

To the Honorable Wm. E. Lawrence, judge of
the Circuit Court for the County of St. Louis in the State
of Missouri

The petition of Federal a colored girl would
respectfully show, that she is about to institute a suit upon
her own behalf in conformity with the Law relative thereto
and would show that she was originally the slave of a Lady
Missouri of St. Genevieve Missouri, that upon the decease
of her daughter Emily, with one Tom Black she was given
up into the charge of Mr. Black & by her removed to
Kendall in the State of Illinois - That she was some-
where about about 12 or 13 years of age - That upon
the death of Mr. Black she was taken to one William
Dwyer of Harbuck in the State of Illinois, but
afterwards after the short stay of one year with her
father Martin said Lady Lane, at St. Genevieve
she was taken by a Mr. Maria Felt also a daughter
of said Lady Lane to Quincy in the State of Illinois
where she remained from the fall of 1836 to the Spring
of 1837, on which she for many in the usual behavior of
a household servant that she was then bought
by a Mr. George Wolf to the City of St. Louis & taken
out at different places, but since last I saw her
she is in the hire & company of a Mr. Black of the
St. Louis County who now holds her in slavery & claims her
services, that the said Tom Black claims her with
claim & property & wishes to have her as mentioned

Your petition would further state that she is
a poor person & unable to present her claim except
permitted to do so as a poor person. She then

It may you know for leave to show in
this form - does it not? ^{the}
Kubie & Co
mch.

County of St. Louis }
State of Missouri } Release the above named
petitioner from all and sundry bonds that
he gave at foot in the above petition on trans-
mission & subscription to ^{the} Kubie & Co
upon on the 13th day of ^{the} month
July 1838
Wm. H. Roper Secy of the Court

Wm. H. Roper states that he released the petition-
er from all and sundry bonds as a person to be
admitted to the right of practice & leave to appear
as his counsel & agent. It is also stated that the
petitioner being to attend his usual business as a
merchant may require, that he be not bound by the
order of the court & that he be not subject to any
process on account of his application for practice. Witness
my hand the 13th day of July 1838.

Wm. H. Roper
Judge of the Court

To John Nelson, Clerk of Circuit Court for County of Adams in State of Virginia

The petition of Rebecca a above said as
appears fully attached shows that she is about to make
title void for the satisfaction of her claim to land
~~but~~ that she being unacquainted with the usage of
lawfully in your State is to say shortly your
honorable Court it is necessary that some person
duly qualified should present to the Court
for her. He therefore proposes Hanni L
Sprunt & prays that he may be permitted
to act as her next friend in the matter
Rebecca
next

I Hanni L Sprunt do verily believe to be the
next friend of the above named Rebecca L
& in that capacity act in the matter
mentioned in the petition

Hanni L Sprunt

County Court, July Term, 1838.

1838.

County of Adams }
State of Missouri } Rebecca a colored girl &
an infant under the age of twenty one years by her
next friend Morris L. Sprout complain of James
Black & Lewis that look of a plea of trespass for their
imprisonment. That on the first day of the first
day of March one thousand eight hundred and
thirty eight at the County aforesaid the said Sprout
with four others on a public road in the said plain
-ly State then then had seized said child for their
plaintiff then then unlawfully imprisoned her in
said place & then hath kept & detained her in
prison from the day last aforesaid to this day
contrary to form of the Statute in such case made
& provided & against the peace & dignity of the State
and the plaintiff says that before that the time
of the commencing of the said breach of prison
she was & still is a free person & that she def-
-endants had & still had her the plaintiff in their
custody for the plaintiff says that she is greatly
injured & that she has sustained damages to
the amount of five hundred dollars & that
- for the said do-

Special Jury p. 188.

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Aunt Cass's Legacy
Nov. 18. 1848

Rebecca Cadger

^{to}
James Black & Louis
Black - - -

Gift to James under
the name of Miss
to poor people. Clute
will pass -
Spent for C. H. -

County of St. Louis, ss.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of the County of St. Louis--Greeting:

We command you to *summon James Black & Lewis Mathis*
if they be in your county to appear

before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, to be held
at the City of St. Louis, within and for the County of St. Louis, on the second Monday
of *July* next, then and there to answer unto *Rebecca, a & c*
plaintiff, of a plea of *hospas for false imprisonment*

in the damage of said plaintiff

five hundred dollars
dollars: And leave you then these this writ.

WITNESS, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said
Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, in the
City of St. Louis, this *thirteenth* day of
June in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and thirty-*eight*

John Ruland Clerk
at St. Louis

THE STATE OF MISSOURI

County of St. Louis, Mo.

No 207

James Brown's bond
July Term 1838

W. W. Black (A. Adams & Co.)

James W. Black, James W. Matlock

Said for James W. Black - \$1000

Special duty.

W. W. Black, Clerk

12th June 1838

Filed as Law 1838

W. W. Black

Executed this writ by offering to read it and the declaration to James Black, on the 12th day of June, 1838, in the County of St. Louis, all of which he refused to hear read and acknowledge the service thereof - Louis Matlock not found in my County -

James Brotherton Sheriff By
Joseph W. McHenry, Deputy

Service \$1.00
Costs 50
\$1.50

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1837

South Street Hotel
July Term 1837.

Robert Black and his partners
vs. E. S. Deane
Rebecca } Pica

Sullivan
County

Filed 12th July 1837
John H. ...

~~John H. ...~~
John H. ...

✓

Robert Black and his partners vs. E. S. Deane
Rebecca vs. Pica
Sullivan County
Filed 12th July 1837
John H. ...

In St. Louis Circuit Court
Nov. Term 1828.

Rebecca }
vs. }
Black & Mallock }

Indorsement to be pro-
posed to William Lewis
of St. Genevieve - do.
by consent of both parties

John Black
Plaintiff
vs
William James Black
Defendant

In a certain cause between the said Plaintiff and the said Defendant, by reading to the Court certain evidence of William James Black, taken before Mr. Justice Bayne a Justice of the Peace for the County of the Queen's, on the 1st day of September A.D. 1838, when and where the said William James, being duly interrogated, examined and sworn, on his oath affirmed and swore the said depositions as follows, and for which he answers see Schedule (A) hereto attached.

Questions agreed upon by the
Court of Plaintiff and Defendants in the above
Case, the right and form of action being
by consent dispensed with, to be proposed
to William James of St. Lawrence, State of New
York, and sworn to in same manner as pre-
scribed by Statute in cases of depositions.

Questions proposed by Counsel for Plaintiff.

1) Did you or did you not make and re-
ceive a certain deed of Trust to Thomas M.
Horne, bearing date the 17th day of October
1834, wherein a certain negro
girl was conveyed to said Horne for the use
and behoof of Caroline Black, daughter of
James Black?

2) Did you or did you not hold said slave
so conveyed as your property after said convey-
ance in Trust? And if so in what manner
and how long?

3) Did you ever give, or did you not, your consent to the removal of said Rebecca into the State of Illinois? If so when, and under what circumstances; and was such consent given before or after making said bill of Trade?

4) Did you ever make any other bills of Trade of said above named Negroes, and especially of said Rebecca, to said Thomas M. Hornie, or to any other person, save the one above mentioned and referred to?

5) Are you aware & do you know that Rebecca the slave in question resided at any time in Illinois - If so, state where, with whom, & how long

6) Have you ever heard any attempt of or to sell one of the Defendants as to the residence of himself & family in the State of Illinois with the Rebecca? If so state it.

Wm. S. Arnold
att^y for T. Coff

J. C. Sullivan
att^y for S. Coff

(Schedule A)

Question? Did you or did you not make and execute a certain deed of trust to Thomas M. Horne bearing date the twentieth day of October, Eighteen thirty eight, wherein a certain negro girl was so conveyed to said Horne for the use and behoof of Caroline Black, Daughter of James Black.

Answer I never made to Thomas M. Horne any deed of trust of the date mentioned, but on the 18th of October 1839, I made a deed to said Horne for three young negroes in trust for the entire use and benefit of my daughter Emily Black, and her three children William Maria and Caroline, (the said Emily Black died at Vandalia in the State of Illinois three years ago last summer on the beginning of the fall) that is to say for the use and benefit of my Daughter Emily until her three children shall arrive at lawful age, after which time the right of my said daughter Emily should cease, and the right use and benefit of the said three negroes should be vested in her three children in the following manner, to wit; William Black should have delivered to him a negro boy named Jeffrey then about seven years of age, when the said William should arrive at twenty one years of age, Maria B. Black should have delivered to her a negro girl named Mary or Polly, then about five years of age, and her increase when she should arrive at the age of eighteen years of age, and Caroline Black was to have delivered to her a negro girl named Rebecca, then about ten or eleven years of age, and her increase when the said Caroline should arrive at the age of eighteen years, the said negro children had when I made the said deed of trust a large ring on the back of their head, unaccountably, a horn. The said Caroline Black, to attorn to the said negro Rebecca, was

given in said deed of trust, and at any house, in the
county of the Quincy, in the State of Missouri, commencing
more than three years ago, at the age of about three
or four years. —

Question 3. Did you or did you not hold said slave so
conveyed as your property after said conveyance in trust?
and if so in what manner and how long?

Answer. I never held said slave Nelson as my property
after I gave her to my said daughter Emily, and grand
daughter Caroline as mentioned in my answer to said first interroga-
tory — The gift took place ^{as you before} about three years before the execu-
tion and date of the said Deed of trust to Thomas St. Horine, with the spe-
cial order to the said Emily, that the said negro Nelson was
not to be removed from the State of Missouri.

Q. Did you ever give, or did you not give consent to the
removal of said Nelson into the State of Illinois if so,
when and under what circumstances and was such con-
sent given before or after making said deed of trust?

Answer. So far from giving my consent to the removal of said
Nelson to the State of Illinois, I positively and repeatedly
forbade my said daughter Emily, and also my other children
from doing so, and I never gave my consent to any such
removal.

Q. Did you ever make any other deed of trust of said
above named negroes, and especially of said Nelson to
said Thomas St. Horine or to any other person, save
the one above alluded and referred to?

Answer. I never in any manner or form, made any other
deed of trust to said Horine, nor to any other
person, for said negroes or either of them, than that
dated October 15th 1839, and referred to in my answer
to the first interrogatory?

5. Are you aware and do you know that Rebecca, the slave in question resided at any time in Illinois? If so, state where with whom and how long?

Answer I do not know that said negro ever resided in Illinois.

Q^d Have you ever heard any admissions from Mr Black one of the defendants as to the residence of the defendant himself and family in the state of Illinois with said Rebecca? If so, state it.

Answer. I do not recollect that I ever heard from Mr Black that the said Negro Rebecca had resided with him in his family in Illinois; on the other hand, he has written to me that he had no claim for himself on the said negro Rebecca and further Defendant said not.

William James

County of Jefferson
State of Illinois, ss.

I John McArthur a Justice of the Peace within and for said County, do hereby certify that on the day of the date hereof personally appeared William James of lawful age, a man of sound mind, on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, that the foregoing Exposition and answer to the interrogatories propounded to him in that behalf, contain the truth thereof and nothing but the truth of his knowledge in the case of Rebecca ^{Black} or that lock up a suit now depending in the St. Louis Circuit Court.

Done under my hand this 19th day of November A.D. 1838.

John McArthur, Justice of the Peace

Rebecca

Black Matlock

opened & filed Mar. 26th 1858
John Blackwell Black

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STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of St. Louis, act.

To the Sheriff of St. Louis County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *David B. Robinson and*

Henry Blackwell

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person

before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *16th day of January*

1840 at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify,

and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,

wherein *Robinson (et al.)*

plaintiff and *Black & Blackwell* is

defendant on the part of

and have you then serve this writ.

Witness, JOHN ROLAND, Clerk of our said Circuit

Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *16th*

day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen

hundred and *forty*

John Roland

CLERK, C. C.

Rebecca Hogg;

James Mack &
Lewis Matlock vs.

In the Circuit Court, for the County
of Monroe - State of Missouri.

To the above named Plaintiff.

You are hereby Notified, That Depositions of Witnesses to be read in evidence
in the above cause, on the part of the defendant - will be taken at
the residence of James Mack in town of Vandeventer
in the County of Fayette and State of Missouri on the sixteenth
day of March instant between the hours of 8 o'clock
in the forenoon, and 8 o'clock in the afternoon and that the taking of said depositions, if
not completed on that day, will be continued from day to day at the same place and between
the same hours, till completed.

Attest
4. March 1840

James Mack &
Lewis Matlock vs.
By their atty.
B. Allen.

Served this Notice in the county of St Louis
on the 4th day of March 1840 by delivering a true
copy thereof to Harris L. Sproot, the Attorney
for Plaintiff

rec'd 5 Octo

Marshall Brotherton Sheng
by B. Boy auxiliary Spt

COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS, MO.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI.

To any Judge or Justice of the Peace or other Judicial Officer of the State of *Missouri* _____

GREETING.

We, reposing special trust and confidence in your integrity and circumspection, do authorize and require you, that you cause to come before you, each person or persons as shall be named to you by *James Mack & Lewis Mitchell* _____

Attorney or Agent, and him or them examine upon his, her or their corporal oath, (to be by you administered,) touching their knowledge of any thing that may relate to a certain matter of controversy, now pending in our Circuit Court, for the County of St. Louis, wherein *Rutten* _____

_____ plaintiff and *James Mack & Lewis Mitchell* are
defendant on the part of the *opponents* _____ and having

so reduced the said depositions so taken by you as aforesaid in writing, you are required to send the same, together with this commission, enclosed under your seal, to our said Circuit Court, with all convenient speed.

WITNESS, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *fourth* _____ day of *March* _____ in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and ~~thirty~~ *forty*.

John Ruland Clerk C. C.



Deposition of Maria Field a witness produced, sworn and examined at the residence of James Black in the Town of Vandalia in the County of Fayette and State of Illinois, before me James M. Peck a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Fayette and State of Illinois aforesaid, in a certain cause now pending in the Circuit Court for the County of St. Louis in the State of Missouri between Rebecca Pabstoff and James Black and Edward Mallock Defendants, on the part of the said Defendants.

Maria Field aforesaid of lawful age being produced, sworn and examined on the part of the said Defendants aforesaid and saith,

That the girl Rebecca was conveyed by deed to Thomas M. Acker to be held in trust by him for one of James Black's daughters, when she should arrive at full age, that sometime in August 1836 the defendant took the said Rebecca with her to Quincy in the State of Illinois, when the defendant went there on a visit to her father. She took the said girl with her as a servant, and intended to return with her to the State of Missouri in four or five months, but that in consequence of the sickness of her father's husband she concluded to remain with him ^{some} during the winter. That she sent Rebecca to St. Louis in the State of Missouri sometime in the month of February 1837, and would have sent her there sooner, but could not in consequence of the ice in the Mississippi River. That she took the said Rebecca with her to Quincy contrary to the wish and without the consent of Thomas M. Acker to whom she belonged in trust as aforesaid. This defendant knows that she was taken to Vandalia by Mr. Black, but does not know how long she remained there. Rebecca was never hired to a Mr. Pabstoff or any person else in Kaskaskia, nor did she ever live in Kaskaskia in the State of Illinois, and further said Defendant saith not.

Maria Field

I James M Perry a Justice of the peace in and for the
County of Fayette and State of Illinois, do hereby
certify that Maria Fields the deponent whose place
of residence is at Cameron Co. in the State of Missouri
Was by me sworn to testify the whole truth of her
knowledge touching the matter in controversy in the cause
Thomas Rebecca vs plaintiff and James Black and
Lewis Matlock defendants and the said deponent
was examined and her examination reduced to
writing and subscribed by said deponent in my
presence on the 16th day of March 1840 between
hours of 8 o'clock in the forenoon and 6 o'clock
in the afternoon of the said day at the house
of James Black in the Town of Vandalia and
in the County of Fayette and State of Illinois
Shewn and certified the 16th day of March
1840. before me

James M Perry Just
Justice of the peace for the
County of Fayette & State of Illinois

I James M Perry a Justice of the peace in
and for the County of Fayette and State of Illinois
do certify that an affidavit was made and sworn to
and put in before me at the House of James
Black in the Town of Candlish in the County of
Fayette and State of Illinois, Maria Fitch who was
by me sworn and examined and her examination
reduced to writing and subscribed by her in
my presence, and her said deposition is now here
with returned, Given at Candlish this the
16 day of March 1840.

James M Perry (Seal)
Justice of the Peace for the
County of Fayette State of Illinois

State of Illinois

Fayette County

I James M Perry Clerk of
the County Commissioners Court of Fayette County
of said State, do hereby certify that James M. Perry
whose name is subscribed to the foregoing Certificate
is and was at the time of signing the same an acting
Justice of the Peace within and for the County of
Fayette and State of Illinois, duly commissioned
and qualified; and that full faith and credit are
and of right ought to be given to all his official
acts as such.

In testimony whereof I
have hereunto subscribed my name
and affixed the seal of said Court
at Candlish this 16th day of
March A.D. 1840

James M Perry (Seal)

STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of St. Louis, set.

To the Sheriff of St. Louis County.—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *David B. Watkinson*
vs David B. Watkinson Henry Kolaska
and

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person
before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *8th day of May 1860*
_____ at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify,
and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,
wherein *Tubacca* _____
plaintiff and *Kolaska & Matlock* are Defendants _____
defendants on the part of *plts*

and have you then there this writ.

Witness, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *5th*
day of *May* in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and *forty* _____

J W Ruland

CLERK, C. C.

1840

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MISSOURI STATE

Black Lottelink
for p[er]p[et]ua

David B. Watson
& his wife - (his
new market)

Henry Blackwell
Inspector in the public
Yours

800
Mary

Not done

County of St. Louis, act.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

Es the Sheriff of St. Louis County.—Greetings

You are hereby commanded to summon *James M. Duncan, William*
Shinn, John A. Spry —————

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person
before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *11th January A. D.*

1847 ————— at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify,

and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,
wherein *Peabody (not given)* ————— is

plaintiff and *Blank & all at look* are —————
defendants on the part of *peff*

and have you then thus this writ.

Witness, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *fourth*
day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and forty *one*.

J. M. Ruland CLERK, C. C.

Subpoena 140

~~Witness~~ (Ch. J. G.) -

Black & White

for copy

J. W. M. M. M.

William M. M.

John A. Sprigg

Jan 11, 1848

The within witness not found

Mr. M. M. M. M. M.

Jan. 27

County of St. Louis, set.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

To the Sheriff of St. Louis County,—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon *David B. Robinson*
& *Henry Blackwell*

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he be and appear in proper person
before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *11th January* 1841,
at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify,

and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,
wherein *Robinson* is plaintiff and *Blackwell* are
defendants on the part of *plffs*

and have you then there this writ.

Witness, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit
Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *fourth*
day of *January* in the year of our Lord eighteen
hundred and forty *one*.

J. Ruland CLERK, C. C.

Sub poena 140

Rebecca (colored)

Black

for

John A. Robertson

Henry B. Deane

11th Jan.

Expressed through by delivering a true copy
of the same to a select committee of the house
of Representatives of the State of New York
at the City of New York on the 11th day of January
1841

Done at New York

11th Jan.

John A. Robertson
Henry B. Deane
Deputy

Pebrua
" } March Term. 1841.
Black & Colletts

This case continues on next
of the absence of the Depositor of our Thomas M.
Horne -

I am aware of the taking of the same
Depositor & have it material on the trial of the
above entitled suit - Mr. Sullivan & myself took
the Depositor, of my money across me, by written
order. It was the understanding between Mr
Sullivan, original creditor for Deft. that we should
make all formalities & legal acknowledgments in the
taking of a deposit.

J. Wood. Atty for Deft.

STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of St. Louis, set.

To the Sheriff of St. Louis County,—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon *John Duncan, Wm. Green*

John A. Spritz, D. B. Watkinson, Henry Blackman

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, do be and appear in proper person before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *31st* day of *March* *1841*

at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court,

wherein *one Rebecca is*

plaintiff and *Black L. Mallock is*

defendant on the part of *plff.*

and have you then there this writ.

Witness, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit

Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *11th*

day of *March* in the year of our Lord eighteen

hundred and *forty one.*

J. N. Ruland CLERK, C. C.

Special Const. Marshal
No. 1841

Richard
Mark Schatlock

for p^{ts}
Jas. Sanson =
Mr. Green
Thos. A. Spring
D. W. Wetmore
Henry Blackman
7 30th March '68

Also proof
M either of the within
named witnesses found
Monest 62 & ct
W. H. Protherton

STATE OF MISSOURI,

County of St. Louis, act.

To the Sheriff of St. Louis County,—Greeting :

You are hereby commanded to summon *Henry Blackwell*

that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, he do and appear in proper person before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the *fourth*

at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court, wherein *no return is*

plaintiff and *Blackwell*

defendant on the part of *plaintiff*

and have you then there this writ.

WITNESS, JOHN RULAND, Clerk of our said Circuit Court, at the City of St. Louis, this *20th* day of *March* - in the year of our Lord eighteen hundred and *forty one*

J. W. Ruland CLERK, C. C.

County of St. Louis, ss.

THE STATE OF MISSOURI,

To D. R. Waterman Henry Blackmore
Henry Blackwell James Duncan
Mr Simon John A Sprigg

GREETING—

You are hereby commanded, that setting aside all manner of excuse and delay, you appear before the Judge of our Circuit Court, on the 21. October 1841 at the City of St. Louis, then and there to testify, and the truth to say in a certain matter of controversy now pending in our said Court, wherein Rebecca (a negro) is plaintiff and Black & Matlock are defendants, on the part of Plff. and herein you are in no wise to fail.

Witness, JOHN HILLMAN, Clerk of our said Court, with the seal thereof hereto affixed, at office, in the City of St. Louis, this 13. day of Oct in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty one

Mr Hillman

CLERK, C. C.

Circuit Court
November 1841

Rebecca

vs
Black & Mallock

for p^y 21. Oct.

D. B. Waterman

Henry Blackwell, at Republican Office

Henry Blackmore

Sal. Curran

Wm. Linn

John A. Sprigg

~~Wm. Linn~~

at well at the
Republican office

1841

1841

Depositions in the Chis
Case for Deft taken into
Court Decr 5 1844 for
Mr. Shepley to use in a
Case of this same style.