

State of Missouri
County of Saint Louis } By the Habeas Corpus act.

To the Honorable, the Judge of the Law
Commissioner's Court within and for the
County of Saint Louis

Your petitioner states that one
Elihu Schooner a free citizen of the State
of Ohio is imprisoned in the common jail
of the County of Saint Louis by the keeper of
said jail; That the said Schooner, under the
name of Eli Schooner, was committed to
said jail on a charge of being a runaway
slave, by virtue of a warrant issued by
Peter W. Johnstone Esquire a Justice of the
Peace in and for the said County of Saint Louis,
a copy of which said warrant is hereto
annexed.

And your petitioner further states
that the said Schooner is not now, and
never has been a slave, but was born of
free parents in Reed Township Seneca
County Ohio, about the year 1833 and
that he has himself always been a free
man and therefore his imprisonment is
illegal.

Wherefore your petitioner prays that
there may issue from this Honorable Court
a writ of "Habeas Corpus" directed to the
keeper of the said Common jail of Saint

Louis County, and commanding him to have
the body of the said Schooner before this
Honorable Court on a day therein to be
mentioned, then and there to show the time
and cause of the detention and imprisonment
of the said Schooner, and to do and
receive what shall then and there be
considered concerning him.

George Drmison

George Drmison being duly sworn says
that the foregoing petition and the matters
therein, as stated, he believes to be true.
Sworn to & subscribed Before me George Drmison
this 9th day of August 1858

Liberty Waite

Justice of the peace



Wm Drmison of Chandler
Atty &

(George Drmison) (copy)

(Justice's Warrant. (copy))

The State of Missouri
To the Keeper of the Common Jail of
Saint Louis County - Greeting

You are hereby commanded to
receive the body of Eli Schooner, a slave,
into your Common Jail of Saint Louis
County and him safely keep until his
master takes him hence and pays all
reasonable charges or until he be
otherwise discharged in due course of law.

Given under my hand this
2nd day of July 1858.

Peter W. Johnstone
Justice

(Copy of the return)

Execute the within writ by delivering the
body of the within named defendant to
the keeper of the jail of St. Louis
County this 2nd day of July 1858.

William Keating

Petition for mit
of Wakeas Corpsus

By the Wakeas Corpsus act.

In the matter of

Elihu Schooner.

State of Missouri }
County of St Louis } ss.

By the Habeas Corpus Act

The State of Missouri -
is the Jailor of St Louis County
Greeting

You are hereby commanded that
the body of Elisha Schooner under
your Custody detained, as it is said un-
der safe and secure conduct, together
with the day and cause of his being im-
prisoned, and detained by whatsoever
name the said Elisha Schooner may be
known, you have before me Henry
Dusenbury Law Commissioner of St Louis
County, at the Court house in the City of
St Louis, in said County on the Eleventh
day of August 1858. at 3 O'clock P.M. to do and
receive what shall then and there be
considered concerning the said Elisha
Schooner, so imprisoned and detained
as aforesaid and hereof fail not at your
peril.

Witness my Signature this 10th day of
August 1858
H C Dusenbury
Law Commissioner
of St Louis County

To the Land Commissioner of St Louis County
In obedience with the commands of the
within Writ I here produce and have
the body of the within named Elkin
Schooner — together with the papers of
his Commitment —

St Louis Augt 11th 1858

105. August
1858.

Petition in
of
Elkin Schooner

"
By the Habeas Corpus
Act"

Prisoner dis

charged
Augt 11th 58

Wm Taylor

Aug 11th 58 Pet filed & writ iss^d 5p 260
Aug 11th 58 Prisoner discharged. 5p 260.

The State of Ohio, {
ERIE COUNTY, SS.

I, *Horace A. Pills* Clerk of the Court
of Common Pleas within and for the County of Erie and State
aforesaid, do hereby certify that *Tenas W. Barker*
Esq., before whom the annexed ~~affidavits~~ were sworn to
was acknowledged, and to the Certificate whereof he has subscribed
his name officially, in his own proper hand-writing, was at the
date thereof, and now is, a Justice of the Peace within and
for the County of Erie, duly Commissioned and Sworn, and to all whose Official Acts
full faith and credit are due throughout the United States and elsewhere.

In Testimony Whereof, I hereto subscribe my name and affix the Seal of said
Court at the City of Sandusky, this *30th* day of *July* — — A. D. 1858.

Horace A. Pills Clerk.
By *[Signature]* Deputy.

State of Ohio
County of Erie } Portland Township
J. Gordon Cokrey being duly
sworn do depose and say That I
was born in the Town of Lisbon
County of Windham and State
of Connecticut and shall be
Sixty five years of age on the fourth
day of August Eighteen hundred
and fifty eight. I resided in the
said State of Connecticut until
I was twenty six years old and
then removed to Scipio Township
Wayne County, State of New York,
where I remained about six years
and then removed to what is
now Scipio Township, Seneca
County State of Ohio where I re-
mained about ten years and re-
moved to Portland Township, Erie
County State of Ohio where I have
since continued to reside and still
reside. - I was married when I
was twenty one years of age and on the
last day of November of that year, I re-
member it was Thanksgiving Day -
and was in Preston New London County
State of Connecticut, to Betsey Pierce
who was brought up near by and was ^{born}

in the Town of Exeter State of Rhode-
Island as I was always informed and
believe. Louisa Cokrey was my
daughter by my said wife Betsey
and was born in the said Town of
Preston in January Eighteen hund-
red and sixteen - She lived with me
until she was married to John
Schrover which was in said Seneca
County, Ohio when she was about six-
teen years old, I was present at this
marriage, Elisha Schrover was the
child of said Louisa and John Schrover
above named and was born in Reed
Township in said Seneca County,
Ohio, within a year after they were
married as above stated - Said John
Schrover died about four years after
they were married and the said Louisa
died about five years after her said mar-
riage - John died in the State of New
York and Louisa died at McEntich-
enville, Seneca County, Ohio.
I have known said Elisha since his
birth and he is my Grandson, He
will be Twenty six years old next
November or December - He is and
always has been a free man and
never a slave - The said Elisha
has a scar on his under lip, holes in his
ears for rings, has bushy hair and

some appearance of Indian which he gets from his
father who ~~was~~ a half Indian. He
was married about Eighteen hundred
fifty and his wife died with Cholera
in Eighteen hundred fifty two leav-
ing one child which now lives
in this county.

^{over my}
S. Maine.

Gurdon Ockrey

Subscribed and sworn to by the said Gurdon Ockrey
this 30th day of July A.D. 1858. Lewis W. Barker Justice
of the Peace in and for said County

State of Ohio
Eric County of Portland Township

Thomas L. Borton of lawful age
being duly sworn says - my age is
forty nine years - my residence San-
dusky Eric County Ohio which is
within Portland Township. I have
been personally acquainted with
Gurdon Ockrey, Betsey Ockrey his wife
Louisa their daughter and Elisha
Schroon their grandson since eight-
een years ago when I first became

acquainted with them, ~~they~~ said
Elihu then lived in McLeithers-
ville, Seneca County, Ohio, all
the persons above named then were
and now are so far as I have any
knowledge a over head free persons
of color and none were slaves.

Witnesses

Thomas H. Boston

Saint Albans

Subscribed and sworn to by Thomas H. Boston on this 30th
day of July A.D. 1858, before me I further certify that have
been acquainted with said Boston over fifteen years and
that he is a credible witness. Lewis W. Barker Justice
of the Peace of said County of Erie