

State of Virginia, Caroline County

This day personally appeared before me M.S. Campbell a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Caroline and State of Virginia, John Gouldin whose name is signed to the foregoing statement, and made oath to the facts that he is a citizen of Caroline County and the state of Virginia and has always been a citizen of Virginia, that he is the legal owner in his own right of the slaves, Daniel, Caroline, Wade, George, Steven, Henry, William, Mary, Rachell, Hewitt, Edmund, Walt, Sally, Alex, Andrew, Arthur, Humphrey, Ned Z, Ned Sale, Peter, Bob, Armistead, Loudon, Adaline, Eliza, Edward, Milly, & Francis mentioned in the foregoing statement, and the they are worth the sum of thirty three thousand and nine hundred dollars (\$33,900.00) that the said slaves were induced away and abducted by the enemy and lost to him the sd Gouldin; and that none of the aforesaid slaves been returned, but all of them have run and are now lost to him. Given under my hand this 15th day of October 1862. M. S. Campbell JP

List and statement of slaves, the property of Mr. John Gouldin, a citizen of the state of Virginia, abducted and harbored by the enemy and lost to him, and the present cash valuation of the same.

| Names | Ages | Sex | Value |
|-----------|------|--------|-----------|
| Daniel | 18 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| Caroline | 20 | Female | \$1600.00 |
| Wade | 4 | Male | 450.00 |
| George | 1 | Male | 200.00 |
| Steven | 17 | Male | \$1600.00 |
| Henry | 16 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| William | 28 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| Ann | 30 | Female | \$1250.00 |
| Mary | 15 | Female | \$1550.00 |
| Rachel | 11 | Female | \$1350.00 |
| Harriet | 9 | Female | \$1000.00 |
| Edmund | 1 | Male | \$1000.00 |
| Walt | 18 | Male | \$1600.00 |
| Sally | 15 | Female | \$1200.00 |
| Alex | 16 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| Andrew | 17 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| Arthur | 22 | Male | \$1500.00 |
| John | 26 | Male | |
| Humphrey | 26 | Male | \$1200.00 |
| Ned Z | 24 | Male | \$1700.00 |
| Ned Sale | 22 | Male | \$1700.00 |
| Peter | 50 | Male | 650.00 |
| Bob | 45 | Male | 750.00 |
| Armistead | 35 | Male | \$1200.00 |
| Loudon | 35 | Male | \$1300.00 |
| Adaline | 24 | Female | \$1300.00 |
| Eliza | 7 | Female | 700.00 |
| Edward | 22 | Male | 250.00 |
| Milly | 18 | Female | \$1100.00 |
| Francis | 13 | Female | \$1300.00 |

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John Gouldin



John Gouldin Affidavit—Worksheet

1. What is the date of this document? What kind of document is this? Look up the word “affidavit” and write down the definition.
2. In your own words, summarize John Gouldin’s request: What does he say happened? What does he want the court to do?
3. What is your reaction to the dollar values associated with the people’s names?
4. What does Gouldin mean when he states “the said slaves were induced away and abducted by the enemy and lost to him”? How might Alec Turner and the other enslaved people have explained the event differently?

