

Boadly. Philadelphia. 1787

PAS Papers Box 4A Manumissions *Habeas Corpus Actions*

Alex^r Ewing of Little Briton Township Lancaster County ~~within~~ about 2 miles from Bald fryers Ferry – he moved into this State about 3 or 4 years & according to Law the following persons are free as Soon as the arrived into this State Viz:

1_ Robert Boadly aged 27 years who has been with Ewing about 10 years & Not Registered he beleiving himself to be free Left his master & came to Jno Smiths & had been with him about 2 weeks when a _____ M^cCan (to whom Ewing had sold him for £100 with a Design to Deprive him of his freedom) David Bradin & a John Carmickle Came to D Smiths knocked Bob Down & after Beating him Exceedingly Carried him off with them

2^d_ Quash aged ab^t 24 years was with him before Bob came to ↑him↓

3rd_ Wallace aged ab^t 20 years bout of Geo. Ligate at the Head of Elk – about 3 years ago –

4th Becky aged ab^t 22 or 23 years bout of Robert Stokes at Haver de grass about 8 years ago

5th Dick. Aged ab^t 7 years Son of Becky } born

6th James aged ab^t 5 years _ " _ " } in

7th George Boadly ab^t 6 years old Son of Ruth Boadly } Ewings family

David Bra↑y↓din about 1 mile from A. Ewings hath

X Ruth Boadly aged 22 years – ab^t 4 years in Braydins famil __ family _____

Jane Boadly ab^t 3 Or 4 years old Daughter of Ruth

X Jane Boadley 18 years of Age – whom George Ewings bout of William Ewing ab^t 5 years ago G Ewing Dying, the Widdow married one Toppin of New Castle Last winter. who was Taking her home was followed by Braydin & Taken away from him by force

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Took out 3 Writs of Heabus Corpus against David Braydon for the Removal of Robert Boadly Ruth Boadly & Jane Boadly the Elder(. before Judge Atley) ~~to appears~~ in Philadelphia to appear on 7th Day the 14th of this month_____

Abraham Medcalf }

Jos. Harlan } ↑to be↓ Suppend as Evidences for

James Arbuckel } the Plantif

Letter

John Smith to John Poltney¹

¹ John Poultney, an ironmonger, lived on Fourth Street between Market and Chesnut Streets in Philadelphia in 1785. He was an active member of the Pennsylvania Abolition Society in 1787 and was one of the leaders that year of the petition campaign intended to end the state's involvement with the Atlantic slave trade. Francis White, *The Philadelphia Directory* (1785), 59.