This Deponent knew a White Woman of the name of Isabell in Mr. Thomas Stone's Family who had several Mulatto Children by one of Mr. Stone's Negroes Men that served until they were thirty one years of Age. That she has been dead near fifty years and was then between 30 and forty years of Age. This Dept further says that one of the Children of the above said Isabell was called Charles Ray (brother of Sarah Ray) and another called Bridget Ray who served the above said term of 31 years and have since been free.

Taken in presence of us. Henry Barnes

G Duvall for Pltf
Philip B Key for Deft

Charles Ray a Mulatto Man aged between sixty and seventy years, deposeth and saith that he was born in the Family of Thomas Stone of Charles County of a White Woman named Isabel, and this Deponent lived in and served the Stone Family until he was of the Age of thirty one at which time he was set free that his Mother was convicted for having this Deponent as a Bastard. That this Deponent knew Betty Mingo who was swopped to Mr. Wharton of St. Mary's County and she used to come sometimes to see her old Mistress (Catharine Stone) and to see her Children of whom Peg was said to be one. This Deponent saith that he never heard any white persons say nor ever heard Betty Mingo say that she was entitled to be free and had a right to Freedom, but she has heard Peg say so and has heard the Negroes talk so. That he has heard that Betty Mingo was House keeper to Mr. Stone in his first Wife's time, and when he married again, his second Wife and Betty could not agree, and for that reason he parted with her to Mr. Wharton, That David Stone was a kind good Master and Mrs. Catharine Stone a very good Woman, that Peg was a high spirited impudent talking Woman, but a very good Servant. Sworn to this 23d ddy of March 1793.

Taken in presence of us. Before Henry Barnes.

G Duvall Atty for Pltf
Philip B Key for Defdt
Charles County Sct

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile — Petition for Freedom in the General Court. Interrogatories proposed by the Petitioner to Leonard Boarman

1st In. Do you know the parties the Petitioner and the Defendant in this Cause and how long have you known them?

Answer. I know the parties in this cause and have known the petitioner ever since he was a Child and the Defendant for forty years.

2nd In. Do you know and have you heard and from whom, that the Petitioner is descended from a free person and from what (Tracy) person? Was her name Elizabeth Thomas or what other name had she?

Answer. I have heard that the petitioner is descended from a white Woman and this I heard from Mrs. Elizabeth Pile deceased, but never heard that her name was Elizabeth Thomas or any other name.

3d In. Do you know Judy the Mother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?

Answer. I know Judy the Mother of the petitioner at present in the posepsion of the Defendant and have known her since she was a Child.

4th In. Do you know Sophia the Grandmother of the petitioner at present in the posepsion of the Defendant Henry Pile and how long have you known her?

Answer. I know Sophia the Grandmother of the petitioner at present in the possession of the Defendant Henry Pile and have known her for fifty years.

5th In. Did you know Elizabeth the great Grandmother of the petitioner who died in the posepsion of Mrs. Elizabeth Pile the Defendants Mother, and when did you first know her, was she descended from a free Woman that you know or have heard, and from whom did you hear that she was descended from a free Woman?

Answer. I knew Elizabeth the great Grandmother of the petitioner who died in the posepsion of Mrs. Elizabeth Pile the Defendants mother and I knew her first about forty years ago. I have heard Mrs. Elizabeth Pile deceased say that Elizabeth the great Grand Mother of the Petitioner was descended from a white Woman but that she became a Slave by marrying a Negro Slave.

* 6th In. Did you know Elizabeth Thomas the Mother of the aforesaid Elizabeth, was she a free Woman and a white Woman, with whom did she live at the time of her death?

Answer. I did not know Elizabeth Thomas the Mother of the aforesaid Elizabeth, neither do I know that she was a free or white Woman or with whom she lived.

Charles County Sct. May 22nd 1792. I hereby certify that the foregoing Interrogatories and Answers thereto given on Oath has been attentively considered by the Deponent and he declares the said