

Important Trial.

The Circuit Court for this county was last week occupied with a case of considerable interest—the case of Amanda Jane, a white woman who has been held as a slave ever since her birth, some 26 years. We call her a white woman, for such the intelligent and high-minded jury in the case have made her, although, as far as we heard, her origin was directly and clearly traced to the loins of a negress, who was a slave. Yet Amanda's appearance, the color of her skin, her hair, her eyes, her nose, her whole physical exterior, would prove her to be what the jury have made her—a white woman. The testimony proving her to be of negro extraction was, as we have said, of the strongest and clearest kind, and yet the appearance of the woman seemed to contradict it all.—Amanda Jane has been held as a slave successively by Messrs. Michael Kiser, (whose negro slave, Sally, was proved to be her mother,) T. McGahy, and was held in bondage at the time of the trial, by Mr. A. E. Heneberger. She has degraded herself in her servitude, and has become the mother of two fine looking little illegitimate children, perfectly white, who were dandled in her arms during the course of the trial. A more mysterious case we have never heard tried; and it excited from its commencement to its close, the most intense interest.—Exceptions have been taken to the decision of the case, by the counsel for the defendants.—Counsel for plaintiff, Messrs. Joseph Samuels, John Letcher, Herring Christman, and J. C. C. Brettell; for the defendants, Col's. Kenney and Baldwin, A. C. Bryan, and David Fultz.—*Rockingham Register.*