

Title: Declaration of Margaret Rutledge's Ownership of Cromwell, Mingo, Beck, Vigo, and Billey,
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Is Be it Known and Manifest

to all persons whom this doth, shall, or may Concern, That on this Twentieth Day of August, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Eighty five and of the Sovereignty and Independence of the United States of America the Tenth, Personally appeared Margaret Rutledge, Widow and Relict of Thomas Rutledge, late of Saint Helena Parish, Granville County in the District and State aforesaid Esquire Deceased, who being duly sworn upon the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Marketh Oath and Declares That the British Enemy to America did Take and Carry away the Following Negroe Slaves which were and are her the Deponent sown and Sole Right and Property viz (1) Two Young Male Slaved named Cromwell and Mingo, One Female Slave named Beck with her two Male children named Vigo and Billey. This Deponent further Declares That she nor her Late Husband, never did Sell nor dispose of the said Slaves nor empower any other person or persons so to do, and if the above named Negroe Slaves are now Living they are the only and Sole Right and property of her Deponent.

Signed and sworn to before me, the Day and Year before Written; being one of the justices assigned to Keep the Peace for Granville County Beaufort District and Notary Public Duly admitted and Sworn, dwelling in the town of Beaufort in the State aforesaid.

Margarett Rutledge

In [Promissorum Fidom]

Andrew Aggnew J.P.

And Notary Public

(1) Viz *abbreviation* : namely

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