closed under your, or any three or two of your hands and seals; to us, in our said Court, with all convenient speed. Witness the Honorable Samuel Chase Esquire Chief Judge of our said Court the first day of June Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and ninety three.

Ipsued the third day of June 1793 Jno Gwinn

John T Mason for Petitioner
Arthur Shaaff for Defendant.

Gabriel Parks vs Philip Earhart | A Petition for Freedom

Interrogatories to be put to the Witnesses on the part of Negro Gabriel the Petitioner

1st Are you acquainted with the Petitioner Gabriel and how long have you known him?

2d Do you know who bought the Petitioner Gabriel into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and how long has it been since he was so brought into Pennsylvania.

3d When did you first know the Petitioner Gabriel, and where did you first know him, who did he then live with and who did he afterwards live with whilst you knew him: and when did he leave your Neighbourhood?

4th Did the persons with whom Gabriel lived, whilst you knew him, or any and which of them reside in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if not where did they live?

5th At what time did Gabriel the Petitioner leave the Commonwealth of Pensylvania, and where did he go to when he left it?

6th Do you know any thing of Negro Gabriel the petitioner being sold to William Good in the County of Washington & State of Maryland if you do, relate what you know upon that Subject; the time when he was sold, the person who sold him the Authority by which he sold him & the price that he got for him?

1st June 1793 John T Mason for Pet.r

True Copy Jno Gwinn Clk

Gabriel Parks vs Philip Earhart | A Petition for Freedom.

Interrogatories to be put to the Witnesses on the part of Negro Gabriel the Petitioner

1st Are you acquainted with the Petitioner Gabriel and how long have you known him?

2nd

2nd Do you know who brought the Petitioner Gabriel into the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and how long has it been since he was so brought into Pennsylvania.

3d When did you first know the Petitioner Gabriel, and where did you first know him, who did he then live with and who did he afterwards live with whilst you knew him and when did he leave your Neighbourhood?

4th Did the persons with whom Gabriel lived whilst you knew him, or any and which of them reside in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, if not where did they live.

5th At what time did Gabriel the Petitioner leave the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, and where did he go to when he left it?

6th Do you know any thing of Negro Gabriel the petitioner being sold to William Good in the County of Washington & State of Maryland, if you do, relate what you know upon that Subject, the time when he was sold, the person who sold him, the Authority by which he sold him, & the price that he got for him.

1st June 1793 John T Mason for Pet.r

To the honourable the Judges of the General Court for the Western Shore of the State of Maryland.

We whose Names are hereto subscribed as Commissioners hereby certify, that by virtue of Commission from your Honorable Court to us directed requiring us to examine evidences in a cause for Freedom depending in your said Court, between Gabriel Parks Plaintiff and Philip Earhart Defendant, We have this day proceeded to examine Jacob Beeson of Fayette County in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania a Witness produced to us by the said Gabriel Parks who on his solemn Affirmation (he being one of the people called Quakers and conscientiously scrupulous of taking an Oath in the common form) deposeth and saith in Answer to the Interrogatories exhibited on the part of the Plaintiff, as follows.

In Answer to the first Interrogatory this Deponent saith that he knows the Petitioner Gabriel and has known him about twenty two years.

In Answer to the second Interrogatory, this Deponent saith that John Beeson the Brother of this Deponent brought Gabriel into Pennsylvania not less than twenty years ago.

In Answer to the third Interrogatory, this Deponent saith that from the time that John Beeson first brought the said Gabriel into Pennsylvania he lived in this State

and