

On the sixteenth day of December A.D. 1844 Thomas  
McClain of the town & borough of Bedford, in the county  
of Bedford & State of Pennsylvania, - enters in the Office  
of the clerk of the peace in and for said county -  
Charlotte a female Negro child born the thirty first day  
of October A.D. 1844 in Bedford Township county aforesaid,  
daughter of Jane a female Negro woman, servant of the  
said Thomas - and which said female Negro child named  
Charlotte the said Thomas McClain holds and  
claims as his servant until she arrives to the age of twenty  
eight years. —

Also on the day above mentioned, the aforesaid Thomas  
McClain enters in the Office of the clerk of the  
peace in and for said county James a male Negro  
child born the twenty second day of November A.D. 1844  
in the town & borough of Bedford in the county of Bedford  
and State of Pennsylvania, son of Melia a female Negro  
Woman servant of the said Thomas - And which said male  
Negro child, <sup>named James</sup> the said Thomas McClain holds & claims as his  
servant until he arrives to the age of twenty eight years.

Bedford County J. Thomas McClain above named being  
duly sworn doth depose and say that the facts ~~stated~~  
in his entries above stated are true, to the best of his  
knowledge - Sworn and subscribed this 15<sup>th</sup> day of  
Dec. 1844

Before J. McClain C. J. S.

Thos. McClain