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Standing at his Spring near the House that was Built by J.W. Persons & further saith
that about a hundred years ago he did fall a sickly tree, a live tree, gold John
Persons asked him why he cut down the tree for it was one of Bresley's fine trees
and further saith not Thos Brereton

Peter Sirman aged about fifty four years being sworn saith that he was at an
old toll house with J.W. Persons who told him that house stood near a fine oak of Peter
Bresley & defendant asked him if he wrought the same Bresley's land & the same
Persons told this defendant of Bresley's corner tree stood near his Spring with the
top hanging over it & he gave Peter Bresley a privilege in his white oak swamp
for the use of the said Bresley's High Land this information was about 45 years -
Last & further saith not Peter S. Sirman

Isaac Noble aged about fifty years being sworn and saith that about nineteen
years past he was at the house of J.W. Persons asked him why he did not exchange
some land with Willm Alexander & Persons told him all that neck was not his due
it was Peter Bresley who said this defendant do you work another man's ground who -
answered yes (Blood be it) and I give him a privilege in the Wolftrap ridge said he his
boundary stands by my Spring But this defendant did not go to see marks in said
tree at my Spring and further saith not Isaac Noble

Geo. Godart aged about thirty nine years saith that his father told him one of Peter
Bresley's boundaries stood at J.W. Persons Spring & that he saw a tree there plainly
marked about twenty years last and further saith that he heard old J.W. Persons
say that he was to have the privilege of what land lay above the branch for the
use of timber in the swamp called the Wolftrap ridge and further saith not George X. Godart

Willm Hayman aged about fifty eight being sworn saith that about twenty years
past he heard old Nicholas Tadmine say that a white oak standing at J.W. Persons
Spring was one of Peter Bresley's boundaries & he marked it or saw it marked when he
was Willm Brereton's servant further saith not William Hayman

Nicholas Tadmine aged about forty eight years sworn and saith he heard his father
say that a white oak standing by the Spring was one of Bresley's boundaries & W. Bresley
said he would take some of Persons old fields further saith not Nicholas X. Tadmine

By w^t drawing of the above tree is set a cedar stake marked with sixteen notches

Thos Brereton aged forty two years or there abouts being sworn & saith that J.W. Persons
told him that a little distance from his toll house there was a live oak of Bresley's
boundary & said Persons was angry with his brother John and this defendant and
said they had cut down the said boundary for a squatter but this defendant doth
not remember the falling the said tree it stood about the middle of the plantation
as to the length but near of Woods towards the swamp & further this
defendant saith not Thos Brereton

Willm Brereton aged about fifty one years saith that old J.W. Persons told him
several times that a little to the Northwest of an old toll house was the line that
divided him & Bresley this defendant asked him why he tended Bresley's land who
answered it was for a privilege that he gave Bresley in a swamp called
the Wolftrap ridge for timber which was a piece of land this defendant
(apprehended)