

Names:

Brickell & Cabaniss
Mead, Trooper A.

Nations, Margaret
Shepherd, William

Turner, William S.

Places:

Blount Co., AL

Madison Co., AL

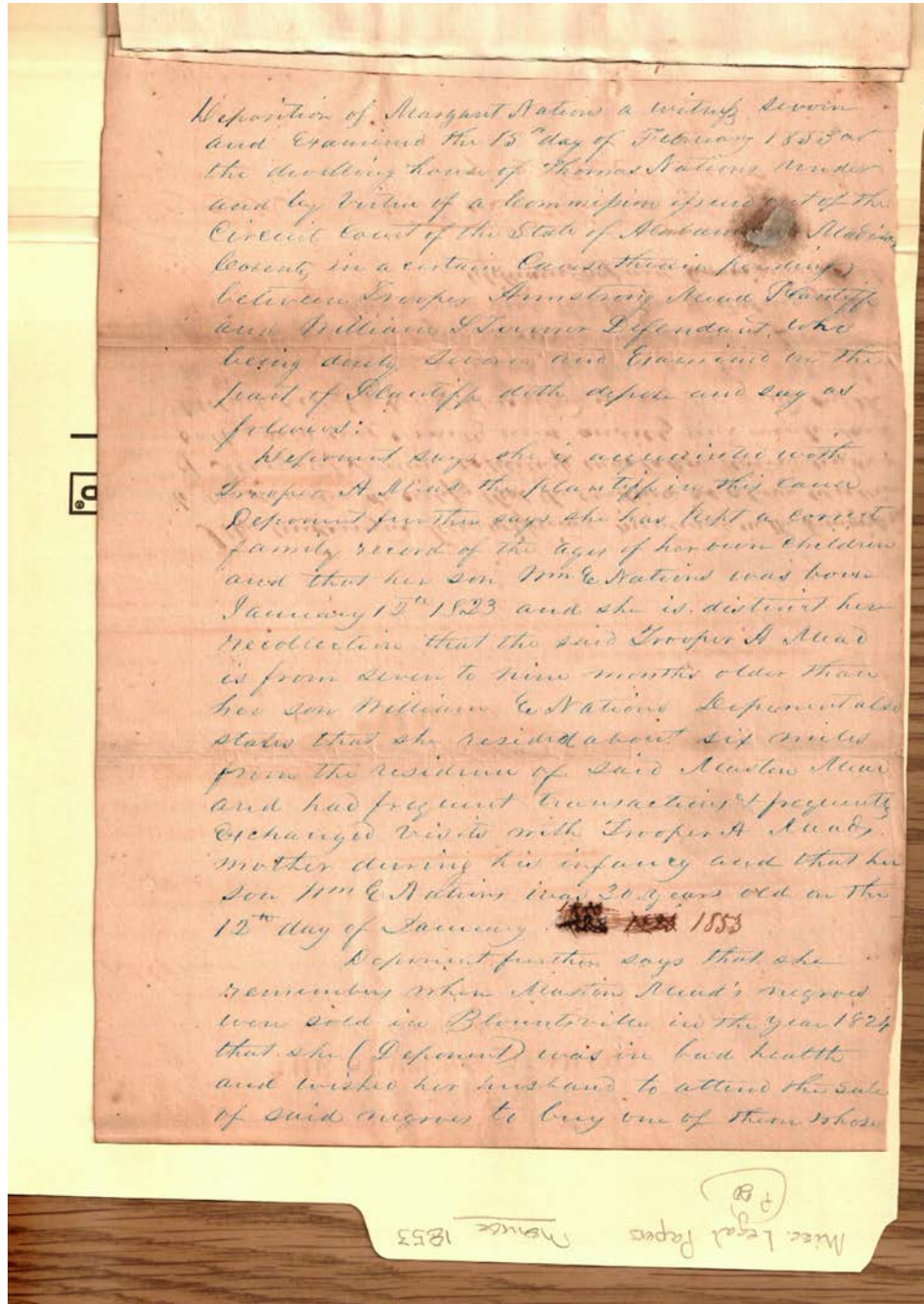
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Dates:

Feb 7, 1853



born Jan 12, 1823

Names:

Mead, Mastin
Mead, Newton

Mead, Trooper
Armstrong

Nations, Margaret
Nations, William E.

Turner, William S.

Places:

Madison Co., AL

Types:

deposition

Dates:

Feb 15, 1853

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Name was Darcus. That she had formerly had the said negro Darcus in her family and knew said Darcus to be a good cook and a good nurse and she (deponent) wished her husband to attend the Sale and buy the said Darcus, and her husband went off to the Sale to buy the said negro, but returned without buying her, Deponent also says her husband informed her that the reason why he did not buy was because it was a Sham-Sale and he concluded it would be best to have nothing to do with it. Deponent has conversed with her husband during to day and that he concurs with her in his recollection of the said facts and circumstances.

Margaret Nation

I the undersigned Commissioner mentioned in the Commission to me directed do certify that the evidence as above written of Margaret Nation as witness was taken down under oath, and was solemnly and audibly read over to said witness and by her subscribed in my presence on the 15th day of February 1853 at the time and place specified for taking the same in said Commission. Given under my hand and Seal this 15th day of February 1853

William Chaparral Commissioner Seal

Names:

, Darcus (slave)

Nations, Margaret

Places:

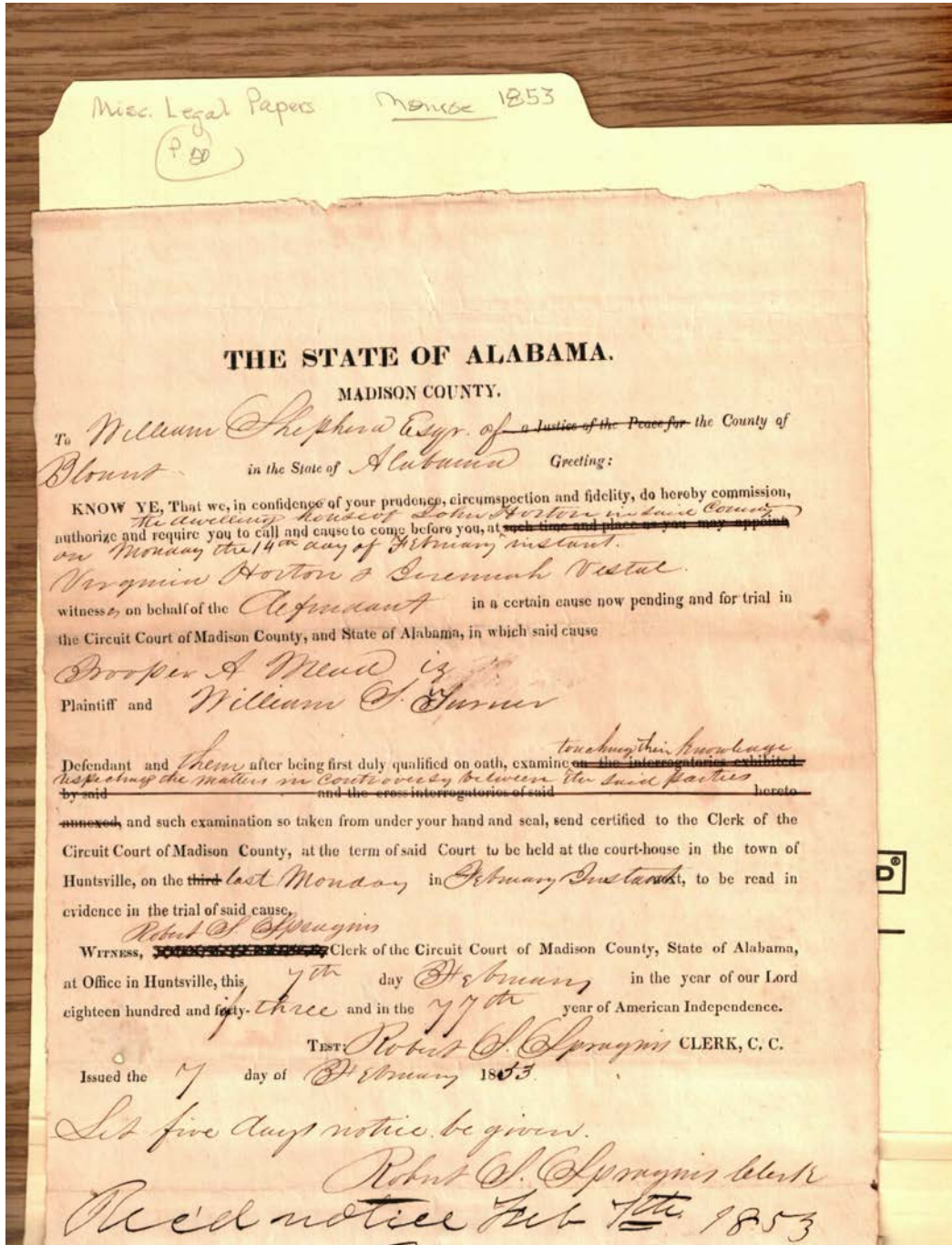
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Names:

Horton, John
Horton, Virginia

Mead, Trooper A.
Shepherd, William

Turner, William S.
Vestal, Jeremiah

Places:

Blount Co., AL

Madison Co., AL

Types:

circuit court

summons

Dates:

Feb 14, 1853

Feb 7, 1853

Witnessed and examined on the 14th day of February
in the year 1853 at the Court House of Madison County
Alabama and by Victor D. Clack, Clerk of said Court
for Madison County in a certain cause between
said Plaintiff and said Defendant
Virginia Whorton being first duly sworn
and examined on the part of Plaintiff, both of whom
and say as follows:

I do hereby depose and say that I was married to the said
Joseph Armstrong Mead and that he is a late brother of her
said the being years in this he did not see her since first
infancy but has frequently seen her age in years as her father
(Master Mead) has often written on the family record and
and kept by said Master Mead and that by the order
of said family record the said Joseph Mead was born
May 14th 1822. I have been in but the said family
record has been destroyed and it is believed that the said
Joseph Armstrong Mead destroyed it some time while
the Bible was under his care & keeping and the said
Bible in which said record was kept was in the possession
of said Joseph A. Mead the last she knew of it was
it was a little more than 12 months since she saw it
and that Joseph A. Mead took it from her father's
residence about that time. The said record was destroyed
while in her Father's possession (or otherwise at his house) and
her Father accused Joseph A. Mead of doing it.

Deposant knew the negro girl Amanda from her
earliest recollection until her father (Master Mead) sold
her to Philip D. Clark, and that said Amanda was
born Master Mead's own property, as far as she knew
of or ever heard of and that she (Deposant) and this
said Amanda were at one time both members of
the said Master Mead's family and lived together.

Names:

, Amanda
Clack, Philip D.

Mead, Maston

Mead, Trooper
Armstrong

Turner, William S.

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she never knew Trooper A Mead to set up any claim to
 to any of said negroes until he brought suit against
 Appraiser & Deacons of Madison County
 Depoiment further says she has seen the release of
 Wm S Turner & Robert S Pierce, Mary A Pierce, & W H Clark
 to the Administrators & heirs of Mead & Mead before giving
 her deposition
 Virginia L. Shortt
 Sworn to & subscribed before me July 14 1853
 William Shepard

When called
 Penning Vestal who being duly sworn and
 examined on the point of ^{deposition} doth depose and
 say as follows, that he is acquainted with Trooper A Mead
 & Mead & Mead. That he was present at Bloomsbury at the
 sale of said negroes. I heard the Sheriff make proclama-
 tion that the sale was about to commence. Several others
 and himself walked up near to where the negroes were
 sold he heard the negroes offered for sale and heard them
 knocked off to Patrick Scott at something under
 \$300. too perhaps about \$270 too. Depoiment remembers
 that several persons attended for the purpose of
 bidding for said negroes, & among the bidders was
 Vestal Beeson who made one bid and I heard Mead
 Mead's voice in a voice somewhat saying to said Beeson
 God damn you! what are you coming here meddling
 with my business for? or what are you meddling with
 other people's matters for it has been so long depoiment
 is fearful he cannot be positive about every precise
 word that was used but the foregoing is in substance
 correctly what depoiment remembers to have heard. As
 the confusion of things which followed people became
 indisposed to bid, and after a few angry words had passed
 between Mead & Mead and Vestal, Beeson the said
 Beeson remarked to Mead that if the negroes were not
 to be fairly & lawfully sold he would have no more
 to do with it. Vestal ^{Beeson} had intended buying a part

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 Mead 1853

Names:

Beeson, Vestal

Mead, Mastin

Mead, Trooper A.

Pierce, Robert S.

Scott, Patrick

Turner, William S.

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or all of said negroes but immediately declined having
 any thing do with ^{said} sale after Maston Mead began to curse
 him. Immediately after the sale deponent went to his
 house and after a few minutes several gentlemen
 came in who had witnessed the sale and as they conversed
 about it they said it was fraud! fraud!! fraud!!!
 Deponent ~~remembers~~ distinctly to have heard Vestal Beeson
 say in reply to Maston Mead's language ^{say} that if he could
 not buy the negroes lawfully, he would not buy them
 at all. He also heard said Beeson say that the reason why
 he quit bidding for the negroes was because Maston Mead
 was so abusive and insulting to him for bidding -
 Deponent remembers that as soon as Vestal Beeson quit
 bidding the negroes were knocked off to Patrick Scott
 as before stated. There were four negroes sold for about
 \$270 ^{too} and deponent thought either one of said negroes
 was worth more than \$100. ^{too} Deponent remembers
 that after the sale was over the said negroes were sent
 back to Maston Mead's. Deponent has not been a reside-
 -ent of Blount County or the immediate vicinity ^{quintessence}
 the time since the sale of said negroes but he has lived
 and been acquainted with said Mead and the commu-
 -nity all the time and he believes the fact is well
 known & undisputed that Maston Mead had continued
 to own all of said negroes as his own property & holding
 paper of them privately & certainly as his own up to his
 death

Jeremiah Vestal

I the undersigned commissioner, mentioned in the commission to me
 directed do certify, that the above evidence of Virginia Wharton and
 Jeremiah Vestal testimony was taken down under oath by me
 and was correctly and audibly read over to said witnesses and by
 them subscribed in my presence on the 14th day of February
 1853 at the time and place specified in the commission for taking
 the same Given under my hand and seal this 14th day of

Names:

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 Mead, Mastin

Scott, Patrick
 Vestal, Jeremiah

Wharton, Virginia

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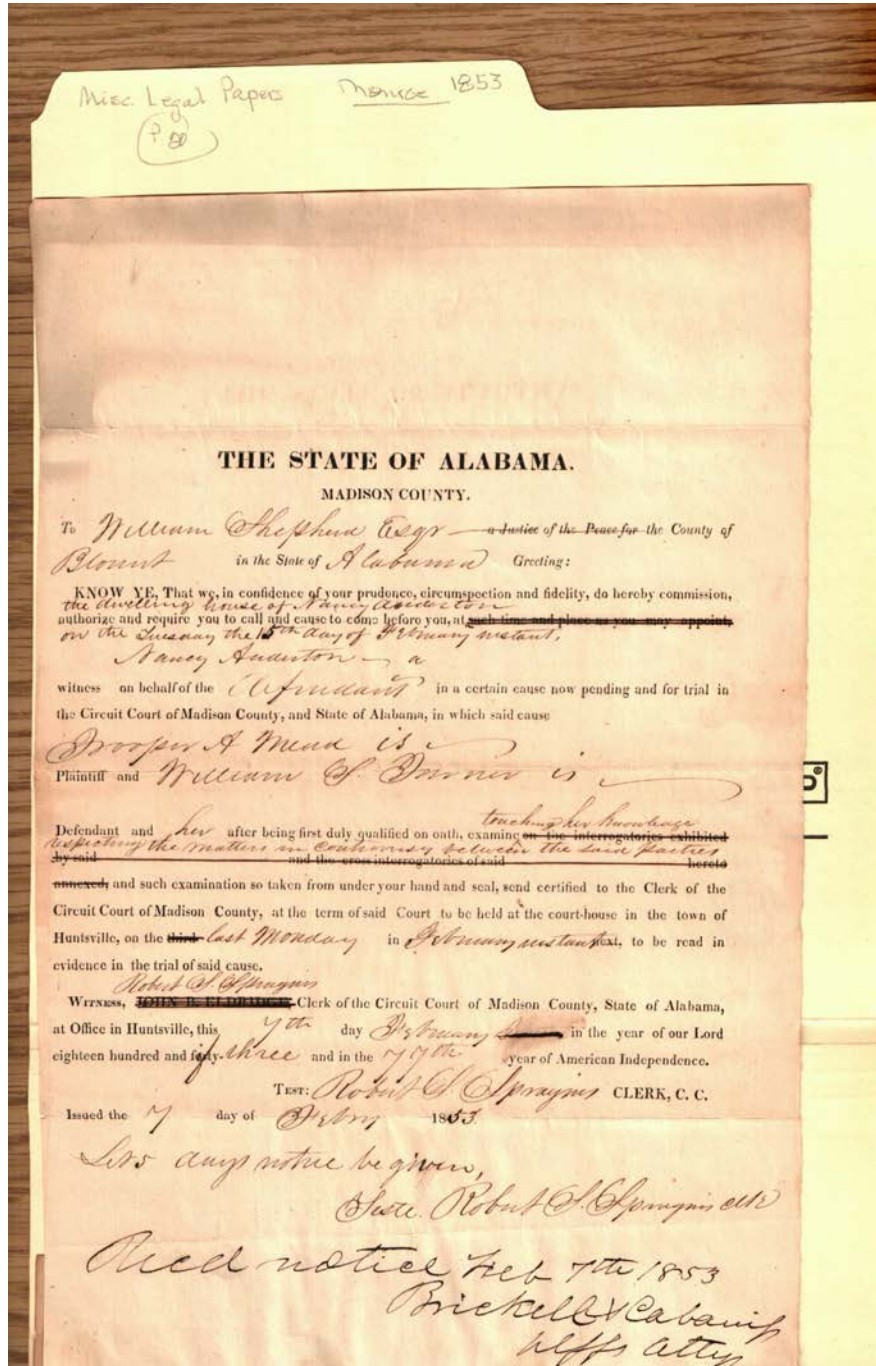
Madison Co., AL

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Names:

Anderton, Nancy

Mead, Trooper A.

Shepherd, William

Turner, William S.

Places:

Blount Co., AL

Madison Co., AL

Types:

circuit court

summons

Dates:

Feb 15, 1853

Deposition of Nancy Anderton a witness sworn and examined the 15th day of February 1853 at the residence of said Nancy Anderton under and by virtue of a commission issued out of the Circuit Court of the State of Alabama for Madison County in a certain cause then in pending between Trooper A Mead Plaintiff & Will Turner Defendant being duly sworn & examined on the part of Defendant doth depose and say as follows:

That she is acquainted with Trooper A Mead and that she saw him an infant about six weeks old and that she has known him ever since - Dependent was at Master Mead's on the 4th day of July at a party which Master Mead gave on Trooper A Mead's account. Most of Master Mead's children had been girls but when Trooper A Mead was born Master Mead rejoiced a great deal and gave a public Ball on the 4th day of July after his son Trooper was born Dependent was at the said Ball at Master Mead's house and had her daughter Mary Ann Anderton ^{with} her who was born ^{on the 17th day of} ~~the~~ January of the same year Dependent has kept a true record of the ages of her own children and knowing that the said Trooper A Mead was in existence and living on the 4th day of July in the year 1832 and that she saw him as before stated when an infant about six weeks ^{old} on the 4th day of July at the Ball or festival which Master Mead gave on the occasion and that Master Mead rejoiced exceedingly at having another son (viz Trooper) saying he was a fine son & would make a fine man for Master Mead said man and rejoiced more than it is common to see people do. The guests insisted that Mr Mead should give in

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1853

Names:

Anderton, Mary Ann
Anderton, Nancy

Mead, Mastin
Mead, Trooper A.

Turner, William S.

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in the Dance with them but it was thought most prudent for her not to do so as Trooper was so young they feared exercise might produce some unfavourable effect on the milk of her breast and injure the child Trooper Armstrong Mead and Mr Mead declined Dancing with them
Nancy ^{next} Anderton
Mead

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I the undersigned Commissioner mentioned in the Commission to me directed do certify that the evidence as above written of Nancy Anderton a Felony was taken down under oath and was correctly and audibly read over to said Felony & by her subscribed in my presence on the 15th day of February 1853 at the time and place specified in said Commission for taking the same Given under my hand and seal this 15th day of February 1853
William Shepard Commissioner Seal

Names:

Anderton, Nancy

Mead, Trooper A.

Places:

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