

Depositions for Coursey Range for John Coursey of Talbot County

Maryland Jr.

The Answer of Mathew Smith of Talbot County Deponent to the severall Questions asked him by Jul: Coursey of the same County Gent. touching and concerning the bounds of a certain tract of Land called Coursey Range now in the possession of the said Coursey lying in Talbot County on the Western Side of Maryland Creek now called Wye River the sd. Mathew Smith having first taken his Corporall Oath upon the Holy Evangelists before me William Coursey Comd. Especially appointed for this purpose by a Commission from the high Court of Chancery bearing date the 6th day of October last

Taken this 11th day of February in the second Year of her Matys Reign Anno Dni 1703.

Q: Did you know Coll: Henry Coursey of Talbot County late deceased and how long have you been acquainted with him?

Answer - I have known him forty six years.

Q: 2: Do you know that the sd. Coll: Coursey in his life time was possessor of a tract of Land called Coursey Range & how long have you known him to be possessor thereof?

Answer: I have known him to be possessor of the Land called Coursey Range in Wye River ever since he first took it up I being then his Servt.

Q: 3: What is the name of that Cove where by you now live, or of whom & how long since did you purchase the same and what do you know concerning a bounded Line w^{ch} is said to stand by that Cove?

Answer: The name of the Cove where I now dwell was always from the first inhabiting of the River called Baron Neck Cove. I bought the two hundred Acres of Land of Coll: Henry Coursey the lowermost part of Coursey Range about thirty two years past and the bounded Line which stands near my dwelling house is the lowermost and second bounded Tree of Coursey Range as I have been often told both by Coll: Henry Coursey and severall others who certainly knew it to be a bounded Tree standing at or near that Cove or Branch

Q: 4: Do you know ~~and you are to say anything~~ which is called Father Branch and you know to what Land it doth belong?