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Middlesex Court of Oyer and Terminer
June 1818

State of New Jersey v. Charles Morgan
Indictment for Misdemeanor

On March 10, 1818, at South Amboy Township, Charles Morgan is accused of taking and carrying away Negro Clause, then being a servant for years of one Lewis Compton with the design and intent that the place of residence of the said Negro Clause should be changed without his consent

Box 1-22, Folder 81

Mild & open to him 1818

The State } Indt
of } In
Chambersburg }
Md.

Attn. to

James Parker Foreman

Wesley County of the Green Mountains for the State of
New Jersey and for the County of Middlesex upon
their oath present that Charles Morgan late of the Town-
ship of South Amboy in the County of Middlesex on the
tenth day of March in the year of our Lord Eighteen
hundred and Eighty at the Township of South Amboy
of in the County of and within the Jurisdiction of this
Court wilfully unlawfully and knowingly did take and
carry away a certain Negro man named Claude then &
then being the servant for a term of years of one Lewis
Campton and he the said Negro Claude then then being
of full age, from and out of the State of New Jersey with
a design and intent that the place of residence of the said
Negro Claude should be thereby changed without the
consent of the said Negro Claude being previously obtained
and before private examination before two of the
Judges of the Superior Court of Common Pleas of the County
of Middlesex in which he the said Negro Claude then
resided contrary to the form of the Statute in such case
made and provided against the peace of this State the Govern-
ment and dignity of the same. and the Jurors upon
their oath do further present that the said Charles
Morgan on the tenth day of March in the year of our
Lord Eighteen hundred and Eighty at the Township of
South Amboy of in the County of and within the Jurisdic-
tion of this Court wilfully unlawfully and knowingly did
take and carry away a certain Negro man Claude then
and then being the slave for life, of one Lewis Campton
he the said Negro Claude then then being of full age
from and out of the State of New Jersey with a design
and intent that the place of Residence of the said Negro
Claude then be to change without the consent of the
said Negro Claude being previously obtained and before
private examination before two Judges of the Su-
perior Court of Common Pleas of the County of Middle-
sex in which he the said Negro Claude then resided
contrary

to the form of the Statute in such Case made, Provided
and against the peace of this State the Government
& dignity of the same. And the Jurors aforesaid then & there
aforesaid do further present that the said Charles Morgan
on the tenth day of March in the year of our Lord
Eighteen hundred and eighteen at the Township
of South Amboy aforesaid in the County aforesaid and within the
Jurisdiction of this Court a certain Negro man claimed
them and them being a slave for life of him the said
Charles Morgan, and them & them being of full age wilfully
unlawfully and knowingly did take and carry away
from and out of the State of New Jersey with a
design and intent the slave of said some of the
said Negro Claimed them by to change without
the Consent of the said Negro Claimed being previously
by obtained and testified upon private examination
before two Judges of the Superior Court of said more
places of the County of Middlebury in which he the
said Negro Claimed them & thereof, contrary to the
form of the Statute in such Case made, Provided
and against the peace of the State the Government
and dignity of the same.

Thos. Nibbs
Atty Genl.

Witnesses

Aaron Haight
John Young
James Skinner
Abraham Webb
John Dibrow
Thomas Day
David Bloomfield -

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Middlesex Court of Oyer and Terminer
June 1818

State of New Jersey v. James Edgar
Indictment for Misdemeanor

On March 10, 1818, at Perth Amboy Township, James Edgar is accused of
aiding and abetting Lewis Compton in taking and carrying away a certain negro man named Claus,
then and there being a servant for years of the said Lewis Compton,
from and out of the state of New Jersey with the intent to send him, the negro man Claus,
to the state of Louisiana

Box 1-26, Folder 47

Medellin Aug 4 June 1818

The State & Indigo
James Edgar & M. de M. de M.
or

at the City

James Parker freeman

1818

Middlesex County ss. The Grand Jurors for the State
of New Jersey and for the body of the County of Middle-
sex upon their oath present that James Edgar late
of the Township of Perth Amboy in the County of
Middlesex on the tenth day of March in the year
of our Lord Eighteen hundred and eighteen at the
Township of Perth Amboy aforesaid in the County aforesaid
within the Jurisdiction of this Court unlawfully wil-
fully and knowingly did aid, abett and assist one
Lewis Compton in taking and carrying away a certain
Negro Man named Sam and then being the Servant for
a term of years of full age, of the said Lewis Compton,
from and out of the State of New Jersey with intent to
send him the said Negro Man named Sam to the State of Louisi-
ana and with a design and intent thereby to change
the place of residence of the said Negro Man named Sam
without the Consent of the said Negro named Sam being
lawfully obtained and testified upon private examin-
ation before two of the Judges of the Superior Court of Common
Pleas of the County of Middlesex in which in the said Negro
Man named Sam violated Contrary to the form of the
Statute in such law made and provided and against
the peace of this State the Government and dignity
of the same, and the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid do further
present that the said James Edgar on the tenth day of March
in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred and eighteen
at the Township of Perth Amboy aforesaid in the County aforesaid
within the Jurisdiction of this Court unlawfully wilfully
and knowingly did aid, abett and assist one Lewis Compton
in taking and carrying away a certain Negro Man
named Sam and then being the Slave for life and of full
age, of him the said Lewis Compton, from and out of the
State of New Jersey with intent to send him the said
Negro Man named Sam to the State of Louisiana, and with

a design and intent thereby to change the place of residence
of the said Negro man Claude, without the consent of the
said Negro man Claude being previously obtained and
testified upon private examination before two of the
Judges of the Superior Court of Commerce of the Com-
ty of Middlesex in which in the said Negro man Claude
therein did contrary to the form of the Statute in such
Case made and provided and against the peace of
this State the Government and dignity of the same

Thus Witness my hand
any Seal.

Witness.

Aaron Kapsant

John Young

James Skinner

Abraham Webb

John B. Brown

Thomas Key.

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Memorandum concerning the removal of slaves from Perth Amboy, March 10, 1818.
*Concerning the circumstances by which Negro Claus, enslaved by Lewis Compton,
came to be put onto the brig, Mary Ann, bound for New Orleans.
Includes accounts from James Skinner Jr., John Young, Abraham Webb,
Aaron Hassart, and John Disborough [Disbrow].*

Box 1-39, Folder 34

This is document appears to be an unofficial record of witness statements relating the circumstances whereby Claus, a black man enslaved by Lewis Compton, came to be consigned to Charles Morgan and put onto the Brig "Mary Ann" bound for New Orleans, March 10, 1818.

The following is an approximate transcription. The original documents follow below.

[Page 1]

James Skinner [JP?]

10 March 1818.

Brig Maryann, Capt[ain] Lee, cleared from Amboy for New Orleans. Laid at anchor near Hook as Lee [?] understood [?]

Def[endant]t had a Negro, Claus. On [the] same day Compt[on] applied to bring Claus before him on [a] charge of theft. [Claus] was brought in [the] evening by James Edgar[.] Court has [Claus] commit[t]ed by Mit[t]imus to Goal. [He] was pinioned in [the] presence of [the] Justice.

Compton has told witness since [that] Claus had run away from him.

Charles Morgan cleared Brig with slaves as owner.

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John Young

Knew Claus belonged to [the] Def[endant]t.

[He] has not seen him since [the] Sloop Thorn was said to have taken Slaves to [the] vessel at the Hook.

[Witness] mentioned his absence to Compton. [He was] never told what had become of him.

On the day of March [tenth ?] 1818, witness and Compton were coming to Brunswick [and] met Hassart on the road.

Compton told – Witness [that] he had business with Hassart and went back.

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Abraham Webb

Knew Claus and has not seen him since he was taken before Justice Skinner. Compton on the evening of that day asked witness if he had not a boat at the shore[, which he] said he had. Compton wanted him to go to South Amboy.

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Aaron Hassart

Met Compton on [the] road [the] day Mary Ann cleared.

Compt[on] said he wanted to see Nich[olas] Van Wickell or C[harles] Morgan.

Wit[ness] told him he could see one of them at Amboy and Def[endant]t went back.

Morgan cleared [?] Slaves.

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John Disborough

Was Capt[ain] of [the] Sloop Thorn[, which] was chart[er]ed by Morgan to carry some Slaves to [the] Hook to [be] put on board a Brig bound to New Orleans.

[He] describes how they were brought. A Black man was brought and put on board [the] boat by Compton and Edgar Const[able ?].

[The man] was tied when he came over [and] was put on board Mary Ann at [the] Hook.

James Shumaker.

10 March 1818. Brig Mary Ann Capt
Lee, moved from Annapolis to
Delaware. Laid at anchor near
Woods as bound into. Capt Lee
a Negro. Claims. on same day
court applied to bring claims
before him on charge of
theft. was brought in
winning by James Logan Court
was committed by the terms
to goal was pinioned
in presence of Justice
Comptroller has told Writ-
ter since claims has
run away from him.
Charles Morgan charged
Brig with slaves as
owned —

John Young. Knew & knew he long
to Rapp. has not seen
him since Stoop Thow
was said to have taken
slaves to be put on the
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went back.

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has not seen him since
he was taken before
Justice Shinn.

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ing of that day asked
Webb if he had not
a boat at the wharf
said he had Houghton
wanted her to go to
South Amboy.

Accon Report. ~~was~~ Houghton
on next day Mary Ann
called. Houghton said he
wanted to see Nick Van
Vickels or C Morgan

Kit told him he wants two
one of them ~~at~~ ^{on} Sunday &
he'll want back. Morgan
dears slaves

When this borough. was capt
of Sloop Thos. was sent
by Morgan to carry some
Kansas to Black. to put on
to as a brig bound to New
Orleans. describes how
they were brought. a
Black man was brought
and put on board he at
by Capt. T. & to go on board
was told where he came over
was put on Board Morgan
at Black.

Case No. 34789*

State of New Jersey v. Lewis Compton
Record of default on Recognizance (from Middlesex Quarter Sessions; \$1,250; on
Indictments for Misdemeanor in the Cases of Negro John and Negro Claus)
Middlesex : 1819

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The State }
v. Lewis Compton } Reorg. de

Attwood Attys

Filed 1st March 1879

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Wm. M. Wood

Midd^d. Sessions
September Term 1818

The State — ^{vs} } on Indictment for Misdemeanor
Lewis Compton } (in case of Negro Claus).

Defendant entered into recognizance
in Twelve hundred & fifty dollars for
his appearance at the next court of
Oyer & Terminer to traverse & abide &
and not depart &.

The State — ^{vs} } on Indictment for Misdemeanor
Lewis Compton } (in case of Negro John).

Defendant entered into recognizance
in Twelve hundred & fifty dollars for his
appearance at the next Court of Oyer &
Terminer to traverse & abide & and
not depart &.

Midd^d. Oyer & Terminer & General
Gaol Delivery
December Term 1818

The State ^{vs} } on Recognizance in Sessions for
Lewis Compton } appearance in this court on
Indictment for Misdemeanor in case
of Negro Claus. —

The defendant being called on proclamation
& making default — ordered that his
default be recorded. —

The State ^{vs} } on Recog. in Sessions for appearance
Lewis Compton } in this Court on Indictment for
Misdemeanor in case of Negro John. —

The defendant being called on proclamation
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be recorded. —

Extracted from the Minutes
by Wm. F. Deane M.
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