

any Personal Acquaintance with them

To the second Interrogatorie this Deponent saith that he knew John Gibb the Respondents Testator four or five years before his Death and that he believes the said John Gibb died in the year 1747.

To the third and fourth Interrogatories this Deponent saith he knows nothing of them

To the fifth Interrogatorie this Deponent saith Holt Came to this Deponent in the Month of May or June preceding the Death of the said John Gibb (to the best of this Deponents Remembrance) with directions to Draw the said John Gibbs Will upon which this Deponent went to the house of the said John Gibb and having Conversation with him the said John Gibb about the disposition of his Estate the said John Gibb Informed this Deponent that he apprehended that he the said John Gibb could not live long and that he was determined to set his Negroes free and divide his Lands amongst them Whereupon the said John Gibb gave this Deponent an Account of the Number and Names of his Negroes and desired him this Deponent to draw his Will in such a manner as to set his Negroes free and secure his Lands to them (the Number of the said Negroes being nineteen) that this Deponent reasoned with the said John Gibb and endeavoured to persuade him from setting so great a Number of Negroes free telling him that he thought he might make the said Negroes useful to some of his friends or Relations and set them free at the age of Twenty one twenty five or thirty years upon which the said John Gibb desired this Deponent to desist from saying any thing more to him about it for that his Determinate Resolution was to set the said Negroes free that the said Negroes were bred and born in his house and behaved well and as he had no Children they were equal with Children to him.