

Claim of James I. Bourne

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James I. Bourne of
Calvert County, Maryland
Claim for 1 slave, James
Handy –
Statement of agent
R. P. Dunlop
12 Jan'y 1828
Depositions enclosed
To be docketed
Allowed for one slave
taken from Georgia
\$390
Interest reserved

The claim of James I. Bourne of Calvert County
Maryland, for one slave. Jim – alias James Handy
is respectfully submitted.

The depositions included in paper marked A
shew the logs of Jim & his absconding to the British forces
in the Chesapeake.

The depositions included in paper marked B – ~~show~~ prove
that James Handy, the slave of James I Bourne had Dolly
Handy, the slave of John M Gray of Calvert County for
a wife by whom he had a child called Sophy Handy –
The object of these depositions being taken by Mr. Bourne
in support of his claim appears to be to prove that John M.
Gray. lost but two slaves. 2 that the one named by Mr. Bayley
on the Tangier list, as the slave of John M. Gray by the
name of James Handy must have been his Mr. Bourne
slave. But in this Mr. Bourne is clearly mistaken
as by reference to page 111 of the printed documents – to
the description list of black & colored people on Tangier
Island. Taken by our commissioner Thomas M Bayley –
James Handy is placed under the head of childrens names
immediatly below the name of Sophy Handy, the daughter of
Dolly Handy. For Gray's slave -
at page 33 of the printed documents, furnished by the
British government containing a list of supernumeraries
on board the ship Madagascar – James Handy is placed

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by the British officers among the refugee children on board that ship – These documents therefore prove that this James Handy could not be the husband of Dolly Handy.

The papers filed shew that Mr. Bourne negro man James Handy was of the age of 23 years & the commissioners by refering [sic] to the papers in support of the claim of John M. Gray will perceive that Dolly Handy was about the age of 19 years & her child Sophy about 4 years. It is quite probable that James Handy mentioned on the Tangier list was the child of Dolly & born after she absconded from the service of her master & joined the British forces.

The name of Mr. James I Bourne negro man James Handy is found at page 18 of the printed documents on the list of colonial marines – This man must be the slave of Mr Bourne, & for whom he claims indemnity.

Robert P. Dunlop
agent
12 Jany 1828

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Slaves Dep.
Bourne, James I. – Calvert Co. Md

5 May 1821

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(one informal)

5 Depns – 1 slaves, Jim, 23 Y \$500

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
on this fifth Day of May in the year of our lord Eighteen
hundred and twenty one personally appeared [sic] before me the
subscriber on of the Justices of the Peace in and for
the county aforesaid James I Bourne and made oath on
the holy Evangely of Almighty God that sometime in
the month of July or August [illegible word crossed out] in the year 1814 that
my negro servant Jim twenty three years of age worth
at that time five hundred Dollars current money Did
abscond from me and go on bord [sic] of British Enemy to the
best of my knoledge [sic] and belief as the said Enemy on
the same Day, that the above mentioned negro absconded
from me was in Saint Leonards Creek within one
mile of my house Sworn before –

James Wilson –

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On the second Day of May 1821 before me the subscriber
one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county
aforsaid [sic] appears George Bourne and makes oath on the
holy Evangely of Almighty God, that sometime in the
month of July or August in the year 1814 that negro
Jim belonging to James I Bourne was in my care
at that time intending to Baltimore for safe keeping
a few minutes before we intended to leave Mr. Bou [remainder of line torn away]
he told me the Enemy was in St Leonards Creek and
gives me Mr. James M Sollers as his author that the
Enemy was at that time in St Leonards Creek he then
begd [sic] his masters indulgence to take leave of his couloured [sic]
friends and did in my opinion Embark on bord [sic] of the Enemy
as he was never herd [sic] of afterwards

Sworne [sic] Before

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

On this second Day of May 1821 before me the subscriber one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the County aforesaid personally appeared George Ireland and solemnly truly and sincerely [sic] Declares and affirm that Mr. Gedion Ireland Deceas'd told him in his lifetime that he saw James I Bourne negro Jim, with the British Enemy sometime in the fall 1814 and further this deponent sayeth not

Sworne [sic] before
James Wilson –

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –

On this fifth Day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one personally appear'd Margeret J Ireland before me one of the Justices of the Peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of almighty God, that sometime [sic] in the month of July or August 1814 that negro Jim belonging to James I Bourne was in the care of Doctor George Bourne for the purpose of being carried to Baltimore for safe keeping, a few minutes before Doctor Bourne were ready to leave Mr James I Bourne negro Jim observed [sic] that Mr. James M. Sollers told him the Enemy was in St Leonards Creek the negro then asked leave of his master to go and take leave of his coloured friends which was granted and at that time in my opinion Embarked on board [sic] the British Enemy as he was never herd [sic] of afterwards since

Sworne [sic] before
James Wilson –

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit

On this fourth day of May in the year of our Lord Eighteen Hundred and twenty one personally [sic] appeared before me the subscriber – a Justice of the Peace in and for Calvert County James M. Sollers and made oath on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God that some time in the year Eighteen Hundred and fourteen to the best of his knowledge, he saw on the road, near St. Leonards Creek a negro man the property {as he supposed} of Mr James I Bourne and he the said James M Sollers told the said negro man that he had just been informed

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the British were on their way in their barges up
said Creek – and that a day or two afterward
he was informed that the said negro went to the
British the same day he the said James M Sollers
saw him on the road as above stated –

Sworne before James Wilson

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc

I Hereby certify that James Wilson
Gentleman before whom the foregoing and annexed depositions
were made and taken and who have thereto subscribed their
names were 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
subscribed my name and affixed the Seal
of my Office this seventh day of May
in the year of our Lord Eighteen
Hundred and twenty one...

William S Morsell Clk
of Calvert County Court

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
on this 28 day of December 1827 personally appeared George Bourne before me the subscriber and Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid, and made oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God that to his knowledge John Maning Gray only had two negroes that went on Board the British fleet while lying in the waters of the Chesapeake [sic] Bay, each of them women, one called Dolly Handy, and the other Sophia, and that James I Bourne of the county and state aforesaid, had a negro man named Jim, who called himself Jim Handy, who had the aforesaid negro Dolly Handy the property of the aforesaid John M Gray to wife, and that Sophia Handy Daughter [sic] of the said Dolly Handy, was always considered to be the child of Jim Handy the property of the aforesaid James I Bourne and further this Deponent [sic] sayeth not

Sworn Before
James Wilson

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On this 3rd Day of January 1829 personally appeared Margaret J. Ireland before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangel of Almighty God, that to her knowledge [sic] John Maning Gray had ~~et~~ only two negroes that went on Board the British fleet while lying in the waters of the Chesapeake [sic] Bay, each of them women, one named Dolly Handy the other Sophia Handy and that James I Bourne of the county and state aforesaid had a negro man named Jim, who called himself Jim Handy who had the aforesaid negro Dolly Handy the property of the aforesaid John M. Gray to wife, and that Sophia the Daughter of the aforesaid Dolly Handy, always was considered to be the child of the above named Jim Handy, the property of the aforesaid James I Bourne, and further this Deponent [sic] sayeth not

Sworne [sic] Before
James Wilson

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
On this 3rd Day of January 1828 personally appeared
William C. Dawkins before me the subscriber a
Justice of the peace in and for the county afores
-aid, and made oath on the holy Evangely of
Almighty God that he herd [sic] John M. Gray say
that Jim the property of James I. Bourne, called
himself Jim Handy, went on Board the British
fleet while lying in waters of the Chesepeak [sic] Bay
and that the aforesaid Jim Handy had his negro
woman Dolly Handy to wife and further this
Deponant [sic] sayeth not –
 Sworne [sic] before
 James Wilson

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit
on this 3rd Day of January 1828 personally
appeared James I. Bourne before me the subscri-
ber a Justice of the peace in and for the
County aforesaid, and made oath on the Holy
Evangel of Almighty God that Margaret J
Bourne now the widow of John C. Ireland
lost one negro man by the name of Tom
Brown, which went on board of the British
Fleet while [sic] in the waters of the Chesapeake [sic]
Bay and further this Deponent [sic] sayeth not
Sworne [sic] before
James Wilson

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that James Wilson Esquire before whom the
foregoing depositions were 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 commissioned and sworn.

In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name
and affixed the Seal of Calvert County Court this fourth day of
January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred [sic]
and twenty eight.

William S Morsell Clk of
Calvert County Court

Cost 25.