8. Do you know or have you heard why the Negroes who have petitioned, took the Name of Thomas, or why they were called Mingoes?

P. B Key for Defd.

Henry Pile as Pet | Petition for Freedom by the Complainant in the General Court.
Robert Thomas | Charles County to wit. 12th September 1794.

Margaret Reeder being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God, deposeth and saith. That she thinks she is now about ninety nine years of Age the 16th day of March last. And being interrogatered upon the Enterrogorritorys of the Petitioner, She answered as follows. To the first.

1. Knows nothing of either.
2. She does not know nor has she heard any thing of the Mother of the Petitioner.
3. She does not know Robert Thomas nor from whom he came.
4. Has heard of Betty Mingo, but never saw her, she has heard that Thomas Stone whom she knew very well swopt Betty Mingo with Mr Wharton for a Negro Woman and Slave called Cate, She never knew or heard that Betty Mingo was descended from a free Woman or white Woman. Being Interrogated on the the Interrogatories of the Defendant she deposeth and saith. To the 1st
She lived within four miles of Pointon from her Infancy till she was married, after she was married to this Time she lived within half a mile of Pointon Manor.
2. She was not acquainted with Thomas above five years before he died. She knew Catherine Stone very well and helpt to put her in her Coffin & if there was a good Woman in the place she believes she was one or ever born She knew David Stone from being a boy.
3. She never knew Betty Mingo nor her Descendants except Robin Mingo, who belonged to David Stone but does not who was his Mother.
4. She has never heard any such thing, She has heard of several, as Ray, Bridget and Sarah Bowen whose mother was a white Woman and who were discharged when their times were out. To wit the Men to 31 years.
5. Never knew or heard of Mary Curtis.
6. Answered in the 4th Question by the petitioner.
7. Never heard of it till tother day when her Son Richard mentioned the taking this Deposition to her. She never

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heard any thing of Negroes belonging to the Stones calling themselves Thomas's.
8. She does not know.

Margaret her ✗ mark Reeder

I Richard Barnes one of the Justices of Charles County do certify that I on the day and year first mentioned did put the aforegoing Interrogatories to Margaret Reeder on Oath and received the Answers to each separately as they are set down as Witness my Hand this 12. day of September 1794.

Rich.d Barnes.

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Petitioners 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 & how long did you know her.
4. Did you know Betty Mingoe a mulatto Woman who formerly lived with Mrs Pile, mother of the Defendant, if yea, when and how long did you know her, and do you know or have you heard, and from whom, and when that Betty Mingoe was descended from a white Woman or a free Woman, Relate your knowledge fully and freely.

G Duvall for pet.

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Defendants Interrogatories

1. Have you been acquainted with Thomas Stone Father of David Stone, David Stone and Catherine Stone, Wife and Relict of Thomas Stone and how long, and how far have you lived from Pointon Manor.
2. Did David Stone marry your Sister and how long ago and were you and he acquainted before that marriage took place.
3. Did Samuel Stone Son of David Stone marry your daughter.
4. Have you been well acquainted with the Stone Family and their Neighbours and how long.
5. Do you know that David Stone gave to his Son Samuel upon his Marriage any Negroes other than those who now set up a Claim to Freedom, or have you generally understood that the whole of them now claim Title to Freedom.
6. Did you know Betty Mingo or any of Descendants, and were they held as Slaves and by whom and how long.
7. Do you know or have you heard and when and from whom why the Negroes in question went by the name of Mingo and

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