held in consequence of her intermarriage with a negro; if yes with whom negro did she intermarry and what was his name.

7th Do you know any thing by hearsay or otherwise of the right of the family of the shaters or shaters to freedom by reason of their descent from a white woman if yes relate it fully and fairly.

G Duvall for Pet.

James Neale of Charles County aged sixty one years being sworn on the 17th may 1793. on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God on the foregoing interrogatories to the first answers that he knew Mary Neale Daughter of Raphael Neale which Mary is now the wife of Robert Sims, but does not know that the knows the petitioner. To the 2d he answers and saith that he has heard but does not know of whom that the family claimed their freedom from a white woman at the time they petitioned at Port Tobacco; he remembers there was a talk of their claiming it at port Tobacco but it was thrown out of court and he does not know how they claimed it. To the 3d he answers that he knew Bennett Neale (Priest) son of Anthony Neale and he thinks he has seen Roswell Neale, Anthony's son, but is not certain; and he thinks Bennett Neale died at Mr Sligh's where Edmond Plowden now lives, the other he did not know. To the 4th he answers he did not know Mary nor did he ever hear she was descended from a white woman. To the 5th he answers that he has not heard that there was such a woman in the family of Anthony Neale; he has heard but he does not know from whom that Bennett Neale before mentioned had said that there was a mulatto woman in the family of his Brother Edward of the name of Jenny. To the 6th he answers that he has not heard so but from the petitioner. To the 7th he answers he knows nothing of their right to freedom but has heard from them only of their right and further saith not.

James Neale

Sworn before S Ballen.

Basil Shorter against Henry Roger } The Deposition of Thomas Webster of Charles County a free mulatto aged seventy year and upwards being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth & saith that he was born free of a white woman whose name was Lydia Webster that he was born as he has been told in Calvert County but was brought up in Charles County ever since he could remember any thing; that he knew Mulatto Moll who belonged to Edward Neale son of Anthony Neale ever since he was about thirteen or fourteen years old; and that he knew her untill the time of her death in the family of Henry Roger which he thinks happened thirty years ago or more; that the said Mulatto Moll

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was called Moll short by the whites and blacks of the family of the said Edward Neale that this deponent when he was a lad used to go to church at the house of the said Edward Neale to be catechized and the said Moll used to give him victuals; that she did this frequently and often when he was there; and he was well acquainted in the family of the said Edward Neale, being raised in the neighbourhood where he served his time with Edward Clements untill he was twenty six years of age; he further saith that he knew Patty and Jenny two of the sisters of the aforesaid Moll but he barely knew them having not seen them often: he remembers he has seen them in company with the aforesaid Mulatto Moll at William Neales near Port Tobacco and they called her sister and were called sisters by the said Moll; that the said Patty and Jenny were Mulattos; that he saw Mulatto Moll twice at the House of the said Henry Roger after she belonged to him; and he understood that he got her by his marriage with one of the Daughters of the said Edward Neale, whose name he thinks was miss Nelly Neale he further saith that the said Mulatto Moll claimed her freedom as being the Daughter of a white woman, but this Deponent never heard that she was the Daughter of a white woman from any person but herself nor does he remember even to have heard any person except herself talk of her claiming her freedom.

Sworn this 25 March 1793. before Henry Barnes

Taken in the presence of G Duvall Atty for Pet.
Philip Key. for Deft

Basil Shorter } Petition for freedom in the General Court.
vs
Charles Carroll }

Wilfred Neale of St Marys County aged fifty two years being sworn in this cause on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith that he does not know the petitioner; he has been informed there was a boy in the family of his uncle William Neale named Basil that he does not know that that Boy is the present petitioner; That his uncle William Neale has been dead upwards of twenty years; that he knew Jenny the mother of Lucy who belonged to his said uncle, that Jenny belonged to his grand father Roswell Neale, and after his decease to his son Raphael Neale to whom she belonged when the Deponent knew her; that Jenny was a yellow woman and used to be called Jenny short, that he has heard his father say that was all. that his uncle William Neale got of his mothers Estate and that his Fathers mothers maiden name was Chandler. Being asked if he has heard how or from whom his Grandfather Roswell Neale got the aforesaid Jenny. answers he has not. Being asked if he ever understood that there was a white woman who lived in the family of his Great Grand father:

(Answers)