family seven years after his Death that he would put her on the Records and that they should not make her serve any longer, and that this was the general talk of the Neighbourhood; and she has also heard old Kate say that Richard Harrison also told her that he would also put her son on the Records, and it was the General talk of the Neighbourhood. The Deponent further saith that she has heard her Father John Wells who has been dead a long time, many times and often tell Kate Booth what a fool she was for suffering herself to be got with Child in such a manner and making herself a slave for it, that she might have been free long ago if it had not been for that, to which Cate Booth answered yes, but she could not help it. She further saith that she has heard the Neighbours and people about say that Esther was entitled to freedom; And she further saith that her Father John Wells always lived in the Neighbourhood where Mr. Harrison commonly called King Harrison lived. Being asked if she ever heard who Kates Mother was? answers she never did.

Sworn to this Ninth day of May 1792

Allen Duyson

The Deposition of Mary McKinsey of Anne Arundel County aged about fifty five Years being duly sworn on the Holy Evangels of Almighty God Deposeth and saith. That she knows the Defendant. that she lived within two or three Miles of him almost all her life time, and that she has seen the Plaintiff; being asked if she knew Esther the Mother of the Petitioner? answered in the Negative; being asked if she knew Jaffy the Mother of Esther? answered she had seen her: being asked if she knew Kate Booth the Mother of Jaffy? answered she did, that she was of a very Dark Complexion and had Wooly hair which never grew very long, that when she this Deponent was a Girl had often looked her head; and believes she has been dead about thirty years being asked if Kate Booth was a Slave or free Born? answered she was free at the time she knew her, but never understood she was born free, nor ever heard her say she was, but that she was not free by her Master as she has always understood by the Neighbours

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and from her, herself who has often informed this Deponent, that her Master set her free from her being a Good servant; and says she knew several of her Children viz. William Booth, Jeffery, Ned and George that Ned and George were born after she was free; that William Booth was set free with her; and that Jeffery lived and died a Slave. that she doth not know their Ages; being asked how long Jaffy and Suda two of the Children of Kate Booth has been Dead? Answered she doth not remember; being asked if she knew whether Jaffy and Suda were born before the Death of Mr. Harrison commonly called King Harrison? answered she always understood they were; and by Kate the Mother of the said Jaffy and Suda: this Deponent further saith that she has often asked the said Kate how some of her Children became free and others Slaves, she informed this Deponent, that some of her Children were born while she was a Slave to her Master King Harrison: and further saith not.

Taken this 20th day of May 1792 Mary her W mark McKinsey

Before Richard Harwood Junior

What I know of the family of the Boothes who have brought Actions for their freedoms to wit, I knew Kate the Mother of Judeth and I knew Judeth who lived with George Lawrence, and I believe she was a bought two years elder than I, which was the Mother of Tom his Brethren and Sisters and she was a Person looked on to have a law free Right to freedom and I have heard Cate exclaime greatly against Lawrence for Incouraging her Daughter Judeths keeping Company with his Negro Man named Venture she said it was to make a keep her a Servant: Cate was free when I knew her and she had two Sons George and Ned, George about my Age and they were free from their Childhood, as for Jaffey and her offspring I knew nothing of her lately.

Given under my hand this 27th D. of 5th 1790.

Henry Wilson

Anne Arundel County fc On the 27th day of May 1790 came Henry Wilson of Baltimore County before the Subscriber one of the Justices of the County aforesaid and being one of the People

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