and when 4 Do you know any of the grand children of Joice if yea with whom do they live that you know or have heard and from which of Joices children are they descended that you know or have heard 5th Do you know any of the great grand children of Joice and how are they descended from her relate your knowledge and if from hearsay from whom you heard it 6 if you have any further knowledge relate it fully and freely.

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Petition for freedom in the General Court

The deposition of Mary Crawford aged eighty seven years or thereabouts being first sworn in the above suit on the Holy Evangels of almighty God answered the several Questions as follows to Wit 1st Question Do you know the parties in the above suit answer she does not. 2. Question did you know a woman by the name of Ann Joice who formerly belonged to Henry Darnall and who is said to have died at the wood yard answer she does not 3 Question do you know or have you heard that Francis Hall of Prince Georges County deceased or his father Benjamin Hall in his life time at any time and when did say that Joyce before mentioned was free or entitled to be free and for what reason relate any conversation that you may have heard from them or either of them or any other person on the subject answer that she has never heard Benjamin Hall or Francis Hall say any thing on the subject but that she has heard her mother say there was a woman by the name of Joice came in with Lord Baltimore and that she her mother dare say the said Ann Joyce or any of her

children would be free if they made any stir to obtain their freedom that the said Joyce always lived in the family with Mr. Darnall as she was informed and that Frank a carpenter was free to the said Joice and servant to Mr. Darnall that this Deponants husband had hired the said Frank and two others of Mr. Darnall to build him a dwelling house 4th Question do you know or have you heard and from whom that Joice or Ann Joyce the woman alluded to in the second Question came from England and when and whether she ever resided in England and how long and do you recollect ever to have heard who were Passengers with the said Joyce at the time she came from England answers she knows nothing more than she has declared in her answer to the third Question 5th Question do you know or have you heard and from whom that the Before mentioned Joyce was ever adjudged in Prince Georges County Court to serve for a Term of years for having bastard children answers she does not know 6 Question Do you know or have you heard and from whom how many children the said Joyce had what were their names and in whose possession did they respectively die and when and did you or do you know any of the grand children of said Joice and to whom did they or do they belong respectively answers she did not nor does not know. 7 Question do you know or have you heard of any conversation which has at any time passed respecting Charles right or the right of his mother Grand mother or Great Grand mother or any of his ancestors to freedom when