

The State of Texas }
County of Travis }

The case of an In-
quisition held on the 6th Oct 1834 at the
plantation of Marcellus Duval in the
County of Travis upon the body of ^{a slave} Margaret
R N Lane, being duly sworn states
that he is practicing physician - & that
he examined the body of the deceased
- that there was no injury of any vital
part - The ^{skin} of the back and arms was
very much bruised & torn - The bruises seem
to have been made with some kind of
a lash - The lash seems to have been
a broad instrument, such as a paddle
or strap - I think the injury such as I observed
done to the skin could have produced
the death of the individual -

R N Lane

I am a practicing physician - fully
have examined the body of the
deceased - fully concurs with Dr Lane
in the above evidence.

R. G. Harrington

A M Dawson being duly sworn states
that the deceased was hired to me that
she was engaged in picking cotton in
my field Saturday Morning, just before
dinner J. M. Morris my Overseer came to
the house and told me he had whipped
~~the deceased~~ two of the girls, and said they
did not pick cotton as fast as he wanted
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A M Dawson

them to do - about half an hour after
that, my negro boy came and told me
that the Girl was dead. J. M. Morris
heard it and started toward the field
as I supposed, to see whether she was dead
or not. I afterward discovered that my
black mule was gone, and was returned to
me this morning by William Wilson, J. M.
Morris was in the habit of using my
mules

A. M. Davidson

John B. Morris having been duly sworn
states that J. M. Morris came to my house
yesterday afternoon, he rode up to the fence
and did not stay over two minutes, he told
me he had whipped a negro, and that she
was dead I asked him if it was one of Davidson
he said no it was Duvals, I asked him
if he had whipped it unmercifully he said
he had not, that he had ^{not} whipped ~~abused~~
~~last week~~ as much as he had done some
time back, I then asked him
if he had struck her with his fist or
stamped, ^{he} he said he had not, that
he whipped her with dogwood sprouts
he rode a black mule he did not dismount
while he was at my house

John B. Morris

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An Inquisition taken the
5th October 1834 at the plantation of C. M.
Davidson in said County before John C. Allan
a justice of the peace of said County acting
as Coroner of said County, upon the view
of the dead body of Margaret a negro Girl
Slave the property of Marcellus Duval, by
the oaths of R. N. Lane, R. C. P. Shaw, R. G. Harrington
A. M. Davidson, M. W. Henry, John B. Morris
good and lawful jurors of said County who
being in due form sworn say that the
said Margaret Slave as aforesaid came to
her death by laches inflicted upon her body
by J. M. Morris on the 5th Oct^r 1834 in said
County.

In Testimony whereof as well
the said John C. Allan justice acting as
Coroner as the said jurors, have hereunto
set their hands the day and year first
aforesaid.

John C. Allan J. P. act^g as Coroner
R. N. Lane }
R. C. P. Shaw }
R. G. Harrington } Jury of
A. M. Davidson }
M. W. Henry }
John B. Morris }

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I John T. Allan Justice
of the Peace of said County acting as
Coroner do hereby certify that the fore-
going three pages contain all the evidence
of Witnesses as well as the Inquisition taken
at the plantation of Marcellus Duval in
the County of Travis on the 6th Oct. 1835
upon the view of the dead body of Margaret
a negro Slave Girl the property of said Duval
In Witness whereof I hereunto
set my hand this Oct 6th 1835
John T. Allan J. P.
actg. Coroner

~~You do solemnly swear that you will diligently
inquire into the cause, time, manner and cir-
cumstances of the death of the person whose body
lies before you, and you will thereupon make
presentment of the truth the whole truth and~~

Inquisition of
Margaret a Negro
Slave Girl

Oct 6th 1834

John D. Allen Jr.
Act Coroner

C. No 3

Filed, Oct. 10. 1834
D. W. Brown
clerk