

To the Honorable the Orphans Court of Baltimore County.

The Petition of Thomas Whelan jr and Henry Webster, Administrators of
J. J. Speed, late of Baltimore County deceased respectfully sets forth that by the
Inventory heretofore returned by the Appraisers John H. Raff and Henry Stevenson they
are charged with a Negro girl named about 3 years of age, slave for
about twelve years, valued by the said Appraisers at forty Dollars. That since
the return of the said Inventory, they have learned from Doctor F. E. B. Mintze
the physician who has attended the said child from its birth, that it has been always
delicate and that at the date of the return of the said Inventory, it was, and is now
paralysed from the effects of small pox, so that it is entirely helpless and utterly
worthless and of no value. And your Petitioners further represent, that by the
said Inventory, a Negro Girl named Ellen, aged about five years, a slave for about
ten years; subject to very bad fits, was returned appraised at nothing. That
they have repeatedly offered both of said girls for sale and could not obtain
even a bid for either one of them and your Petitioners believing that the
estate of their intestate is justly chargeable with their support and main-
tenance) therefore pray that they may be permitted to give the said children
~~to their said mother who is willing to take them and support them~~
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Thos. Whelan jr (admo) }
Henry Webster (J. J. Speed) }
" (deceased)