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Bond of Guardianship of
William Conwell et al.

to

Alwana Dickens

Registered in Register Book for
the County of Oxford the 8th day of
March A. D. 1853. in folio 62

Know all men by these presents that we William Cornell
of the Township of Norwich in the County of Oxford Merchant, Asa
Burke of the said Township Farmer and Currier, and Jesse Cornell of the
said Township Yeoman
are held and firmly bound to Alvarus Dickens of the Township
of Norwich in the County of Oxford infant daughter of Slave Parents
in the State of North Carolina whose said Parents are deceased, in the
Sum of Eighteen hundred and sixty pounds of Lawful money of Canada
to be paid to the said Alvarus Dickens or his Certain Attorney Executors
Administrators or assigns for which Payment Well and truly to be
made we bind ourselves and each of us our and each of our heirs
Executors and Administrators and every of them jointly and
severally firmly by these presents. Sealed with our Seals
Dated this tenth day of March in the year of our Lord
one thousand eight hundred and fifty five

Whereas the above bounden William Cornell has this day been
appointed ~~to~~ the Guardian of the Person and Property of the
said Alvarus Dickens by William Supton Esquire
the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford and the
said William Cornell hath as he is required by Law to do
agreed to give security to the said Alvarus Dickens for the
due performance and discharge of his duties as such Guardian
Now the Condition of the above written Bond or obligation
is such that if the said William Cornell do and shall
faithfully perform the Trust imposed in him as such
Guardian and that the said William Cornell his
Executors or Administrators will when the said Alvarus
Dickens shall become of the full age of twenty one years or
whenever the said Guardianship shall be determined or
 sooner if thereto required by the Judge of the said Court render
to the said Alvarus Dickens or to his Executors or Administrators
a true and just account of all goods monies interest
and profits or property of the said Alvarus Dickens which
shall have come into the hands of the said William

Cornell and will thereupon without delay deliver and pay over to the said Alvarna (Dickens or to her Executors or Administrators the property or the sum or balance of money which may be in the hands of the said William Cornell belonging to the said Alvarna (Dickens deducting therefrom and retaining a reasonable sum for the expenses and charges of the said Alvarna (Dickens the above written bond or obligation to be null and void or else to be and remain in full force and effect

~~Witness this 6th day of March A.D. 1755~~

Signed sealed and delivered
in the presence of
W. Laperriere

Wm Cornell
Asa Dasher
Jesse Cornell

Province of Nova Scotia
County of Oxford
to wit

In the Superior Court of the County of Oxford

Sheweth me at the Town of Woodstock
in the County of Oxford this 6th day of March
A.D. 1755

Asa Dasher of the Town of Norwich in the County of Oxford Tinner and Currier and he maketh oath and saith that he is worth the sum of one thousand pounds over and above what will pay all his debts

Asa Dasher

W. Laperriere
Province of Nova Scotia
County of Oxford
to wit

Judge Superior Court County of Oxford

In the Superior Court of the County of Oxford

affirmed before me at Woodstock in the County
of Oxford this 6th day of March A.D. 1755

Jesse Cornell of the Town of Norwich in the County of Oxford Tinner
being one of the people called Quakers doth solemnly affirm that he is
worth the sum of one thousand pounds over and above what will pay all his
debts

Jesse Cornell

W. Laperriere
Judge Superior Court County of Oxford

Know all Men by these Presents, that
Alavana Cooper (formerly Alavana Dickins) of the
Township of South Norwich County of Oxford
and Province of Canada, having attained the
age of twenty one years, do hereby acknowledge
that on this day have had and received of and from
William Cornell my guardian duly appointed
in the surrogate Court of the County of Oxford
in the said Province on the eighth day of March in
the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred
and fifty five the Sum of five thousand five
hundred and fifty five \$5,500 dollars in full
satisfaction and payment of my share of the estate
both Real and personal of my late Master
of the State of North Carolina one of the United
States of America deceased.

And therefore I do by these presents release
acquit and forever discharge the said William
Cornell his heirs, executors, and administrators
of and from the said guardianship and of and
from the said legacy, or legacies, action or
actions, suits, debts, dues, sums of money,
claims and demands whatsoever, in law
or equity under or by virtue of the said
guardianship up to the date of these presents.

In Witness Whereof, I the said Alavana
Cooper have hereunto sett my hand and
affixed my seal this eight day of August
in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
hundred and fifty four.

Signed, Sealed and
delivered in presence

of
Melbourn Justice

Alavana Cooper

County of Oxford } I Melbourn Durfee of the
of St Wil } Village of Murrill in the
County of Oxford make oath
and saith that he was present and saw the
within certificate of discharge by way of Guardian
Ship duly executed by the then named Abner
Coker formerly Cuckens and that he is a subscribing
Witness to the same

Sworn before me at Murrill }
in the County of Oxford this } Melbourn Durfee
31st day of August 1864 }
A. A. (Signature)
A Commissioner in B. C. P.
in and for the County of Oxford

Filed 1st of Sept 1864
Clerk of the Court
New Britain
1864

Peace

For the
Guardianship
Abner Coker

Notice

Notice is hereby given that application will be made to the Judge of the Surrogate Court of the County of Essex after twenty days publication of this notice to appoint one or more Guardians or Guardians to take charge of the person and property of Havana Dickens of the Townships of Norwich in the County of Essex a female infant under the age of twenty one years.

Dated this 26th day of January 1855 (signed) William Coriell

Province of Canada
County of Oxford
10th

In the Surrogate Court the County of Oxford

Frederick John Laprotiere of Woodstock in the County of Oxford
Herrmann maketh oath and saith that a Notice of which the annexed
is a true copy was published in the Gazetteer Newspaper published in the
Town of Woodstock in the County of Oxford in the said Newspaper on the third
day of February last the twentieth day of February aforesaid and
the twenty fourth day of February aforesaid

Shewn before me at Woodstock in the County
of Oxford this Sixth day of March A.D. 1855

Fred. J. Laprotiere

W. Laprotiere

Judge Surrogate Court County of Oxford

Duplicate

Province of Canada

County of Oxford

to wit

In the Surrogate Court of the County of Oxford

Whereas Maryana Dickens formerly of the State of North Carolina one of the United States of America but now of the Township of Norwich in the County of Oxford in that part of the Province of Canada commonly called Upper Canada spinster, on or about under the age of sixteen years and having no father or mother living, hath by her petition borne bearing date the Sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five prayed me to appoint William Cornett of the Township of Norwich aforesaid her Guardian of her person and property Now know all Men by these presents that by virtue of the authority some given by an act of the Parliament of the late Province of Upper Canada passed in the Eighth year of the reign of King George the Fourth intituled "An act respecting the appointment of Guardians" and of all other powers vested in me for that purpose I do hereby appoint the said William Cornett to be the Guardian of the said Maryana Dickens and of her property during the minority of her the said Maryana Dickens to do execute and perform during her said minority all such acts matters and things whatsoever for her and in her behalf relating to the said property as a Guardian may or ought to do.

In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Court at Woodstock in the County of Oxford this Sixth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty five.

J. G. Prescott
Registrar

W. Laprotiere
Judge of the Surrogate Court
for the County of Oxford.

To William Saperstone Esquire Judge of the Surrogate
Court of the County of Caswell

The Petition of Alaricia Dickens of the Township
of Norwah in the County of Caswell against an infant
~~under~~ the age of twenty one years and upwards of fifteen

Humbly sheweth

That she was born in the State of North Carolina of
Slave parents who were never married, in the year of
our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty nine that
she always went by the name of Dickens the name of the
owner of her mother when your Petitioner was born that
her mother died in the year of our Lord one thousand
eight hundred and fifty at or near Greenwood Halifax
County North Carolina that her reputed father was sold
as a slave after her birth and she has not heard
anything of him for many years but has every reason
to believe that he has been dead some years as such was
stated to be the fact prior to her leaving the said State
and coming to Canada to reside that her master and
owner Benjamin Dickens was a slave holder in the
said State and by his will gave your Petitioner her
liberty and a sum of money now amounting to the
sum of nine hundred pounds or thereabouts that
the said Benjamin Dickens is dead that she has
no guardian to take care of her or her personal property
of which she has a small amount not exceeding thirty
pounds in the said County of Caswell and that the
whole of her property except the said sum of nine
hundred pounds which is in the said State of North
Carolina is within the County of Caswell your
Petitioner being desirous of having a guardian
appointed has caused due notice of her intention
to apply to your Honor for that purpose to be published
in the Gazette Newspaper published at Woodstock

in the County of Casford your Petitioner therefore humbly prays
your Honor will be pleased to grant appoint William Cornell
of the Township of Norwich Merchant such sumtime as your
Petitioner has every confidence in his uprightness and
integrity. And your Petitioner as in duty bound will
ever pray
her

Dated this 6th day of March 1855 Alavara X Dickens
Mark

Witness to the Mark of Alavara
Dickens the above Petition having
been first read over and explained to
her in my presence the Jurors of which
she appeared fully to understand

W. J. Laffranchi

On reading the foregoing Petition and having heard proof of the due
publication of the Notice of intended application to me what one or more
Guardian or Guardians appointed to take charge of the person and property of
Alavara Dickens I do order that William Congell of Norwich in the Township of
Norwich in the County of Casford be appointed Guardian of the person and property
of Alavara Dickens on his entering into a Bond himself in the sum of one
thousand eight hundred pounds and seal pounds and two shillings in the sum
of sum who shall be with the sum of £200 each. Dated this 6 day of March
1855

W. Laffranchi
Judge Surrogate Court
for the County of Casford