

Brawner Administrator vs Milstead
Prince William County to Wit

William S. Brawner administrator of George H. Cockrell deceased plaintiff complains of Indiana V. Milstead defendant who was summoned to answer the said plaintiff of a plea that she render unto the said plaintiff as administrator as aforesaid a negro man slave named James Hedgman the property of him the said plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of fourteen hundred and fifty dollars which from the said plaintiff she unlawfully detains and thereupon the said plaintiff says that heretofore to wit on the 10th day of January 1857 at the county aforesaid he the said plaintiff delivered to the said defendant the said negro man slave named James Hedgman the property of the said plaintiff of great value to wit of the value of \$1450 to be delivered by the said defendant to the said plaintiff when she the said defendant should be thereunto afterwards requested – Nevertheless the said defendant although she was afterwards requested to wit on the 15th day of March 1857 at the county aforesaid by the said plaintiff so to do has not as yet delivered the said slave to the said plaintiff but has hitherto wholly requested and refused so to do and still unjustly detain the same from the said plaintiff to wit at the county aforesaid – and whereas also heretofore to wit on the 10th day of January 1857 aforesaid at the county aforesaid the said plaintiff was lawfully possession of a certain other slave to wit a negro man named James Hedgman of great value to wit of the value of \$1450.00 as of his own property as administrator as aforesaid and being so possessed thereof he the said plaintiff afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the county aforesaid carelessly lost the said slave out of his possession and the same afterwards to wit on the day and year last aforesaid at the county aforesaid came to the possession of the said defendant by finding. Nevertheless the said defendant there knowing the said slave to be the property of the said plaintiff as administrator as aforesaid and of right to belong and appertain to him has not as yet delivered the said last mentioned slave to the said plaintiff although he was afterwards to wit on the 15th day of March 1857 at the county aforesaid requested by the said plaintiff so to do, but hath hitherto wholly refused so to do and hath detained and still detains the same from the said plaintiff to wit at the county aforesaid to the damage of the said plaintiff of \$1450.00 and therefore he brings his suit &c.

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