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Negro Jacob Green & } Affidavit  
Negress Artemus } on which  
James P. Ringold } to found  
a Habeas  
Corpus.

Filed June 10<sup>th</sup> 1844. Writ  
granted by Wm Wright.

Lancaster County

William Wright being duly affirmed  
according to Law saith that Jacob Green a Negro &  
Artemise a negroes are restrained of their liberty  
by James P Ringold of Marietta & that such re-  
straint to the best of the knowledge & belief of this  
affirmant is not by virtue of any commitment  
or detainer for any criminal or supposed crimi-  
nal matter And further saith not

Affirmed and subscribed this  
Tenth day of June in the year  
of our Lord one thousand eight hundred  
and fourteen: Walter Frankette

Wm Wright

Given Pub. for my act. at 10 o'clock <sup>AM</sup>  
on Tuesday the 14<sup>th</sup> at 10 o'clock at my chamber in  
the public Building W.F.

James P. Priggold begs to have respectfully to return for  
 cause of detainer of the Person within named - That he is only  
 a sojourner in the County of Lancaster - on his way with his  
 family from the State of Maryland to the State of Kentucky  
 which former State he left some time about the last of  
 March last past, and with an intention of taking up his  
 residence in the State of Kentucky - and that when on his  
 way through the State of Pennsylvania - he was detained  
 by the Sheriff of his family at Marshall in the County of  
 where from several circumstances unperfected and unprovided  
 for - he is still detained, but intends proceeding with his  
 family shortly to the State of Kentucky aforesaid and that  
 Jacob and Victoria are his slaves and were first and  
 now are part of his family which he removed from Maryland  
 and now has on their way to Kentucky - James P. Priggold  
 June 14 1814

Commonwealth of Pa. for the bodies of  
 James P. Priggold Negro Jacob Green  
 & Victoria his wife

"By act of assembly one thou-  
 sand seven hundred & eighty five!"

The Judge allows 12 Cents a mile  
 travelling expenses.

Served June 24 - 1814  
 J. M. Parson

Charge - \$ 1-44

Can contain what money  
 the 14th of July at 100 Cents - 10th

July 1. 1814  
 July 1814 Negroes, brought in to  
 bottom's dock at 100 Cents from the City of  
 George's River - 10th  
 Hopkins for Negroes \$1 Paid

Lancaster County, ss. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to *James Ringold* — GREETING.

YOU are hereby commanded, that the Body <sup>is</sup> of *Negro Jacob Green & negress Artemisa* — under your custody detained, as it is said, together with the day and cause of *their* being taken and detained, by whatsoever names the said *Jacob and Artemisa*. shall be charged in the same, you have, under safe and secure conduct, before the honorable *Walter Franklin, President of the Second Judicial District of said Commonwealth, on Tuesday the fourteenth instant, at eleven o'clock at the forenoon* his chambers in the public buildings, in Centre Square, in the borough of Lancaster, at *eleven* o'clock, in the *fore*-noon; to do and receive all those things which the said Judge shall then and there consider of in this particular.

WITNESS the honorable *Walter Franklin*, Esquire, President of the Court of Common Pleas of said County, at Lancaster, the *tenth* — day of *June* — in the year of our LORD, one thousand eight hundred and *fourteen*.

Allowed by

*Walter Franklin*

*John Passmore*

Commonwealth }  
James P Kingold } On Habeas Corpus to the Def<sup>t</sup>  
to produce the bodies of Jacob  
Green Negro & Artemise Negro on June  
14<sup>th</sup> 1814 at 11 O'clock AM

The parties appeared & the Def<sup>t</sup>  
asked a postponement to the 15<sup>th</sup> of July next for  
the purpose of procuring testimony to substantiate  
his return which was granted by the Hon<sup>ble</sup>  
Judge & Def<sup>t</sup> ordered to enter into recognizance with  
one suff<sup>t</sup> Surety for the appearance of the  
negroes before him on the first of July 1814 where  
upon the following recognizances were entered into

James P Kingold } each to wit in \$1000 to the Comma  
Samuel McKinney } wealth of Pennsylvania upon con-  
dition that the Def<sup>t</sup> appear before the Honorable  
Walter Franklin President of the second Judicial District  
of the Courts of Common Pleas in the Commonwealth  
of Penn<sup>a</sup> on the first day of July next, at 11 O'clock AM  
in the Borough of Lancaster in the County of Lan-  
caster & there & there produce the said Jacob Green &  
Artemise to abide the decision of the said President  
upon the said Habeas Corpus then these recognizances  
to be void otherwise to be & remain in full force  
& virtue

James P Kingold  
Samuel McKinney

Acknowledged before me at Lancaster this  
fourteenth day of June in the year of  
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and  
fourteen

Walter Franklin

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Com<sup>th</sup>

vs.

James P. Ringold

Interrogatories  
on the Part of  
the Def<sup>t</sup>.

Filed June 15<sup>th</sup> 1814.

Interrogatories to be exhibited to Witnesses, to be produced, sworn, and examined, in a certain Pleas and Demurrer, issued in the name of the Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against James Ringold, for the bodies of Negroes, Lovelace and Phillis, Antimipa, and Jacob Green, Negroes, on a claim of freedom made by them, on the part and behalf of the Defendant.

Whether do you know James Ringold, the Defendant in the title of the Interrogatories named. If yea, how long have you known him, and when, and where, and for what purpose, and with what intention, did he leave the State of Maryland? Set forth and declare according to the best of your knowledge and belief herein, and the particular reasons and circumstances thereof fully and at large.

2 Do you know negroes, Lovelace, Phillis, Antimipa, and Jacob Green, Negroes, and how long have you known them, when and where, and to whom do they belong?

3- Is there any other matter or thing which

you know or believe to be necessary or material  
or the Commonwealth  
for the Defendant to prove in this cause? If  
yes, set forth the same, and the particular  
reasons and circumstances of such your  
knowledge and belief thereof fully and at  
large declare.

Milton C. Rogers Attorney for  
Defendant.

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I hereby certify to the Honorable the Court of  
Common Pleas at Lancaster in the State of Pennsyl-  
-vania that in pursuance of the authority vested  
in me by the Commission to which this is annexed  
I did cause to be brought before me on this day  
Samuel Ringgold and Samuel Elliott both of  
lawful age and did take their answers to the several  
Interrogatories mentioned in the said Commission  
upon their respective corporal oaths by me administered  
which answers I have reduced to writing and attached  
hereto. In testimony whereof I have subscribed my  
name and affixed my seal this twenty eighth day of  
June in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen.

Chester Town

Ezekiel Chambers 

The deposition of Samuel Ringgold of lawful age a  
Witness produced sworn and examined on the part and  
behalf of the defendant James P Ringgold

To the first Interrogatory this deponent saith that he  
has known the said defendant James P Ringgold about  
twenty five years past during all which time he has resided  
in the State of Maryland. The said defendant just before  
his removal from Maryland informed this deponent that  
he was about to leave the State of Maryland for the purpose  
of taking up his residence in some other part of the United  
States and that he believed he should settle himself in  
Kentucky or Ohio. That he should like to settle in Pennsyl-  
-vania except for the circumstance of his Slaves. This  
deponent said in answer that if the said defendant did

remove to Pennsylvania the slaves would certainly be liberated to which the said defendant replied that he was determined to do no act by which his slaves could effect their liberation. When the said defendant left the State of Maryland he did not appear to have determined on the spot to which he should remove or in what place or part of the Union he should settle himself - This deponent has no knowledge of the views or intentions of the said defendant as to the subject of this Interrogatory, but from the declarations and conversation of the said defendant -

To the second Interrogatory this deponent saith that he has known the negroes therein mentioned during the last twelve months during <sup>most of</sup> which time they were in the possession of the said defendant in Kent County in Maryland. The deponent has heard and believes from the general reputation of that part of the neighbourhood to which the said negroes are known as also from the defendant that the negro Jacob Green was received by the said defendant as the property of his wife Sarah who became entitled to him as part of the personal property of her deceased father Edward Strong. That the negro Artemia was purchased by the said defendant of Thomas Ringgold to whom she belonged as part of his father's personal estate. That the negroes Lovelace and Phillis were the property of Elizabeth Price of Queen Ann's County in the state of Maryland. That negro Phillis had been in the family of the said defendant as a nurse to his child. That Lovelace had been hired out by an agent of the said Elizabeth Price for her benefit. That the said Elizabeth Price is of unsound mind and not capable of attending to her own affairs. This deponent has never heard the said defendant claim either of the negroes Lovelace or Phillis as his property, but on the contrary he has always admitted them to be the right and property of the said Elizabeth Price. This ~~defendant~~ deponent knew the mother of the said Lovelace and Phillis who is also the property of said Elizabeth Price and was hitherto the property of

his Father (now deceased) in his life time.

To the third Interrogatory This deponent saith that in a conversation with the said defendant just before he left Maryland he expressed no intention to take the said negro Lovelace but stated that if it would be right he should like to take Phillis, this deponent then said it would be highly improper to carry the negro of the said Elizabeth Price out of the State of Maryland. The negro Lovelace was however in some way obtained from the man to whom he had been hired and together with the said Phillis carried with the said defendant. Further this deponent saith not

Saml. Ringgold

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Be it remembered that on this 28<sup>th</sup> da, of June in the year eighteen hundred and fourteen personally appears Samuel Ringgold of Kent County before me the Subscriber and makes oath on the Holy Evangelists of almighty God that the several matters and things stated in the above deposition are true to the best of his knowledge and Belief.

Sworn before  
Ezek. F. Chambers

The deposition of Samuel Elliott of Lawful age a Witness produced sworn and examined on the part and behalf of the defendant James P Ringgold

To the first Interrogatory, this deponent saith that he has known the defendant James P Ringgold for the last twenty

years and more during which time he resided in Maryland. That shortly before the defendants removal from Maryland he informed this deponent that he had such intention - that he did not know exactly where he should settle himself but he believed in Ohio or Kentucky - That he should have liked to settle in Pennsylvania but could not because it would liberate his negro.

This deponent has no knowledge but from the declaration of the said defendant what were his intentions and when he did remove he appeared undetermined whether to go - He never said to this defendant that he should settle in the State of Pennsylvania -

To the second Interrogatory, this deponent saith that he <sup>has</sup> known Jacob one of the negroes therein mentioned for seven years and has known the other negroes therein mentioned about three years. The negro Jacob was heretofore the property of Edward Strong the father of defendant's wife and was the property of his said wife at the time of her marriage since when this deponent has known the said Jacob who has been in the possession of the said defendant since that time. Artemisa was heretofore the property of Thomas Ringgold deceased and afterwards of Thomas Ringgold his son by whom he was sold to the said defendant as this ~~defendant~~ deponent has understood and believes. The negroes Lovelace and Phillis are the property of Elizabeth Price of Queen Anns County in Maryland who is not of capable mind to attend to her concerns and the said negroes have been hired out for her benefit and maintenance. This deponent has never heard the said defendant lay claim to the negroes Lovelace and Phillis but on the contrary he has during the three years that this deponent has known the said negroes frequently heard the said defendant declare and acknowledge them to be the property of the said Elizabeth Price -

To the third Interrogatory, this deponent saith he does not know any other matter or thing material to this cause

Samuel Elliott

James P Ringgold }  
Doct<sup>r</sup> Benjamin G Scott } Each tenet in \$1000 to the  
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania upon condition  
that the Defendant appear before the Court  
of Common Pleas, for the second Judicial District,  
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, on  
Monday the fourth of July next, and then &  
there produce the said Lovelace and Phillis, to  
abide the decision of the Court of Common Pleas  
upon <sup>a certain</sup> ~~the said~~ Habeas Corpus, issued by the  
Honourable, Walter Franklin, President of  
said ~~Judicial~~ second Judicial district, for  
the bodies of said negroes, then there recognizing  
to be void, otherwise to be & remain in full  
force & virtue.

Acknowledged before me at Lancaster this  
First day of July in the year of our Lord one  
Thousand Eight hundred & fourteen

Walter Franklin

James P Ringgold  
Benjamin G Scott

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Commonwealth vs. James P. Ringold  
Commiss<sup>n</sup> to Stake Depo-  
sitions

Filed July 1<sup>st</sup> 1814

Paid \$1.30

Pennsylvania.

Lancaster County

The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to Ezekiel Chambers, Chester Town, Kent County, and State of Maryland Greeting: Know you that we in confidence of your prudence, and fidelity, have appointed you, and by these presents do give unto you full power and Authority, diligently to examine all witnesses whatsoever upon certain Interrogatories hereto annexed, on the part of James P. Ringold, in a certain Habeas Corpus, issued in the name of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, against the said James P. Ringold, for the Bodies of Negroe Lovelace and Phillis, Artemisa, and Jacob Green, negroe on a claim of Freedom made by them; And therefore we require you that at certain days and places to be appointed by you for that purpose, you cause the said witnesses to come before you, and then and there examine each of them apart upon the said Interrogatories, on their respective oaths to be administered solemnly according to Law, and that you take such their examinations, and reduce them to writing, and when you shall have taken them, you are to send the same to Walter Franklin Esquire, President of the second Judicial District, of the State of Pennsylvania, at Lancaster, closed up and under your hand and seal distinctly and plainly set, together with the same Interrogatories, and this writ. Witness the Honorable Walter Franklin President of the Court of Common Pleas, at Lancaster, the fifteen day of June, Anno Domini One thousand, eight hundred and fourteen.

John Pasmore  
Clerk

Interrogatories to be exhibited to the witnesses, on the part of the Defendant.

Whether do you know James P. Ringold, the Defendant in the Title of the Interrogatories named; If yea, how long have you known him, and when, and where, and for what purpose, and with what intention, did he leave the State of Maryland? Set forth and declare, according to the best of your knowledge, and belief herein, and the particular reasons and circumstances thereof fully and at large.

2<sup>d</sup> Do you know negroes Lovelace, Phillis, Artemisa, and Jacob Green, negroe, and how long have you known them when and where, and to whom do they belong?

3<sup>d</sup> Is there any other matter or thing which you know or believe to be necessary or material for the Defendant, or the Commonwealth, to prove in this cause? If yea, set forth the same, and the particular reasons, and circumstances of such your knowledge, and belief thereof fully and at large declare.

The foregoing is a copy of the Interrogatories filed.

Attest. John Pasmore  
Clerk

Maryland &c

Be it remembered that on this 28<sup>th</sup> day of June  
in the year 1814 personally appears Samuel Elliott  
before me the subscriber and makes oath on the Holy  
Evangelists of Almighty God that the several matters  
and things stated in the foregoing annex are true  
to the best of his knowledge and belief -

Sworn before

Ezek. Chamberlain