

Rockingham County to Wit  
To the Sheriff of the said County

Wheras <sup>skinned a few women & others</sup> Margaret Poinexter, ~~Salisbury~~, by inquisition duly taken before me Isaac Hardesty coroner of the county of Rockingham, hath this day been found guilty of the murder of her infant <sup>male</sup> child at the house of George Busel in the county aforesaid; and the said Margaret Poinexter being present, hath this day been committed to the jail of the said county, by my warrant, until a court shall be held for the examination of the offence wherewith she stands charged; and it appearing to me that the said felonious offence ought to be examined into, ~~by the county court~~; therefore, on behalf of the commonwealth, I require you, that you summon at least eight of the Justices of your said county, to meet at the courthouse thereof on the ~~eight~~ day of October next and there & there to hold a court for the examination of the fact, with which the said Margaret Poinexter stands charged, and for such other purposes concerning the premises as is by law required and directed; and that you have thereat this warrant. Given under my hand and seal this 28th day of September 1833

Isaac Hardesty C. R. Seal

Edw. Stevens Smith Washington Henry Campbell  
Head Fletcher

Com. Wm. W. Smith

For Murder

Call  
Court held the 8<sup>th</sup>  
of October 1833 and  
Prisoners acquitted

County  
Prisoners & Papers  
in

1833 October 9. Call  
Court held. and  
Prisoners discharged

Rockingham County to wit,

To Reuben Moore a Con-  
-stable in said County. These are in the name of  
the Commonwealth, to require you, immediately upon sight  
hereof, to summon twenty four of the most intelligent  
and respectable free holders of this County, to appear  
before me Isaac Hardesty a coroner of the said County  
forthwith at the House of George Kessel in this County  
there and there, to enquire of, do, and execute all such  
things, as on behalf of the Commonwealth shall be  
lawfully given you in charge touching the death  
of a stranger. And be you there to certify  
what you <sup>shall</sup> have done in the premises, and further  
to do and execute what, in behalf of the Commonwealth  
shall be there and there enjoined you, given under my  
hand and seal this 29<sup>th</sup>. day of September 1833.

Isaac Hardesty C. R. (Seal)

I have summoned, Andrew McClellan, <sup>Wm</sup>  
Richard, Thos Logan, Henry Boggs, Jacob Rohr,  
<sup>Wm</sup> Furry, John Dougherty, Geo. Conrad,  
<sup>Wm</sup> Erwin, John Coontz, Anthony Hoffmann  
Peter Henningsen, Evan Hinton Ruben Moore  
Court

Receipt to  
summon a Jury  
of 12  
Inquisition

Rockingham County to Wit.

Inquisition indented, taken at, the house of George Heisel  
in the county aforesaid the 29<sup>th</sup> day of September in the  
year eighteen hundred & thirty three before me Isaac  
Hardesty Coroner of the Commonwealth for the County  
aforesaid upon the view of the body of an infant <sup>male</sup> child  
late of said county then and there lying dead, and  
upon the oaths, Andrew McClellan, William Reberds,  
Thomas Logan, Henry Booz, Jacob Rohr, William  
Furry, George Conrad, John Dougherty, Evan Hinton,  
William Erinn, John Kunno, & Anthony Huffman

good and lawful men of the county aforesaid who being  
sworn, and charged to inquire on the part of the said  
Commonwealth, when, where, how, and after what manner  
the said infant came to his death, do say upon their oaths  
that the said infant child is the issue of Free Mulatto woman  
named Margaret Poindexter <sup>Laboucar</sup>, who was deceived of the same  
on the 28<sup>th</sup> Inst, at the house of the said George Heisel  
sometime between the hours of eleven & two o'clock of that day  
secretly & clandestinely no other person being present, and not  
having the fear of God before her eyes, but being moved and  
seduced by the instigation of the devil, & according to the best  
evidence before us, we believe that the said Margaret Poindexter  
<sup>Laboucar</sup> did at the place and time aforesaid commit murder on the  
said infant child by strangulation, caused by forcing a  
piece of Birds <sup>stuck</sup> down his throat, in witness whereof, as well  
the aforesaid Coroner, as the jurors aforesaid, have to this  
inquisition put their ~~hands~~ seals, on the day and

year aforesaid, and at the place aforesaid

Andrew McEllen Seal John Doregherty Seal

William Reherd Seal Eben Minton Seal

Thomas Logan Jr Seal

William <sup>his</sup> Cannon Seal  
mark

Henry Brown Seal

Jacob Mohr Seal John Kums Seal

William <sup>his</sup> Ferry Seal A Huffman Seal  
mark

Geo. Conrad Seal Isaac Hardesty Seal

C. R. C.

*[Faint, illegible handwriting on aged, yellowed paper, possibly bleed-through from the reverse side. The text is mirrored across the folds.]*

South

Mo. Postoffice & Inquiries  
on

her Dear Child  
held by Isaac Harding  
Coroner —

1833 Octob 8<sup>th</sup>

Call Court held at  
Purran de Harp