before her death and the said Paramore was never at the deponants house to her knowledge or belief being asked if her mother ever lived near the Woodyard in Prince Georges County answers that her mother never did live near the woodyard to the knowledge information or belief of her the said deponant being asked if any person and whom ever applied to her mother to enquire of her knowledge respecting the freedom of any and what negroes answers that Thomas Tillard and Richard Richardson did once apply to her mother but she told them she knew nothing of the freedom of any negroes whatever or of any that were entitled to their freedom that Mrs Andersons negro woman Maria did also apply to her mother the said Rachel Ratcliff to enquire about her title to freedom but her mother told Maria she knew nothing about it and if she was Entitled to freedom it was what she did not know

Sworn before Thos Tongue July 21st 1797.

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John Johnson for Petitioners
John T. Mason for Defendts

Charles Mahoney agt John Ashton.

Petition for freedom in the General Court

The deposition of John Lambeth aged about fifty five years being first duly sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that he the deponant is the son of Rachel Ratcliff deceased that he the deponent knows Eben Paramore being asked if his mother ever washed or did any other kind of work for the said Paramore answers he is quite certain she never did and that she never saw the said Paramore or had any acquaintance with him This deponent further saith that

his mother lived with his sister Sarah Ratcliff for many years before his said mothers death and that for fifteen or sixteen years before she died she was incapable of washing or doing her own work which was done by the deponents sister Sarah Ratcliff the deponent further saith that he has never heard of the said Paramore being at the house of the said Sarah and is sure he never was there as the deponent lives within two or three hundred yards of his sisters house and should probably have heard of it if the fact had been so. the deponent further saith his mother lived in blue shirt neck near Pigg point about fifty years being asked what was the general character of the said Eben Paramore in the neighbourhood where the deponent lives answers that it is a very bad one sworn before Thos Tongue July 21st 1797.

This deposition if the deponent is unable to attend Court is admitted to be read in Evidence in the petitions for freedom depending in the General Court where the petitioners claim their freedom as being descended from Ann Joice

John Johnson for Pettrs
John T. Mason for Deftts

Charles Mahoney against John Ashton.

The deposition of James Mullikin of Prince Georges County aged about fifty five years who being sworn deposeth and saith that he is acquainted with John Wheat a Witness whose deposition this deponent hath been informed hath been taken in the above cause that his acquaintance with Wheat is of near thirty years standing he having married this deponants sister that so far as his knowledge and belief extends he is of opinion that the said Wheat is entitled to credit and that he never heard any thing to the prejudice of his character as a man of veracity till since he hath been summoned as a Witness in this cause and he hath lately been informed that his the said Wheats character