grow out of knowledge and no one will know they had free parents. The deponent being asked if he knows Eleanor Barnes sworn in this cause, answers he does. Being asked her general character, answers he does not know much about her, but beleives she keeps low company; and says he has seen Negroes at her house and laughing and talking with her and he has seen them setting on her bed. And he further says that as he was comming from Mill about a month ago he stopped at Eleanor Barnes's house and she asked the deponent if Hannah had come home, he answered no, and asked her if she had been to Court and was sworn, she answered yes; he then asked her what she had sworn and she replied that she had sworn that Mrs Disney had told her that she would have set her negroes free long ago had it not been for her Children he then went on and when he got home he related to Mrs Disney what had passed, and she said she did not say so, and if Eleanor Barnes had sworn that, she swore false. Being asked if he knew what negroes he had seen at Eleanor Barnes's, answers they were the forge negroes and on Sundays he had seen strainge Negroes but did not know to whom they belonged. Being asked if Eleanor Barnes lives on Land which belongs to the Mesrs. Snowden's answers she does This deponent says that he did not understand from Mrs Disney that she was present or not when the conversation passed between her Husband and Howard above related, and that Mrs Disney was in a great passion at the time she mentioned this Conversation. That Mrs Disney is a Queer old woman she will say one thing to day, and if affronted another tomorrow.

Sworn to before me this 21st Octr 1793. James Machubin.

Hannah Hawkins and others
against
Sarah Disney

Enoion Williams of Anne Arundel County aged thirty eight years being one of the people called Quakers and being called on to declare his knowledge of this dispute did solemnly declare and affirm that some time in last month he in conversation with the defendant Sarah Disney heard her say that the mother of the Petitioner Hannah Hawkins was a free person and died as such; and that when they were brought from New England into the neighbourhood for sale, Daniel Brooches one of the Neighbours said he would not buy

buy them for they were free; and she said that she the said Sarah Disney had never denied them their freedom; and mentioned at the same time that she had understood that Joshua Barry a young man had testified to the contrary, and further he saith not.

Affirmed before me this 22 October 1794. Allen Quynn.

Hannah Hawkins
and her Children
against
Sarah Disney

The Deposition of Stephen Nicholson aged thirty six years being sworn on the holy Evangelys of Almighty God in this cause, saith that he has heard that old Daniel Brooches who lived near south river Church in Anne Arundel County many years ago, and before William Disney the late husband of the defendant bought Hannah the petitioner went to Hannahs mother Quash Hawkins to buy Hannah and Sharper he brother, and Brooks asked Quash the mother if she would sell her two Children for life, and she answered no, she would not, the said Brooches returned and would not buy them and went to the house of William Disney aforesaid and told Disney of the circumstances and that he would not buy them as they were not to serve for life; and were to be free at twenty one years of age; that the said William Disney went down and bought them both, and when he bought them home his brother asked him his reason for buying the Children as they were to serve no longer than until they were twenty one years of age; he replied he did not care as he gave but a trifle for them. Being asked of whom he heard such conversation, answers he does not remember, but that he has frequently heard the same over and over again from white people; and he has heard Sarah Disney the defendant say she wished they could be free, and when it come to the point she would put in a good word for them; and he further saith that he has heard in the neighbourhood that Sarah Disney the defendant has said that Hannah was free, but that she could not set her free, for if she did the Children would fall upon her for the Estate that had been wasted, but he cannot recollect the persons of whom he had this information; and he also says that he has always understood that the said Negroes were bought and sold at the inspecting house Point on South river and that they were bought there by water This Deponant doth not know that Quash Hawkins was the mother of Hannah and Sharper, but hath heard so and he believes the said Quash Hawkins to have been a negro woman and