This Deponent being duly sworn deposeth as follows, that he knew a Negro Woman called Kate about fifty years ago, that she the said Kate told him that she was left free by her Master Rd. Harrison, that her late Mrs. Wife to said Rd. Harrison on her death bed had requested her Master to set her free, that he the said Richard Harrison told his Wife he could not do it at that time, but that he would have ~~her~~ the aforesaid Kate free at his Death; and this Deponant further says that he knew three Children the aforesaid Kate had before the death of her aforesaid Master Rd. Harrison, and that they were called Jaffey, Jeffery and Judi, that these three were kept as Slaves and that he never heard they ever claimed their freedom; he this Deponent also says that he knew Will Boothe Son to the aforesaid Kate, and that the said Kate told him this deponent that the aforesaid Will Boothe was left free by her Master Richard Harrison at the Age of thirty one: and this Deponent further says that he knows of no Children the aforesaid Kate had after she was free but George and Ned Brown —

John his ✠ mark Batson —

And the aforesaid David Weems by Gabriel Duvall his Attorney aforesaid as before defends the Complaint aforesaid when and where the said Court &c. But because the Court here are not yet advised to give their Judgment of and upon the Premises day therefore is further given to the parties aforesaid until the second Tuesday of May next to hear their Judgment of and upon the Premises, because the Court here thereof are not yet &c.

At which said second Tuesday of May being the tenth day of the same Month Anno Dominie seventeen hundred and ninety one comes again here into our General Court as well the aforesaid Richard Booth by Richard Spragg Junior and Samuel Chase his Attornies as the aforesaid David Weems by Gabriel Duvall his Attorney aforesaid: Whereupon it is agreed upon by and between the Parties aforesaid with the Consent of their said Attornies that the Deposition of Eleanor King be taken in this Cause before any Magistrate of Calvert County on three days Notice being given of the taking thereof to the adverse party taking the same

same, and that the Deposition so taken be read in Evidence on the hearing of the Petition aforesaid: And afterwards to wit in this same Term that is to say the third day of June in the year last aforesaid, as well the aforesaid Richard Booth by his Attorneys aforesaid as the aforesaid David Weems by his Attorney aforesaid file in Court here the following Depositions to wit —

The Deposition of Eleanor King of Calvert County aged about sixty two years, this Deponent being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God saith, that Catharine Booth who the Petitioner says was his great Grand Mother lived with her Father Henry Murray in Ann Arundel County many years; And that the said Catherine was then a free Woman, she had no Children born while she lived with this Deponents Father but says they were all born before; This Deponent also was acquainted with William Booth the Eldest Child of Catharine Booth and he was a free Man. That Catharine Booth was a Mulatto Woman and had long black straight Hair. That she this Deponent heard her Father Henry Murray frequently mention that the Mother of Catharine Booth was an English Woman. and Particularly once when the said Catharine Booth being in Liquor cursed this Deponents Father and said she did not value him for that she was as white as he and her Mother was a Gentlewoman and this Deponents Father made answer that he knew she was a white Woman but did not know if she was a Gentlewoman or not. That this Deponent knew a Daughter of Cath. Booth called Judah who was an Infant when Cath Booth came to live with this Deponents Father and that Cath Booth said she gave Judith to Mrs. Lawrence to bring up as she Cath Booth was a Midwife employed very generally in the Neighbourhood and could not conveniently keep Judah. That she this Deponent was not acquainted with and did not know Jaffy the Eldest Daughter of Cath Booth. The Deponent being asked whether she or Judah before mentioned was eldest; says that she the Deponent was older than Judah; and that Judah was very young

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