

(457) Depositions about Lands in debate between Edward Dawson es.
 against Hugh Riley es.
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Interrogatories

First Quest. Sworn by Mr William Hutchison. Whether he did not see both Warrants, in
 the hands of Mr. Thomas Addison, viz. a Special Warrant of Coll. Bealls and a Common
 Warrant of Mr. Rileys?

Answer. That he could not remember he ever saw either of the Warrants but Mr. Addison told
 him at Coll. Bealls house that he had both of them, & he asked my opinion which he ought
 to serve first, and I told him I thought the Special Warrant, and the Common Warrant, if the other
 were pleased to say it out for I lookt upon him as a Surveyor and not as a Judge to deter-
 mine the Right of any Man.
 W. Hutchison

2^d Quest. What proof Coll. Bealls made to the bound trees of the Majors Cott when he receiv'd
 a Warrant from the Justice of Peace for County to ascertain the Bound thereof?

Answer. That what proof thereof was made to me it is included in a Certificate under my hand
 and the hand of the Sheriff & Jury taken upon the said order and returned into the
 Secretarys Office, w^{ch} to the best of my Remembrance was very small.

3^d Quest. What proof appeared to you when you recd an order from the Just Court to
 survey the same?

Answer. That I can not remember any proof at all
 W. Hutchison

Interrogatories Sworn to by Mr. Edward Batton, put by Mr. Hugh Riley.

First Question. You being then Deputy Surveyor at the time of the taking up of Majors Cott
 whether or no you were personally upon the said Land to run the Lines and bound
 the Trees?

Answer. That he never was personally upon the Land to Run the Lines, or bound the Trees but
 that I recd. a Cert. from Coll. Bealls with a Warrant of about 800 acres as also the
 Courses & distances of a tract of Land called the Majors Cott upon w^{ch} I returned a Certificate
 into the Land Office for the same to w^{ch} by Referr.

2^d Quest. Whether or no in the year 1697 you being Requested by Major Lowel to Run out the
 Land and in Running down the 3^d Line at the end of 800 perches whether Coll. Bealls
 not then gived a tree and Slip to others & that Mr. Batton said Major Lowels Land not end
 Long? Certificate said he must go to the main Branch and at of main Branch side a Warrant
 was bound?

Answer. I did at the Request of Major Lowel Run an East Line of his Land by the direction of Coll. Bealls
 beginning at the South West bound Tree of the said Lowels Land and at a certain number
 perches Coll. Bealls would have had me stop & said it was the South East Bound of
 Land where Coll. Bealls did Slip some trees, but I thought it more convenient to continue
 my East Line to the main Branch of Collington where I boundd a White oak at the most
 certain and proper place for the South East bound Tree of the said Lowels Land to be
 agreeable to the Certificate of the said Land.

Edw. Batton

Interrogatories Sworn to by Mr. James Goddard put by Mr. Hugh Riley.

1st Quest. When you being fore Man of a Jury in the year 1697 by Virtue of a Warrant from
 the Just Court to survey the Majors Cott and being carried to a White oak boundd by
 the branch side called Collington whether Coll. Bealls did acknowledge the