

# LancasterHistory Research Collections



## Documents

<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9a362898-7544-4a11-a46d-918741161345>

**Description Level:** Item  
**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers

### Description:

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1820

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Boston, Abram  
Boston, Abraham  
Toogood, William  
Barber, Robert

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American  
Charge: suspicion of being a runaway enslaved person  
Runaway enslaved persons  
Runaways  
Enslaved persons  
Jailor  
Commitment papers  
Affidavits  
Habeas corpus

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1820 F004

**Case Number:** 169.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 002

**Box Number:** 002

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** Or Boston, Abraham.  
Alias William Toogood.  
African-American.  
Charged with suspicion of being a runaway slave.  
Petitioner: Boston, Abram.  
Filed against: Barber, Robert. His occupation: jailor.  
Commitment paper.  
Affidavit.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
3 items, 2 pieces

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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/91b322d0-a0d0-4858-8f32-291921340300>

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**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1820

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Wise, Jacob  
William  
Thomas, Abner  
Barber, Robert

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American  
Charge: suspicion of being a runaway  
Runaways  
Jailor  
Commitment papers  
Affidavits  
Habeas corpus

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1820 F007

**Case Number:** 172.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 002

**Box Number:** 002

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** Alias William.  
African-American.  
Charged with suspicion of being a runaway.  
Petitioner: Thomas, Abner.  
Filed against: Barber, Robert. His occupation: jailor.  
Commitment paper.  
Affidavit.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
3 items, 3 pieces

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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/de9dca21-4aa8-4b85-a650-042396397413>

**Description Level:** Item

**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1822

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Weading, Philip  
Henry, William  
Heinitsh, Augustus

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American  
Charge: runaway  
Runaways  
Jailor  
Commitment papers  
Affidavits  
Habeas corpus

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1822 F010

**Case Number:** 196.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 002

**Box Number:** 002

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** African-American.  
 Charged as a runaway.  
 Petitioner: Henry, William.  
 Filed against: Heinitsh, Augustus. His occupation: jailor.  
 Commitment paper.  
 Affidavit.  
 Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
 3 items, 3 pieces

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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/2b495a57-3a50-40d0-a369-119225641398>

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**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers  
**Description:**

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.  
**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897  
**Year:** 1812  
**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office  
**People:** O'Conner, Hugh  
 Ross, Patton  
 Atlee, William P.  
**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact  
**Search Terms:** Runaways  
 Jailor  
 Affidavits  
 Habeas corpus  
**Extent:** 8 cubic feet  
**Object Name:** Documents  
**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1812 F007

**Case Number:** 42.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 001

**Box Number:** 001

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** Runaway.  
Petitioner: Ross, Patton.  
Filed against: Atlee, William P. His occupation: jailor.  
Affidavit.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
2 items, 2 pieces

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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/ad426f49-e84c-4cle-9ab7-160591822090>

**Description Level:** Item

**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1813

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Chambers, Christopher  
McKeever, Joseph

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** Habeas corpus  
Runaways  
Jailor  
Affidavits

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1813 F001

**Case Number:** 46.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 001

**Box Number:** 001

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** Runaway.  
Petitioner: McKeever, Joseph.  
Filed against: Jailor of Lancaster.  
Affidavit.  
1 item, 1 piece

**Access Conditions / Restrictions:** Restricted use of original. A photocopy will be made for patron use.



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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/4e5d63ea-27d7-4a81-ac42-924661791754>

**Description Level:** Item

**Collection:** Habeas Corpus Papers

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

<b>Date of Accumulation:</b>	1800-1894, 1896, 1897
<b>Year:</b>	1813
<b>Creator:</b>	Prothonotary's Office
<b>People:</b>	Neal, Elizabeth Sproat, John
<b>Subcategory:</b>	Documentary Artifact
<b>Search Terms:</b>	African-American Charge: suspicion of being a runaway Runaways Habeas corpus
<b>Extent:</b>	8 cubic feet
<b>Object Name:</b>	Documents
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Condition:</b>	Fair
<b>Object ID:</b>	Habeas 1813 F003
<b>Case Number:</b>	47.000
<b>Classification:</b>	RG 01-00 2313
<b>Location:</b>	Archives
<b>Container:</b>	001
<b>Box Number:</b>	001
<b>Associated Material:</b>	Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.
<b>Additional Notes:</b>	African-American. Suspicion of being a runaway. Filed against: Sproat, John. Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision. Affirmation of habeas corpus. 2 items, 2 pieces
<b>Access Conditions / Restrictions:</b>	Restricted use of original. A photocopy will be made for patron use.



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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/9ad39cab-650f-48d1-9dec-492850502970>

<b>Description Level:</b>	Item
<b>Collection:</b>	Habeas Corpus Papers



**Description:**

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**System of Arrangement:** Arranged chronologically by date of filing.

**Arrangement:**

**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Accumulation:**

**Year:** 1813

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Gant, Thomas

Harry

Shippen, Henry

Atlee, William P.

Jay, Samuel

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American

Charge: suspicion of being a runaway enslaved person

Runaway enslaved persons

Enslaved persons

Runaways

Jailor

Havre de Grace, Maryland

Commitment papers

Affidavits

Habeas corpus

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1813 F011

**Case Number:** 54.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 001

**Box Number:** 001

**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets:

1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written.

1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.

**Additional Notes:** Alias: Harry.  
 African-American.  
 Suspicion of being a runaway slave.  
 Petitioner: Shippen, Henry.  
 Filed against: Atlee, William P. His occupation: jailor.  
 Letter from Samuel Jay of Havre de Grace, Maryland.  
 Commitment paper.  
 Affidavit.  
 Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
 4 items, 4 pieces

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<https://collections.lancasterhistory.org/en/permalink/6227dc28-bce1-48dd-8766-338747457617>

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**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1813

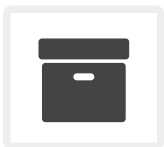
**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** Butler, Maria  
 Graeff, John

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American  
 Runaways  
 Jailor  
 Commitment papers  
 Affidavits  
 Habeas corpus

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet  
**Object Name:** Documents  
**Language:** English  
**Condition:** Fair  
**Object ID:** Habeas 1813 F017  
**Case Number:** 60.000  
**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313  
**Location:** Archives  
**Container:** 001  
**Box Number:** 001  
**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.  
**Additional Notes:** African-American.  
Runaway.  
Petitioner: Butler, Maria.  
Filed against: Graeff, John. His occupation: jailor.  
Commitment paper.  
Affidavit.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
3 items, 2 pieces  
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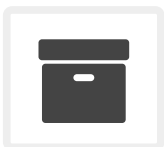
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**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1813  
**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office  
**People:** James, George  
Burk, William  
Shippen, Henry  
Graeff, John  
**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact  
**Search Terms:** African-American  
Charge: suspicion of being a runaway  
Runaways  
Jailor  
Commitment papers  
Affidavits  
Habeas corpus  
**Extent:** 8 cubic feet  
**Object Name:** Documents  
**Language:** English  
**Condition:** Fair  
**Object ID:** Habeas 1813 F023  
**Case Number:** 66.000  
**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313  
**Location:** Archives  
**Container:** 001  
**Box Number:** 001  
**Associated Material:** Lancaster County Archives has Habeas Corpus dockets: 1799-1978, ten volumes, record of writs of Habeas Corpus written. 1895-1983, 43 boxes, original petitions.  
**Additional Notes:** African-American.  
Also: Burk, William.  
Suspicion of being a runaway.  
Petitioner: Shippen, Henry.  
Filed against: Graeff, John. His occupation: jailor.  
Commitment paper.  
Affidavit.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
3 items, 2 pieces  
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**Date of Accumulation:** 1800-1894, 1896, 1897

**Year:** 1813

**Creator:** Prothonotary's Office

**People:** James, George  
Shippen, Henry  
Graeff, John  
Ash, Peter

**Subcategory:** Documentary Artifact

**Search Terms:** African-American  
Charge: suspicion of being a runaway  
Runaways  
Jailor  
Commitment papers  
Habeas corpus  
Plea

**Extent:** 8 cubic feet

**Object Name:** Documents

**Language:** English

**Condition:** Fair

**Object ID:** Habeas 1813 F024

**Case Number:** 67.000

**Classification:** RG 01-00 2313

**Location:** Archives

**Container:** 001

**Box Number:** 001

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**Additional Notes:** African-American.  
Suspicion of being a runaway.  
Petitioner: [Shippen, Henry].  
Filed against: Graeff, John. His occupation: jailor.  
Commitment paper.  
Habeas corpus, includes answer and decision.  
Annexed plea from Peter Ash.  
3 items, 1 piece

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