The Joice & Mahoney Families

The Joice and Mahoney families from Prince George’s County, Maryland, and Washington, DC, sued for their freedom between 1791-1808, claiming they were descended from a free woman named Ann Joice. These cases and the families who brought them were important in American history.

- Charles Mahoney v. John Ashton (Prince George’s County, MD, 1791)
- Patrick Mahoney v. John Ashton (Prince George’s County, MD, 1791)
- Daniel Mahoney v. John Ashton (Prince George’s County, MD, 1791)
- John Hickman v. Richard Smith (Prince George’s County, MD, 1791 ?)
- James Joice v. Sarah Walker (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Eleanor Joice v. Notley Young (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Catharine Joice v. Notley Young (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Richard Joice v. Richard Wootton (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- John Joice v. Richard Wootton (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Thomas Joice v. John Hill (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Michael Joice v. John Hill (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Jack Joice v. Robert Tilley & Richard Walker, executors of Isaac Walker (Prince George’s County, 1796)
- Clem Joice v. Robert Alexander (Washington, DC, 1808)
- Becky Joice v. William Jenkins (Washington, DC, 1808)

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The Joice and Mahoney family tree is based on court records from the Maryland State Archives in Annapolis.

• Ann Joice – arrived in Maryland between 1676-1679
  o David Jones
  o John “Jack” Wood – d. 1770
  o Thomas “Tom” Crane
  o Francis “Frank” Harbard
    ▪ Peter Harbard – b. abt. 1716
  o Polly Harbard
  o Suzan “Sue” Harbard
    ▪ Charles
    ▪ Mary “Polly”
    ▪ Johnny
    ▪ Sarah
      - Will
    ▪ Sukey “Sue”
      - Eleanor “Nelly”
        + Robert Mahoney
          • Charles Mahoney – filed freedom suit in 1791 against John Ashton
          • Patrick Mahoney – filed freedom suit in 1791 against John Ashton
          • Daniel Mahoney – filed freedom suit in 1791 against John Ashton
          • Robert Mahoney
          • Thomas Mahoney
          • James Mahoney
          • Bernard Mahoney
          • Joseph Mahoney
  o Molly
    ▪ Nelly
    ▪ Sally
  o Kitty
  o Ann Joyce Cross – bound to John Chapman in 1701

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