in Court here the following Depositions, Will, Inventory, and Certificate to wit: —

The Deposition of John Wood of Ann Arundel County aged about 62 Years, being sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God he saith that he never heard until lately that Cath Booth was born free or that her Mother was a free Woman, but a certain Harrison Lane told him about 38 Years ago that Cath Booth was set free by her Master Richard Harrisons (commonly called King Harrison) Will: being asked if he knew Geoffry the Son of Kate B: Answers he did know him and he lived with Harrison Lane when he this Deponent died about 38 Years ago; and believes he was then about 40 Years old from his looks; being asked if said Geoffry ever claimed his Freedom? Answers Harrison Lane told this Deponent Geoffry would sometimes talk of it when in Liquor and say he ought to be free as well as his Brother William: Being asked what coloured hair Kate Booth had? Answers when he knew her, her Head was Grey and her hair short and Curly like a Negroes; Being asked the Colour of her Skin? Answers she appeared like a dark Mulatto certainly; being asked if he ever heard any Conversation about the Mother of Kate B: answers he never did hear any; being asked if he knew Jaffy? answers he did not, nor did he know Judd: Being asked if he ever heard Kate Booth say how she became free? Answers he did not at any time hear her mention the subject; Being asked if Harrison Lane was a Grandson of Richard or King Harrison? answers he was and this Deponent understood he claimed Geoffry under his Grand fathers Will: being asked where Kate lived when he knew her? Answers near fishing Creek: Being asked if he is any way interested in the Event of this Petition by holding relations to the Petitioners or otherwise? answers he is not. Being asked if he ever knew Kate in Servitude? Answers he never did —

John his ✠ mark Wood —

Sworn before the subscriber one of the Justices of Ann Arundel County this third day of May 1792 —

Saml. Harrison



The Deposition of Mary McHinsey of Anne Arundel County, aged about fifty five years — being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that she is no ways interested in the Event of this Petition either by holding any of the Relations of the Petitioner or otherwise or by being related to the defendant: being asked if she ever knew of any application on the part of any of the Descendants of Kate Booth for freedom or any Measure taken to prevent such application? answered, she never did, and that she never heard of their having any Claim to freedom till since this Petition: being asked if there ever was any Conversation concerning Kate or her Children being free when she was Present? answered in the Negative: being asked if she ever heard any Conversation respecting the Mother of Kate and between whom and what it was? answered in the Negative; being asked how old Mr Harrison commonly called King Harrison was when he died? answered she doth not: And further saith not —

Mary her ✠ mark McHinsey —

Taken this 20th day of May 1792.

Before Richd Harwood Junior —

The Deposition, Elizabeth Gardner aged about Eighty seven who being first sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God saith, that she knew old Kate Booth after she was free, and that she had two Children after she was free the one called Ned and the other called George, that the said Cate Booth had four Children before she got free, and that she has heard this generally in the Neighbourhood, but that she did not know all the Children of Kate, nor did she know Jaffey: Kate was a big short strong Woman and was a pretty bright Mulatto and pretty long hair and she used to wear it tyed on the top of her head and fillet it up like other Women; she further saith that she has heard old Kate say that her Master old Richard Harrison told her before his Death, that if she (Kate) would serve his

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