

March Court - - - 1731 - - - 164 - - -
Oath on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God to Execute the within Commission according
to the directions of the act of Assembly in that Case made and provided according to the
best of their knowledge - Sworn to before me - Wm. Stoughton -

Somerset County: Depositions of Witnesses taken at the plantation of Joy Hobbs
where Thomas Hobbs now Lives at Moneigh in the County of the 26th day of June
ann: Dom: 1731 by Virtue of a Commission law Directed out of his Lordship Count of
Somerset County bearing date the 20th day of November 1730 for Examining -
Evidences for perpetuating the Memory of the bounds of that Land called Carnies
Chancery Viz: - John Macraugh of Somerset County aged about forty three years -
being Sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God says that about fifteen or six-
teen years agoe Rich: Cary and this Deponent was in the Woods together and said
Cary told him that a great Pine Standing by a swamp Distance above Thomas
Hobbs plantation was the first bounder of a piece of Land called Carnies Chancery and
further saith not - John Macraugh

Henry Newman aged about thirty Years being Sworn saith that about ten year age he was a-hogg
hunting with Richard Cary and coming to a swamp side he saw a great pine marked and he aforesaid Cary told
him deponent that pine was a corner tree of a piece of Land belonging to Joy Hobbs but he did not take the name
of the Land and further saith not ... Henry Newman.

N.B. it was the same tree that John Macraugh showed us & Swore to - taken the day byear aforesaid - Geo. Dashiell
Henry Bellard

William Piquan } Somerset: Charles absolute Lord and Proprietor of the provinces of Maryland and Avalon
depositions of f^dth. } Lord Baron of Baltimore &c George Dashiell Thomas Gillis Edward North
and Will: Kelle all of Somerset County Gent: Greeting know ye that -
we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine
Evidences on behalf of certain Wm Swellivant Guardian of Benj: Mitchell of the
County aforesaid in Relation to the bounds of a tract of Land lying in the County aforesaid
Called Soneys Vineyard We therefore require you or any three or two of you at some
time and place as to you or any three or two of you shall seem convenient you meet on
the aforesaid Land Called Soneys Vineyards (you first having taken you oath on the holy
Evangelist of Almighty God according according to act of Assembly in such case
made and provided) and there cause to come before you or any three or two of you all such evidences as
shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said Complainant or deft (if any) and that you or
any three or two of you examine them upon their oaths to be by you or any three or two of you ad-
ministered on the holy Evangelist of Almighty God with presents of the Complainant or deft (if any) -
touching the truth or Remembrance of their Knowledge or any thing that may relate to the cause aforesaid
Reducing the several depositions into writing you send the same together with this our Commission under
your hands or any three or two of your hands to us to our County Court of Somerset with all due speed