was a boy and appeared to be about six or seven years old, that the deponents mother Nelly was then sick at Mr. Smiths and died of that Illness; that this deponent had never seen the said Tom but once before that, she then seemed to be about two years old; that her said Sister Betty was then big with her next child and Tom always past for Bettys child and she never heard it contradicted or questioned. That Elem Shorter who petitioned against Raphael Neale is about three years older than Tom and she has known Elem ever since she knew Tom having first seen them at the same time she knew Tom having first seen them at the same time, and Elem always past as the son of the deponents Sister Betty aforesaid and she never heard it contradicted, and he was owned by Betty as her child. That Ignatius Shorter who petitioned against Henry Howell is brother of this deponent and son of her mother Nelly and the deponent has known him ever since he was a child. That Gerrard Shorter who petitioned against Mary Boarman is son of this deponents Sister Jenny who petitioned against Mrs. Bradford. That Patty Shorter who has petitioned against Thomas Stone this deponent has known ever since she was a child, she is daughter of Betty, who was aunt of this deponent and sister of this deponents Mother Nelly, and was always reputed as such and she never heard it contradicted the said Betty was daughter of Patty who belonged to old John Lancaster as the deponent always understood and never heard it contradicted.

Sworn this 17th day of October 1795. before Jn. Randall.
Taken before John T. Mason and Gabriel Duvall.

Priscilla Shorter against John Smith

Sarah Butler of Anne Arundel county aged fifty three years and upwards being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she knows Priscilla Shorter now present and has known her ever since she was born; that they were both born in the family of Henry Neale deceased who was son of Roswell Neale; the said Priscilla Shorter is daughter of Appy Shorter now deceased; the deponent knew Appy well, she belonged to the said Henry Neale; that Appy has been dead about nineteen years; that she had Eleven Children to wit, Henry, Joshua, Anthony, Jenny, Shadrach, Nelly, Peter, Pipy

Prissy and Lucy and Gerrard; that Henry Joshua, Jenny, Shadrach, George, Nelly, and Gerrard are dead; that Lucy belongs to Henry Neale of St. Marys county son of Henry Neale deceased beforementioned, and has petitioned against him. That the deponent knew Jenny Shorter very well and Appy was always reputed the daughter of Jenny Shorter, and they always claimed one another as mother and daughter, and she never heard it contradicted. Sworn 27 Oct. 1795 before J. Bullen.

Leonard Shorter against Richard Edelen

Priscilla Shorter aged between forty and fifty years being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that the petitioner Leonard Shorter now present is the son of the deponent and her master John Smith sold him to Philip Ford four or five years ago, and Philip Ford gave him to the defendant who married his daughter. That Baptist Shorter who petitioned against John Smith is also son of this deponent and is older than Leonard and is now about twenty four years of age.
Sworn to this 30th day of October 1795, before J. Bullen.

Teresa Shorter against Joseph Boarman

Jenny Shorter aged sixty two years and upwards being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and saith that she knows Terry Shorter who petitioned against Joseph Boarman; she was daughter as the deponent always understood of Lucy Shorter who belonged to William Neale near port Tobacco, and afterwards to the widow of said Neale, which Lucy was sister of Henry who petitioned against Henry Barnes, and of Basil who petitioned against Charles Carroll; that she knows Robert Shorter commonly called Bob Rufeter who was always reputed to be the brother of the said Lucy, Henry and Basil. The deponent also saith that Anne Shorter who petitioned against Raphael Boarman is daughter of this deponent and was sold and sent to the Havanna as she has been informed, that the said Anne was sent away by Raphael Boarman sometime after she had petitioned; being asked if Raphael Boarman knew that she had petitioned, answers she thinks he did, he was in the house when the deponent heard Benjamin Wakefield read the order of court about her petitioning, that she was to be used well and the like, and she was sent away, some months afterwards; that it was at the house of the within of Raphael Boarman when the deponent heard the order of court read, and from said house she was sent. That Nell Shorter who petitioned against William Chandlee Brent is daughter