

William Albright, Runaway Slave Record, Kanawha County, 1834

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At a Court held for Kanawha County the 11th day of August 1834

Benjamin H. Smith, Thomas S A Matthews and James Craik were appointed by the Court to value the following Slaves confined in the Common Jail of this County as Runaways to wit: William Albright aged about 66 years Supposed to be the Property of Richard H Couch of Cincinatti, John aged about 37 years and Hannah aged about 27 years both of last named Slaves supposed to be the Property of Joseph Kimball of Petersburg.

And thereupon the said valuers reported in these words, "WE the undersigned Commissioners appointed to value the following Slaves in the Jail of Kanawha County and report the same to the Court do hereby certify that we have performed that duty and report as follows That William Albright aged 66 years as we supposed, and Stated by himself to belong to Richard. H. Couch of Cincinatti is worth \$50 that John aged as he says 37 years is worth \$300 and that Hannah aged as she says 27 years is worth \$350 The two last say they belong to Joseph Kimble of Petersburg all which is respectfully reported August 11th 1834

Benjamin H. Smith

Thos. S Matthews

James Craik"

And it appearing by said report the first named Slave William Albright is valued at the Sum of \$50 only a sum insufficient to pay the Prison fees and other expenses, after being confined in Jail 12 months, It is ordered that the said Slave be sold at the Door of the Court House of this County by the Sheriff of said County on the first day of September Term next he advertising the said Sale as the Law directs, and that the Term of his imprisonment cease after he be so sold as aforesaid.

Teste A. W. Quanier Clk [Clerk]

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In pursuance of the within order of the County Court of Kanawha County made on Monday the 11th day of August 1834 I advertised the said William Albright for sale at the September Court of 1834 at which time I sold the said slave to Samuel Watson (he being the highest bidder) for one hundred and seventeen dollars . . . \$117.00

Charges paid for apprehension of said negro runaway, and Keeping and boarding him in Jail to wit:

To Thomas M. Donaho for apprehending	\$ 5.00
" Same for bringing him to Jail 19 miles	1.90
" John H. Hull Jailor for keeping and boarding him from the 20th day of May 1834 till the 8th of Sept 1834 inclusive at 25 cts per day	27.75
" Jailor receiving him	.21
" Releasing him	.21
" Clerk his fee allowed by Law	2.00
" Sheriff for selling him	.42
" Commission on sale	5.85
	[total] \$43.34
	Balance \$73.66

Tho: S.A. Matthews D [deputy] for

Tho: Matthews SKC [sheriff Kanawha County]

Received in Clerks Office of Kanawha County Court 26th January 1835

teste K.W. Quarrier Clk