Answer. My Mother Rachel Ratlief never did Wash for the s^d. Paramore nor did she ever do any kind of Work to my certain knowledge for the s^d. Eben Paramore,

Question, Were y^r. Mother R^a. Ratlief acquainted or did she ever see the s^d. Eben Paramore,

Answer, Eben Paramore never see my Mother R^a. Ratlief who lived with me all my life time after my being a Woman grown,

Ques^n. Did any Person ever apply to y^r. Mother to Enquire whether she knew any thing respect^g the Freed^m. of some Neg^s.

Answer, Yes Th^s. Tillard & R^d. Richardson did once apply to my Mother, but she told them th^t. she knew noth^g of the Freedom of any Negroes whatever or any th^t. was entit^d. to their Freedom, Mr^s. Andersons Negro Woman Maria, did also apply to my mother Rachel Ratlief to enquire ab^t. her Freedom, but my Mother told her she knew noth^g of her freedom, if she was ent^d. to it, it was wh^t. she did not know.

Q^t. What length of time do you immagine y^r. Mother lived with you & did she continue to live with you untill her Death,

Ans^r. Ab^t. Sixteen or Seventeen Years & she lived with me until her Death,

Q^t. Did y^r. Mother R^a. Ratlief Wash for herself to the time of her Death,

Ans^r. My Mother never washed for herself for fifteen or sixteen Years before her death I did her Washing & every thing else for her.

Q^t. Why did you Wash for y^r. Mother such a Consider^a. length of time,

Ans^r. Because she was not able to Wash or do any kind of Work whatever unless it was a little knott^g but she never wash^d. as above.

Ques^n. Then y^r. Mother Rachel Ratlief had no connexion with Eben Paramore nor was she in the least acquainted with him,

Ans^r. My Mother was not in the least to my knowledge acquainted with Eben Paramore nor had she any connexion with him any Respect,

Q^t. Do you Recollect whether the s^d. Eben Paramore ever Visit^d, or was he ever on any occasion at y^r. House with whom y^r. Mother lived to the time of her Death,

Ans^r. Eben Paramore was never at my House nor did I ever see him but once as he passed the Main Road & was then told by some one th^t. it was the s^d. Eben Paramore

Q^t. Did y^r. Mother Rachel Ratlief ever live near the Wood Yard in Prince Georges County as asserted in the Depos^n. of the s^d. Eben Paramore,

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

A. A County, June 10th. 1796. Sarah Ratlief aged ab^t. Forty Years or thereabout came before me the Subscriber & made Oath th^t. the Answers she has made to the diff^t. Interoga. are to the best of her knowledge Just & True.

Thos. Tongue.

Q^t. Did y^r. Mother R^a. Ratlief the person alluded to in the Depos^n. of Eben Paramore respect^g the Freed^m. of some Neg^s. belong^g to the Rev^d. Mr^. In^o. Ashton & others, ever Wash the Linen or do any kind of Work for the s^d. Paramore,

Ans^r. My Mother never did Wash or do any kind of Work for Eben Paramore,

Q^t. Were y^r. Mother Rach^l. Ratlief acquainted or did she ever see the s^d. Eben Paramore,

Ans^r. Eben Paramore never was at my Sister's Sarah Ratlief's with whom my Mother lived th^t. I know of, I lived within two or three hundred Yards of my said Sister & must have knew if the s^d. Paramore was ever there,

Q^t. What length of time do you immagine y^r. Mother R^a. Ratlief lived in Blue shirt Neck.

An^t. My Mother Rachel Ratlief lived in Blue Shirt Neck ab^t. Forty Years.

Q^t. How long a time do you apprehend y^r. Mother was too Infirm & incapable of washing or doing any Laborious Work before her Death,

Ans^r. My Mother was too Infirm & incapable to do any kind of laborious work for fifteen or sixteen Years I apprehend^d. before she died,

Q^t. Do you know as you lived within two or three hundred Yards of your Mother to the time of her Death whether the s^d. Eben Paramore ever visit^d. or frequent^d. the House of y^r. Sister Sarah Ratlief with whom y^r. Mother lived,

An^t. The s^d. Eben Paramore never was at my Sister Sarah Ratlief's with whom my Mother lived to my knowledge & I am convinc^d. he never was at my s^d. Sisters,

Quest^n. Pray wh^t. character does the s^d. Eben Paramore bear,

An^t. I believe a Bad one,

Q^t. Why do you think he bears a bad character,

An^t. Because he once stole Shott from the Store of Jo^s. Macceney & was detected by Benj^a. Carr Store keeper to the said Jo^s. Macceney who threatened the said Eben Paramore to have him whipped, I was pres^t. at the time this Theeft was commit^d. & see the s^d. Paramore picking up the Shott he had stolen a part of which drop^d. on the Floor as he attempted to conceal it in his Packett.

A. A. County June 10: 1796. John Lambath aged ab^t. Fifty five Years came before me the Subscriber & made Oath that the Answers he has made to the diff^t. Interog^s. are to the best of his knowledge in every respect Just & True.

Thos. Tongue.

Montgomery C^ty. Ss. May 24th. 1792. Eleanor Carroll, aged about 86, 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,

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

3^d. – 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,

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

6. – 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 Davey, 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 West; that she does not remember that she knows any of the Grand Children,

7. – She does not remember to have heard any conversation respecting the right of Charles