

MSA SC 5463 -2-10

in the presence of  
witnesses named and delivered

eight hundred and fifty  
this

day of

In Witness Whereof, We presento subscribe our names and affix our seals to this Indenture;

the freedom was required by law.

apprenticeship, or in lieu thereof to give him the sum of thirty dollars when free in addition to  
both further contract, promise and wages to have the said apprentice taught to read during his  
to give him the customary freedom dues.—And the said  
supply him with suitable clothing and maintenance during his apprenticeship; and when free  
agree to teach the said apprentice, the trade of a  
also on his part acknowledge himself bound, and by these presents both contract, promise, and  
benefice; until he shall arrive to the said age.—And the said  
here present in Court agrees to take the said  
arrives to the age of twenty-one years. And the said

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point) as an apprentice by

THE SAID

1864  
Jeremiah Brothers  
Indenture to  
Charles Bosley

Received & recorded on  
the 8th day of June 1864  
Same day filed and  
recorded in "Indentures"  
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and examined  
Jas J. Harrison  
Register of Wills  
for Baltimore  
County

IN BALTIMORE COUNTY ORPHANS COURT.

THE STATE OF MARYLAND

(Public Opinion Book)

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The State of Maryland,

IN BALTIMORE COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.

Jeremiah Smothers

Nine years the first day of June inst. last past comes into Court; and it being represented to the Court that the said Jeremiah Smothers is an Orphan unemployed and without means sufficient for his maintenance or support; and the Court being satisfied that said representation is true; and believing also that it would greatly conduce to the good of the said Orphan that he should be put to learn some trade or useful business.—

THE SAID Jeremiah Smothers is therefore on this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four bound as an apprentice, by Stephen W. Falls, Jas. A. Standiford and Joseph Meryman Justices of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County; to Charles Bosley until he the said Jeremiah Smothers shall arrive to the age of twenty-one years; And the said Charles Bosley being here present in Court agrees to take the said Jeremiah Smothers as an apprentice, until he shall arrive to the said age;—And the said Charles Bosley doth also on his part acknowledge himself bound, and by these presents doth contract, promise, and agree, to teach the said apprentice, the trade of a Farmer and to supply him with suitable clothing, and maintenance, during his apprenticeship; and when free to give him the customary freedom dues.—And the said Charles Bosley doth further contract, promise and agree, to have the said apprentice taught to read during his apprenticeship, or in lieu thereof to give him the sum of thirty dollars when free in addition to the freedom dues required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seals to this Indenture; this Eighth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty four

Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of

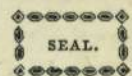
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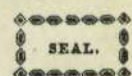
Stephen W. Falls



Joseph Meryman



Jas. A. Standiford



Charles Bosley



Petition for <sup>3</sup> Habeas Corpus.

In re Ellen Smithers  
& Jeremiah Smithers.

Fid. January 8<sup>th</sup> 1868  
Writ issued same day.  
Returnable 18<sup>th</sup> Inst at  
100 Clock

Ordered this 18<sup>th</sup> of January 1868, that  
Ellen Smithers and Jeremiah Smithers be  
and they are hereby discharged from the service  
of Charles Bosley under the indentures made  
by the Orphans Court for Baltimore County  
bearing date the 8<sup>th</sup> day of June 1864; and that  
the costs of the writ in this case be paid by the  
next friend of the said infants.

William F. Giles

To the Honorable William Fell Giles,  
Judge of the Circuit Court of the United  
States for the fourth Circuit, in and  
for the District of Maryland.

The Petition of Ellen Smuthers aged  
fifteen years and Jeremiah Smuthers  
aged between eleven and twelve years, by  
George Smuthers, their next friend, respect-  
fully represents that they are illegally  
restrained of their liberty by one Charles  
Bosley of Baltimore County in the State  
of Maryland.

They therefore pray the writ  
of Habeas Corpus may issue, directed  
to the said Charles Bosley requi-  
ring him to have the bodies of your  
petitioners before this Honorable  
Court on some certain day to  
be named in said writ to an-  
swer the same and to show why  
your petitioners should not be  
released, and be no longer re-  
strained of their liberty.

And as in duty bound we

Matthew & Lutz  
Attys. for Petitioners.

Ordered this 8<sup>th</sup> day of January  
1868, that the writ of Habeas  
Corpus issue, as prayed, directed  
to the said Charles Borley,  
and that the same be made  
returnable on the 18<sup>th</sup> day  
of January 1868. William F. Giles  
at 10 o'clock A.M. ii

In compliance with the within writ, I hereby produce the bodies of Ellen Smithers and Jeremiah Smithers, and state that their mother Margaret Smithers (a free woman) requested on her dying bed that Mr. Samuel Morgan and myself should take care of these children, and left them to us. Margaret Smithers died in February 1862 - the father having died several years previous - the family were in an extremely destitute condition, and I paid nearly all the burial expenses of the mother (she having been employed by me as a washerwoman), and I will further state that these children were ~~brought~~<sup>brought</sup> to me by their sister - in order - to prevent their being taken up under the vagrant act - and I further state that I kept them about two years - without having them bound to me.

Shas Bosley

Sworn to in Open Court  
before Me this 18 day of  
January 1868

J. A. W. Chew Clerk  
Dist. Ct.

1864

Ellen Matilda Smothers

Indenture to  
Charles Bosley

Received & recorded on  
the 8th day of June 1864.  
Same day filed and  
recorded in "Indentures"  
liber 228 folio 238  
and examined  
Test John Kilgrot  
Register of Wills for  
Baltimore County



# The State of Maryland,

## IN BALTIMORE COUNTY ORPHANS' COURT.

*Ellen Mahlda Smothers*

*Twelve* years the *First* day of *June* ~~last~~ ~~past~~ comes a Negro Girl of the age of *Ellen M. Smothers* into Court; and it being represented to the Court that the said *Ellen M. Smothers* is an Orphan unemployed and without means sufficient for her maintenance or support; and the Court being satisfied that said representation is true; and believing also that it would greatly conduce to the good of the said Child that she should be put to learn some trade or useful business.—

THE SAID *Ellen M. Smothers* is therefore on this *Eighth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty ~~five~~ *four* bound as an apprentice, by *Stephen W. Fall*, *Car. A. Standiford* and *Joseph Meryman* Justices of the Orphans' Court for Baltimore County; to *Charles Bosley* until she the said *Ellen M. Smothers* shall arrive to the age of eighteen years; And the said *Charles Bosley* being here present in Court agrees to take the said *Ellen M. Smothers* as an apprentice, until she shall arrive to the said age;—And the said *Charles Bosley* doth also on his part acknowledge himself bound, and by these presents doth contract, promise, and agree, to teach the said apprentice, or cause her to be taught plain sewing and house work, and to supply her with suitable clothing, and maintenance, during her apprenticeship; and when free to give her the customary freedom dues.—And the said *Charles Bosley* doth further contract, promise and agree, to ~~have the said apprentice taught to read during her apprenticeship, or in lieu thereof~~ to give her the sum of twenty dollars when free in addition to the freedom dues required by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We hereunto subscribe our names and affix our seals to this Indenture; this *Eighth* day of *June* in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty ~~five~~ *four*

Signed, sealed and delivered }  
in the presence of }

*Dr. M. Isaac*



*Stephen W. Fall*



*Joseph Meryman*



*Car. A. Standiford*



*Charles Bosley*



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In the Matter of  
the Petition of  
Jeremiah Smothers  
& Ellen Smothers  
by their next friend  
George Smothers

—  
Habeas Corpus

Matthews & Loney

The United States of America  
District of Maryland, Court.  
To Charles Bosley of Baltimore County, State  
of Maryland — Greeting:

You are hereby Commanded  
to be and appear before the  
Honorable William F. Giles  
Judge of the District Court  
of the United States at the  
United States Court Room in the City of  
Baltimore, on Saturday the eighteenth day  
of January (Inst) at 10 O'clock A.M. And  
that you have with you the body of Ellen  
Smithers aged 15 years and Jeremiah Smithers  
aged between 11 & 12 years now in your custody  
as it is said, and that you certify and  
make known the day and cause of the  
Captions and detention of the said Ellen  
Smithers and Jeremiah Smithers, and that  
you then and there do submit to and receive  
whatsoever the said Judge shall determine  
upon concerning you in this behalf accor-  
ding to law and have you then and there  
this writ.

Witness the Honorable William F. Giles Judge  
of our said District Court the first Tuesday in  
December in the year of our Lord one thousand  
eight hundred and sixty seven.  
Spued January 8<sup>th</sup> 1868

Jas. W. Chew Clerk  
Dist. Court.