The deposition of William Woodward Sen of Anne Arundel & County aged near 70 years deposeth and saith that he this & deponant was well acquainted with Mrs. Ruth Howard ever since his remembrance and her Family and that he never heard of Negro Betty being a free woman or any of Mrs. Howards negroes till after the death of Mrs. Ruth Howard which is now forty nine or fifty years this October past and then it was the & common report that Mrs. Ruth Howard had requested while on her death bed that Negro Betty should be a free woman. And some few years after was hired in my family to spin and I never understood by her or any other person that any of her Children were to be free. and this deponant knew free Mingo who hired himself about the neighbourhood and understood that he was a brother of said Betty by report.

Sworn before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County this 7th day of November 1786 to the best of his knowledge

Wm. Woodward.

The State of Maryland, to wit;

The deposition of Anthony Hill of Frederick County aged about 45 years being first legally sworn deposeth and saith that about 30 or 35 years ago he lived at a place & called Batcholers Race and there knew a black man named Arthur Savoy and a black woman named Sarah Savoy who lived there in a state of freedom and called themselves & Brother and Sister that some time afterwards he removed over the river Severn and there became acquainted with a black woman named Judah Savoy who said she was Sister to Arthur & Sarah Savoy above mentioned and that about 18 or 20 years ago, he this deponant removed to the river Patapsco in Anne Arundel County and was there acquainted with a black woman called and known by the name of Betty Savoy who also said she was a Sister to the aforesaid Arthur, Sarah and Judah Savoy and this deponant further says that he does not know of any other circumstance relative to the above family or any & thing else that could tend to through further light on the & subject under consideration and further he saith not, Taken subscribed and sworn to, before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Frederick County.

Wm. Beall. Anthony his mark Hill

Negro Nanny vs Ormand Hammond. | Petn for freedom.

The deposition of Thomas Frances Linthicum aged seventy two years or thereabouts being first duly sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith, That in the year seventeen hundred and forty this deponant happened at the house of Richard Williams who lived in Anne Arundel County near the river Patuxent about two miles above queen Ann, and two negroes came in and asked the said Richard Williams leave to grind some Corn at his hand mill, and to give them leave; that after they went out of the house, this deponant asked the said Richard Williams to whom those negroes belonged, and he replyed that they were free, that their names were Arthur and Judah Savoy who lived on his land as tenants and that they had lived on it some years before; and the said Richard Williams added that there were three others of them who were all free Mingo, Sarah and Betty; after they had ground their corn and returned to the house Richard Williams asked Arthur where his Sister Betty was and Arthur answered that she still lived with one of the Hammonds. That this deponant about two or three years afterwards saw a woman at Arthur Savoy's, when he was yet a tenant to Richard Williams whom Arthur called Sister Betty, but whether she was mother of Nanny the petitioner or not, this deponant knows not

Sworn before Allen Quynn 30th October 1787.

Negro Nanny vs Ormand Hammond | Petition for freedom in the General Court of the Western Shore. John Porter of Anne & Arundel County aged about seventy two years being sworn on the Holy Evangely of Almighty God, deposeth and saith that he knew Negro Betty the mother of the Petitioner very well and that she lived with Mrs. Ruth Howard of the head of Severn as a Slave, as this deponant understood, and after Mrs. Howards death, the said Betty was free as this deponant believes, but how she became free he knows not, and he further saith that he never knew any of the Brothers or Sisters of the said Betty

John Porter

Taken before the Subscriber one of the Justices of Anne Arundel County this 30th day of October 1787.

Allen Quynn