

of a Certain Tract of Land lying in Dorchester County Containing Six hundred and fifty Acres called Towne neck Wee do therefore humbly Certifye that this day to wit the 13th day of October Anno Dni 1712 Personally appeared before us Phillip Skelley of the County of Northumberland in the Colony of Virginia Gentleman aged about Sixty seven Years or thereabouts and being by us upon the holy Evangelist Sworne upon his oath doth say that that being forty two or forty three years last past deputed Surveyor of this County that then he did Survey and lay out for one Richard Hooper a Certain Tract of Land being on the East Side of Chesapeake Bay and on the East Side of Miconocomo Creek in the County aforesaid called and knowne by the name of Towne neck. —

And the said Deponent did solemnly declare on his oath that to the best of his knowledge the first bounded Tree of the said Land called Towne neck did stand on the East Side of Miconocomo Creek about forty yards below a Landing of the said Creek called ~~Thomas~~ Thomas Dyas his Landing. —

And the said Deponent saith that about Twenty two years since he came into Company with ~~Col~~ Charles Hutchins late of this County, to the said place and that then the first bounded Tree of the said Land was there standing being a White Oak. —

And he further saith that being on the said Land and at the place aforesaid about Six years since in Company with ~~Col~~ Thomas Cunnels Robert Jones and Thomas Dyas, the said first marked Tree was then fallen downe and almost rotten; and the said Deponent being on the Land and at the place aforesaid yesterday being the Twentieth day of October Anno Dni 1712 in Company with with Cap^t Levin Hicks Roger Woolford Jun^r and Thomas Lockerman and then observing where the first bounded Tree of the said Land stood and it was quite perished and gone. —

And the said Deponent being asked by us what Course he designed from the said first Tree of the said Land, who answered on his oath aforesaid he designed the Land to be a square and the first Course to be South East to answer the second and third Course on Right Angles. —

And the said Deponent being Demanded by what token he knows the first bounded Tree of the aforesaid Land to stand there, answered that he very well knows it to be the same by the Creeks coming boldly up to the firm Land and by a little Island of woods that lies just below the first Tree in the Marsh

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