

Maryland, Queen Anne's County, to-wit;

At a Court Court of the second Judicial District of the State of Maryland, begun and held at Centre Ville in and for Queen Anne's County aforesaid, on the first Monday of May, it being the first day of the same month, in the Year Eighteen hundred and fifteen, and in the fortieth year of the Independence of the United States of America

Now Present
The Honble Richard M'Gowan Esquire Chief Judge
Samuel Purnell Esquire
Thomas ^{and} Worell Esquires ap^o Judges
Richard Moffett Esquire Sheriff M. Murphy Clerk

In the Record of Proceedings of the said Court, amongst others were the following to-wit, to

Henry Hensley and ^{and} Bett remembered
their children } that, on the first Monday
of May, being the first day
of the same month, in the
Year Eighteen hundred and
fifteen, Army Hensley, Susan Hensley, Juliana Hensley
and Priscilla Hensley by William Barnickel their Attorney
exhibited to the Court here fitting their petitions for Freedom
against George Walls in form following to-wit, to

To the Honourable the Judges of Queen Anne's County Court

The Petition of Army Hensley a Mulatto Woman
and Susan Hensley, Juliana Hensley and Priscilla Hensley
children to the said Army Hensley sheweth that they are
entitled to their Freedom being descended on the female

line from a free woman named Susan and that they are now unjustly held in slavery by a certain George Walls who is now in Queen Anne's County, but is a resident of the State of Kentucky they are therefore pray process against the said George Walls and that they may be discharged from his hands and may such further and other relief as to your Honours may be right

Whereupon it is ordered by the Court here, that the writ of the State of Maryland of Subpoena issue to the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County aforesaid against the said George Walls to answer to the petition aforesaid of the said Army Armsley and her children, which accordingly issues in form following to-wit

Queen Anne's County, to-wit, The State of Maryland, To the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County, Greeting Seal of the County Court of Queen Anne's County, that all receiving and delays do a side he be and appear before the Judge of Queen Anne's County Court now sitting at Centerville in said County to answer the petition of Army Armsley and her children preferred against him for Freedom

Hereof fail not at your peril, and he is not to fail, and have you then and there this writ Witness the Honorable Richard Dillman Esquire Chief Judge of the County Court in the second judicial District of Maryland the first day of May in the year Eighteen hundred and fifteen. Given the 15th day of May 1815. Wm Browne Clk

And whereupon the Sheriff of Queen Anne's County aforesaid, to-wit; Richard Moffett Gentlman to whom the said aforesaid writ of Subpoena was informed aforesaid directed makes return thereof to the Court here thus ordered to-wit

Queen Anne's County, to-wit; By Virtue of the writ of Subpoena to me directed, I have summoned the within named George Walls as I am within commanded - Richard Moffett Sheriff

And the said George Walls by Army Armsley and Elizabeth Thomas Chambers his attorney appears in Court here whereupon it is ordered by the Court here, that the said George Walls enter into recognizance in the sum of Two thousand Dollars current Money with security, that he the said George Walls do not remove the aforesaid Army Armsley and her children out of this State nor obstruct them from attending this Court from time to time in support of their petition for freedom preferred against him the said George Walls and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use the said Petitioners well.

Whereupon the said George Walls present here in Court acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted unto the State of Maryland in the sum of Two thousand Dollars current Money and a certain Samuel Chaplin of Queen Anne's County, also present here in Court in like manner acknowledges himself to owe and stand justly indebted to the said State of Maryland in the said sum of Two thousand Dollars which said sum they and each of them acknowledge shall be made and bound of their respective Bodies Goods and Chattels, Lands and Tenements, to and for the use of the said State, on condition that the said George Walls do not remove Army Armsley, Susan Armsley, Juliana Armsley and Priscilla Armsley out of this State nor obstruct them attending this Court from time to time in support of their petition for Freedom exhibited in the said Court against the said George Walls and in the mean time to feed, cloath and use them well, and pay whatever satisfaction the Court shall adjudge for the services of the said Army Armsley, Susan Armsley, Juliana Armsley and Priscilla Armsley from this Court to the time of