

MSA SC 5463-2-3

Edward Hall

by his next friend

Mary E. Hall

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I decline to issue the writ of Habeas Corpus in this case, because the facts stated in the within petition do not, in my opinion, present a case in which I have authority under the Constitution and Laws of the United States, to issue the said writ. And the Petition is therefore dismissed. William F. Giles  
May 13<sup>th</sup> 1867

To the Hon. Wm. Fell, Esq. Judge of the  
Circuit Court of the United States for  
the Maryland Circuit.

The Petition of Edward Hall  
by his next friend Mary E. Hall respectfully  
represents unto your Honor that he is illegally  
restrained of his liberty and held in custody  
by one John R. Sasser residing near Prince  
Fredericktown in Calvert County and the  
State of Maryland, by virtue of certain al-  
leged indentures of Apprenticeship made  
without the consent of your Petitioner's  
parent and in contravention of the  
Constitution and laws of the United  
States.

Your Petitioner therefore prays  
your Honor to grant unto your Petitioner  
the writ of Habeas Corpus addressed to  
the said John R. Sasser requiring him to  
produce in your Honorable Court upon  
a day in said writ to be named, the  
person of your Petitioner with the date  
and cause of his capture and detention  
and to show cause, if any he has, why  
your petitioner should not be discharged  
from his said unlawful custody and de-  
tention & as in duty bound &c

A. Stockbridge &  
A. M. Pusey  
Atty's for Petitioner

I was a slave and the property  
of John R. Sasser and he until  
the general emancipation and lived

I was a slave and the property  
of John R. Saper and I live until  
the general emancipation and lived  
with them. Mr. John R. Saper directed  
me to take my child Edward about  
ten or eleven years old and accompany  
him to Pine Creek, Calvert County  
Court House and I and my son Edward  
were quartered in the Court House  
When there was some gentlemen  
seated they asked me if I wished my son  
bound out I told them I did not and  
I was suffered to leave, supposed it was  
ended as I told them I was amply  
able and competent to take care  
of my son then no more of this matter  
until I was about to leave Calvert  
County to live with my father  
Samuel Grog near Poyantown,  
Charles County. I judge my surprise  
and feelings when Mr. John R. Saper  
with a constable come and tore my  
child away from me by force saying  
the child was bound to him until  
he was twenty one years of age  
oh God perhaps I may recover him any  
more  
Mary E. Hall  
State of Maryland

State of Maryland Charles County  
Do Wit  
On this 13 day of November 1866  
personally appeared Mary E. Hall and  
well known to me and made oaths

According to law that the above  
Statement are facts and true to the  
best of his knowledge and belief  
In Testimony  
Justice of the Peace

of the Hon. J. M. Bell, Esq. Justice of the  
Peace of the County of the State of