

Depositions touching ye Land of John Hallon Talbot County
called Chance

Ball's

By virtue of ye inclosed Commission to M^r James Murphy and
Richard Hiddeman of ye County afores^d bearing date ye fourth day
of June 1677 Wherⁱⁿ were empowered to call before us W^m Ball son
of John Goames of ye aforesaid County and after Notice given to George
Taylor according to our Instruction given in s^d Commission upon ye
11th day of February 1678 of aforesaid W^m Ball and John
Goames made their appearance before us at ye house of John Hallon
in Broad Creek and upon straight Examination of ye s^d Parties ye s^d
W^m Ball lead us to a point of a branch of Broad Creek where he
showed us a certain bounded Pine wood which was fallen down
but ye Notches plainly to be seen. Then he took his Corporal Oath
upon ye Holy Evangelists of about 25 years ago then being upon ye
purchase of ye s^d tract of Land called Chance of Arthur
Emory who gave him ye Pallure of s^d Land to see how the
Lines of ye same did run, & for his better Satisfaction did apply
himself to ye Eldest of ye Neighbourhood which was one Alexander
Ray who showed him ye s^d piece of ye s^d Deposition was from to
like ye s^d John Goames took his corporal oath of ye s^d Ball pur-
at ye same time when it was laid out & after ye s^d Ball pur-
chased ye s^d Land & sold ye same to Taylor. Further ye s^d Deposition
W^m Ball said said piece of there has been a Dispute of ano-
ther marked Pine more up towards ye head of ye s^d branch
about ye space of three hundred yards or thereabouts that there
was wood such too marked when he laid out ye Land but did
affirm ye found certain men bounded ye wood in order to take up
Land thereabouts & finding themselves in an error let fall ye
same upon well We called a young Scout wood to be marked
with twelve Notches by ye aforesaid bounded Pine wood ye was fallen
down & a carrying The Examⁿ & Depⁿ of ye s^d done acted and
performed before us for testimony whereof have set our hands
& seals ye day & year aforesaid

James Murphy
Rich Hiddeman

Recorded by John Swann, Regist^r in Chancery

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