

**Claim of Walter Wells**

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Slaves            Dep.

Wells, Walter – Calvert Co Md {16 May  
  {19 April 1821

Recd ab 1 June

3 Slaves - \$1700 –

Aaron – 18 - \$600

Gabriel – 13 – 600

Jane – 27 - 500

160

v

A List of Slaves, together, with their  
Ages, and real value, the proper-  
-ty of Walter Wells a resident of  
Calvert County in the State of Maryla[nd]

Viz	Males		valued at
	Aaron	aged 18 years -	\$600 –
	Gabriel –	aged 13 “	600 –
	Females		
	Jane -	aged 27 “	<u>500 –</u>
		Total	<u>\$1700 –</u>

State of Maryland Sct

On this Nineteenth day of April in the year  
of Our Lord Eighteen Hundred and Twenty  
One, personally appears Walter Wells, be-  
=fore me the Subscriber, a Justice of the  
peace in and for Calvert County, and  
makes oath on the holy evangely of

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Almighty God, that the foregoing Slaves  
left his service some time in the month  
of July 1814, and went on board the  
British Squadron then lying in the  
Patuxent  
Sworn before Wm C Dawkins

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State of Maryland Sct

On this Nineteenth day of April Eighteen Hundred and Twenty One, personally appears John Mackall (of Benjm) before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for Calvert County, and makes oath on the holy evangely of Almighty God that the aforesaid Walter Wells did lose the before named Slaves and that he believes them to have been carried off by the British as they were at that time lying at anchor immediately off his dwelling house (Wells's) Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland

Calvert County to wit, May 16<sup>th</sup> 1821

Personnally [sic] appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the Peace in and for Calvert County Benjamin Parran and made Oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that has he lived within one mile of Mr Walter Wells' he knew that the said Mr Walter Wells had in his possession the negroes [illegible word crossed out] or Slaves mentioned in the abovegoing depositions, and very believes that the said Slaves were carried away by the British Sworn before  
Wm C Dawkins

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc:

I Hereby certify that William C Dawkins Gentleman before whom the foregoing depositions were made and taken and who hath 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 & Sworn. In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal

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of my office this twenty first day of April  
in the Year of our Lord Eighteen  
Hundred and Twenty one  
William S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

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Three Affidts  
of the taking & Sur-  
names of Walter  
Well's slaves –

Add'l Evidence filed  
Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> 1828

In this case of  
the slaves claimed are  
found on the British Lists  
Aaron County – a Col. Mar.  
at pages 23 & 57. [illegible word crossed out] He  
was carried from Georgia  
& I presume therefore will  
be paid for at \$390.  
Gabriel Hall is found  
on Hal: List Page 85  
B. L. Lear

It appears by one of the  
Affidts that the slaves  
were taken July 1814.

Walter Wells  
for 3 Slaves from  
Maryland –

Wm Wirt & B. L. Lear,  
Agents  
To be docketed

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State of Maryland Calv't County Sc.  
On this 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1828 personally appeared  
before me the Subscriber a Justice of the  
peace of the State of Maryland in and for  
Calvert County Thos. R. Wells and makes oath on  
the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he knew  
Aaron Contee or County and Gabriel Hall & Jenny  
Stewart the property of Walter Wells – that Jenny  
Aaron & Gabriel left their master Walter  
Wells ~~at the~~ in company with a certain  
Tom the property of one of the neighbours  
who sometimes caller himself Morgan & some  
=times Sewell sometime in the month of  
July 1814 – that at the time of their going off  
the British fleet lay within one mile  
& a half of the House of Walter Wells  
and that the said Negroes have never  
been seen or heard of in the County since  
that time and he verily believes they  
went on board the Fleet –  
Sworn before  
Thomas B. King

Calvert County Sc  
I hereby certify that Thomas B King Gentleman before  
whom the within and above depositions were made and who has  
thereto subscribed his name was at the time of so doing and  
still is [illegible] of the State of Maryland's Justices of the peace in and  
for [illegible] aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn.  
In Testimony whereof I have hereto set  
my hand & affixed the seal of Calvert County  
Court this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February AD 1828  
Wm S Morsell Clk of  
Calvert County Court

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On this 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1828 Personally appeared John Parran before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the state and county aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that Jenny Stewart Aaron Contee and Gabriel Hall was the property of Walter Wells and that the said negroes left their master Walter Wells in the month July 1814 and at the same time the British Fleet was laying in the Patuxent River within one and a half miles of the said Wells house and that he had every reason to believe that the said negroes the property of the said Walter Wells went on Board of the British Fleet as the said negroes has never returned or heard of since

Sworn before

Thos B King

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

On this 22<sup>nd</sup> Feby 1828 Personally appeared Benj'm Parran before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace in and for the state and county aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that Jenny Aaron and Gabriel was the property of Walter Wells and that he knew the aforesaid Aaron went by the name of Aaron Contee and that the said negroes left their masters Walter Wells in the month of July or Aug'st 1814 and at the same time the British Fleet was laying in the Patuxent River within site [sic] of the Farm whereon the said Wells lived, and the said negroes has never returned to their master

Sworn before

Thomas B. King

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On this first day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty eight personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of the peace on the County & State aforesaid Mr. Thomas R. Wells and makes oath on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he knew Negroes Aaron Contee Gabriel Hall & Jane Stewart the proper slaves of Walter Wells of Calvert County that the said Negroes went off in the summer of 1814 at which time the ~~Bt~~ British Fleet was laying in the Patuxent a short distance from and in full view of the House of said Wells that the said Negroes have never been seen by him since that time and he has no doubt they went on board the Fleet, that Jane Stewart went off in company with a Negro Man called Tom Sewell or Morgan the Slave of one of the Nieghbours [sic] whose name she may have taken – after getting on board  
Sworn before

Thos B King

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

On this first day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty eight personally appears Benjamin Parran before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the county and state aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of amighty god that he knew negroes Aaron Gabriel and Jane, and that he knew Aaron to go by the name of Aaron Contee or County and that the said negroes was the property of Walter Wells and they left their master in the summer of 1814 at which time the British fleet was laying in the Patuxent River in a short Distance of the said Wells house and that the said negroes has never since returned to the best of his knowledge

Sworn before

Thos B King

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On this first day of April Eighteen hundred and twenty eight personally appears John Parran before me the subscriber a Justice of the peace for the county and state aforesaid and made oath on the holy Evangely of Almi-ghty God that he knew Aaron, Gabriel and Jane and that he knew Aaron to go by the name of Aaron Contee or County and Jane by the name of Jane Stewart and that the said negroes was the property of Walter Wells and that they left their masters in the summer of 1814 and that the British Fleet was then laying in the Patuxent River near the said Wells house and that the said negroes has never [illegible] to their master since to the best of his knowledge  
Sworn before  
Thos B King

State of Maryland Calvert County Sc

I Hereby certify that Thomas B King Esqr 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 [illegible] and Sworn.  
In Testimony whereof I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed the Seal of Calvert County [C]ourt this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of April in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty eight.  
William S Morsell Clk of Calvert  
County Court

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Walter Wells  
Of Maryland,  
3. Slaves

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May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 1828 – allow'd – for three  
slaves taken from Maryland at  
\$280 - \$840 – Int reserved

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Wm Wirt & B.L. Lear  
Agents. –

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Docketted 31<sup>st</sup> March 1828  
1<sup>st</sup> April 1828  
~~Allowed for one slave~~  
~~Aaron (Aaron County) taken~~  
~~from Georgia – \$390~~  
~~Int & Remainder of claim~~  
~~reserved. –~~  
Gabriel Hall – Halifax list 85. –  
Taking of all proved.