Charles belonging to a certain Thomas Jameson of Charles County was the reputed Father.

3d. Was Charles Mingo the reputed Father of said Bastard a Slave to whom & was he the Son of a Woman called Betty Mingo, or generally so reputed to be? or was he reputed to be of the same Family with the petitioner?

Answer. Negro Charles, the reputed Father of said Bastard was a Slave to a certain Thomas Jameson of Charles County. I do not know, neither did I ever understand he was the Son or reputed to be the Son of a Woman called Betty Mingo or that he was of the same family of the petitioner.

4th Was Mary Curtis sold as a Servant & to whom for being the Mother of a Bastard Child, was the said Mary Curtis a Woman of good or bad general Character & reputation?

Answer. Mary Curtis was sold as a Servant by St Mary's County Court to a certain James Swann of St Mary's County for bringing a Mulatto Bastard Child & her general Character & reputation was bad.

5th Was Mary Curtis a Woman of General good or bad Moral Character, Conduct in life, veracity & Integrity, or was she a lewd woman who connected herself with Negroes or Slaves

Answer. Mary Curtis was a Woman of general bad Moral Conduct in Life, she was a lewd Woman who connected herself with Negroes & Slaves.

6. where Was Mrs Pile the Mother of the Defendant born, where did she live at what time did she die, what was her Age?

Answer. Mrs Pile the Mother of the Defendant was born in St Mary's County, she lived there until she married Mr Pile and died about twelve or fifteen years ago, she was between sixty & seventy years of age

7th Where did Mary Curtis reside, did she ever reside in Durham parish in Charles County, or was she acquainted with the Stone Family of Durham parish, or their Neighbours

Answer. Mary Curtis resided with a certain James Swann of St Mary's County when I first knew her. I never heard or understood that she lived in Durham Parish, or that she was acquainted with the Stone family of that Parish or their Neighbours.

8th Did Mrs Pile ever live in or was she acquainted with the people of Durham Parish in Charles County, Did she know David Stone, or his Father Thomas Stone or their Neighbours.

Answer. Mrs Pile did not that I ever knew or heard of live in Durham Parish in Charles County, neither did I ever

ever know or hear that she was acquainted with David Stone or his Father Thomas Stone, or their Neighbours.

Cornelius Barber.

Saint Mary's County sct. May 10th 1794. Personally appeared before me the Subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid, Cornelius Barber, who upon Oath gave the several Answers contained in the within Deposition to the Interrogatories thereto annexed.

Wm Thomas Junr.

Robert Thomas vs Henry Pile

Petition for Freedom in the General Court.

Petitioner's Interrogatories.

1. Do you know the parties in this Suit and how long have you known them?

2. Do you know the Mother of the petitioner and how long have you known her?

3 Do you know the Grandmother of the Petitioner and how long did you know her.

4. Did you know Betty Mingo a Mulatto Woman who lived with Mrs Pile Mother of the Defendant, if yea, when and how long did you know her and did you know or have you heard and from whom and when that Betty Mingo was descended from a white Woman or a free woman, relate your knowledge fully and freely.

G Duvall for Compt.

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Defendants Interrogatories

1. Where have you lived and how far from Pointon Manor and how long at the place where you now are?

2d. Did you know Thomas Stone Father of David Stone and Catherine Stone Widow of Thomas Stone and David Stone or either of them and how long did you know them.

3 Was Betty Mingo and her Descendants held and reputed Slaves and how long have you known her or them thus held

4. Did you ever know or did you ever hear that Thomas Stone or David Stone held any persons in Slavery who had a right to Freedom.

5. Did you ever know or hear of a Mary Curtis who was formerly a Servant to Swan of St Mary's County.

6 Do you know of an Exchange which took place between old Mr. Wharton and Thomas Stone of Negroe Women, Relate all you know upon that Subject.

7. How long ago has it been since you first heard that the Mingoes had taken the name of Thomas?