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Slaves Maryland

McKay Elizabeth K
10th May 1824 Recd same day.
Claim for Slaves

5 Slaves.	
Matilda	\$300
Levi -----	175
Henney-----	150
Mary-----	100
Ginney-----	<u>75</u>
	\$800

Oath of Claimant &
Dep'n of L.H. Ballard

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To the Secretary of State
McKay Eliz

Washington
May 10 – 1824

The enclosed Document you
will please lay before the Commissioners
under the Treaty of Ghent –
Respectfully
John H. Beall

To/ The Secretary of State

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State of Maryland Calvert County To Wit –
On the twenty eighth day of January Eighteen hundred & twenty four
before me the subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for the
State and County aforesaid, Personally appeared Elizabeth K McKay
Resident of Anne Arundel County and State aforesaid; who
made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, that Her
Negro woman named Matilda and four children of the
Names, age, sex and value, as below stated, absconded from-
her in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen some
time in the month of June and that she has every
Reason to Believe that they were carried by the –
British forces then lying in the Patuxent River
a River of the State of Maryland –
Sworn to before

Levin W Ballard

To Wit	1 woman slave by name Matilda aged-----24 years	worth	\$300
	1 Boy slave by name Levi aged----- 6 years	“	175
	1 Girl slave by name Henney aged----- 4 years	“	150
	1 Girl slave by name Mary aged----- 2 years	“	100
	1 Girl slave by name Ginney aged----- 1 year	“	<u>75</u>
			\$800

State of Maryland Calvert County To wit –
On the Tenth day of Febr eighteen hundred and twenty-
-four before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for
the County and State aforesaid, Personly [sic] appeared [sic] Levin W Ballard, who
made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he saw on the
seventeenth day of June 1814 in the town of Lower Marlbro the above named
Negro woman Matilda, and her Husband Negro Adam together with
several negro woman [sic] the slaves of Eliz. Ballard (in the possession of the
British forces) all of said slaves left the plantation of Elizabeth Ballard
on the night of the sixteenth of June 1814 in company with a small
party of the British forces. The said Negro woman Slave Matilda
had to my knowledge four children as above stated with her, & I do -
{be}lieve that she & her four children

turn over

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were all carried on board of the british barges then lying at the wharf of said Town. I remained at said Town for several hours after the British forces had left it and I saw that none of the aforementioned negro Slaves were left behind, but were all carried off –

Sworn Before
Sam'l Y Dorsey

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc:

I Hereby certify that Levin W Ballard and Samuel Y Dorsey Esquires before whom the foregoing depositions were made and taken and who have thereto subscribed their names were at the time of so doing two Justices of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned & Sworn In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of my office this 27th day of February AD 1824.

William S Morsell Clk of Calvert
County Court

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State of Maryland Calvert County Nov'r 28th 1827

I hereby certify that Negro Adam (who was returned as the - property Elizabeth Ballard in her claim under the Ghent treaty) was known by the name of Adam Green and that - Matilda was his wife they lived on my land for several years, had four children, and on the night of the sixteenth of June eighteen hundred and fourteen they all left my farm and joined the British at Lower Marlbro with whom I saw - Adam and his wife Matilda next day when I asked Adam where the other people were (meaning those that left the farm at the same time he did, when he saw they were on board of the barges then lying at the wharf at Lower Marlbro - I remained in Lo Marlbro until after the barges left the town and saw nothing of any of those negroes remaining on shore and do believe that they went away all of them with the British -

Levin W Ballard

Calvert County Nov 28th 1827 then come Levin W Ballard before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for said - County and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty that the above ~~just~~ statement is just and true as stated
Wm C. Hodgkin

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Add'l Evidence
Filed March 25th
1828 –

Affidavit of Levin W.
Ballard of the surname
of Adam Green & that
[illegible] was his wife Sc

Calvert County Sc
I hereby certify that William C Hodgkin
Gentleman before whom the within deposition
was made and taken ~~was at the time~~ and whose
name is thereto subscribed was at the time of so
doing and still is one of the State of Maryland's
Just[ices] of the peace in and for Calvert County
[illegible] duly commissioned & sworn
In Testimony whereof I have hereto
subscribed my name and affixed
the seal of Calvert County Court the
[illegible] day of February AD 1828
Wm S Morsell Clk of
Calv't Co'ty Co't

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Elizabeth K. McKay claims for 5 slaves

1. Matilda, aged 24
2. Levy aged 6 }
3. Henney – 4 } children of Matilda
4. Mary – 2 }
5. Ginney or Jenny 1 }

The testimony is

1. The affid't of Ms. McKay of the Loss of them.
2. Affid't of L. W. Ballard that he saw Matilda with her husband & her four children in the possession of the British on the 17th June 1814

(The above affidts were filed under the mixed Commission, & we have now in addition to them)

3. Another Affid't of L.W. Ballard that Matilda was the wife of Adam Green a Slave of Mrs. Elizabeth Ballard, who went with the British, &

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Elizabeth K. McKay

May 23d – 1828 allow'd –
for five slaves taken
from Md - @ \$280 - \$1400
Int reserved
To be set for hearing.

To be docketed
Mar 25 1828

1st April 1828
Taking of all proved
Matilda & Two Children
on Halifax lists p. 81