of sixty years who being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God before the Subscriber one of the justices of the peace for Charles County deposeth and saith That she has heard talk of Ary, who was held as a slave by James Smallwood attending Court in Charles County with John Wynn to try for her Freedom That the said John Wynn and James Smallwood were her uncles and she heard there was a difference between them about the time of his trying to get Ary free. That she heard it was occasioned by some dealings between them and did not hear that it was on account of his trying to get Ary free. And that she never heard John Wynn or James Smallwood mention her being entitled to her freedom but did hear that John Wynn tried to get her free. That she does not remember much about her colour but believes it was yellow That she was always held as a slave and considered so as far as she knows and that she heard nothing of her being named Humphries or of the name before this Summer.

Elizabeth her mark Berry

August 21st 1792. Sworn before Henry H. Chapman.

John Action of Charles County of the Age of 52 being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he knew Ary in possession of James Smallwood as his slave ever since he was a Boy, that she had a Negro as a husband by whom she had several children she was a yellow complectioned Wench, does not particularly recollect her hair has heard some people say a scattering opinion, that she was an Indian, but did not think so himself. Has heard that Mr. John Wynn had it in hand to get her free, but understood he could find no proof of it Always heard and understood that she was a slave and does not remember to have heard any reports in her Life time of her being entitled to freedom, and never heard of the name of Humphries until this suit. has seen many Indians when a Boy.

John Action

21st August 1792. Sworn before Wm. H. McPherson.

The deposition of William Clements of Charles County aged about seventy five years, who being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God before the subscriber one of the Justices of the peace for Charles County Deposeth and saith. That he heard James Smallwood say, that when he brought a

a Negroe man named Joe he was not willing to come without a woman named Ary. That he knew Ary, who he thinks was either a bright Mulatto or an Indian woman that she had very long black hair That he bought Ary of Ledstone Smallwood, father of the present Ledstone Smallwood as he was told by James Smallwood. That he knew of Arys being in possession of James Smallwood a number of years, and of her having a number of children while she was with Mr. James Smallwood which children were always deemed as slaves and that he never heard otherways. Does not know that Ary was a Slave, but always heard she went for one, that he heard James Smallwood say that Joe was. That two of Arys children were put under him to work and went as slaves when he was overseer for Thomas Smallwood That he does not know and did not hear of Arys having any children with her at the time James Smallwood purchased her.

William his mark Clements

Augt. 23d 1792. Sworn before Wm. H. McPherson.

Charles County ss. Septr. 15. 1792. Came John Robey of Richard aged Sixty Eight years or thereabouts before me one of the Justices of the peace for the County aforesaid and being sworn on the holy evangels of Almighty God, saith that between forty and fifty years ago he this Deponent often saw a white woman in Port Tobacco by the name of Esther Barrick, Alias Barrott, who he supposed to be an Irish Woman.

John Roby

Sworn before Wm. H. McPherson

I certify that the above Deposition was taken in presence of Sarah and George Humphreys, two of the person interested. Given under my hand this 15th Septr. 1792. Wm. H. McPherson.

Charles County ss. At the request of a Negro man who calls himself Jack Humphreys, and by consent in writing of John Robinson his master, the following Deposition was taken at the house of Jane McClarin in Portobacco, on the fourteenth day of July 1792.

Jane McClarin aged about ninety three being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and says that about fifty years ago, she knew a negro girl by the name of Ary, who then lived with a certain John Hopson in Portobacco that from her long hair she supposed her to be an Indian that she never heard or knew that the said girl was called Ary Humphreys that she was informed that Mrs. Hopkins, mother to John Hopkins brought the