

## The Deposition of Edward Frys &amp; sworn about twenty four years.

That about beginning of June last past I being accompanied with William Furniss his wife of his County of Somersett riding on a road from Chelwood down to a said furnace between us said Chelwood & Wm: Furniss were overtaken by Capt: Thomas Jones & Edward Jones both in County Devon. Capt: Jones said he was overtaken by neighbour Furniss replied thank you Sir enquired if it is Capt: Jones had heard of his servant if so Jones replied not but he was gone to Mr. Johnson to complain which if he was like (the) master would break him. Jones said his servants to the saddle cloth on my horse all is sometime far off Edward Jones stooping to take it up Capt: Jones said God damn you who don't you come along what do you intend to do then? Dying all in company Capt: Jones asked Furniss what was become of your plante is said Furniss replied he could not tell them Capt: Jones said hee would make him pay for it Wm: Furniss replied it was more than hee could doe for hee is said Furniss having no order to look after it at which several aggravating words alledged against him self: Jones which I cannot particularly remember immediately on which Edward Jones rode up with Furniss wife & Strake her several blows with a switch & called her whore a second time & self: Edward Jones came up with her & struck her off his horse (from behind her husband) with his hand upon which she fell all along on the ground then the said Wm: Furniss alighted off his horse & said hee was a good man married with his wife for three monthes hee had nothing else then Edward Jones askt whether hee should have with Capt: Jones then said hee would not but hee, & I do see then Edward Jones & Wm: Furniss pulled together Edward Jones then Furniss having a said Furniss on the ground the said Jones pulled on his horse upon it self: Furniss then Furniss wife intreated Capt: Jones to part with Edward Jones wife his husband is self: Capt: Jones took Furniss wife & then fell upon poor Furniss thereby causing his death Wm: Furniss immediately took Edward Jones away riding in self: Capt: Jones said hee would take and if you will Furniss further hee will not

August 15<sup>th</sup> 1677.

Edward Frys

Memorandum that I do witness to Capt: August 15<sup>th</sup> 1677 do a Court held for somerset County before his Majesties Justices then there came a within named Edward Frys & made oaths upon his bibles Evangeliists to his will in mentioned writing of what hee hath there declared is true

Test: Edm: Beauchamp Verfer

The deposition of Margaret Frys aged about two & twenty years or thereabouts  
 Whereas I was walking in a field near to my plantation & my husband being in some field hasted of him at night & he thought that might bee late & hee thought it might become brother Furniss a coming drunk horse & told my husband if I would go & see whether it were to sell him some bed & furniture brother Furniss was angry with his wife & would endeavour to part with her if hee did & when I came thither I found her in great distress & her head & great noise being out whereof I asked her wherein shee was in a dangerous voyage then I run over to her & com-  
 up to her & Capt: Jones had Edward Jones, his son by his first marriage Edward Jones & my sister was a brother & self  
 brother telling her whose wife shee was with his brother Edward Jones then hee replied Dame you  
 you whose do you strike me & brooke her on or about a bridle & my brother Furniss was a going to her & hee said  
 what flesh & blood is able to bear this with that Edward Jones & my brother pulled together & both came to a ground  
 wherein my sister & Furniss endeavoured together Edward Jones of from her husband then Edward Jones & shee  
 pulled together then Capt: Jones took her away saying Dame you you whose do you pull a man by the  
 hair then when Capt: Jones in a mean time my brother & Edward Jones met together againe with striving they both  
 came to a ground then Capt: Jones pulled Edward Jones off his bridle & then they mounted & rode away  
 & left her fallen note

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