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William Paca being sworn on the Holy Evangelists  
of Almighty God deposes and faith that he  
married in Mr. Oulany's family in the year fourteen  
hundred and fifty three and that he was intimately  
acquainted with Mr. Oulany and all her children  
that he was well acquainted with the principal  
characters in the neighbourhood of Wye Island  
particularly with old Mr. Blake and her son  
John Blake and her daughter Mrs. Widenstrant  
also with Edward Tighman, Hunsley, Robert  
Lloyd, William Tighman and old Cook Lloyd  
Mr. Brown and old Adam Gray of Grace  
and also with the Chees on Herring bay: he  
further saith that as admr. with the will  
executor of Mrs. Oulany and as Exr. of P.  
Lloyd Chee he had possession of all the papers  
and documents that related to old Phil. Lloyd's  
Estate. And the said William Paca deposes  
and faith that he never heard from any person  
whatever till lately of an Indian girl being brought  
up on Wye Island or that there ever were on  
the said Island any negroes descendants of an  
Indian woman; nor did he ever observe in any  
of the papers or documents aforesaid the least  
intimation of it. and he further deposes and faith  
that the first intimation he ever had of such  
Indian woman or descendants was after the  
petition for freedom was filed and that intimation was  
given him in Annapolis by some person who had heard  
of the petition. sworn to the 30<sup>th</sup> May 1794 -  
Before J. D. Chate

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Queries by William Paca to Mr. John Thomas

Did you ever hear from Mr. Thomas, your mother, or any of your Ancestors  
that Margaret the mother of the negroe who has petitioned for his freedom  
belonging to Mr. Chew, was a descendant from an Indian woman? Did  
you ever hear of an Indian girl being brought up in Phil. Lloyd's family  
or Wye Island, or that there were any descendants on that island of  
Indian woman? Was not Mr. Thomas intimate at the late Mrs. S.  
Chees, and often visited there?

When did Mr. Thomas die, of what age was she?

Whether she or Mr. Hepburn was the eldest sister?

I never did hear from my mother, or any of my Ancestors that Margaret  
was a descendant of an Indian woman; and I never did hear any thing  
of an Indian girl being brought up in P. Lloyd's family. My mother  
the late Anne Thomas was intimately acquainted with the late Samuel  
Chee of Herring bay, and has visited him there. He frequently visited  
her at West river. Anne Thomas died in May 1773 aged seventy.  
She was elder than her sister the late Mary Hepburn.

Given under my hands this 16<sup>th</sup> Septem<sup>r</sup> 1794 -

Tom Carver

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Samuel Lloyd Chew

Petition for freedom in the General Court

Elizabeth Chew the widow of Samuel Chew

late of Queen Anns County and State of Maryland aged sixty years  
being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, deposes and saith  
that having heard Margaret the mother of Tom the petitioner when displeas'd  
with some one of the family, say that she the said Margaret would  
not be parted upon by no body, for that she the said Margaret was a free  
woman, free as any body, if she had her rights, this deponent was  
induced by the above circumstance upwards, of twenty years ago  
to make inquiry of Mrs. Mary Hepburne of Upper Marlborough  
in Prince Georges County and State of Maryland, which Mary  
Hepburn was the sister of Samuel Chew of Herring bay in Anne  
Arundel County and then province of Maryland which  
Samuel Chew intermarried with Henrietta Maria Lloyd, the only  
child of Philemon Lloyd of Queen Anns County and province aforesaid