

17<sup>th</sup> Feb. 1852

Dorcas Brookes Testifies & Says that she knew Mrs Art-  
ridge, <sup>Cole</sup> has known her for sixty years past - knew Salathiel  
Cole the son of Artidge Cole. Salathiel Cole had at the  
time of his death, three slaves, Mary, Harriett and Wesley;  
at his death Mrs A Cole took these slaves. Mary & Harriett  
had children. Deponent had three of Harriett's children - she raised  
Harriett & she had the children, she paid wages for the hire  
of Harriett, paid nothing for the hire of the children,  
deponent was to keep the children & did keep the children  
until the death of Mrs Artidge Cole - deponent at one time  
asked Mrs Artidge Cole to give her one of the children, to  
which she replied she would not, they did not belong to her,  
she has often said that the increase of the slaves belonged to  
the girls after her death, meaning by girls her daughters  
Rebecca, Sarah, Miranda and Petsy, of whom the two last are  
dead - has heard Mrs A Cole repeatedly say that after her  
death the increase was to go to the girls, within the year of  
her death, deponent asked her to give her one of the  
children as a compensation for raising them all  
when she told her that she could not give it as they  
belonged to the girls at the time of her death - Both  
Mary and Harriett had increase. Deponent con-  
sidered that she was fairly entitled to a compensation for  
raising the children, altho' she made no legal claim and  
does not mean to make any.

Sworn to in open Court the 17 day of February 1852  
Test N Mickman Reg of Wills

Thomas C Bosley knew Mrs Artidge Cole and her son  
(Salathiel)