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Deposition of John M. Wilson

Territory of Michigan
County of Wayne

Personally appeared before the undersigned Justice of the Peace in and for the said County John M Wilson Esq. Who having duly sworn deposes and saith that he is the sheriff of the county of Wayne in the said territory that on the 17th day of June 1833 Thornton Blackburn was in the custody of the deponent in the goal of the said county by virtue of a precept directed to the deponent by Henry Chipman Esquire a Justice of the Peace for the said County, commanding the deponent to arrest the said Thornton as a person held to labour in the state of Kentucky and to deliver him to the agent of the claimant agreeably to the provisions of the act of Legislative Council of the said Territory in such case made and provide: that on the said day, he the deponent, while in the execution of the duty enforce upon him by the said precept was violently assaulted by an armed and riotous assemblage of Blacks and Mulattos and the said Thornton forcibly rescued from the deponents custody and he the deponent grievously wounded and beaten. And the deponents with that the said Thornton was present aiding and assisting in the said riot and rescue, that the deponent being stunned and rendered insensible by the blows he received by has not a distinct recollection of all the recurrences of that day, but he the deponent having read the affidavit of Alexander McArthur accompanying this believes the facts therein set forth, is he correctly stated as far as they are within the knowledge and recollection of deponent. And further more the deponent saith not.

J. M Wilson

Subscribed and sworn to before me the 10th day of August 1833.

Henry Chipman.