

**CLAIM OF DAVID AVIS, SR.**

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The claim of the representatives of David Avis of Calvert County, for the State of Maryland --- is respectfully submitted --

This claim is for two slaves. Phillis Lane wife of Samuel Lane & her son Tom Lane -- the deposition files establish the loss of these slaves -- & the claimant contends that it is to be presumed that they were within the waters of the U States at the ratification of the Treaty of Peace as no proof to the contrary has been sheon [sic] --  
R.P. Dunlop  
Agent -

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David Avis representatives  
Calvert County, Maryland –  
claim for 2 slaves.

Submitted by  
R. P. Dunlop  
Agent

8<sup>th</sup> March: 1828  
Taking proved.  
21 May 1828 allow – to the  
duly auth – representatives  
for two slaves taken  
from Maryland @ \$280  
\$560 - Int reserved

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
on this fourteenth Day of May in the year of  
our Lord Eighteen hundred and twenty one before  
me the subscriber one of the Justice of the Peace  
in and for the county aforesaid personally appears  
David Avis Sr(?) and made oath on the holy Evan  
gely of Almighty God that some time in the month  
of June or July Eigteen [sic] hundred  
and fourteen, that negro Philis the property  
of aforesaid David Avis Sr(?) aged about thirty Eight  
years worth two hundred Dollars, and about  
the same time negro boy Tom aged nine years also  
the property of the said David Avis worth three  
hundred Dollars, did go to the British Enemy then  
at the mouth of the Patuxent River, and that  
he the said David Avis saw the above mentioned  
negroes in possession of the British Enemy

Sworn before –  
James Wilson

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State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
on this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1828 personally appeared  
Isaac Smith before me the subscriber a Justice of the  
peace in and for the county aforesaid and mad [sic] oath  
on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that to his  
knowledge in the year 1814 when the British fleet  
was lying at Drum Point at the mouth of the  
Patuxent River he the aforesaid Isaac Smith  
saw two negroes the property of David Avis Sr(?)  
in possession of the British, one of the above  
negroes was a woman named Phillis who comm-  
-onally called herself Phillis Lane in consequence  
of her husband bearing the name of Samuel  
Lane and the other a boy by the name of Tom, or  
Tom Lane son of the above named Phillis Lane  
and further this deponent [sic] sayeth not ----

Sworn before  
James Wilson

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit  
on this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1828 personally  
appeared John Allen before me the subscriber a  
Justice of the peace in and for the county afore-  
-said and made oath on the holy Evangely of  
Almighty God that to his knowledge David Avis,  
Sr(?), had two negroes went off in the year 1814  
while the British was lying in the waters of the  
Patuxent River one by the name of Phillis who  
called herself Phillis Lane and the other Tom or  
Tom Lane which was a son of the above named  
Phillis Lane and that he believes that the above  
negroes went on board the British fleet at that  
time and further this Deponant [sic] sayeth not

Sworn before  
James Wilson

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State of Maryland Calvert to wit  
on this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of January 1828 personally appeared  
Isaac Avis before me the subscriber a Justice of the  
peace in and for the county aforesaid and made oath  
on the holy Evangely of Almighty God that to  
his knowledge that David Avis, Sr(?) had two  
negroes went off in the year 1814 one a woman  
named Phillis who called herself Phillis Lane in  
cosequence [sic] of her husband calling himself Samu-  
-el Lane and the other Tom or Tom Lane who  
was a son to the above Phillis Lane and fur-  
-ther this Deponant [sic] sayeth not –

Sworn before  
James Wilson

Calvert County Sc

I hereby certify that James Wilson Gentleman before  
whom the foregoing affidavits were made and who hath thereto  
signed his name was at the time of so doing one of the State of  
Maryland's Justices of the peace in and for the County aforesaid  
duly commissioned and sworn

In Testimony whereof I have hereto  
subscribed my name and affixed the  
seal of Calvert County Court this 21<sup>st</sup> day  
of January Anno Domini 1828

Wm S Morsell Clk  
of Calv Coty Ct