Gerrard v. Zachariah Cox	petition for freedom
181	Ann Williams and children v. George Miller	petition for freedom
310		
451	Negro Mary and child v. Lewin Talburt	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

92	Walter B. Beale v. Lambert S. Beck	Beck "took...one negro slave named William ...and unjustly detained him against sureties & pledges...whereby [Beale] saith that he is injured & hath damage to the value of a thousand dollars...."
95	Jesse A. Dollerhide v. George Milburn	"one negro or mulatto girl...about fifteen years of age" \$206.25

Criminal Appearances

24	U.S. v. Alexander Young	assault & battery on constable
72	U.S. v. John Sanders	assault & battery
127	U.S. v. James Colbert	stole a spade worth \$1.00 and a clothesline worth 50 cents
129	U.S. v. Ann Talbutt	stole three pairs of shoes worth \$4.00
132	U.S. v. Ann Talbutt	stole two quilts worth \$1.50 and one chest worth \$3.50
148	U.S. v. Nancy Ashton	stole one cloak worth \$1.00
156	U.S. v. Caroline Calvert	cut Nancy Ashton with an axe
159	U.S. v. Thomas Rollins	stole one pair of shoes worth \$1.12
161	U.S. v. William Chubb	stole eight dozen herrings worth 80 cents
172	U.S. v. Jim Davis	stole \$50 in banknotes and \$3 in silver money
175	U.S. v. John Barnes	stole one cheese worth \$1.00
176	U.S. v. Horace Gales	same theft as Jim Davis, #172
177	U.S. v. Thomas Johnson	stole one blanket worth \$1.25
187	U.S. v. Rezin Barker	stole one overcoat worth \$15; 1 pr gloves worth 50 cents

Rough Bundle

In Miscellaneous file, testimony of Zedekiah Kidwell "relative to the price of a Colored Boy said to be a slave"

May term 1831*Civil Appearances*

36	Adam Wigle v. Thomas Grimes	petition for freedom
59	Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood	petition for freedom
62	Negro Leonard v. Zachariah Cox	petition for freedom
371	Negro Kitty v. Samuel McPherson	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 80 Thomas Butler et al. v. Gabriel Duvall petition for freedom
 82 William Thornton v. George M. Graham petition for freedom
 121 George W. Wilson v. John E. Berry "One negro boy named Spencer Allen aged about 19 years" \$400.00
 305 Arnold T. Windsor v. Marshal S. Wines a bill totaling \$197.45 includes, among other charges, the labor of slaves Samuel, Joshua and Seth, who hired out for \$10 a month for 44 days

Criminal Appearances--none extant from this term

Criminal Trials

- 22 U.S. v. Horace Gales stole \$50 in notes and \$3 in silver money

Rough Bundle

Habeas Corpus petition of Garrison Hanson, "a Freeman,...born of free Parents..."

Imparlanes

- 427 Negro Mary v. Lewin Talburt petition for freedom

Judicials

- 19 John J. Palmer v. Peter Force "One negro man...aged about 21 years" \$350.00
 24 Erasmus J. Middleton v. Henry S. Wood sale (\$220) and maintenance (thirteen days @ 34 cents=\$4.42) of Negro Adeline
 61 John B. Benson v. Thomas N. Miller sale of 5 men (ages 20-40), mother (30) and child (10), for \$1450.00

December term 1831

Civil Appearances

- 13 Croxton Monday v. Henry T. Garnett petition for freedom
 80 Susan Wilson v. William Addison petition for freedom
 93 Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood petition for freedom
 96 Negro Gerrard v. Zachariah Cox petition for freedom
 97 Ann Williams and children v. George Miller petition for freedom
 187 Isaac Bartlett v. Gerrard T. Greenfield "one mulatto girl" ("about 16") \$200.00
 "one yellow negro woman...aged about 35 years and her mulatto child named Daniel Alexander" (3 years 9 months) \$200.00
 239 Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 25 John Queen v. Tench Ringgold "1 negro woman...aged about 25 years" \$200.00
 329 Emanuel Gilbert v. Horatio M. Ward petition for freedom
 385 Nelly Lemon and children v. John H. Bayne petition for freedom
 391 Negro Sam v. Lewis Childs et al. petition for freedom
 392 Negro Ned v. Lewis Childs et al. petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 41 U.S. v. William Patterson assault & battery on Kitty Patterson includes letter from Robert J. And William G. Patterson to "Ornebell Mr Francis S Key," describing how the woman "sezed" Patterson "by his privets and sade you son of Bitch...and he sade in sepplication seven ore 8 times to let him Go...at lenth he Strouck her in self Defence...next morning his privets war as Blake as my hat and bleding all so by the Polling of them...."
- 57 U.S. v. Robert Johnson stealing a pair of shoes worth \$2.00

Appeals

- 5 Cary Seldon v. Alexander Keech "I hereby agree to pay to Mr Alexr Keetch...for the hire of his negroe man John Parsons for one year...at the rate of Thirty dollars...."

Criminal Appearances

- 74, 76 U.S. v. Hiram J. Emerson contempt; assaulted Samuel A. Childs in the courthouse, in the course of a "conversation...upon the subject of a suit instituted in this Court by sundry slaves against [Emerson] and others for the recovery of their freedom...." "I gave [Childs] the lie," Emerson said, and then got violent. This case probably tells more about slaveholders than about slaves....

May term 1832*Civil Appearances*

- 60 Nelly Lemon and children v. John H. Bayne petition for freedom
- 89 Negro Ann Williams and children v. G. Miller petition for freedom
- 90 Negro Ned Douglass v. Richard B. Mason petition for freedom
- 337 H. Smith v. J. & E. Peter "one negro man...aged about 45 years" \$200.00

Civil Trials

- 84 Joel T. Gustine v. Tench Ringgold six boys and girls, aged 8-16, appraised from \$150 to \$250, and one woman, aged 60, appraised at \$25.00
- 119 Samuel Heinecke v. Elizabeth Beall "one negro girl...aged about 21 years" \$300.00
- 126 Samuel Burch v. Tench Ringgold "one negro man...aged about 40 years" \$175.00
- 371 Henry Edmonson v. Joseph Neale petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 11 U.S. v. Benjamin Lundy "an agent for procuring subscriptions and for circulating among free negroes and slaves...a seditious & mischievous news paper,... 'The Liberator'"
- 12, 13 U.S. v. William Lloyd Garrison, Isaac Knapp "editors and publishers of a scandalous & mischievous news paper titled 'The Liberator' ...for the purpose of inflaming & exciting the free negroes & slaves to insurrection...."
- 15 U.S. v. Richard Rounds stealing carpenter's tools worth \$5.50
- 31 U.S. v. Negro Nelson Harper murder of Negro William Davis

- 61 U.S. v. Negro Rezin Barber stealing bed, bedclothes worth \$12.50
- 62 U.S. v. Washington Williams same offense
- 63 U.S. v. Williams (Washington Williams's mother) same offense
- 65 U.S. v. Henry Barker stealing banknotes and a check worth \$154.00
- 96 Habeas corpus petition of Negroes Harriet and Kitty (daughter of Nelly Lemon--see December term 1831, Civil Trials 385)

Rough Bundle

Case of Alfred and Charles Hines, two black housebreakers in Alexandria County (only Alexandria County case I've come across so far; must be an oversight)

Imparlances

- 38 L. Thompson v. J.B. Locke & J.W. Beck "negro woman...about 27 years" \$200.00
- 192 Ann Key v. Robert Robertson "negro woman" (no age), five year-old daughter and two month-old son \$400.00

November term 1832

Civil Appearances

- 122 Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood petition for freedom
- 123 Negro Gerrard v. Zachariah Cox petition for freedom
- 224 George B. Magruder v. Henry Roberts "negro woman...about 30 years" \$200.00

Civil Trials

- 197 Anthony Holmead v. Oliver Simpson "negro boy...about ten years" \$200.00
- 401 John B. Holmead v. Michael Gannon "negro man...about 40 years" \$300.00

Appeals

- 4 Horatio M. Ward v. James Williams "to maintenance of Emanuel Gilbert in jail as your slave" 120 days @ 34 cents; 1 pr pantaloons, \$2.75; 1 shirt, 75 cents \$47.52

Criminal Appearances

- 4 U.S. v. Negro William Carroll assaulting Negro George Snow
- 5 U.S. v. Negress Ann Johnson et al. riot, reduced to disorderly conduct
- 14 U.S. v. Negress Betsey Johnson stealing 1 pr shoes worth \$1.25
- 16 U.S. v. Negro Washington Barker stealing 1 pr shoes worth \$1.00
- 20 U.S. v. Negro Henry Simms assaulting Negress Henrietta Robinson
- 21 U.S. v. Negro John Baptist Butler assaulting a constable
- 28 U.S. v. Negro William Hodges stealing \$10 bank note
- 41 U.S. v. William Knott assaulting "a negro boy named Hanson a slave"
- 42 U.S. v. Negro Michael Brown burglary--taking \$500 in bank notes and specie
(there are also papers in this file on Hezekiah Grimes, Brown's white accomplice)
- 50, 51 U.S. v. Negro Washington Sanders & Negress Lucy Johnson riotous and disorderly conduct, on the evidence of Negro William Bowie
- 53 U.S. v. Negro Henry Bias stealing one bottle of "brown stout" worth 25 cents

- 62 U.S. v. Negress Hannah Hedges assault & battery on Rebecca Morris (white?)
- 65 U.S. v. Negro Joseph Douglass stealing bank notes worth \$11.00
- 76 U.S. v. Negro William Cooke assault & battery on Robert M. Harrison (white?)
- 83 U.S. v. Negro John Brown stealing "one piece of steel" worth \$1.50
- 91 U.S. v. Negro Henry Berry killing (stabbing) Arnold Green (white?)
- 95 U.S. v. Negro John Briscoe housebreaking, stealing silverware worth \$40.00
- 101 U.S. v. Negro Alfred Dick "For an assault and battery upon George Williams and inflicting a blow upon said Williams of which he died on the following day, Williams being in the act of getting on board the Steam Boat for the purpose of attacking said Dick..." (The wording amounts to a directed acquittal; see Roger Lane, *Violent Death in the City*, 88.)
- 102 U.S. v. Negro George Shorter stealing a saddle worth \$3.00
- 103 U.S. v. Negro Andrew Barker stealing a watch worth \$10.00
- 104 U.S. v. Negro Andrew Barker stealing a shell comb worth \$5.00
- 110 U.S. v. Negro John Hutton stealing a pocket book and bank notes worth \$40.00
- 111 U.S. v. Negro William Hanson stealing a snuff box worth \$10.00
- 112 U.S. v. Negro Isaac Brogden stealing a suit worth \$7.00, overcoat worth \$20.00
(see also Criminal Appearances 134, which seems to be the same case)
- 118 U.S. v. Negro Washington Barker stealing "goods & chattels" worth \$1.00, in company with William Ward (white?) (Ward is Criminal Appearances 117)
- 124 U.S. v. John Ellis assault on Negro John Chisley
- 128 U.S. v. Benjamin Mudd same assault
- 132 U.S. v. William Fagan same assault--the numbers of the cases are spaced thus because these defendants were also accused of assaulting three other men, presumably white, on the same day
- 136 U.S. v. Negress Emily Stains stealing "one dead turkey" worth 50 cents

March term 1833*Civil Appearances*

- 109 Esther Humphreys v. John B. Lambert petition for freedom
- 119 Sylvia Lee v. Elizabeth Smallwood petition for freedom
- 120 Negro Gerrard v. Zachariah Cox petition for freedom
- 135 Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn petition for freedom
- 221 Negro Noah v. John H. Riley petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 500 T. Durham & T. Whitridge v. H. Ashton "one negro Boy" and "one negro Girl," both "aged about seventeen years," together valued at \$500.00
- 517 Negro Gabriel et al. v. John Stuart petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

12	U.S. v. Negro Adam Butler	assault and battery
45	U.S. v. Negro Charles Brown	stealing clothing worth \$23.00
55	U.S. v. Negro John Bush	stealing clothing worth \$13.25
56	U.S. v. Negro Richard Contee	same charge
59	U.S. v. Negro Isham Harris	stealing nine chickens worth \$2.25
74	U.S. v. Negro William Henry Thomas	stealing bank notes worth \$8.00
75	U.S. v. Negress Betsy Grant	stealing clothing worth \$36.50
76	U.S. v. Negro William Butler	stealing bank notes worth \$6.00
77	U.S. v. Negress Harriet Smith	stealing clothing worth \$4.30
85	U.S. v. Josias Egleson	“for assaulting and beating two negroes, names unknown” (another white man, Charles Zell, was charged with the same crime, but his paperwork--number 84--has not survived; there were four witnesses to the beating, all presumably--by law--white)
92	U.S. v. John W. Prout	forging freedom papers for Joseph Dosier
93	U.S. v. Abraham Johnson	same charge
94	U.S. v. John W. Prout	“did entice and persuade” Dosier to run away
95	U.S. v. Abraham Johnson	same charge
100	U.S. v. John W. Prout	“did assist the transporting of a certain slave” (Dosier) from Washington to Baltimore
101	U.S. v. Abraham Johnson	same charge
107	U.S. v. Negro George Holly	using a counterfeit \$3 note to buy twelve chickens
108	U.S. v. Negro George Holly	stealing goods worth \$3.45 from Samuel McPherson
109	U.S. v. Negro George Holly	assault and battery on Samuel McPherson
113	U.S. v. Negro John Allen	“forging & causing to be forged” Joseph Dosier’s freedom papers, “and for aiding & assisting the said Joseph to make his escape”
114	U.S. v. Negro George Holly	stealing tools worth \$2.75
115	U.S. v. Negress Teresa	arson

Criminal Trials

6	U.S. v. Negress Jemima Stevens	stealing bank notes worth \$25
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Rough Bundle

“Miscellaneous” file contains “Statement of facts relating to the abduction of Mr Gadsby’s negro” (tells how Ben Anderson, with help from some white men, took a stagecoach from Washington to Baltimore and got on board a sailing vessel there)

Judicials

5	Conrad Kormslar v. Philip Mauro	“one negro Girl...aged about 17 years”	\$350.00
19	Jeremiah Orme v. Mary Chambers	“one negro man...aged about 28 years”	\$500.00
75	U.S. v. Negress Betsey Johnson	\$1 fine for unspecified offense	
78	U.S. v. Negro Henry Simms	\$5 fine for unspecified offense	

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| 79 | U.S. v. Negro John Baptist Butler | \$5 fine for unspecified offense |
| 95 | U.S. v. Negress Emily Stains | 50 cent fine for unspecified offense |

September term 1833*Criminal Appearances*

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| 6 | U.S. v. Negro James Reglis | warrant for assault & battery |
| 17 | U.S. v. Negro James Smith | warrant for assault & battery |
| 54 | U.S. v. Negro Philip Sims | stealing a shovel worth \$1.00 |
| 67 | U.S. v. Negro James Butler | assault & battery on Negro John Carroll |
| 68 | U.S. v. Negro Jack Smith | assault & battery on Negro Solomon Hawkins |
| 69 | U.S. v. Negro Sandy Sprigg | stealing a silver watch worth \$8.00 |
| 76 | U.S. v. Negro William Thomas | assault on Robert Wright |
| 77 | U.S. v. Negro William Thomas | assault on Thomas Crown |
| 83 | U.S. v. Negro Horace Jennings | stealing clothing worth \$7.93 |
| 143 | U.S. v. Alexander Warner | assault & battery on Negro Resin Hopkins |

Criminal Trials

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| 1 | U.S. v. Negro Henry Steward | distributing abolitionist literature |
| 2 | U.S. v. Negro William V. Grant | same offense |

November term 1833*Civil Appearances*

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| 48 | Amelia Marshall v. J. & W.H. Gant | petition for freedom |
| 60 | Henry Shelby v. T.D. Owens & J. Brown | petition for freedom |
| 100 | Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson | petition for freedom |
| 330 | Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton | petition for freedom |
| 349 | Andrew Smith v. Ariss Buckner | "one negro woman...aged about 40 years" \$150.00 |

Criminal Appearances

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| 16 | U.S. v. Negro James Smith | assault & battery on Matthew M. Cole (white?) |
| 47 | U.S. v. Negro Mary Twine | arrest warrant for unspecified larceny |
| 68 | U.S. v. Negroes Ann Johnson & Hannah Contee | keeping a house of ill fame |
| 72 | U.S. v. Negress Christiana Williams | same charge |
| 78 | U.S. v. William Green (white?) | libel--his words, "There is neither mercy nor justice for coloured people in this district," were meant "to injure, oppress, aggrieve & vilify the good name fame credit & reputation of the Magistrates & constables of Washington County"--file contains a copy of <i>Genius of Universal Emancipation</i> for June 1833. |
| 85 | U.S. v. Negro Rezin Butler | unspecified larceny |
| 86 | U.S. v. Negro Charles Morsell | stealing one barrel of flour worth \$5.00 |
| 87 | U.S. v. Negress Mary Stewart | stealing clothing worth \$1.50 |

Criminal Trials

- 7 U.S. v. Negro James Reggles assault & battery on John Waters (white?)
 12 U.S. v. Negro James Williams stealing china, silverware worth \$11.50

Judicials

- 119 J.W. & E. Taylor v. John Price "one negro boy...aged about 14 years" \$275.00
 139 J.M. Selden v. Leonard Harbaugh "one negro boy...aged about 17 years" \$500.00

March term 1834*Civil Appearances*

- 21 Robert McDuell v. John F. Jackson "one negro man...aged about 32 years" \$500.00
 127 Negress Chloe Ann v. I. Franklin & J. Armfield petition for freedom
 137 Sally Robertson v. Henry Robinson petition for freedom
 152 Rebecca Hobbs v. T. Magruder & W. Robey petition for freedom
 240 Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton petition for freedom
 533 Evelina Russell v. Joseph Neale petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 108 Ned Douglass v. Charles G. Wilson petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 3 U.S. v. Negro Nathan Brooks stealing goods worth \$1.00
 29 U.S. v. Negro Mary Turner arrest warrant for unspecified larceny
 64 U.S. v. Negro Joseph Smith assault & battery on Matthias M. Cole (white?)
 67 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Brown assault & battery on "his wife Mary Brown"
 71 U.S. v. Negro Edward Peters stealing 1 pr stockings worth 15 cents
 84 U.S. v. Negro James Robinson stealing 2 silver spoons worth \$1.00
 85 U.S. v. Negro Betsey Robinson stealing bank notes worth \$100.00
 89 U.S. v. Negro Elizabeth Proctor stealing "a drab fur bonnet" worth \$7.00
 91 U.S. v. Negro John H. Gantt stealing a watch & chain worth \$4.00
 93, 94 U.S. v. Negro George Patterson stealing bank notes and silver money worth \$8.62 ½
 96 U.S. v. Negro Catherine Neverson stealing 10 1/4 yds calico worth \$1.00
 98 U.S. v. Thomas Kibby ("yeoman") "for an assault & battery upon negro Patrick Collins,
 and for an attempt to cut the throat of said Collins, with a razor...." (Kibby was
 fined \$20, and had to post a \$50 bond "for his good behaviour for 12 mos.")
 99, 100 U.S. v. Negro William H. Dowling} stealing one watch worth \$4.00
 101, 102 U.S. v. Negro James Butler } and 2 pr earrings worth \$3.00
 105 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Fox passing counterfeit bank notes worth \$20.00
 106 U.S. v. Negro Calvin Jones housebreaking
 120 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Sewall assault on William Howard (white?)
 120½ U.S. v. Negro Isaac Beddo } stealing 24 chickens worth \$9.00
 121 U.S. v. Negro Washington Williams} and 36 oranges worth \$1.00

- 128 U.S. v. Joseph Goddard stealing one cow worth \$15.00, belonging to Negro
Patty (Goddard stole six cows that day, but only one owned by a black person)
- 131 U.S. v. Negro Susan Lowe stealing goods worth \$6.50

Criminal Trials

- 2 U.S. v. Negro Adam Butler assault & battery on Rebecca Morris (white?)
- 12 U.S. v. Negro Jemima Stevens "keeping a house of ill fame"
- 16 U.S. v. Thomas Baldwin assault & battery on Negress Nancy Bryan
- 20 U.S. v. Negro Christian Williams "keeping a house of ill fame"

Imparlances

- 270 Keziah Crawford v. Thomas G. Slye petition for freedom
- 271 Joe Crawford v. Roberta Slye petition for freedom

November term 1834*Civil Appearances*

- 47 Alfred Meekins v. Lucy Croghn petition for freedom
- 71 Henry Shelby v. T.D. Owens & J. Brown petition for freedom
- 313 Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton petition for freedom
- 572 John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting petition for freedom

~~Civil~~ *Trials*

- CRIMINAL 1 U.S. v. Negro William Wormley "an agent for procuring subscribers and for circulating among the free negroes & slaves...a seditious & mischievous newspaper... 'The Liberator,' the tendency of which is to inflame & excite the said free negroes & slaves to insurrection and rebellion against the white population...."

Criminal Appearances

- 1 U.S. v. James Hall et al. assault & battery on "Negro John Chisley" et al.
- 9 U.S. v. Negro Mary Twine stealing 4 pigs worth \$8.00
- 32 U.S. v. Negro John Brown disorderly conduct at Methodist church
- 57 U.S. v. Negro James Tate stealing goods worth 57½ cents
- 62 U.S. v. Negro George Dough & Sandy Bailey fighting
- 66 U.S. v. Josias Ray "for cruelly beating, at divers times...Negro Girl Hannah"
- 68 U.S. v. Negro Charles Lindsley stealing cloth worth \$3.25
- 77 U.S. v. Negro Henry Simms assault & battery on Ann Dunbar
- 82 U.S. v. Negro Daniel Jackson beating to death a cow worth \$20.00
- 85 U.S. v. Ellen Ray "for cruelly beating, at divers times...Negro Girl Hannah"
- 89 U.S. v. Negro Charles Brooks} stealing 1/3 cord of
- 90 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Taylor} oak wood worth \$1.25
- 91 U.S. v. Negro Nelson Simms assault & battery on Daniel Clare
- 112 U.S. v. Negro James Diggs stealing a silver tablespoon worth \$2.00

115	U.S. v. Negro Henry Efford}	
116	U.S. v. Neil Gray }	
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127	U.S. v. Negro James Diggs	stealing goods worth \$1.50
137	U.S. v. Negro John Wilkinson	assault & battery on Negress Lucy Dover
139	U.S. v. Negro Fran Solby	stealing a pistol worth \$4.00
145	U.S. v. Negro Joseph Hornsberry	stealing a bed and bedclothes worth \$16.62 ½
153	U.S. v. Negro Nelson Simms	stealing 1 pr. shoes worth \$1.25
160	U.S. v. Negro Nelson Simms	stealing 1 shirt worth \$1.00

Appeals

3	Theophilus Freeman v. H.N. Steele	“25 dayes board for negro Rebeca Smith”	\$8.50
		medical expenses	7.50

Judicials

71	Samuel Heinecke v. Elizabeth Beall	“one negro woman...aged about 20 years”	\$400.00
103	William W. Seaton v. Jacob Dixon	“one negro boy...aged about 19 years”	450.00
104	William Otis v. Jacob Dixon	the same “negro boy” appraised--for potential settlement of a different debt	
108	P. Houston et al. v. C. Selden et al.	“one negro man named William Lowry aged about 53 years”	\$45.00
128	J.W. Beck & R.R. Burr v. J. Holohan	“one negro man...aged about 22 years”	\$350.00
129	F & M Bank of G't'n v. William Diggs	“one mulatto boy...aged about 8 years”	\$150.00
		“one mulatto girl...aged about 5 years”	\$100.00
189	Farmers' Bank v. Thomas Swann	“one negro girl aged about 17 or 18 years”	\$800.00
237	U.S. v. Negro Joseph Smith	see March term 1834, Civil Appearances 64	

Rough Bundle

Miscellaneous file Negro Adam Butler discharged form jail 1/7/35 (locked up 8/23/34);
 Negro John Beddo discharged form jail 1/6/35 (locked up 12/11/34)

March term 1835*Civil Appearances*

2	Thomas Crown v. John Gorrie	“one yellow servant boy a slave aged about eight years”	\$175.00
20	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck	petition for freedom	
97	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom	
179	John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whitney	petition for freedom	
261	Elizabeth Smith v. J. Brick & J. Armfield	petition for freedom	
313	John Thornton v. Irvine Davis	petition for freedom	
393	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

419 Hickey Lee v. Frederick Goulding petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

- 19 U.S. v. Negro John Brown "unlawfully and irreverently did disturb...the congregation of the African Meeting House in Washington...by cursing and swearing and loud and profane talking."
- 34 U.S. v. Negress Betsey Johnson stealing 2 pitchers worth \$2.00
- 48 U.S. v. Harry Thomas assault & battery on Negro Henry Buchanan
- 56 U.S. v. Negro David Clagett stealing 12 newspapers worth 50 cents
- 62 U.S. v. Washington Brown a & b on "Negro James the property of Henry Orbason"
- 67 U.S. v. Negro Daniel Elan assault & battery on Betsey Queen
- 76 U.S. v. Negro Rezin Barker stealing saddle, bridle & martingale worth \$15.00
- 77 U.S. v. Negro Page C. Dunlop assault on a constable
- 79 U.S. v. Negress Fanny Hedges assault & battery on John Waters, "by scalding"
- 80 U.S. v. Negro Loyd Bell assault & battery on Negro Thomas Thompson
- 81 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Neale stealing money worth \$1.34 3/4
- 82 U.S. v. Gilbert L. Giberson professional misconduct of attorney in John Thornton's petition for freedom
- 84 U.S. v. Negro Thomas Jordan stealing a stove worth \$4.00
- 87 U.S. v. Negro John Parsons keeping a house of ill fame
- 89 U.S. v. Negro Henry Johnson stealing goods worth \$4.25
- 94 U.S. v. Negro Nathan Cole murder of Negro Thomas Butler (shot with pistol)
- 95, 96 U.S. v. Negroes George Davis, Allen Cole accomplices in 94, above
- 97, 98 U.S. v. Negro Francis Stickler a & b on Garret Tisman, Henry Leipers
- 99 U.S. v. Negro Francis Stickler et al. "Riot on the Rail Road" (six hours)
- 100 U.S. v. Negro Henry Johnson burglary (evidently unsuccessful; no dollar value)
- 105 U.S. v. Negroes N. & A. Cole, G. Davis same offense as 94-96, above
- 113 U.S. v. Negro James Rounds assault & battery on Negro Henry Neale
- 114 U.S. v. Negro Jane Davis a & b on "John Sims the child of Josias Sims"
- 124 U.S. v. Negro Francis Neale stealing a ham worth \$1.10
- 126 U.S. v. Negro Alfred Rounds stealing clothing worth \$6.00
- 127 U.S. v. Negro Mary Butler stealing goods worth \$1.42
- 129 U.S. v. Negro Abraham Spillman stealing silver and copper coins worth \$30.00
- 130 U.S. v. Negro Abraham Spillman assault on Catherine Grant
- 131 U.S. v. Negro Nancy Humphries stealing a dress worth \$4.00
- 133 U.S. v. Negro Clorissa Bowman stealing cloth worth \$4.25
- 134 U.S. v. Negro Mary Butler stealing cloth, shoes worth \$3.50
- 136 U.S. v. Negro Edward Matthews stealing goods, money worth \$417.00
- 137 U.S. v. Nathaniel Hughes a & b on Joseph Douglass, "a free man of Colour"

- 138 U.S. v. Negro Edward Matthews burglary
 152 U.S. v. William H. Jones, "free negro" stealing money worth \$4.50
 159 U.S. v. Negro Francis Haines stealing a silver watch worth \$15.00
 162 U.S. v. George Bell ("free negro"), Harriet Beans & Betsy Sims assault & battery on
 Negro Ann Chase, including tar and feathers
 163 U.S. v. George Cokely, "free negro" assault & battery on Negro Francis Hillery
 164 U.S. v. George Cokely, "free negro" running a faro bank
 170 U.S. v. Negroes Henry Hicks, Amanda Henson, Sally Sims, Iona Sims, Bill Henson &
 Isaac Doyle riot, "for one hour and more"
 176 U.S. v. Negress Harriett Smith, "just from the penitentiary" stealing clothing worth \$3.50

Criminal Trials

- 9 U.S. v. Negro Anthony Bowen assault & battery on Negro Lewis Millard
 10 U.S. v. Negro Charles Penny same offense as 9, above
 14 U.S. v. Negro Rebecca Bowie stealing 1 pr "India rubber shoes" worth \$2.50

Imparlances

- 251 William P. Flint v. Alexander Hunter "negro boy...aged about 19 years" \$450.00
 286 Sarah Ann Allen v. Joseph Wallingsford petition for freedom
 640 Amy Gray v. Henry Howison petition for freedom
 781 Rosanna Robertson et al. v. Alexander Waugh petition for freedom

Judicials

- 98 State of Maryland v. William Sothoron "negro man...aged about 34 years" \$500.00
 126 U.S. v. Negro Christian Williams \$20 fine (see March term 1834, Criminal Trial 20)

November term 1835*Civil Appearances*

- 7 Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn petition for freedom
 46 Henry E. Selby v. Michael McDermott "one negro woman...aged about 40 years,
 and her son...aged about 4 years" \$300.00
 75 Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck petition for freedom
 103 Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson petition for freedom
 144 Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton petition for freedom
 175 John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting petition for freedom
 222 Susan Wilson v. William Addison petition for freedom
 262 William Moore v. George Gray "one female Slave called Elizabeth Norris aged
 about sixteen years" \$450.00
 "One female Slave called Henrietta Norris aged
 about thirteen years" \$350.00
 304 J. Davis & M. Abat v. T. Swann & E. Livingston "hire of negro Daniel"
 35 months @ \$18/mo \$630.00

306	Adam Bayley v. John Lee	petition for freedom	
350	Nancy Jones v. Alexander Hunter	petition for freedom	
381	Daniel Bell v. John Stephenson	petition for freedom	
432	George H. Fulmer v. L. & J. Hope	"one negro man...aged about 40 years"	\$150.00
475	Nancy & Henrietta Fletcher v. Henry T. Weightman	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

93	Samuel & Barbara Lee v. Elizabeth Lee	about bringing slaves in and out of D.C.	
454	Helen Doyne v. Fleet Smith	petition for freedom	
648	Negro William v. Lansing Tooker	petition for freedom	

Criminal Appearances

55	U.S. v. Shepherd Brown (free negro)	gaming	
56	U.S. v. Samuel Snow (free negro)	gaming	
78	U.S. v. John Beddo & William Hanson	defendants were identified as "colored men," accused of passing a forged \$10 note to Thomas Nickins. Nickins was black, and when Beddo produced affidavits to prove his white ancestry, Nickins's testimony against him became inadmissible	
83	U.S. v. John Proctor (free negro)	stealing clothing worth \$7.00	
93, 145	U.S. v. Washington Henning	"For kidnapping, and attempting to sell a free coloured boy called Thea Key--in the City of Washington"	
102	U.S. v. Arthur (alias John Arthur Bowen)	"attempting to murder his mistress"	
104	U.S. v. Edward Peters (free negro)	stealing goods worth \$4.12 ½	
111	U.S. v. Lewis Lee (free negro)	stealing a watch worth \$15.00	
113	U.S. v. Elizabeth Custis (free negress)	stealing 1 pr shoes worth \$1.00	
116	U.S. v. Henry Simms (free negro)	stealing 1 silver watch worth \$10.00	
142	U.S. v. Henry Simms (free negro)	assault on Thomas Latimer when he took the watch	

Imparlances

295	Jeremiah Orme v. Brooke Mackall	"one negro boy...aged about 16 years"	\$500.00
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Judicials

75	Charles L. Fowler v. Jacob Dixon	"one negro boy who calls himself Dallas Ford aged about 18 years"	\$650.00
150	U.S. v. Negro Joseph Smith	\$20 fine	
178	Bank of the Metropolis v. Elkanah Waters	"one negro man...aged about 25 or 30 years"	\$700.00
		"one negro boy... aged about 15 years"	\$500.00
		"one negro boy...aged about 16 or 18 years"	\$600.00
231	B.O. Tayloe v. J. Gales	printer's bill (\$339.13) that includes three items for advertising runaways, one for "Sale of Negroes"	

March term 1836*Civil Appearances*

41	Fortune Scott v. William F. Masters	petition for freedom
50	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom
53	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck	petition for freedom
75	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom
110	Negro Joseph v. Basil Halton	petition for freedom
135	John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom
370	Charles Cross v. J.W. Neale & O. Simpson	petition for freedom
413	Michael Shinor v. A. & W.E. Howard	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

168	Jacob Dixon v. Alexander Hunter	“one negro boy aged about nineteen years named Gusty,” valued at \$450.00
219	Allen P. Bowie v. Alexander Hunter	“negro woman named Mahala aged about twenty years,” valued at \$400.00
244	Samuel Chew v. William Redin	hire of 15 slaves for one half-year @\$65/yr \$562.50

Criminal Appearances

60	U.S. v. Negro Thomas Miles	assault & battery
61	U.S. v. Thomas Miles (same man?)	larceny
63	U.S. v. Negro Eliza Morris	stealing
64	U.S. v. Negro Priscilla Brown	stealing a bonnet, ribbon, silk gloves and artificial flowers worth \$7.50
84	U.S. v. Negro William Lodge	larceny
85	U.S. v. Negro Daniel Chase	larceny, 2 prs boots (\$7)
86	U.S. v. Negro Jane White	larceny, black silk dress (\$2)
93	U.S. v. Negro Frank Neale	larceny, 411 lbs rags (\$16)
99	U.S. v. Negro George W. Coakley	a & b on Negro Francis Hillary
131	U.S. v. Negro Frank Hays	larceny, watch & jewelry (\$15)
134	U.S. v. Negro Charles Brown	a & b on Negro Charles Morsell
137	U.S. v. Eliza & Henry Butler	“keeping a House of ill fame commonly called a boudy House on 12th street”
143	U.S. v. Henry Wilson	“for receiving stolen goods of a slave,” Margaret Brown (clothing worth \$6.50)
155	U.S. v. John Johnson	forging a certificate of freedom for James Francis
156	U.S. v. Negro Christoipher Bond	larceny, stealing}
157	U.S. v. Negro Julia Bond	clothing worth }
158	U.S. v. Negro Mary Butler	\$7.12 ½ }

159	U.S. v. Negro Christopher Bond	} larceny, stealing}	
160	U.S. v. Negro Julia Bond	} clothing worth }	nolle prosequi
161	U.S. v. Negro Mary Butler	} \$11.00 }	
162	U.S. v. Negro Tom Bond	} larceny, stealing clothing }	1 yr
163	U.S. v. Negro Hannah Butler	} worth \$7.12 ½ }	penitentiary
164	U.S. v. Negro Tom Bond	} larceny, stealing clothing }	1 yr
165	U.S. v. Negro Hannah Butler	} worth \$11.00 }	penitentiary
168	U.S. v. Negro Tom Bond	} larceny, stealing clothing }	1 yr
169	U.S. v. Negro Hannah/Nancy/Mary Butler	} worth \$18.50 }	penitentiary
181	U.S. v. Negro Ellen Dowling	stealing two \$10 bank notes (file includes attorney's "motion in arrest of judgement"--overruled)	2 yrs penitentiary

Recognizances

7	U.S. v. Joseph Hardy	\$25 peace bond
8	U.S. v. Solomon Hawkins	\$50 peace bond

Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus file--"George Kean a free negro man respectfully represents that he is now unjustly illegally and without authority and by force and fraud confined and deprived of his liberty...." (see November term 1836, Civil Appearance 26)

November term 1836*Civil Appearances*

11	George Peter v. James Peter	appraised value of 4 adult and 7 minor slaves	\$2975.00
26	George Kean v. Olivia Kean et al.	petition for freedom	
48	Isaac Dorsey v. Thomas A. Duley	replevin of Elizabeth Dorsey, age 3 or 4 (\$125) and Jane E. Dorsey, age 1 or 2 (\$75)	
75	Philip B. Key v. Helen Hungerford	"one negro girl," Serena, age 10 or 12 (no appraisal)	
99	Lidia Harris v. William M. Lewis	petition for freedom	
146	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom	
154	Fortune Scott v. William F. Masters	petition for freedom	
155	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom	
158	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck	petition for freedom	
170	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom	
198	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom	
219	John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom	
284	Charles Cross v. J.W. Neale & O. Simpson	petition for freedom	
305	Gilderoy Penwell v. Severn E. Parker	petition for freedom	
334	Jack Rhodes v. William Glover	petition for freedom	
399	Negro Susan & children v. T. & M. Ringgold	petition for freedom	
570	George Coats v. William Morton	petition for freedom	

Criminal Appearances

43	U.S. v. Negro Thomas Miles	assault on Barney Mulaney	\$1 fine
44	same	larceny (Mulaney's coat, worth \$5)	2 yrs penitentiary
46	U.S. v. Eliza Morris	stealing one piece cotton (\$3)	nol pros
79	U.S. v. Joseph Messenger	assault	
89	U.S. v. Samuel C. Davidson	"for cruelly and inhumanly whipping a mulatto child [Sarah Jane Hutchins] of the age of about five or seven years"	\$20 fine
90	U.S. v. Priscilla West	stealing cloth (\$15.20)	3 yrs penitentiary
91	U.S. v. Jane West	stealing clothing (\$27.50)	not guilty
92	U.S. v. Venus Grigsby	receiving stolen goods	not guilty
93	U.S. v. William Butler	receiving stolen goods	not guilty
94	U.S. v. Washington Williams	a & b on James S. Coakley	nol pros
95	same	robbery, bank notes worth \$10	7 yrs penitentiary
96	U.S. v. Henry Simms	a & b on James S. Coakley	nol pros
97	same	robbery, bank notes worth \$10	7 yrs penitentiary
98	U.S. v. Henry Butler	receiving stolen goods	3 yrs penitentiary
100	U.S. v. George Dow	stealing "one iron wheel tire" (\$3)	not guilty
103	U.S. v. Frank Pearl	assault on constable	not guilty
104	U.S. v. Samuel Davis	assault on constable	not guilty
105	U.S. v. Philip Sims	"assault on negro Lewis Lee"	\$5 fine
106	U.S. v. William Posey	stealing bank notes worth \$160	3 yrs penitentiary
107	U.S. v. Mary Lee	stealing 2 pr stockings (75 cents)	\$1 fine, 10 days jail
109	U.S. v. Henry Lavoy	stealing clothing worth \$9	3 yrs penitentiary
112	U.S. v. Richard Plummer	assault	nol pros
114	U.S. v. James Standford	assault	not guilty
118	U.S. v. Charles Curtis	larceny, goods worth \$13.25	\$4 fine, 1 mo jail
119	U.S. v. Charles Brown	a & b on "negress Joanna Brown"	\$5 fine
120	U.S. v. Richard Plummer, Sr.	a & b "with an intent to kill"	5 yrs penitentiary
122	U.S. v. Humphrey Johnson	larceny, clothing worth \$1.00	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
124	U.S. v. Ralph Pryor	receiving stolen goods	not guilty
126	U.S. v. Alexander Vincent	"for assisting and advising a slave...in making his escape from his master and by loaning the said slave a...certificate..., setting forth that the said Alexander Vincent was a free man...."	not guilty
127	U.S. v. Jane Steiner	"for assisting and advising...a negro woman slave...to make her escape from her master...."	nol pros
133	U.S. v. John Robinson	stealing "one box of segars" worth \$3.50	not guilty
134	U.S. v. Henry Wilson	stealing cloth worth \$15, clothing worth \$5.50	not guilty
135	U.S. v. Mary Lee	stealing clothing worth \$1.75	not guilty
159	U.S. v. Henry Howard	stealing bank notes worth \$300-400	2½ yrs penitentiary

162	U.S. v. Christopher Sewall	stealing silver worth \$4	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
167	U.S. v. Henry Hooper	"a negro slave, for unlawfully taking from the city of Washington, a negro woman slave named Mary and her two children...."	nol pros
169	U.S. v. Allen Banter	stealing clothing worth \$7.50	2½ yrs penitentiary
171	U.S. v. John Collins	stealing \$60 in gold, \$31 in silver	2½ yrs penitentiary
172	U.S. v. Madison Carter	same charge as 171; same sentence	
176, 182	U.S. v. James Herbert	} a & b on Negro	2½ yrs penitentiary
177, 183	U.S. v. William Bradley	} John Sybert	2½ yrs penitentiary

Recognizances

2	U.S. v. George Dow	\$266	
3	U.S. v. William Butler	\$400	
4	U.S. v. Venus Grigsby	\$266	
5	U.S. v. Sophia Selden	\$400	
9	U.S. v. John Robinson	\$100	
23	U.S. v. William Simms	\$ 30	
27	U.S. v. Tom Cook	\$500	
29	U.S. v. John A. Donohoo	"did set his dog upon Charles Henry Butler, free colored boy, by which act said colored boy was dreadfully bitten and his flesh torn in the public streets...."	\$400
39	U.S. v. Henry Carter	\$400	
57	U.S. v. Thomas Thompson	paternity suit--"a male illegitimate child, begotten on the body of Caroline Johnson, a free Mulatto woman...."	\$80

Judicials

57	Negro William v. Lansing Tooker	to recover \$31.99 costs in presenting his petition for freedom
151	U.S. v. Negro Charles Brown	\$5 fine
152	U.S. v. Negro Eliza Butler	\$10 fine

Rough Bundle

Jail file "It is ordered by the Court that the Marshal of the District pay to Joseph S. Caukey one dollar and twenty five cents per day for the time he has been detained in Jail as Witness against negroes Henry Sims and Washington Williams"

March term 1837*Civil Appearances*

31	Ann Bell v. Gerald T. Greenfield	petition for freedom
75	George Kean v. H. Kean & S. Burke	petition for freedom
84	Lidia Harris v. William M. Lewis	petition for freedom
93	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom
96	Fortune Scott v. William F. Masters	petition for freedom

97	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom
100	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Brick	petition for freedom
110	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom
132	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom
149	John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom
190	Charles Cross v. J.W. Neale & O. Simpson	petition for freedom
193	Gilderoy Purnell v. Severn E. Parker	petition for freedom
199	Jack Rhodes v. William Glover	petition for freedom
207	Negro Susan & children v. T. & M. Ringgold	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

133	George Calvert v. Nicholas Callan	“one negro Woman named Cass and her six children” appraised at \$1000
184	William Remmington v. Alexander Hunter	“a negro boy slave for life named William aged about twenty years” appraised at \$500
188	Charles Duvall v. Alexander Hunter	“one negro boy named Dallas Ford about seventeen years of age” appraised at \$650
206	Henry Miller v. John P. Vanness	“one Negro boy named Thomas aged about 10 or 11 years” appraised at \$175
299	Thomas Crown v. Lambert S. Beck	“one Yellow Servant Boy Slave named Beverly aged about nine years” appraised at \$350

Criminal Appearances

27	U.S. v. Negro Joseph Massinger	assault	
31	U.S. v. Negro Kitty Berry	larceny (cotton cloth worth \$3)	not pros
35	U.S. v. Negro William Talbert	assault on Ann Royal	not pros
36	U.S. v. Negro James Kennedy	assault on Maria Williams (negress)	\$5 fine
51	U.S. v. Negro Dick Jones	larceny	not guilty
61	U.S. v. Negro John Butler	larceny (four bars soap worth 56 cents)	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
62	U.S. v. Negro Martha alias Judy Nokes	larceny (goods worth \$6.47)	\$1 fine, 1 day jail
67	U.S. v. Negro William Williams	larceny (goods worth \$66.50)	3 yrs penitentiary
68	U.S. v. Negro James Collins	larceny (lumber worth \$2)	\$2 fine, 1 mo jail
71	U.S. v. Negro Henry Brown	larceny (meat worth \$1.50)	not guilty
72	U.S. v. Negro (?) William Atkins	larceny (lumber worth 50 cents)	not guilty
73	U.S. v. Negro Isaac Jackson	same charge as 72; same verdict	
74	U.S. v. Nace Cole (the younger)	a & b on his mother	\$1 fine
75	U.S. v. Nace Cole (the younger)	stealing clothing worth \$1.50	\$1 fine, 1 day jail
77	U.S. v. Ellen Lindsey	stealing clothing worth \$5.50 from Duff Green, slave	\$3 fine, 1 mo jail
81	U.S. v. Negro William Thompson	stealing a silver watch worth \$8	not pros
82	U.S. v. Negro William Thompson	stealing a penknife worth 50 cents	not pros

86	U.S. v. Negro Henry Brown	stealing "the carcass of a goose" worth 65 cents	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
88	U.S. v. Nace Cole (the younger)	stealing clothing worth \$8	3 yrs penitentiary
118	U.S. v. Negro Henry Brown	larceny (cloth worth \$15)	2 yrs penitentiary
120	U.S. v. Ann Mason (negress)	stealing \$16.12½ money	1 yr penitentiary
136	U.S. v. Negro James	larceny (handkerchiefs worth \$4)	nol pros
137	U.S. v. Negro James	larceny (music box worth \$10)	nol pros
138	U.S. v. David Campbell	a & b on a constable	\$10 fine, 6 mos jail
149	U.S. v. Negro James Mason	larceny (2 pigs worth \$3)	nol pros
152	U.S. v. Negro William Gibbs	larceny (2 pigs worth \$3)	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail

Imparlances

194	John Moody v. Azariah Fuller	petition for freedom
195	Sally Moody v. Azariah Fuller	petition for freedom

Judicials

71	Otho M. Linthicum v. Catharine King	"one negro Woman named Susan aged between 30 & 3 years and her infant child Rebecca aged about 3 months"	\$500
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Recognizances

8	U.S. v. Alfred Williams, "free colored man," for "fighting and disturbing the public peace in the Central Market House"		\$266
9	U.S. v. John Butler, "free colored man"	same charge, same amount as 8	
18	U.S. v. Thomas Butler, "black boy"	\$266	
19	U.S. v. William Thompson, "black boy"	\$266	

November term 1837*Civil Appearances*

109	Ann Bell and children v. Gerald T. Green	petition for freedom
120	George Kean v. Olivia Kean	petition for freedom
126	Lidia Haines v. William M. Lewis	petition for freedom
132	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom
133	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conor	petition for freedom
136	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck	petition for freedom
143	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom
163	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom
178	John Peterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom
205	Charles Cross v. J.W. Neale & O. Simpson	petition for freedom
208	Gilderoy Prunell v. Severn E. Parker	petition for freedom
213	Jack Rhodes v. William Glover	petition for freedom

Criminal Appearances

20	U.S. v. Joseph Mansinger	assault on Mary Ann Brant	nol pros
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59	U.S. v. Elizabeth Johnson	stealing table cloth worth \$2	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
60	U.S. v. Gustavus Dunlop	stealing silver tablespoon worth \$2.50	\$2 fine
62	U.S. v. Joseph Hornsbery	stealing a leather apron worth \$7	2 ½ yrs penitentiary
64	U.S. v. Joseph Fletcher	stealing a crowbar worth \$3	\$1 fine, 1 mo jail
67	U.S. v. Charles Ford	stealing clothing, cash worth \$5.75	\$2 fine, 2 mos jail
70	U.S. v. James Conner	stealing two wagon wheels worth \$14	1 yr penitentiary
71	U.S. v. William Carpenter	stealing goods worth \$79	3 yrs penitentiary
72	U.S. v. Gustavus Dunlop	stealing one pair pantaloons worth \$5	not guilty
74	U.S. v. David Granderson et al.	receiving stolen goods	not guilty
75	U.S. v. Teresa Granderson	receiving stolen goods	1 yr penitentiary
76	U.S. v. Mary Jenifer	receiving stolen goods	1 yr penitentiary
79	U.S. v. John Simpson	stealing one cord wood worth \$1.33	not guilty
84	U.S. v. Bill Edenborough	assault and battery on John Peters (white?) nol pros, "being a slave and formerly whipped for this offense"	
85	U.S. v. Celia Briscoe	assault on William Ross (free negro)	\$5 fine
86	U.S. v. Eliza Cutjohn	same as 85	same fine
87	U.S. v. Jeremiah Morris	stealing a silver watch worth \$9	2 yrs penitentiary
106	U.S. v. William Johnson	stealing money worth \$20	2 yrs penitentiary
110	U.S. v. William Walker	assault on Joseph Lafontaine	not guilty
116	U.S. v. Pompey Jackson	rape of Sally Morris (free negress)	not guilty
121	U.S. v. Rezin Barker	stealing a silver watch worth \$15	3 yrs penitentiary
152	U.S. v. John Peters	assault and battery on Rebecca Peters	\$1 fine
153	U.S. v. Jane Brown	stealing four banknotes worth \$35 "and sundry small notes commonly called shimplasters"	1 yr penitentiary
164	U.S. v. William Startts	assault and battery on Mary Startts	not guilty
171	U.S. v. Robert Cole	stealing a gold watch worth \$100	1 yr penitentiary
174	U.S. v. Isaac Beddo	attempted breaking and entering	not guilty
186	U.S. v. Hannah Ridgely	stealing a cloak worth \$10	not guilty

Criminal Trials

3	U.S. v. Ellen Ray	assault and battery on "a coloured girl named Ann.... [Ray] did make an assault and did then and there confine and imprison the said Ann and...cruelly and inhumanly beat starve and ill treat the said Ann so that her life was in danger...."	\$1 fine
21	U.S. v. John Butler	manslaughter	not guilty

Recognizances

4	U.S. v. James Gibbs	\$266
6	U.S. v. Mary Biass	\$266
14	U.S. v. Mary Jenifer	\$266
25	U.S. v. Benjamin Johnson	\$50

26	U.S. v. Mary Bowie	\$266
56	U.S. v. William Cooper	\$266

Judicials

16	William Brent v. Jacob Dixon	“one negro boy named Dallas Ford aged about 19 years”	\$400
56	Joseph Foreman v. Anthony Holmead	“one negro boy named Richard aged about 22 years”	\$350
89	Patriotic Bank v. John P. Vanness	“one negro boy named John aged about 19 years”	\$300
294	U.S. v. Negro George W. Cookley	reference to Judicial 150, November 1836	
298	U.S. v. Negro Charles Brown	reference to Judicial 151, November 1836	

March term 1838*Civil Appearances*

33	Ann Bell and children v. Gerard T. Greenfield	petition for freedom
90	George Kean v. Olivia Kean & Silas Burke	petition for freedom
99	Susan Wilson v. William Addison	petition for freedom
100	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom
101	Maria Kennedy v. Benjamin Buck	petition for freedom
105	Sally Robertson v. Henry Robertson	petition for freedom
125	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom
131	John Patterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom
150	Charles Cross v. Neale & Simpson	petition for freedom
156	Jack Rhodes v. William Glover	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

91	Negro Sarah v. George V. Kirby	petition for freedom
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Criminal Appearances

82	U.S. v. Richard Thornton	stealing goods and money worth \$4.62	defendant died
90	U.S. v. Sally Saunders	stealing 49½ yds cotton worth \$4.50	nol pros
91	U.S. v. James Bush	stealing clothing worth \$17.50	not guilty
101	U.S. v. Sally Saunders	stealing 28 yds calico worth \$3.36	nol pros
102	U.S. v. Sally Saunders	stealing 64 ½ yds calico worth \$7.41	nol pros

Criminal Appearances 90, 101 and 102 are accompanied by a certificate from a Dr. Causin, attesting that “the defendant’s mind is at times ‘erratic’.” The docket book notes, CRAZY. This is the first insanity defense that I can recall seeing.

103	U.S. v. Nelson Sims	stealing knives and forks worth \$10.00	3 yrs penitentiary
106	U.S. v. James Bush	stealing clothing worth \$1.50	not guilty

123	U.S. v. Richard Mason	stealing clothing and money worth \$133.00	not guilty
129	U.S. v. Margaret Brown	same offense as 123	not guilty
130	U.S. v. James Butler	same offense as 123	not guilty
131	U.S. v. Benjamin T. Wilson (white)	same offense as 123	not guilty
140	U.S. v. Isaac Beddo	stealing money worth \$11.00	

Appeals

2	Levisa Reed v. Nancy Randall	20 weeks' board of "servant Solomon"	
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Judicials

48	Christian Eckloff v. Francis Lowndes	"one negro man named Charles Ford aged about 30 years"	\$500
116	U.S. v. Negro Celia Briscoe		\$5 fine, \$20.95 costs
117	U.S. v. Negro Eliza Cutjohn		\$5 fine, \$29.50 costs

November term 1838*Civil Appearances*

193	George Kean v. Olivia Kean	petition for freedom	
199	Lydia Harris v. William M. Lewis	petition for freedom	
200	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom	
224	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom	
228	John Patterosn v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom	
244	Charles Cross v. Neale & Simpson	petition for freedom	
249	Jack Rhodes v. William Glover	petition for freedom	
315	William Kennedy v. J. Purcell Pendleton	petition for freedom	
340	William H. Richards v. ----- Briscoe	"one negro woman named Jane supposed to be about 27 or 28 years"	\$450

Civil Trials

151	L. Ratliff v. W. Lloyd	"to boarding and cloathing Negro boy Daniel" 4 years @ \$30	\$120
164	Richard H. Mayhall v. Frederick Spicer	"one negro girl Sarah aged about 13 years"	\$450
301	Tilson Dove v. William Garrett	"one negro man named Sandy aged about 27 years"	\$300

Judicials

24	Sylvester Welch v. John Hoover	"one negro boy named Henry aged about 23 years (black) drives my wagon"	\$800
34	W.G.W. White v. J.L. Clarke & R.G. Briscoe	Louisa (about 31), William Francis (12) and Robert (about 10) Sarah (about 25)	\$1200 \$500

March term 1839*Civil Appearances*

30	Jeffrey Peters v. Joseph McKinstry	petition for freedom	
89	George Kean v. O. Kean & S. Buck	petition for freedom	
95	Lydia Harris v. William M. Lewis	petition for freedom	
96	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom	
122	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom	
125	J.S. Clarke & Co. v. Mary A.E. Wood	“one negro woman, named Mary Jane, aged about fourteen years, of yellow complexion.... One negro girl named Susan, of dark complexion, aged about nine years”	
127	John Patterson v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom	
139	Charles Cross v. Neale & Simpson	petition for freedom	
144	Jack Rhodes & Kitty Green v. William Glover	petition for freedom	
179	William Kennedy v. J.P. Pendleton	petition for freedom	
233	Eliza Evans and son v. Charles Botts	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

93	Charles Cross v. Gabriel Moore	petition for freedom	
390	William Kennedy or Canaday v. Clarissa Purnell	petition for freedom	

Judicials

11	Richard Smith v. Anthony Holmead	“one negro man named Aaron aged about 40 years”	\$600
22	Bank of the U.S. v. Abraham B. Walter	“one negro woman aged about 40 years named Darky”	\$400

November term 1839*Civil Appearances*

197	George Kean v. Oliver Kean et al.	petition for freedom	
203	Samuel Smith v. Jesse Conn	petition for freedom	
222	Negro Joseph v. Basil Hatton	petition for freedom	
226	John Patterosn v. Elizabeth Whiting	petition for freedom	
240	Jack Rhodes & Kitty Green v. William Glover	petition for freedom	
294	John & Ann Maria Lee v. William Aiken	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

104	Corcoran's Executors v. Roger Jones	whether “Eleanor aged about nineteen years” (\$1000) and “Julia Ann aged about seventeen years” (\$1000) could be moved out of the District of Columbia or south of the Potomac	
299	Lawrence & Baker v. Barnes & Chew	three slaves hired @\$12/mo for 10 months	\$121
423	Philip T. Berry v. Zadock Hampston	“one negro woman named Jane aged about 44 or 45 years	\$200

Judicials

53	Patriotic Bank v. John Hoover	“one negro boy named Sam aged about 20 years rather of a copper colour”	\$1000
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Rough Bundle

Habeas corpus—“Order of Court Respecting the Delaware Negroes”

March term 1840*Civil Appearances*

- 25 James Ash v. William H. Williams petition for freedom
 165 John & Ann Maria Lee v. William Aikens petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 115 Moses Graham v. Richard B. Alexander petition for freedom
 139 Guy Grimes v. Edward Fenwick "concerning the purchase of a certain negro girl"
 145 Anne Bell v. Gerard Granfield petition for freedom

Judicials

- 1 Archibald McIntyre v. James Gettys "one negro woman named Elsey aged about 33 or
 34 years" \$400
 "one negro boy the child of Elsey aged about 15 or 16 years" \$700

November term 1840*Civil Appearances*

- 102 George Crowner & David Over v. Peggy Barnes petition for freedom
 223 John & Ann M. Lee v. William Aiken petition for freedom
 305 Eliza Johnson v. Thomas J. Belt petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 271 Henrietta Hanson v. Mary Ann Cox petition for freedom

Judicials

- 1 John M. Woodgate v. Sedley Woodward "one negro woman named Belinda, aged
 about 35 years" \$400
 "one negro girl named Martha, aged about 7 years" \$150
 "one negro boy named Isaac, aged about 2 years" \$100
 31 John B. Morgan v. William L. Bent "one negro boy named William Henry
 aged 23 years" \$1000
 65 Fielder B. Poston v. Francis Lowndes "one negro man named Charles Ford aged
 about 38 or 40 years" \$800
 "one negro boy named Andrew aged 17 years" \$400
 "one negro woman named Sally aged about thirty years of age & her son
 named Robert aged about six years" \$300
 85 Patriotic Bank v. Mathias Jeffers "one negro boy named John, aged about
 15 years (dark)" \$500
 141 William Brent v. Richard B. Mason eight slaves, various ages, both sexes—appraised
 at \$2500, three of the men actually sold for \$785

Imparlances

- 6 Benjamin G. Cole v. James Keech six slaves, both sexes, ages 6-48 \$1100

March term 1841*Civil Appearances*

- 21 Henry Green v. Alexander Hunter "one negro boy named John aged about fifteen
 years (dark)" \$500
 69 Hiram Hunt v. Nelson Conrad et al. petition for freedom
 70 Olivia Lee and children v. N. Conrad & B. Homan petition for freedom
 92 George Crowner & David Over v. Peggy Barnes petition for freedom
 162 John & Ann Maria Lee v. William Acken petition for freedom

Civil Trials

12	Willis Johnston v. J. Laurie & J.C. Hall	petition for freedom	
202	Emanuel Price v. Thomas N. Davis	petition for freedom	
203	Susan Course v. Thomas N. Davis	petition for freedom	
335	E. Cartwright v. A.F. Howe & G.T. Richards	four slaves: two male, aged 14 and 12; two female, aged 18 and 15	\$1725

Rough Bundle

"Delaware Negroes" William Burroughs (or Burris) "a very black free negro" convicted of stealing a gun and "sold as a servant for four years"

November term 1841*Civil Appearances*

51	G. & T. Parker v. M. Aldridge	"one negro man named Harry Matthews aged about 50 years"	\$200
205	Jane Lewis et al. v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
214	George Crowner & David Over v. Peggy Barnes	petition for freedom	
269	John & Anna M. Lee v. William Acken	petition for freedom	
334	Catharine Carter v. William Creecy	petition for freedom	
636	Barney Montgomery v. John R. Bronaugh	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

105	F. Bowling & C. Gardiner v. E. Lewis	"...took the following negroes, viz., Margaret Norah, aged about thirteen years, and Alfred, aged about ten years...."	
106	F. Bowling & C. Gardiner v. D. Atkins	Matilda and four children, aged 8 mos.-9 years <i>(Both 105 and 106 involve a deed of manumission)</i>	
180	Clement Cox v. Alexander Hunter	Belinda, aged about 35 years (appraised) Martha, aged about seven years (appraised) Isaac, aged about two years (appraised)	\$350 150 75
197	William Crowner v. George B. Scott	petition for freedom	
433	Philip R. Fendall v. American Colonization Society	a former officer of the Society brings suit for \$446.92, "for services rendered"	

Judicials

26	Darius Claggett v. William L. Brent	"one negro man named William Henry, aged about 27 years"	\$800
		"one negro boy named Henry (dark) aged about 18 years"	700
--33	Archibald McIntyre v. James Getty	"one negro woman named Elsy, aged about 35 or 36 years"	400
		"one negro boy the child of Elsy aged about 17 or 18 years"	700

March term 1842*Civil Appearances*

37	M.N. & A. Atkins v. F. Bowling & C.B. Gardner	petition for freedom	
53	Robert Trunnell v. Hope H. Slatter	petition for freedom	
97	Hiram Hunt v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
98	Oliver & Betty Lee et al. v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
121	Jane Lewis et al. v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
128	George Crowner & Daniel Over v. Peggy Barnes	petition for freedom	

173	John & Anna M. Lee v. William Acken	petition for freedom	
<i>Civil Trials</i>			
52	John Booth v. Horatio G. O'Neal	"one negro woman named Abby and her female child & infant about 20 days old"	\$300
83	Eliza Wigle v. Henry Nailor	petition for freedom	
332	Moses Bell v. James Rhodes	petition for freedom	
359	J.K. Rogers v. D.S. Waters & W.W. Corcoran	"one negro girl named Rachel about 18 or 19 years old"	\$400

November term 1842*Civil Appearances*

128	Hiram Hunt v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
129	Olivia & Betty Lee v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
145	Jane Lewis et al. v. Nelson Conrad	petition for freedom	
152	George Crowner & Daniel Over v. Peggy Barnes	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

8	Henry Gibson v. James C. Hall	petition for freedom	
9	Sarah Gibson & child Lucy v. James C. Hall	petition for freedom	
10	Francis Gibson v. James C. Hall	petition for freedom	
392	Charles Murray v. Richard C. Mason	contains a copy of "Bill No. 160, to amend ...the several acts concerning Slaves, Free Negroes and Mulattoes," dated March 11, 1834 (an act of the Virginia legislature passed soon after Nat Turner's Rebellion)	

Judicials

12	Edward Semmes v. Ignatius Mudd	"one mulatto boy named Alexander Marshal supposed to be about 18 or 19 years of age"	\$450
		"one negro man named Madison Marshall a bright mulatto aged about 24 years"	\$400
18	John Mountz v. James Townley	"one mulatto man named Jim or James aged about forty years"	\$250
46	John A. Pye v. William B. Scott	"one negro boy named Ely aged about 15 years"	\$400

Imparances

25	Lydia Passage v. Francis Labbee	petition for freedom	
39	Thomas Smallwood v. Abraham Cole	Cole was "a good, true, faithful and honest free man of color...a member of the Wesleyan African Society"	

March term 1843*Civil Appearances*

48	Hannah Stewart v. Allison Nailor	petition for freedom	
290	Barney Montgomery v. John R. Bronaugh	petition for freedom	
429	Frederick Mortimer v. Hudson M. Garland	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

64	George Crowner & David Our v. Peggy Barnes	petition for freedom	
92	John & Anne M. Lee v. William Aikin	petition for freedom	
140	M.N. & A. Atkins v. F. Bowling & C.D. Gardner	petition for freedom	

November term 1843*Civil Appearances*

70	Martha Cross v. Sarah E. Linton	petition for freedom	
71	Sally Cross v. Sarah E. Linton	petition for freedom	
79	William Edmonds v. Edwin M. Dickey		
	"one negro Girl named Lavinia, aged about 19 years"		\$325
83	Maria & Martha Ann Smith v. Thomas Burch	petition for freedom	
93	Robert Tunnell v. Hope H. Slatter	petition for freedom	
154	M.N. Atkins et al. v. F. Bowling & C.B. Gardner	petition for freedom	
209	Catherine Kengla v. James Miller		
	"one black Girl named Henrietta; about thirty-five years of age"		\$250
233	Abraham Butler v. Catherine I. Ring		
	"one negro woman called Susan aged about 40 or 45 years"		\$200
234	Abraham Butler v. Robert Cruitt		
	"one negro boy named William"		\$175
278	Trammell, Ross et al. v. Robertson & Keene	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

223	DeSangue & Keenile v. C.S. Middleton		
	"one negro boy named George aged about 35 years of age"		\$500
256	A. Nailor v. G. Cover & B. Curran		
	"a negro Boy named Washington, a Slave for a term of years"		\$150
542	U.S. v. Samuel Scott	Scott, a constable, was charged with disturbing a prayer meeting "held by the colored people at the Bethesda Church at the foot of Capitol Hill" while he was drunk	

Judicials

60	J. Hoye v. S. Burch & J.A. Wilson		
	"one negro man named Richard Reed aged about 30 or 35 years"		\$400
	"one negro boy named John Henry aged about 14 years"		\$400

Imparlances

12	Rachel Turner v. Innis B. Palmer	petition for freedom	
44	Thomas & Francis Over v. Venerand Palizzi	petition for freedom	

March term 1844*Civil Appearances*

48	Martha Cross v. Sarah E. Linton	petition for freedom	
49	Sally Cross v. Sarah E. Linton	petition for freedom	
95	Margaret N. Atkins et al. v. F. Bowling & C.B. Gardner	petition for freedom	
166	Trueman Giberosn v. John Duling	petition for freedom	
185	Elizabeth & Caroline Herbert v. Henry Miller	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

63	Charity Crowner v. Rezin Arnold	petition for freedom	
133	William Hayman v. Charles E. Middleton		
	"one negro boy named George aged about 35 years"		\$500
360	D.L. Waters & W.W. Corcoran v. J.K. Rogers	"one negro girl	
361	D.L. Waters & W.W. Corcoran v. A.H. Young	named Rachel aged about	
362	D.L. Waters & W.W. Corcoran v. M.A. Mountz	nineteen years" (no assessed value)	

Judicials

- 24 George C. Harvey v. George C. Washington
 "one negro Girl named Christina aged about 17 years" \$350
 "one negro boy named William aged 17 years" \$350
 165 W. Gregory & J.M. Stewart v. G.C. Washington *involves the same two slaves*

November term 1844*Civil Appearances*

- 67 M.N. & A. Atkins v. F. Bowling & C.B. Gardner petition for freedom
 130 Ann E. Newton v. Margaret Smith "one negro woman Louisa aged
 between 23 & 30 years and her infant child" \$260

March term 1845*Civil Appearances*

- 15 Polly Parker v. Cushing Daniel petition for freedom
 37 Martha Cross v. Sarah A. Linton petition for freedom
 38 Sally Cross v. Sarah A. Linton petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 126 Ellen Trunnell et al. v. H.B. Robertson & D. Keene petition for freedom
 This file contains some excerpts from the will of John Marshall, including:
 "I desire all my negroes to be set free, and sent to Liberia...."
 154 Thomas Davy v. John N. Lovejoy "one negro boy named Hamilton
 aged about nineteen years" \$400
 242 Wallace Blue v. J.W. Williams petition for freedom
 414 U.S. v. Charles Williams the original case involved the murder of Delilah Williams;
 the indictment "contained 12 counts, of which the first described him [Charles
 Williams] as a free negro, and the last, as a slave"

Imparances

- 91-95 Fanny, Charles, Anne and Evaline Blue and Laura V. Tason v. J.W. & M.S. Williams &
 W.S. Colquhoun petition for freedom

October term 1845*Civil Appearances*

- 6 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe petition for freedom
 16 Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Thompson petition for freedom
 47 Robert Brown v. Denniss W. Farrell petition for freedom
 48 Robert Brown v. Dolly Mullin petition for freedom
 98 Martha Cross v. Sarah E. Linton petition for freedom
 99 Sally Cross v. Sarah E. Linton petition for freedom
 131 M.N. Atkins et al. v. F. Bowling & C.B. & R.B. Gardner petition for freedom
 193, 194 John T. Mason v. Gofer John ("a free Seminole negro")
 Mason brought suit to recover an advance on Gofer John's traveling
 expenses from Fort Gibson, Indian Territory, to Washington \$68.00
 377 Lucy Crawford v. Martha A. Scott petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 78 Valentin Jones v. George Hagley petition for freedom

- 138 Martha Peter v. Charles Vinson "Whereas the above bounden Charles Vinson has this day purchased from the said Mrs Martha Peter her negro man James Meekins, a slave for life, for the price of one hundred fifty dollars...."
- 200 W.H. & G.W. Wilson v. W. Walker "one negro woman a slave for life named Lucy, commonly called Lucy Smith, aged about fifty years of large value...now held by Walker the colored man who keeps an oyster house...."

Imparlances

- 42 Adeline Johnson v. Chloe Clarke petition for freedom
- 45 John Lee v. John Poole petition for freedom
- 82 Moses Lucket v. Charles Scrivener petition for freedom

March term 1846*Civil Appearances*

- 7 Austin Triplett v. Henry Lloyd petition for freedom
- 36 William Lewis v. Robert H. Perkins petition for freedom
- 48 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
- 50 Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Thompson petition for freedom
- 52 Robert Brown v. Dennis W. Forall petition for freedom
- 53 Robert Brown v. Dolly Mullin petition for freedom
- 94 M.N. Atkins et al. v. F. Bowling & C.B. & R.B. Gardiner petition for freedom

Civil Trials

- 178 Trueman Giberson v. John Dulin petition for freedom

Judicials

- 89 Ulysses Ward v. Nicholas L. Queen "one negro boy named James, aged between 9 & 10 years" \$ 300
- 113 George W. Peter v. Abner Pierce nine slaves (names and ages) \$2650
- 126 Thomas Payne v. Samuel Burche "one negro boy names John or John Sims aged about 17 or 18 years" \$ 500

October term 1846*Civil Appearances*

- 5 William Lewis v. Robert H. Perkins petition for freedom
- 25 Sandy Weaver v. George Bomford petition for freedom
- 75 Henry Harvey v. Michael R. Combs "one negro woman named Julia Cole and her two children Joe & Sam" \$450
- 76 Austin Triplett v. Henry Lloyd petition for freedom
- 81 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe petition for freedom
- 82 Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Stevenson petition for freedom
- 83 Robert Brown v. Dennis W. Ferrall petition for freedom
- 84 Robert Brown v. Dolly Mullin petition for freedom
- 119 M.N. Atkins et al. v. F. Bowling & C. Gardiner petition for freedom
- 243 Britania Washington v. R. Harbin petition for freedom
- 585 Louisa Woodward v. Jane Monroe petition for freedom

Judicials

- 16 Thomas Blagden v. John E. Dement "one negro girl named Adaline aged about 20 years" \$256

March term 1847*Civil Appearances*

36	Hester Johnson et al. v. P. & B.E. Grant	petition for freedom
62	William H. McKenney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
63	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
78	Sandy Weaver v. George Bomford	petition for freedom
80	Austin Triplett v. Henry Lloyd	petition for freedom
81	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe	petition for freedom
82	Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Stevenson	petition for freedom
108	M. & N. Atkins v. F. Bowling & C. Gardiner	petition for freedom

Appeals

131	Manuel Glasgow v. Washington Simmons	petition for freedom
132	Maria Watts v. Raphael Semmes	petition for freedom

Judicials

13, 14	T. Blagden v. J.E. Dement et al.	“one mulatto Girl aged about 20 years named Fanny”	\$450
63	Robert Lacey v. Arthur P. Bagley	“one mulatto boy named Jerry aged about 25 years”	\$600

October term 1847*Civil Appearances*

18	L. Lancaster v. H.O. & G.Y. Bowen	“one negro girl named Jane aged about seventeen years”	\$400
34	William H. Winters v. Horatio R. Merryman	“one negro Boy named William aged about 18 years”	\$50
59	John Cornwell v. Thomas Williams	“one negro man named Albert, aged about 24 years (mulatto)”	\$550
		“one mulatto boy named Jesse aged about nineteen years”	\$500
65	Elizabeth Green v. Rasha Ann Powers	petition for freedom	
68	Hester Johnson et al. v. P. & B.E. Gantt	petition for freedom	
69	William H. McKenney v. Isaac Brackenridge	petition for freedom	
70	William Taylor v. Isaac Brackenridge	petition for freedom	
71	John R. Smith v. Thomas Haynes	petition for freedom	
75	Sandy Weaver v. George Bomford	petition for freedom	
77	Lotty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe	petition for freedom	
102	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. F. Bowling & C. Gardiner	petition for freedom	
145	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom	
148	Winnie & Turner Cryer v. E. Cocke & P.E. Hoffman	petition for freedom	
149	Joshue Cryer v. E. Cocke & P.E. Hoffman	petition for freedom	
153	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
156	Minnie Calvert v. Ann French	petition for freedom	
370	J. Mitchell v. O. Sheckels & J.P. Gannon	“one negro man named Carlos aged about 35 years”	\$600

Civil Trials

- 167 Martha Cross v. Sarah E. Linton petition for freedom
 168 Sally Cross v. Sarah E. Linton petition for freedom

Judicials

- 22 John McLean v. Henry Miller "one negro woman named Elizabeth
 aged about 60 years" \$150

March term 1848*Civil Appearances*

- 23 William H. McKenney v. Isaac Brackenridge petition for freedom
 24 William Taylor v. Isaac Brackenridge petition for freedom
 25 John R. Smith v. Thomas Haynes petition for freedom
 29 Sandy Weaver v. George Bomford petition for freedom
 31 Letty Lucas v. John B. Ratcliffe petition for freedom
 32 Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Stevenson petition for freedom
 79 Betsey Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
 83 Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe petition for freedom
 85 Winny & Turner Cryer v. E. Cocke & P.E. Hoffman petition for freedom
 86 Joshua Cryer v. E. Cocke & P.E. Hoffman petition for freedom
 101 Edward C. Fletcher v. Alexander Hunter "one negro woman named Minney
 aged about 25 years" \$400

Civil Trials

- 96 Mary Bell v. Susan Armistead petition for freedom
 180 G. Kephart v. W.P.H. Davenport & T. Doswell "one Negro Boy named George
 aged about 21 years" \$350

Judicials

- 36 W.C. Ward v. W. Robinson & W.I. Anderson nine slaves (names), aged
 3 months-55 years \$1400

October term 1848*Civil Appearances*

- 8 Letha Duckett v. J. J.H.G. McCutcheon petition for freedom
 9 Mary Duckett v. Benjamin O. Sheckler petition for freedom
 28 B. Kerby v. J.P. Kerby & W.H. Williams "one negro girl named Sarah,
 aged between 12 & 14 years" \$300
 55 H. Johnson, M. Bronson & child v. P. & B.E. Gantt petition for freedom
 56 William H. McKenney v. Isaac Brackenridge petition for freedom
 57 William Taylor v. Isaac Brackenridge petition for freedom
 58 John R. Smith v. Thomas Haynes petition for freedom
 102 Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. Gardner petition for freedom
 123 Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
 127 Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe petition for freedom
 131 Mimy Calvert v. Ann French petition for freedom
 147 Mary Foster v. William Richards petition for freedom
 162 Allen Seymore v. Nathan Seymore petition for freedom

Civil Trials

227	Winney & Turner Cryer v. E. Cock & P.E. Hoffman	petition for freedom	
305	Negress Jane v. Edmund E. Richards	petition for freedom	
364	James E. Crane v. John H. Birch	"hire of negro George for 1845"	\$60.00
		winter clothes and shoes	8.81

Judicials

18	John J. Joyce v. Charles Fletcher	"one negro girl named Winney Day aged about 30 years"	\$450
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March term 1849*Civil Appearances*

4	Henry Lumby v. James P. Gannon	petition for freedom	
9	Nathan Jackson v. Joseph Parker	petition for freedom	
37	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
38	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
39	John R. Smith v. Thomas Haynes	petition for freedom	
43	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
44	Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Stevenson	petition for freedom	
65	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. & R.B. Gardner	petition for freedom	
84	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
87	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom	
92	Mimy Calvert v. Ann French	petition for freedom	
105	Mary Foster v. William Richards	petition for freedom	
116	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom	
235	Lucy Williams v. George Hope	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

88	Negress Harriett v. J. & E. Larned	petition for freedom	
162	Winney & Turner Cryer v. E. Cock & P.E. Hoffman	petition for freedom	
172	English & Muncaster v. William Chase (Colored)		

Chase, a blacksmith whose shop was on 7th Street, was sued for \$67.54 ¼ worth of hardware—perhaps the first instance of a black tradesman being sued in Washington

October term 1849*Civil Appearances*

4	Elenora Bell v. Susan Armistead	petition for freedom	
8	Nathan Jackson v. James Esling	petition for freedom	
54	Edward Chase v. Thomas Greenfield	petition for freedom	
70	Nathan Jackson v. Joseph Parker	petition for freedom	
74	Hester Johnson, Martha & Randolph Bronson v. P. & B.E. Gantt	petition for freedom	
75	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
76	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
77	John R. Smith v. Thomas Holmes	petition for freedom	
80	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
81	Benjamin Qualls v. J.W. Stevenson	petition for freedom	
103	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. & R.B. Gardner	petition for freedom	

119	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
122	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom
126	Mimey Calvert v. Ann French	petition for freedom
160	Lucy Williams formerly Lucy Bright v. George Hope	petition for freedom

Rough Bundle

- Case of "Negro Edward Brooks charged with being a runaway"

March term 1850*Civil Appearances*

62	William H. McKenny v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
63	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
66	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
67	Benjamin Qualls v. Jane W. Stevenson	petition for freedom
89	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. Gardner	petition for freedom
103	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
106	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom
116	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom
126	Lucy Williams formerly known as Lucy White v. George Hope	petition for freedom
139	Negro William Scott v. William H. Williams	petition for freedom
319	Lucy Bosy v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom

October term 1850*Civil Appearances*

6	Lucinda Anderson v. Jonathan McGarity	petition for freedom
10	Eleanor Beall v. Susan Armistead	petition for freedom
77	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom
140	John E. Butler v. Nathaniel Suit	petition for freedom
146	William H. McKenny v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
147	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
149	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
168	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. Gardner	petition for freedom
177	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
180	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom
188	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom
194	Lucy Williams formerly known as Lucy White v. George Hope	petition for freedom
204	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
210	Mary Chambers v. John Marlow	petition for freedom
211	Caroline Butler v. Fielder Magruder	petition for freedom
220	Lucy Bosy v. Anne Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
307	Benjamin Butler v. W. & T. Williams	replevin of "one negro Slave named Samuel Bibbins"
331	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
347	Rebecca Madilla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

101	William Holmes v. Sarah Browning "one Negro Girl aged about sixteen years named Ann"	\$300
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107	Henry Addison v. Thomas Rogers	petition for freedom	
<i>Judicials</i>			
12	J.W. Maury v. W.B. Scott & H. How	“one negro boy named Alfred about 17 years old”	\$200

March term 1851*Civil Appearances*

34	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
37	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom	
45	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
46	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
48	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
53	Margaret & Alfred Atkins v. J. Bowling & C. Gardner	petition for freedom	
58	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
60	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom	
68	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom	
72	Lucy Williams, alias White v. George Hope	petition for freedom	
84	Mary E. Semmes v. John Marlon	petition for freedom	
86	Samuel Story v. James Knox	petition for freedom	
92	Lucy Bosity v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
109	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	
112	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom	

October term 1851*Civil Appearances*

48	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
50	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom	
57	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
58	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
60	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
69	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
71	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Monroe	petition for freedom	
78	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom	
81	Lucy Williams formerly Lucy White v. George Hope	petition for freedom	
90	Mary E. Semmes v. John Marlow	petition for freedom	
92	Samuel Stacy v. James Knox	petition for freedom	
93	Lucy Basey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
101	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	
104	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Monroe	petition for freedom	
112	Primas Garner v. William Mills	petition for freedom	
116	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom	

Appeals

19	Thomas Crown v. G.W. Briscoe	“hire of my two hands Moses & Nealy”	\$24.80
24	J.W. Jackson v. S. Brownwell	“12 ½ days work by negro man”	7.81

Civil Trials

50	Mary Jane Wayne and children v. W.C. Greenleaf	petition for freedom
134	Hester Johnson v. Brooke Mackall	petition for freedom
376	Eleanor Bell v. Susan Armstead	petition for freedom

Appeals

19	Thomas Crown v. G.W. Briscoe	“hire of my two hands Moses & Nealy”	\$24.80
24	J.W. Jackson v. S. Brownwell	“12 ½ days work by negro man”	7.81

March term 1852*Civil Appearances*

84	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
85	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massy	petition for freedom
91	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
92	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
94	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
103	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
105	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Monroe	petition for freedom
108	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom
113	Lucy Williams, formerly Lucy White v. George Hope	petition for freedom
120	Mary E. Semmes v. John Marlow	petition for freedom
121	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
122	Lucy Basey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
129	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
131	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
136	Primas Garner v. William Mills	petition for freedom
139	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom

October term 1852*Civil Appearances*

61	Susan Diggs v. Jane Cockrell	petition for freedom
121	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
134	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
135	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massy	petition for freedom
140	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
141	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
143	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
152	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
154	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom
158	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom
161	Lucy Williams v. George Hope	petition for freedom
168	Mary E. Semmes v. John Marlow	petition for freedom
169	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
170	Lucy Basey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
180	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
182	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
187	Primas Gaines v. William Miles	petition for freedom

190	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom	
208	Milly Henderson v. William Sixsmith	petition for freedom	
295	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom	
366	Parnalia Adams v. J.H. Holmes	petition for freedom	
<i>Civil Trials</i>			
75	Rachel Johnston v. M. Adler & T. Turner	petition for freedom	
167	Rosanna Brown v. Richard Wallach	"one negro boy named Alfred aged about 17 years"	\$200
		"one negro girl named Maria aged about 6 years"	\$150
380, 381	Ralph Taylor and wife v. J.C. McGinnis	petition for freedom	

March term 1853*Civil Appearances*

31	Joseph Johnson v. Henry Johnson	petition for freedom	
79	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom	
92	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
93	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massy	petition for freedom	
98	William H. McKinney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
99	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
108	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
110	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
112	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Monroe	petition for freedom	
116	Allen Seymour v. Nathan Seymour	petition for freedom	
119	Lucy Williams, formerly White v. George Hope	petition for freedom	
124	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom	
125	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
132	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	
134	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Monroe	petition for freedom	
139	Primas Garner v. William Mills	petition for freedom	
141	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom	
154	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom	
172	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Monroe	petition for freedom	
174	Melvina & Mary Ellen Carter v. Elizabeth Gordon	petition for freedom	
179	Parnalia Adams v. J.H. Holmes	petition for freedom	

Civil Trials

343	John Stettinius v. Richard Wallach	"one negro boy named James aged about seventeen years"	\$750
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Judicials

12	Pittman & Baldwin v. Scott & Haw	"one negro boy about 18 years of age"	\$700
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October term 1853*Civil Appearances*

1	James Williams v. Peter Havener	petition for freedom	
2	Rachel Ann Williams v. Samuel Stettinius	petition for freedom	

5	William R. Smith v. Abner Smith	“one negro woman, named Syler or Celia, age about 35 years & Thomas her child about 9 years”	\$800
83	Rose Herbert and children v. Mary D.C. Ringgold	petition for freedom	
107	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom	
117	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
118	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom	
122	William H. McKenney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
123	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
130	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
132	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
133	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom	
139	Lucy Williams v. George Hope	petition for freedom	
143	Samuel Stacey v. Jame4s Knox	petition for freedom	
144	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
151	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	
153	Rebecca Madilla v. Georgiana Monroe	petition for freedom	
157	Primas Garner v. William Mills	petition for freedom	
159	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom	
170	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom	
180	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Monroe	petition for freedom	
305	Mary Taylor et al. v. James M.A. Mushett	petition for freedom	
<i>Civil Trials</i>			
48	Ellen Johnson v. M. Adler & T. Turner	petition for freedom	
124	Thomas Blackwell v. Robert Hall	petition for freedom	
187, 188	Sarah Stewart v. James C. McGuire	petition for freedom	
<i>Appeals</i>			
81	Lewis H. Dix v. George Page	“for hire of negro man Eppy as steward onbord the stmr Wm Selden”	\$20.00

March term 1854*Civil Appearances*

64	Priscilla King v. William Wilkinson	petition for freedom	
65	Druzilla King v. William Wilkinson	petition for freedom	
128	Rose Herbert and children v. Mary D.C. Ringgold	petition for freedom	
133	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom	
142	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
143	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom	
147	William H. McKenney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
148	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom	
155	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
157	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom	
158	Louisa Woodward v. Jane Munroe	petition for freedom	
164	Lucy Williams formerly Hall v. George Hope	petition for freedom	
168	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom	
169	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
174	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	

176	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
178	Primas George v. William Mills	petition for freedom
180	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom
189	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
197	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
227	Mary Tyler et al. v. James M.A. Mushett	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

275	Alice Campbell et al. v. T.C. Magruder	petition for freedom
443	Cornel Andrae v. Margaret Smith	building materials, carpentry \$637.00
	Smith is the second black resident to appear as a party to a civil suit in the Circuit Court's surviving papers (see March term 1849, Civil Trial 171). Her house, for the cost of which she was being sued, stood on "eleventh street north of New York Avenue"	

October term 1854*Civil Appearances*

5	Rose Herbert and children v. Mary D.C. Ringgold	petition for freedom
100	Priscilla King v. William Wilkinson	petition for freedom
101	Druzilla King v. William Wilkinson	petition for freedom
124	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
125	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom
129	William H. McKenney v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
130	William Taylor v. Isaac Buckingham	petition for freedom
137	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
139	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
145	Lucy Williams alias Lucy White v. George Hope	petition for freedom
148	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
149	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
154	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
156	Rebecca Madella v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
158	Primas Garner v. William Mills	petition for freedom
160	Emily Duncan v. Richard Gatewood	petition for freedom
168	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
176	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
197	Mary Taylor et al. v. James M.H. Mushett	petition for freedom
260	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

10	J.M. Thomas v. P.L. Cox	"negro woman named Sukey" (no age)	\$350
11	J.M. Thomas v. J.F. Cox	"negro boy named George aged seven years"	\$100
204	Jesse Nelson v. John Cornell	petition for freedom	
238	Andrew Jones v. Joshua Pearce	petition for freedom	
251	Stephen Ambush v. James G. Robinson	petition for freedom	
350	R.A.B. Ward v. J.D. Hoover	"negro girl named Cornelia aged 14 or 15 years"	\$600

Judicials

- 32 Francis B. Lord v. Philip Mackey “negro girl names Irene Holmes
aged about 15 years” \$400
first case, other than petitions for freedom, that records a slave’s surname

March term 1855*Civil Appearances*

- 39 Charles Bell v. Luther Jones petition for freedom
103 Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
104 Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey petition for freedom
112 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
115 Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
119 Samuel Stacey v. James Knox petition for freedom
120 Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh petition for freedom
123 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
124 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
130 Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
133 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
150 Mary Taylor et al. v. James M.A. Mushett petition for freedom
186 Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden petition for freedom

Judicials

- 48 E.C. Dyer & J.C. McGuire v. Philip Mackey “one servant girl named
‘Lorinda’ aged about 15 years” \$600

October term 1855*Civil Appearances*

- 117 Charles Bell v. Luther Jones petition for freedom
132 Henry Compton v. William Dorsey petition for freedom
136 Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
137 Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey petition for freedom
144 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
146 Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
151 Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh petition for freedom
154 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
155 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
162 Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
165 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
179 Mary Taylor et al. v. James M.A. Mushett petition for freedom
201 Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden petition for freedom
426 Amelia Beall v. Benjamin B. Beall “one negro girl aged about 19 years,
and a slave for life—named Margaret” \$600
670 Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson petition for freedom

Imparlances

- 25 Mary Foster v. William Richards petition for freedom
35 Margaret Lewis et al. v. B. McLaughlin & J. Sheahy petition for freedom

March term 1856*Civil Appearances*

96	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
97	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massy	petition for freedom
104	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
106	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
110	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
111	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
114	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Robinson	petition for freedom
115	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
119	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
122	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
153	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
237	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

272	Jacob Hines v. John W. Fitzhugh	“one negro girl, slave for a term of years, and named Eliza Jane, about ten years of age”	\$300
273	Jacob Hines v. John Gordon	“one negro girl, slave for a term of years, and named Alice Mariah, about fourteen years of age”	\$300

October term 1856*Civil Appearances*

54	George Gray v. S. Howison & M. Potts	petition for freedom
91	Julia H. Bowman and children v. William Boss	petition for freedom
93	Mary Jackson and children v. Benjamin Davis	petition for freedom
94	Louisa Bell v. Lee et al.	petition for freedom
95	Harriet Bell v. Reed et al.	petition for freedom
140	Harriet Humphreys v. Robert W. Hunter	petition for freedom
219	Charles Bell v. Luther Jones	petition for freedom
232	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
236	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
237	Mary Ann Williams v. Mary Massey	petition for freedom
244	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
246	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
249	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
250	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
253	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
254	Rebecca Medulla v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
258	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
261	Sarah H. Medella v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom
289	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
348	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
525	Joseph Green v. H. Green & P. Wheeler	petition for freedom
535	Lewis Gassaway v. Adam Rose	petition for freedom
654	Charles Lyles et al. v. C.C. Hyatt & D. Sheriff	petition for freedom

951 William Hickerson v. U.S. grand jury indictment "for cruelly beating James
a slave the property of Mary A. Dodson" on June 2, 1856

Civil Trials

390 Mary Vigal v. Robert K. Nevitt petition for freedom

March term 1857*Civil Appearances*

122 George Gray v. Stephen Howison petition for freedom
133 Harriet Humphreys v. Robert W. Hunter petition for freedom
150 Charles Bell v. Luther Jones petition for freedom
160 Henry Compton v. William Dorsey petition for freedom
164 Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
182 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
184 Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
188 Samuel Stacey v. James Knox petition for freedom
189 Jucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh petition for freedom
191 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
192 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
196 Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
199 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
275 Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson petition for freedom
346 Joseph Green v. H. Green & P. Wheeler petition for freedom

Civil Trials

297 Susan Vigal v. Henry Naylor petition for freedom
329 Primus Garner v. Horatio R. Maryman petition for freedom

October term 1857*Civil Appearances*

150 George Gray v. Stephen Howison petition for freedom
167 Charles Bell v. Luther Jones petition for freedom
174 Henry Compton v. William Dorsey petition for freedom
176 Mary Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
181 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
183 Betsey Burke v. Ann Turner petition for freedom
186 Samuel Stacey v. James Knox petition for freedom
187 Lucy Bosey v. Ann M. Fitzpatrick petition for freedom
188 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
189 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
192 Milly Henerson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
193 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
213 Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden petition for freedom
251 Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson petition for freedom
295 Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green petition for freedom
646 A.E.L. Keese v. Isaac Scaggs "1 negro man named Jordan Stewart" \$700
684 Virginia Frances Gracom v. Caroline A. Jordon petition for freedom
1073 W. Emmet & R. Bowie v. J. Scott "negro man called Beverly aged about 23 years" \$800

January term 1858*Civil Appearances*

5	Andrew Hanson v. Thomas Martin	
	“a certain negro woman named Matilda, commonly known as Matilda Smith”	
81	George Gray v. Stephen Howison	petition for freedom
93	Charles Bell v. Luther Jones	petition for freedom
100	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
102	Margaret Lewis and children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
106	Letty Lucas v. John R. Radcliff	petition for freedom
108	Betsy Burke v. Ann Turner	petition for freedom
111	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
112	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
113	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
114	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
117	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
118	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
134	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
161	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
181	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
260	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom
492	Susan Steward v. Henry S. Halley	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

2	Edward Hall v. John Hoover	
	“one negro man named Samuel Runnells aged about 25 years”	\$550
50	Mary L. Someby v. Samuel E. Douglass	petition for freedom
478	Mary Jane Jones v. Peter Hewitt	petition for freedom
614	George Burke v. Hiram C. Harroven	
	“one negro girl names Salina, aged eleven years, a slave for life”	\$600
907	John Butler v. William D. Bell	petition for freedom

May term 1858*Civil Appearances*

50	Elizabeth A. Proctor et al. v. N.J. Dutton	petition for freedom
87	George Gray v. Stephen Howison	petition for freedom
99	Charles Bell v. Luther Jones	petition for freedom
107	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
110	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
111	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
115	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
116	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
117	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
118	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
121	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
122	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
138	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom

198 Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green petition for freedom
Civil Trials

12 464A.E.L. Keese v. Isaac Scaggs
 "apprehending certain negro slaves the property of the said Isaac" \$468.30

October term 1858

Civil Appearances

55 Elizabeth A. Cyr v. Notley T. Dutton petition for freedom
 124 Henry Compton v. William Dorsey petition for freedom
 126 Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
 127 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe petition for freedom
 131 Samuel Stacey v. James Knox petition for freedom
 132 Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh petition for freedom
 133 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
 134 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
 137 Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
 138 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
 161 Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden petition for freedom
 184 Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson petition for freedom
 199 Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green petition for freedom
 253 Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan petition for freedom

Civil Trials

528 Sylvester Boone v. Cornelius G. Wildman
 "one negro girl named Cely about nine years old" \$300
 "one negro boy named Jim about seven years old" \$400
 995 Charles Kemble v. Withers Woller
 "apprehension and securing a runaway slave" \$100
 "1 negro named George Daggs" \$900
 1001 Susan Vigel v. Henry Naylor petition for freedom
 1002 Mary Vigel v. Robert K. Nevitt petition for freedom

January term 1859

Civil Appearances

48 George Gray v. Stephen Howison petition for freedom
 57 Charles Bell v. Luther Jones petition for freedom
 62 Henry Compton v. Luther Dorsey petition for freedom
 64 Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin petition for freedom
 65 Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff petition for freedom
 69 Samuel Stacey v. James Knox petition for freedom
 70 Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh petition for freedom
 71 Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson petition for freedom
 72 Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe petition for freedom
 75 Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith petition for freedom
 76 Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe petition for freedom
 90 Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden petition for freedom

114	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
127	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
167	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom
229	Margaret Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom
232	Christina Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom
369	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexandra Tolson	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

151	Lewis Gassway & wife	petition for freedom
172	Matilda Smith v. Thomas Martin	petition for freedom

May term 1859*Civil Appearances*

45	George Gray v. Stephen Howison	petition for freedom
52	Charles Bell v. Luther Jones	petition for freedom
57	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
59	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
60	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliffe	petition for freedom
66	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
67	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
68	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
69	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
72	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
74	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
86	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
109	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
121	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
157	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom
212	Margaret Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom
215	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom
252	Charles Beale v. William Kinner et al.	petition for freedom
256	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom
518	Betsy Burke v. William Allen	petition for freedom

October term 1859*Civil Appearances*

49	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
51	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
52	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
56	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
57	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
58	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
59	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
62	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
63	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgiana Munroe	petition for freedom
80	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
100	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom

112	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
199	Margaret Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom
202	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom
257	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom
328	Betsy Burke v. William & Ann Hall	petition for freedom
380	Joseph A. Green v. Henry Green	petition for freedom
472	Fannie Ford et al. v. Raphael Boarman	petition for freedom

Appeals

33	Ellen Henson v. Corporation of Washington	
	“Ellen Henson, a free negro, did reside in the city of Washington...without first having recorded her name on the books of the corporation” and failed to post \$50 bond; she was fined \$20	

January term 1860*Civil Appearances*

49	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
51	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
52	Letty Lucas v. John H. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
55	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
56	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
57	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
58	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
61	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
62	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom
76	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
96	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
108	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
140	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom
178	Mary Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom
180	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom
200	Ann Gordon v. Milly Richards et al.	petition for freedom
209	Charles Beale v. W. & E. Kimmer	petition for freedom
211	Harriet Young v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom
232	Betsy Burke v. W. & A. Allen	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

585	William D. Shaw v. John C. Robey	
	“one Negro woman slave named Maria, aged about sixteen years”	\$1100

May term 1860*Civil Appearances*

39	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
41	Mary Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
42	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
46	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
47	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
48	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Robertson	petition for freedom

49	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom	
52	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom	
53	Sarah H. Madella v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom	
69	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom	
87	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom	
99	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom	
133	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom	
167	Margaret Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom	
169	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom	
184	Ann Gordon v. M. Richards et al.	petition for freedom	
192	Charles Beale v. W. & E. Kimer	petition for freedom	
194	H. & W.F. Young v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom	
207	Betsey Burke v. W. & A. Allen	petition for freedom	
309	James Curry v. Alexander Bell		
	"1 woman named Jenny & 1 Girl Child about 18 months old"		\$1350
	"1 Boy named William son of Jenny about 6 years old"		\$350
	"1 Boy named Beverly about 7 years old"		\$400

Rough Bundle

In re Joanna Cole otherwise called Joanna Alexander a fugitive from service--"a bright mulatto woman aged about twenty five years about medium height rather spare built remarkably comely and graceful"

October term 1860*Civil Appearances*

33	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom	
35	Mary Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom	
36	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom	
39	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom	
40	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom	
41	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom	
42	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom	
45	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom	
46	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom	
61	Ann Jane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom	
72	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom	
82	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom	
104	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom	
133	Margaret Tyler v. Robert Duvall	petition for freedom	
135	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom	
147	Ann Gordon v. M. & W.H. Richards	petition for freedom	
154	Charles Beale v. W. & E. Kinner	petition for freedom	
157	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom	
166	Betsy Burke v. W. & A. Allen	petition for freedom	
746	William H. Brooks v. Andrew Joyce		
	"a negro orphan boy...discharged form his Indentures...."		

748 Adam Lee v. Warren Lowe
 “a free boy of colour about seventeen years of age...to be discharged from his
 Indentures”

758 John Henry Butler v. Josiah Hitchcock
 “a free boy of colour about seventeen years of age...to be discharged from his
 Indentures”

Rough Bundle

“Priscilla Wirt a free woman of colour this day made oath...that her daughter Anna Bell a
 child...seven years [old]...is now confined in the jail of the District of Columbia upon a
 charge of having murdered Martha Shorter a child between two and three years old
 daughter of John Shorter also a free man of colour...”

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Civil Appearances

98	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
100	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLoughlin	petition for freedom
101	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
102	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
103	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
104	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Robinson	petition for freedom
105	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom
108	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
109	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom
121	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
130	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
139	Joseph Green v. P. Wheeler & H. Green	petition for freedom
162	Virginia F. Gracon v. Caroline A. Jordan	petition for freedom
179	Christiana Pinckney v. Elizabeth Young	petition for freedom
190	Ann Gordon v. M. & W.H. Richards	petition for freedom
197	Charles Beale v. W. & E. Kinner	petition for freedom
199	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom
211	Betsy Burke v. W. & A. Allen	petition for freedom
262	Stafford Paine v. C. & E. Thompson	petition for freedom

Civil Trials

519	John P. Hilton v. Clement Becket (negro)	both cases involve
520	John P. Hilton v. Cornelius Clark (negro)	a debt of \$85.00

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Civil Appearances

99	Henry Compton v. William Dorsey	petition for freedom
101	Margaret Lewis & children v. Bridget McLaughlin	petition for freedom
102	Letty Lucas v. John R. Ratcliff	petition for freedom
103	Samuel Stacey v. James Knox	petition for freedom
104	Lucy Bosey v. Ann Maria Fitzhugh	petition for freedom
105	Fanny Hamilton v. Mary Roberson	petition for freedom
106	Rebecca Madella v. Virginia Munroe	petition for freedom

109	Milly Henderson v. William Sexsmith	petition for freedom
110	Sarah H. Medulla v. Georgianna Munroe	petition for freedom
120	Ann Kane v. Thomas Ogden	petition for freedom
129	Stephen Ambush v. James Robinson	petition for freedom
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193	Harriet Young et al. v. Alexander Tolson	petition for freedom
202	Betsy Burke v. W. & A. Allen	petition for freedom
241	Stafford Paine v. C. & E. Thompson	petition for freedom

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Civil Appearances

263	Martin McNamara v. George Wells	\$50.00
	"arresting and securing according to...the public general laws adopted by the Legislature of Maryland...a runaway slave named Daniel Carroll belonging to ...George Wells, aged about 30 years."	

The October 1861 docket book shows only one petition of freedom case: Civil Appearance 169, Stafford Paine v. T. & E. Thompson

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Civil Trials

262	Stafford Paine v. H.C. Harrover et al.	petition for freedom
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