

Inquisition indented taken at the dwelling house of James
Might in the County aforesaid the 27th Day of March, 1800.
before us George W. Smart, ^{Justice of the Peace} ~~Justice of the Peace~~
the said County, upon the views of the Body of Jacob a Slave
the property of Joseph Smith at his decease in possession
of Thomas Smith whom they had all seen lying dead and
upon the oath of Daniel Smith John Peter William Todd
John Berreyhill Samuel Berreyhill John Hepworth John
Hayler William Campbell Joseph Wilson John Cathcart John
Barnett and William Porter & 9999 and lawful men of the
County aforesaid who being charged and sworn to enquire
how and in what manner the said Slave by his death came
who was found lying near the dwelling house of Hugh M.
Bowell on the 19th of this Instant early in the morning
alive with a large wound in his forehead of nearly two inches

~~in length and depth~~ ~~which was either made with a~~ ~~fall of an axe or~~
an Iron wedge he could not speak when found and died that
day and the jury on their oath do say they think he came by
his death in a violent way and the jury do say that they
have strong presumption to believe from the evidence they have
got that Moses a slave the property of Jas. M. Might and Ephraim
the property of Hugh Bowler and Jacob the property of J.
Shroff Esq^r perpetrated the said crime and the strongest
presumption is that it was either Ephraim or Moses
in testimony whereof we the said Justice as well as the Jurors
to this inquisition have severally put our hand and Seal the day year
and place first above mentioned.

Geo. W. Smart
Daniel Smith
William Campbell
John Cathcart
John Peter
Samuel Berreyhill
John Hepworth
John Hayler
Joseph Wilson
John Barnett
William Porter
John Todd

State of North Carolina
Mecklenburg County

Inquisition. indented taken at the dwelling house of Hugh M^d Dowell
in the County aforesaid the 20th day of March in the year 1800. before
us John Kendrick and James Taggart two of the Justices of the peace
for said County upon view of the body of Jacob a Slave the property
of Joseph Spratt then and there lying dead and upon the oath of
Daniel Smith John Porter Wm Todd John Berryhill Samuel Berry
Joseph Wilson John Cathcart and John Barnett the good and lawful
men of the County aforesaid, who being charged and sworn to
enquire how and in what manner the said Slave by his death came
upon their Oath do say that on the 19th of this Instant the said
Slave was found near the house of the said M^d Dowell with a
large wound ⁱⁿ his forehead which they suppose either to be
done with an ax or an Iron wedge and that he came to
his death in a violent way but cannot tell by whom
from all the evidence they could get. In testimony whereof
as well as the said Justices and Jurors aforesaid to this
inquisition have personally put our hands and seals the day
year and place first above mentioned

James Taggart J.P.
John Kendrick J.P.

Daniel Smith
John Berryhill
John Porter
Wm M. Todd
Saml Berryhill
Joseph Wilson
Samuel Bhill
John Cathcart
John Heyworth
Wm Campbell
John Taylor
John Taylor