her she knew nothg. of her freedom, if she was entd. to it, it was wht. she did not know.

Qr. What length of time do you immagine yr. mother lived with you & did she continue to live with you untill her death

Ans. abt. sixteen or seventeen years & she lived with me until her death

Qr. Did yr. mother Rc. Ratlif wash for herself to the time of her death.

Ans. My mother never washed for herself for fifteen or sixteen years before her death, I did her washing & every thing else for her.

Qr. Why did you wash for yr. Mother such a considerble. length of time,

Ans. Because she was not able to wash or do any kind of Work whatever unless it was a little knotty but she never washd. as above.

Qr. Then yr. mother Rachael Ratlif had no connexion with Eben Paramore nor was she in the least acquainted with him.

Ans. My mother was not in the least to my knowledge acquainted with Eben Paramore nor had she any connexion with him any respect.

Qr. Do you recollect whether the sd. Eben Paramore ever went. or was he ever on any occasion at yr. House with whom yr. mother lived to the time of her Death.

Ans. Eben Paramore was never at my House nor did I ever see him but once as he passd. the main road & was then told by some one wh. it was the sd. Eben Paramore.

Qr. Did yr. mother Rachel Ratlif ever live near the Wood yard in Prince Georges County as sperted in the Depos. of the sd. Eben Paramore.

Ans. My Mother never did live near the Wood to my knowledge

A.A. County. June 10th 1796. Sarah Ratlif aged abt. Forty years or thereabout came before me the Subscriber and made oath that the answers she has made to the diffr. Interrogatories are to the best of her knowledge just and true

Thos. Tongue.

Qr. Did yr. mother Rc. Ratlif the person alluded to in the Deposn. of Eben Paramore respecting the Freedm. of some Negs. belongg. to the Revd. Jno. Ashton & others, ever wash the Linen or do any kind of Work for the said Paramore.

Ans. My mother never did wash or do any kind of Work for Eben Paramore.

Qr. Were yr. mother Rach. Ratlif acquainted or did she ever see the sd. Eben Paramore

Ans. Eben Paramore never was at my Sister Sarah Ratlifs with whom my mother lived th. I know of, I lived within two or three hundred yards of my said Sister & must have knew if the sd. Paramore was ever there.

Qr. What length of time do you immagine yr. mother Rc. Ratlif lived in Blue Stone Neck

Ans. My mother Rachael Ratlif lived in Blue Stone Neck abt. Forty years.

Qr. How long a time do you apprehend yr. mother was too infirm & incapable of washing or doing any Laborious work before her death.

Ans. My mother was too infirm & incapable to do any thing of laborious work for fifteen or sixteen years I apprehd. before she dd.

Qr. Do you know as you lived within two or three hundred yards

of your mother to the time of her death whether the said Eben Paramore ever visited or frequented the house of yr. Sister Sarah Ratlif with whom yr. mother lived.

Ans. The sd. Eben Paramore never was at my sister Sarah Ratlifs with whom my mother lived to my knowledge & I am convinced he never was at my sd. Sisters.

Quest. Pray wht. character does the sd. Eben Paramore bear.

Ans. I believe a bad one

Qr. Why do you think he bears a bad character,

Ans. Because he once stole Shott from the Store of Jno. Mauceney & was detected by Boyce bare Store keeper to the said Jno. Mauceney who threatened the said Eben Paramore to have him whipd, I was presnt. at the time the Theft was commitd. & see the sd. Paramore picking up the Shott he had stolen a part of which dropd. on the Floor as he attempted to conceal it in his Pocket.

A.A. County June 10th 1796. John Lambath aged abt. Fifty five years came before me the Subscriber & made Oath that the answers he has made to the diffr. Interrogs. are to the best of his knowledge in every respect just and true,

Thos. Tongue.

Montgomery. Cty. Jr. May 24th 1792 Eleanor Carroll aged about 16 being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels, that she would truly answer to the annexed interrogatories deposed in the manner following.

1st. Has known John Ashton for about twenty years.

2d. Remembers there was a Joyce in the family of the Wood yard then Mr. Henry Darnalls, does not know where she died & understood that she was a Slave.

3d. Does not remember that she ever heard that she was entitled to Freedom

4th. Never heard that Joyce came from England; never heard that she lived in England at all.

5th. Never heard that she was adjudged by Prince Georges County Court to serve for a term of years.

6th. She does not know the number of her children; but knows that a woman of the name of Joyce had some children, the names of some of them were David, Frank & Tom, that she thinks that Frank died in the possession of her Father Mr. Henry Darnall & Tom in the possession of Capt. Williams or Mr. Gordon or Mr. Stephen Mace, that she does not remember that she knows any of the Grand children.

7th. She does not remember to have heard any conversation respecting the right of Charles Mahoney to freedom or of any of his ancestors

8. She does not know John Hickman, or anything concerning him

10. She never heard that Ann Joyce boy was bound by Prince Georges County Court to John Chapman

11. She has no knowledge concerning the right of the Solitoner or any of his ancestors to freedom

George French

The Deposition of Michael Lowe of Prince Georges County being fifty seven years of age and being first duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith, That he this deponent is well acquainted with John Wheat Senior of Prince