descended from a free person.
3d. Did you know Elisabeth Thomas Great great Grand Mother to the petitioner.
Answer. He did not know her.
4th. Did you know Elisabeth Eden late of St Mary's County deceased, if so, can you recollect ever to have heard her speak of the petitioner, or any and which of the family of which he is one, relate any Conversation you may have had or heard from her on the subject fully and freely.
Answer. He knew Elisabeth Eden, but never had any Conversation with her on that subject.
5th. Has the petitioner been held in Slavery & reputed a Slave, were his Ancestors reputed to be slaves, and held as such. and for what length of time past.
Answer. Ever since he knew them which is about sixty years
6th Did you know Mary Curtice & of what Country was she and what was her General Character.
Answer. He knew Mary Curtice and that he only knew she was a Foreigner as to her Country, and her Character was that of a bold impudent Woman.
7th Did you know that Mary Curtice had a Mulatto Child and who was the reputed Father. *
* Answer. Yes he knew Mary Curtice had a Mulatto Bastard Child and that she was sold by St Mary's County Court to a Mr Swann for bringing it, and that Charles Menge was the reputed father a Slave to Thomas Jamison of Charles County.

Cornelius Barber (Seal)

St Mary's County sct October the 5th 1793.

I hereby certifie that the aforegoing Deposition was this day taken before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid in the presence of the petitioner Robert Thomas.

John Cartwright.

Robert Thomas vs. Henry Pile

Petition for Freedom in the General Court
Petitioners Interrogatories to Elizabeth Berry (on Oath) aged about sixty seven years viz.t.

1st Do you know the parties in this Suit, and how long have you known them?
Answer. I know them and have known them for these eight or ten years past.
2d Do you know Judah the Mother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?
Answer. I know Judah the Mother of the petitioner and have

have known her for between twenty & thirty years
3d Do you know Sophia the Grandmother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?
Answer. I know Sophia the Grandmother of the petitioner and have known her between thirty & forty years.
4th Did you know Elizabeth commonly called Betty Mingo the Great Grandmother of the petitioner, and when: and do you know that the said Betty was the daughter of a white Woman?
Answer. I knew Betty Mingo Great Grandmother of the petitioner about forty years ago: but I do not know whether she was daughter of a white Woman of my own knowledge.
5th Do you know or have you been informed, and by whom, that the petitioner or any of his Ancestors are descended from a white Woman?
Answer. I have been informed by the petitioners Ancestors that his Great Grandmother Betty Mingo was the Daughter of a white woman.
6th Have you any further knowledge of the Subject?
Answer. I have no further knowledge of the matter only from common hearsay.

Charles County sct October 5th 1794 Then appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for said County and made Oath on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God that the Answers annexed to these several Interrogatories are just and true to the best of her knowledge.

Walter Dyson.

Robert Thomas vs. Henry Pile

Petition for Freedom in the General Court
Cornelius Barber, aged seventy nine years being duly sworn, made the several Answers annexed to the following Interrogatories. —

1st Do you know the petitioner in this Suit and how long, and did you know his Ancestors and how long & have they & each of them always been held & reputed as Slaves?
Answer. I know the petitioner in this Suit & have known him ever since he was a Child. I have also known his Ancestors for a number of years & they & each of them have always been held & reputed as Slaves.
2nd Did you know or have you generally understood that Mary Curtis had a Mulatto Bastard and who was the reputed Father?
Answer. I have generally understood that Mary Curtis had a Mulatto Bastard & that a Negro man commonly called Charles