

**Claim of William Harris**  
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State of Maryland Calvert County To Wit  
On the 12<sup>th</sup> day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty eight  
personally appeared Barbara Fowler who made oath on the  
Holy Evangely of Almighty God that at the time the British  
troops acting under the command of Capt. Nurse [sic], burnt  
the Court house in said County, that negro Frisby the  
property of William Harris late of said County dec'd were in  
company with said troops with a sword by this side and  
that she never understood that he had any sir [sic] name –  
and further saith not –  
Sworn to before  
Levin W Ballard

Calvert County Sc  
I hereby certify that Levin W Ballard Gentleman before  
whom the above deposition was made and whose name is  
thereto subscribed was at the time of so doing one of the  
State of Maryland's Justices of the Peace in and for the  
said County duly commissioned and sworn  
I [sic] Testimony whereof I have hereto set  
my name and affixed the seal of  
Calvert County Court this twelfth day  
of May Anno Domini 1828  
Wm S Morsell Clk  
Of Calv't Cot'y Court

Lower Marlborough  
D.A Hall Esqr  
Above is all the evidence  
I can get about the negro. I hope it  
will be sufficient to get the money  
My brother sent you on a power of attorney  
some time since  
Sincerely yours  
Tho's N Harris

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D. A. Hall Esqr  
Attorney at Law  
Washington City  
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Deposition of Bar-  
bara Fowler.

Case of A. W. Harris

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On this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1828 personally  
appear'd Tho's N Harris before the Subscriber a  
Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and  
made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God  
that negro Frisby which was taken by the Brittish [sic]  
belonging to William Harris dec'd was known by  
no other sir [sic] name than Harris – and that  
Robert [illegible] told this deponant [sic] that the  
said negro Frisby Harris was with the  
Brittish [sic] Troops at Prince Frederick Town  
acting as an officer with the said Troops  
and assisted in setting fire to the Court House  
and Jail in said Town  
Sworn before  
Thos B. King

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I Hereby certify that Thomas B King Gentleman  
before whom the within deposition was made and taken and who has  
thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing a Justice  
of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid  
duly [illegible] and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto  
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of  
Calvert County Court this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of  
April in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and twenty eight.

William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

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Statement

Claim of William Harris dec'd of  
Maryland for one slave, Frisby.

By the deposition of Wm. A. Robinson, it appears that this slave was with the British in July 1814 and was active in the aid he gave them in their work of plunder and wasting and the deposition of Benj. Robinson is to the same effect. A slave of so useful abilities was not likely to want employment under his new masters and accordingly it appears by the deposition of Thomas W. Harris that he was known & reported to have been an officer among their troops (coloured no doubt) & to have assisted them in setting fire to the Court House. Such an offi-

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cer is found among the colonial marines, at page 18 – there called Corporal Harris. This man we claim as the slave of Wm. Harris – none was more likely to have ascended in the scale of promotion to the rank of a Corp'l than he who proved himself so active in his zeal at his first adhesion to the enemy.

D. A. Hall

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One negro man named Frisby / 18 years of age belonging to Wm. Harris late of Calvert County deceased taken by the Brittish [sic] from Gods Grace on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1814 value at that time at ----- \$500.00

Calvert County Sc  
On this 17<sup>th</sup> day of August 1822  
personally appeared Benj'm Robinson before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the County afore-said and made oath on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God that negro Frisby the property of Wm. Harris late of Calvert County deceased was in possession of the Brittish [sic] forces at Gods Grace on or about the 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 1814 and I have every reason to believe he was taken off by them as he lived with Doc't John H. Beall at that place and was not seen after they left there  
Sworn before  
Arthur Harris

Slaves                      Dep.  
  
Harris, Wm dec'd – Calvert Co. Md  
22 Aug't 1822

Slave Frisby – 18 - \$500

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On this 22 day of August 1822

personally appeared William A. Robinson before the Subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county aforesaid and made oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that the within named negro man Frisby the property of Wm. Harris late of Calvert County deceased was in possession of the Brittish [sic] forces on or about the 16th day of July 1814 at Gods Grace the place where the Brittish[sic] landed; that I saw the said negro assisting the Brittish [sic] to carry some of the furniture belonging to Doc'r John H. Beall on board the Brittish [sic] Barges at that place and have every reason to believe the said negro was taken off by them as he lived with Doct. John H. Beall and was not seen after they left there

Sworne [sic] Before

Arthur Harris

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc

I Hereby certify that Arthur Harris Gentleman before whom the within and above affidavits were made and taken and who has thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing one of the Justices of the peace of the said State in and for Calvert County aforesaid duly Commissioned and Sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty seventh day of August Anno Domini 1822. Wm S. Morsell Clk of Calv't Co'ty Court



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William Harris of

Md for 1 Slave.

D.A. Hall agent.

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19<sup>th</sup> July 1828 allow'd  
to the duly authorized  
representatives of William  
Harris for one slave  
taken from Maryland  
\$280 Int. reserved