3. He has seen a Woman called Jenny Short who belonged to Roswell Neale. she was of a yellow complexion with curly Hair. thinks she has been upwards of thirty years.
4. He does not know how Roswell Neale came by the possession of said woman called Jane Short.
5. He does not know how many Brothers Roswell Neale has he knew Bennett Neale who he has understood was a Brother to Roswell.
6. He did not know, nor has he been informed who was the Father of Roswell Neale.
7. He does not know, nor has he understood, that Jane Short descended from a free or White Woman.
8. He does not know or remember any thing about them.
9. He same answer as the foregoing.
10 Answer He did not know such a woman.
11 Answer. He did not know him nor the woman he married.
12. Answer. He did not know such a Woman Molly Short or Shorter.
13. Answer. He never knew the petitioner or has heard that he or any of his family descended from a free White woman.
14. Answer He never knew such a Woman as Eliz. Short or Shorter in any way.
15. Answer He has no knowledge of any such marriage.
16 Answer. He can give no information about them.

The above answers was taken on Oath before me the day and year above mentioned.

R Plowden.

Montgomery County S. The Deposition of Mary Wirsett of montgomery County Maryland, who being first duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith that she knows Notley young Esq. of Prince George County & his fellow by the name of Charles for about thirteen years past. That she also knew Caty said to be Charles mother a slave of said Youngs for about forty years past. But not by the name of Shorter or Shorts that she also knew he mother of Caty by the name of Molly when she lived with Edward Neale in charles County & ~~came~~ was said to be his property that she knew a fellow in Saint Marys County by the name of Ned Shorts about thirty years ago that his mothers name was Jane Shorts & that she was a free woman as she understood; that she heard Ruth Green a free Mulatto woman say that she had a child by the above named Caty, Brother by the name of John. said Ruth lived with John Parnham of Charles County; that she swore the child to a free man in Charles County meaning said John Brother of Caty; that she

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did not swear to a lie; tho John was then in Slavery. but if he had his right he would be free. further this Deponent saith not.

Mary her + mark Wirsett.

Sworn before. Dan'l Reintzell. Nov. 26 1792.

Henry Shorter
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Henry Barnes

The Deposition of William Hill aged about fifty eight years being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth & saith that he knows Henry the petitioner now present & she is the Daughter of Lucy Short who belonged to the Estate of William Neale deceased. The Deponent has known Lucy ever since he could ride a Horse and she belonged to William Neale when he first knew her; The Deponent further saith that he always understood that the said Lucy was Daughter of a sister of Old Molly Short who lived with and belonged to Henry Rozer & which Molly was the mother of Linda who belonged to the said Henry Rozer, which Linda was mother of Basil who petitioned in Prince Georges County against Henry Rozer; and he has heard the said Lucy commonly call the said Old Molly Short Aunt Molly Short and he has understood that the ~~said~~ Father of William Neale lived in St Marys County, but does not recollect to have heard his christian name; and he further saith that he has often heard John Parnham of Charles County now deceased when the Deponent was a Boy & waited on him, say that the aforesaid Mary had as much right to her freedom as the mother of the Deponent had; that the Deponents mother was the Daughter of a White woman; and this deponent heard the said John Parnham say so to his wife several times; that at the times aforesaid he called the said Mary Old Molly Short; and that the said John Parnham was son of John Parnham & uncle to Doctor John Parnham now living in Charles County; and he thinks has been dead upwards of forty years and he further saith that the mother of the Deponent served her time with the said John Parnham who made the Declarations aforesaid. and he further saith that his grand mother who was a White woman & a Scotch woman served her time which was four years to Old Mr Henry Wharton, whose Daughter the aforesaid John Parnham married & was living with the said Henry Wharton when the said Declaration was made & afterwards lived with the said John Parnham some months.

Sworn to this 23d day of October 1796 before J Waller.

Basil Shorter
by
Henry Rozer

The Deposition of William Hill a free person of Color, born free aged Sixty Seven years

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