State of South Carolina
District of Charleston

Edward J. Lightner

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To the Honorable J. A. H. McCord, Auditor, Office of the Comptroller General, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina:

Claims of Samuel Kingman for Hannah, Clara, Lizzie, and Beauregard Smalls, the wife and children of Robert Smalls.

That on the Eleventh day of May 1862 he was in force in the City of Charleston, the wife of the following named Slaves:

Hannah, age 45 years

Clara, age 16 years

Lizzie, age 8 years

Robert, age 1 year

That the said Hannah was his wife and as a Moslem woman was his child, the said Clara, Lizzie, and Robert had not work or sleep in the year of building the Broad Street Bridge that the said Hannah was for the benefit of the town, Robert, age 1, Robert Smalls, who is present, was born in the family of the above named Hannah a, Robert Smalls, who is present, to whom he is descended from Eliza, the wife of the abovementioned man.
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The 11th of May 1862. That he the said Samuel Kingman was in the City of Columbia at the time and on his return to Charleston.

To prove the correctness of the above statement he forwarded that the abovementioned Hannah Smalls and children had lost and were not seen or heard of since.

To the best of his present belief.

I, the said notary, do certify that to my best knowledge the said Samuel Kingman died over one hundred years ago.

On this 24th day of April 1863.

Notary Public

[Signature]
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I, Edward J. Hughes, a Notary Public in the County of Charleston, do hereby certify that Mr. Harter Kingman, a Widow, late of Beaufort, South Carolina, before me and after being sworn made the following statement viz. That as the spouse of the deceased Hannah Small, the widow of Charles Small, she was the representative of the estate of the widow of Charles Small, she related to Hannah Small, the children Clara, Lizzie, and Robert Small. That she was the sister-in-law of Samuel Kingman, that Hannah Small had for her husband and children a Robert Small, that in the morning after the death of Hannah Small, she went to the room where she lived, and found that the children were not dressed, and that the widow and her children were dressed, and she had no one or news of them heard.

Hester Kingman
Mar. 24th, 1863

Peter Hughes, Notary Public.
Claims of Samuel Kingman for Hannah, Clara, Lizzie, and Beauregard Smalls, the wife and children of Robert Smalls, November 1862 and April 1863. Claims of Property Loss Due to The Enemy 1862-1865. S 126186. State Auditor, Office of the Comptroller General, South Carolina Department of Archives and History, Columbia, South Carolina.