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To all Christian People to whom these presents shall come. I Richard Norman  
of marble head in the County of Essex in the Colony of Massachusetts in New England  
of the age of fifty years or thereabouts do testify that John Conant now  
resident in New Englande bound for Virginia the said John Conant I know am  
of a child he was a near neighbour to his father Roger Conant and his wife  
Elizabeth his daughter and the only daughter of Thomas Weston by common  
report and that the said John Conant was born of the aforesaid Elizabeth when  
in lawfull wedlock with the said Roger Conant as confirmation by neighbours  
living near and was bred up as her son eiseth with her as her son until  
the said Roger and his wife Elizabeth went for Ireland and further saith not said  
Elizabeths father was that Thomas Weston that used formerly to trade in  
Virginia hee to New England and afterwards went home for Bristol and  
then dyed as by credite and common report and further that hee had been in  
Maryland in Virginia in West St. Marys and likewise in some part of York  
shire in both whiche places hee was knowne to be and called by the name of  
the said Thomas Weston his name or plantation understood to be the same  
Thomas Weston aforesaid and further that hee standes of any other child he  
said Thomas Weston had but only the said Elizabeth but haue often heard her  
said Elizabeth say her father had no other child but her

Richard Norman came before me 2 day present  
1674 and made this present Oath to what is about  
written before me William Hathorne Esq; in  
the Massachusetts

Moste Mauritt aged about 64 yeare late

I moste Mauritt of marble head do testify to all [labour] written saving only  
the latter part of having a personall knowledge of any plantations of the said  
Weston but this I can testify that he [within] said John Conant & mother (viz.)  
Elizabeth his wife of the said Roger Conant & his daughter of the said Thomas &  
Weston that he was a maiden boye unto and married to the said Roger &  
Conant out of my knowledge & that he had a letter and orders from his mother  
after his father Thomas Westons death to looke after his children in  
Virginia or Maryland and accordingly he sent and did enquire some certaine  
from Virginia in part or on the account of his children deceased here viz.  
the said Thomas Weston

Taken upon Oath 23 of Nov: 1674 Moste Maur.  
- rit before me W<sup>m</sup> Hathorne Esq;

ffrauncis Johnson aged eighty yeare or thereabouts testifies and saith that  
at my first coming to New Englande in New Englande where was about seoury  
yeare hence & since and was well acquainted with Elizabeth Weston the reputed  
daughter of M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Weston of the City of London in the Kingdome of Engle  
land who was then gone on a voyage from New Englande aforesaid to  
Virginia and that she left the said Elizabeth at the house of M<sup>r</sup> Moses Mauritt  
of marble head aforesaid

Judged me S: Bradstreet Gov:  
23 Sept: 1684