Richard Watkins being of lawful age maketh Oath that he knew Leanor who belonged to his Grandmother Jones and after her decease belonged to his Father and died a slave in his service, that she was a dark brown complexion always claimed as a slave and never to the knowledge or belief of deponent ever claimed any title to her freedom, this deponents Father held one of her Children, John Watkins another, and Mrs Elizabeth Smith another, who all died slaves and never as the deponent believes claimed freedom, the Deponent has heard that Leanor formerly belonged to one Lockwood and that he has heard she came originally from beyond Sea, this deponent saith he never heard that Leanors Mother was ever in this Country, that he first knew her fifty years ago and upwards and thinks she was then 60 years of Age and very Grey headed this Deponent never heard of any other woman named Leanor that lived with Lockwood, Mrs Jones or his this deponents Father, he further saith that he has heard that Lenah was a spaniard but dont recollect to have heard from what Country the Ship came, in which she was brought to this Country, that he never heard that Lenah wore a Golden Cross at any time, Being asked if at the distribution of his Fathers Estate any of the representatives objected to take any of the descendants of Lenahs from an apprehension that they might one day or other get their freedom? Answers no; that they were fond of taking that family they being more trusty about their business, Sworn to in open Court 10th March 1790.

The Deposition of Richard Richardson of Lawful Age being one of the people called Quakers did solemnly declare and affirm that he knew a Woman named Leanor who lived with and was owned by Mrs Jones a Widow, this Affirmant thinks her name was Anne Jones, this Affirmant declares that he always understood and has heard that Leanor formerly belonged to one Lockwood, that he always understood and has heard his Father say she was imported from beyond sea in a Negro Ship and was sold as a slave and up to the time of her death the said Leanor was always held as a slave, this deponent says that he never heard of the said Womans claiming freedom that she was of a dark brown complection, and this deponent thinks greatly resembled in her complection and appearance a Slave held by his Father, that was said to have been brought from Madagasca, this deponent further saith, that his Grandfather owned three of Leanors Children who died in his service, and that they were held as slaves and never to his knowledge or belief any title to freedom this deponent knew two other of her Children one held by Nicholas Watkins, and the other by John Galloway and they did slaves and never as this deponent believes claimed to be free this deponent further says that near 40 years ago he has heard his Father say that a negro man one of Leanor Children held by Thomas Ratcliff applied to the County Court of this County for freedom, but that he could make nothing appear to shew he was entitled to it, and was ordered into his Masters service by the Court, and this deponent thinks his Father said he was whipped but is not certain this deponent say that at the time Leanor lived with Mrs Jones there was another Mulatto or Swarthy woman [illegible] family but was no relation to Leanor, Being asked if he [illegible] he never heard she had a Mother in this Country.

that he knew Lenah upwards of fifty years ago and she was then an elderly Woman when she lived with Mrs Jones, Affirmed to in open Court 10th March 1790.

Richard Richardson.

Rummer Jeans aged 72 years being sworn in this cause says he has seen the Petitioner and has understood that he is the son of Violet, that he did not know Lenah Boston he has often heard talk of Madam Jones's Old Lenah and never heard she or any of her family claimed their freedom until Captn Thomas Watkins was buried about ten years ago when Thomas Watkins and Samuel Watkins informed him that Daniel the property of the said Samuel claimed his freedom and asked the deponent if he knew anything about it, and he answered he did not and further saith not. Sworn to this 4th day of August 1790 in Open Court.

Mary Batson a Woman of Colour and born of a free woman whose Mother was a free White Woman aged between sixty and seventy years being first duly sworn to say the truth in this cause deposeth and saith, that she knows the Petitioner and has known him from a small Boy, that she knew Violet his Mother ever since the deponent was a small Girl, that she knew Old Lenah Boston many years before she died, and that she thinks she has been dead upwards of forty years, that this Deponent was born in Ann Arundel County not far from the neighbourhood of Lenah and her descendants and has always resided in Ann Arundel County, that Lenah was a bright Yellow Woman with long black hair which was straight, this deponent further saith that she has always understood that Lenah the Grand mother of the Petitioner was a spanish woman and often has heard her mother say that she was entitled to be free, this Deponent knew several Children of the said Lenah to wit, Daniel, Ned, Toney, Bacer, Simon, Nat, Bacon, Violet, Sarah, Maria, she further saith that the deponents Mother was born on the Eastern Shore as she has informed her, and that she was brought over when Young to Ann Arundel County and was brought up in the swamp that she brought up by old Robert Lockwood in the swamp and she has often heard her Mother say that she knew the Mother of Lenah and she was a spanish woman and that Lenah was very young when she came into this Country with her Mother, and she has often heard her Mother say that Lenahs Mother died at Robert Lockwoods in his life time and was buried there and that she used commonly to wear a Golden Cross round her neck and that it was buried with her, the Deponent being asked how old the deponents mother was when she was born, Saith she cannot tell but that her Mother had sixteen Children and the deponent was the Youngest but two, that she has frequently heard her Mother say that Lenahs Mother took care of her when she was Young this Deponent further saith that she has understood that Ned one of the Sons of Lenah many years ago attempted to get his freedom and that he was stopped at London Town when on his way to Annapolis and there whipt and prevented from going further, this Deponent saith that she has heard Ned say that he was whipped at London Town and his Indentures burnt and that he thought he was used very ill, and has understood that his Masters name was Thomas Ratcliffe and further she saith not, Being asked if Lenahs Children were born before she came to this Country? Says no they were all born in Maryland, This Deponent says she is now upwards of sixty years old and can remember Lenah ever since she was ten years old, Lenah has been dead? Says near forty years, Sworn before the Subscriber, this seventh day of August 1790.

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