

Resource Sheet # 6

LANCASTER COUNTY SS

An inquisition indented taken at Sadsbury Township in the County of Lancaster, the 11th day of September A.D. 1851 before me Joseph D. Pownall, Esq. for the County of Lancaster upon the view of the body of a man then and there lying dead supposed to be Edward Gorsuch of Baltimore County Maryland upon the affirmations of George Whitson, John Rowland, E. Osborne Dare, Hiram Kinnard, Samuel Miller, Lewis Cooper, George Firth, William Knott, John Hillis, William H. Millhouse, Joseph Richwine and Miller Knott, good and lawful men of the County aforesaid, who being duly affirmed and charge to enquire on the part of the commonwealth when, where and how the said deceased came to his death do say upon their affirmations that on the morning of the 11th inst. the neighborhood was thrown into an excitement by the above deceased and some five or six persons in company with him making an attack upon a family of colored persons living in said Township near the brick Mill about four o'clock in the morning, for the purpose of arresting some fugitive slaves, as they alleged many of the colored people of the neighborhood collected and there was considerable firing of guns and other firearms by both parties, upon the arrival of some of the neighbors at the place after the riot had subsided found the above deceased lying on his back or right side dead, upon a post mortem examination made by Drs. Patterson and Martin in our presents, we believe he came to his death by gun shot wounds that he received in the above mentioned riot caused by some person or persons to us unknown.

In witness whereof as well as the aforesaid Justice as the Jurors aforesaid have to this inquisition put there seals on the day and year and at the place first aforementioned.

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Transcription of the Inquisition on the death of Edward Gorsuch (1851)

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