

Claim of John C. Ireland

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State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc
Personally appeared before me the Subscriber
a Justice of the peace for the State & County
aforesaid James I Bourne and makes oath on
the Holy Evangely of Almighty God that he knew
Tom known by the name of Tom Brown the
property of John C Ireland of Calvert County
that the said Tom Brown ~~went~~ left his
Master in the summer of 1814 whilst the
British Fleet lay in the Patuxent and has
never since returned to his masters
Service and he has no doubt he went
on Board the Fleet
Sworn before
Hezekiah Coberth
March 24th 1828

State of Maryland, Calvert County Sc.
I hereby certify that Hezekiah Coberth Gentleman
before whom the above 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 [illegible] 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 twenty sixth day of March 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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[C]alvert County to wit

Be it remembered that on this 26th day of March 1828 appeared before the subscriber a Justice of the peace of the State of Maryland in and for the County aforesaid George Ireland aged about forty five years and solemnly sincerely and truly declared and affirmed that a certain negro man named Tom the property of a certain Margaret Ireland was seen by him this deponent in the year 1814 with a Company of British forces who landed near the mouth of Patuxent River in said County, and that the said negro Lad Tom was acting as one of the Company having a Gun in his possession and further this deponent saith not affirmed before
Tho. Mitchell

Calvert County to wit

I hereby certify that Thomas Mitchell Gentleman before whom the above deposition was made and whose name is thereto subscribed is one of the State of Marylands Justices of the peace in and for Cal[vert] County aforesaid duly commissioned and sworn In Testimony whereof I have hereto set my hand and affixed the seal of Calvert County Court this twenty sixth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & twenty eight
William S Morsell Clk
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[illegible] of a Negro [sic] lost by the Subscriber which was
[illegible] away by the British to wit –

Name ----- Sex ----- ages----- value
Tom ----- Male ----- 18 years ----- \$500.00
John C. Ireland

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –
On this twenty second day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty one
personally appeared before me a Justice of the peace in and for
Calvert County James I. Bourne and made oath on the holy
Evangelist of Almighty God, that sometime in the month
of July Eighteen hundred and ~~twenty one~~ Fourteen that the
above named Negro Tom then the property of Margaret
I. Bourne who is now the wife the John C. Ireland – was in my employ
and that the said negro Tom did in the above mentioned month
abscond from me and was in my opinion taken away by the
British enemy – and that he verily believes that at the time
Taken was of the age and value above described –
Sworn before Young Parran

State of Maryland Calvert County to wit –
On this eleventh day of May Eighteen hundred and twenty
one personally appeared before me the Subscriber a Justice of
the peace in and for Calvert County George Ireland, and solem
-nly affirmed that some time in the summer eighteen hundred
and fourteen while the British enemy layed [sic] at the mouth of
the Patuxant [sic] River he saw negro Tom in the possession of the
Said enemy, and that he the said George Ireland was at that time
a resident of the farm attached to drum point, and the said
negro Tom was at that time the property of Margaret I. Bourne
who have since married John C. Ireland
Affirmed before Young Parran

Eight - William S. Morsell Clk of Calvert
County Court

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The claim of John C Ireland for one slave Tom otherwise called Thomas Brown is respectfully submitted.

The deposition of George Ireland, proves the case of Tom & his being seen by him with the British forces at the mouth of the Patuxent river –

The deposition of James I Bourne, to which the commissioners are referred & which is filed with the documents in support of the claim of James I Bourne – proves that Tom was known by the name of Tom Brown.

Among the names on the list of colonial marines on board the Regulus – page 53 of the printed documents – appears Corp'l Brown – without his Christian name. In the same list page 57 the right hand column of names appears also the name of Lieut. Brown – without his Christian name –

It is very probable that Tom Brown, the slave of John C. Ireland is the one or the other of these persons.

Tom was originally the property of Margaret I Bourne afterward the wife & now the widow of John C Ireland.

Robert P Dunlop

12 Jan'y 1828

Since this case has been submitted to the Board – I have received additional evidence in support of the claim, which I now offer to the commissioners – it is the deposition of George Ireland, proving that Tom Brown was seen by him with the British forces in the year 1814 armed with a gun It is I think fair to presume that Tom Brown is the serjeant [sic] or Lieut Brown named on the list of colonial marines –

This negro having been the property of Mrs. Ireland before her intermarriage with Jms C Ireland & being a [illegible] in action not [illegible] into the possession

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of the husband during his lifetime – the claim right to this negro is therefor
in Margaret Ireland the widow & not in the representative of John C.
Ireland dec'd.

Geo Ireland is I understand a quaker – but in
Maryland all persons having conscientious scruples about taking an
oath are allowed to affirm in Maryland by a statute of that state –
this witness has given a former deposition to which the commissioners are refered [sic]
Robert P Dunlop
agent
29 March 1828 –

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John C. Ireland of
Calvert County, Md
Claim for 1 slave Tom
Brown.
Statement of agent –
Depositions enclosed –
R P Dunlop
agent –
12 Jan'y 1828

May 20th 1828
Allowed for one slave
from Maryland at \$280
Interest reserved.

14 Jan: 1828
Taking only proved.