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John Ashton

Howard Duvall of P. G. County aged fifty seven years and upwards being sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and faith that he knows Charles the petitioner and has known him ever since he was a child and he has known the defendant ever since he lived at the White marsh the Deponant being a near neighbour and living within a mile of said Ashton that Charles is the son of Eleanor a mullato woman who is now free and lives as he has understood near the head of severn river as a servant to Col. Rezin Hammond that he has known Eleanor Mahoney about fifty years and ever since she was a girl and he knew Sue the mother of Eleanor ever since he knew any body. and she lived at Enfield Place when the deponant first knew her and she then belonged to Charles Carroll Esquire now deceased that Eleanor Mahoney was purchased by Robert Mahoney her husband. who set her free that the deponant never heard who was the aforesaid Sues mother nor does he know any thing about Charles's right to freedom that Patrick also is son of Eleanor aforesaid Robert Thomas James Bernard Daniel and Joseph are also sons of said Eleanor sworn to in open Court. the 23rd may 1796.

John Gwinn Clk.

Anne Arundel County October 12th 1792. came Richard Darnall before me the subscriber and made oath on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God that he does not know any of the negroes belonging to John Ashton or any other of the parties except two negro men by the name of Sam and James belonging

to Francis Worthy the said deponant further saith that he never knew nor heard of such a woman as Ann Joyce until the parties sued for their freedom nor did this deponant know the father of Francis Hall but was acquainted with the said Francis Hall but never heard him nor any other person mention the said Ann Joice until the parties sued for their freedom the said deponant further saith that he never heard that the said Ann Joyce was compelled to serve for a term of years for having bastard children nor did he ever hear how many children the said Ann Joyce had nor does he know any of the children or ever heard of any such people until the parties sued for their freedom as above mentioned the said deponant further says that he knows of no conversation relative to Charles in any respect whatever the said deponant further declares that he does not know nor ever heard of Ann Joice Cross the daughter of Ann Joice aforesaid nor of her being bound to John Chapman nor any thing else relative to the said Ann Joyce Cross. neither to her being bound out by Prince Georges County Court. nor any one thing relative to her or to her mother Ann Joyce

sworn to before

Saml. Harrison.

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Petition for freedom in the General Court

Peter Knight of Prince Georges County aged about 37 years being duly sworn on the holy Evangely of Almighty God deposeth and faith that he does not know either the petitioner or Mr. Ashton that he does not know any thing of his right to freedom more than what he heard from Edward Blagett now deceased that about Eleven or twelve years ago the deponant being at Edward Blagetts house the said Blagett was telling the deponant that Jack.