

Return of the Commission and Depositions for Enfield Chase
Edlington and Howartons Range for Col: Henry Ridgely
Filed August the 30th 1702.

By Virtue of a Commission from the High Court of Chancery bearing date
fourth Day of August Anno Domini 1702 commanding us thereby to call before us
all such Evidence, as Col: Henry Ridgely shall think fitt. This the 18th Day of
August 1702 Then came before us Thomas Sprigg and Sam: Megrade, Jr: Boys
Sons of Prince Georges County having his Corporal Oath administered by Mr. Layney
one hand upon the Tree the other upon the Holy Evangelist did upon Oath depose
as followeth viz: That a bounded white Oak standing on the South Side of a
Branch called the Marsh Branch, otherwise the Live Oak Branch, it being a
scrubby Tree and marked and marked with twelve Notches, standing at the Head of
a Small Draught that Runneth into the Main Branch running Eastward, and the
third Boyd saith that about fourteen or eighteen years ago being in Company with
George Yeats the said Yeats told to the said Boyd that the above 3rd white Oak
was the first bounded Tree of a tract of Land put for Dennis Arid. And also
witness Rob: Anderson Son: the same Day and made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist
as follows viz: that he having Occasion to know the first bounded Tree of a
Tract of Land laid out for Ju: Weliny that y^e. above 3rd white Oak was the first
laid out for James W. Pike of Ann Arundel County, and from y^e. 3rd Tree
he must run a Mile West, and there he would find the first bounded
Tree of the above. Ju: Weliny and further the J. Anderson saith that
fifteen or sixteen years ago he gott Edw: Boyton to run the above said Course
exactly at the Mile End he found a bounded Tree which is now blowed down
further Hugh Riley at the same time made Oath upon the Holy Evangelist
that about twelve years ago y^e. 3rd white Oak was impud to be the first
bounded Tree for a tract of Land called Edlington laid out for James W. Pike
in the possession of Gabriel Sparrot and also the above. Boyd went the same
Day to another Tree, it being a bounded white Oak standing on the West Side
a great Marsh standing in Tho: Faulers paper, it being a Sealey White
Oak and bears Westward, and y^e. Depoant saith that there was no Notches in the
above Tree at that time till Marine Duwall Sen: now of Prince Georges County
cut them in at the same time, when Marine Duwall of Ann Arundel County de-
posed Capt: Hansley to divide the Land called Howartons Range & Sparrot which was
the 1st Marine Duwall decd and Gabriel Sparrot, and Marine Duwall Sen: of Prince
Georges County doth declare as followeth, viz: having one hand on the Tree
the other on the Holy Evangelist. That y^e. above. Marine Duwall saith that
the Request of his Father Marine Duwall decd. and by Order of Capt: Hansley
he with his own hands cut the Notches into the above Tree for the dividing
Tree betwixt Marine Duwall decd. & Gabriel Sparrot it being about 14 years ago

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