

John Rownam Aged Sixty five years, On his oath says that about thirty four years agoe Henry Parker who was Surveyor told him that the Tree which is now at (where Thomas Emundson begins for Mount hope) was the Center Tree of my Lords Mannor, and further that the said Parker said he bounded it with his own hands, with a hatchett, and that my Lords Mannor Runn Eight hundred perches one way and Six hundred another South and North, and further saith,

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Thomas Smithson aged about Sixty years upon his oath saith, that in the life time of William Parrott, (which he thinks was about Twenty five years agoe) he this Depou^t made it his care and business, Diligently to Inquire after the Bound of Mount hope, and hearing that the said William Parrott or Andrew Skinner son. who had been the Ancient Surveyor. Knows the bounded Tree of the said Land, he the said Depou^t went to William Parrott who was then sick, and the said William Parrott being asked if he knew the bounded Tree of the said Land, called Mount hope, he answered he did very well and he thought no body else living know it, The said Depou^t further saith, that he made this Reply to the said William Parrott that Mr. John Emundson had told him (this Depou^t) that the bounded Tree of my Lords Mannor was the first tree of Mount hope, which the said William Parrott seemed to ridicule and answered him this Depou^t thus, Father Emundson will say any thing for his owne advantage, but he very well knows that it is not the Tree, ...

This Depou^t further saith, that at his earnest desire to know where the tree stood, the said William said a great way off, and that if ever he was able to goe a brood he would show it him, And this Depou^t saith, that afterwards he applyed himself to the said Mr. Andrew Skinner, and Demanded of him the said thing (viz) where the bounded Tree of Mount hope stood, telling the said Skinner further, that the said John Emundson pretended to take the Center Tree of my Lords Mannor for the bounded Tree of the said Mount hope, who answered him the said Depou^t that, that was not the bounded Tree of Mount hope, but if he the said Depou^t would goe from that Tree of the Mannor South about a certain number of perches, which as he this Depou^t thinks made about half a mile, and then west, it would carry him to a bounded Tree which the said Skinner said he always took to be the bounded Tree of Mount hope, and further this Depou^t saith not

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