

we therefore require you any three or two of you at some time and place as to you any three or two of you shall see -  
Convenient you meet on the afo Land Called Mount Ephraim you first having taken your oath on the holy Evangelist of -  
almighty god 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 Evidence as shall be to you any three or two of you Nominated by the said Complainant (or doct: if any)  
and that you or any three or two of you Examine them upon their Oath to be by you or any three or two of you -  
Administered on the holy Evangelist of almighty god in the presence of w: Complainant (or doct: if any) touching the truth  
or Remembrance of their knowledge or any thing that may relate to the Cause afo: and that Ted using the Several -  
depositions into Writing you send the same together with this Our Commission under your or any three or two of your  
hands to unto our County Court of Suffolk with all convenient speed Witness Samuel Hopkins Gent Chief Justice of our  
said Ct: D: 22: day of August in the 5: Year of our Dominion: One thousand seven hundred and thirty -  
On the back side of the foregoing Commission it was Endorsed and Likewise to the same Commission it was Aucted as -  
Followeth viz: Two of the within Commissioners viz: James Stevenson was qualified in Relation to w: -  
within (and: this 18: day of 7: 1730 - - - before me - - - M: Hopkins - - -

In obedience to a precept hereunto Aucted we James Stevenson and James Rowland having given due notice we with the  
twenty eight day of September one thousand seven hundred and thirty on that part of Land Called Mount Ephraim  
in the presence of the Complainant Thomas Bernal Doct: came Charles Godfrey for the Complainant an Evidence  
aged Sixty nine years in that abouts and being sworn saith that at a little Gully springing out of the gut or  
beaverdams with a spring and lead of the said Gully opposite to a peash or chard of adams Spence that Capt  
Shoel fifty odd years ago was there a building a water mill and Robert Richardson for ward the said  
Shoel upon which he declined building and further saith that he was on the other side of the said gut or Beaver dam  
about thirty two years and being sworn saith that he was on the other side of the said gut or Beaver dam  
near opposite to where w: said deponent declared to w: Charles Richardson and the said Richardson -  
pointed over to the north west side of the said Gut or dam to a point of Land and to w: Spence that there  
stood and line tree of Mount Ephraim and that Capt: Shoel fell w: her for a shaft for his mill and that  
Spences wife told him that her Uncle Shoel was about to build a water mill there and further saith that  
Also James Stevenson an Evidence aged about fifty years and being sworn saith that about twenty  
years ago that a little Lower down w: dam from the Gully where Godfrey declared to which said Gully  
is the second Gully from the mouth of the Creek or dam being about four hundred paces from the said Creek  
further saith that about thirty eight years ago he heard Martin Curtis tell James Danks a Servant on  
smiths Choice w: if a line was run straight from up Creek Mouth which said Creek mouth was then forty  
two paces up w: bay than where it is now with some flag, growing at the mouth but was said and more  
of: said Curtis told w: Danks w: if Richardson's line was run straight from thence that it wdd go near to  
take w: Danks's title in and further advised him not to clear by w: old field up the dam about w: Plantations  
further saith that also Moses Alley an Evidence aged about thirty three years and being sworn saith that  
he heard his wife enquire of William Doughton concerning the bound: of Richardson's land & he told her that he  
helped to improve Smiths Choice and that w: said Smith told w: Doughton w: mouth of the Creek was w:  
bound: of Richardson's Land and w: thirty odd years ago w: said Creek by a gust shifted about twenty yards to the  
southward of where it formerly was and further saith that also James Danks an Evidence aged about forty six  
and being sworn saith that about twenty six years ago he then used to catch Beavers in the place which was  
is a small Creek or gut and that then it was beaver dam and w: about three hundred and sixty paces from w:  
Creek, mouth up w: Creek was one dam where he caught Beavers and further saith that his father James Bratton was about to Rent w: Smiths Choice of  
he catch Beavers and further saith that his father James Bratton was about to Rent w: Smiths Choice of  
Curtis's Evis and that he offered to purchase him as far as w: above said Creek mouth says the deponent father  
how shall I purchase a Calf past line along w: dam to include the two Cows of Marsh at the Creek Mouth says  
Evis no body has been interrupted heretofore and I suppose you wout and by permission I believe it will be no  
harm and further saith that - Also William Bratton an Evidence aged about thirty nine years and being sworn saith  
that about ten years ago he was about to Rent that Plantation where Robert Richardson now lives w: Charles Richardson  
by Richardson going up w: Creek on w: side where w: Robert Richardson now lives w: Charles Richardson  
said w: Bratton w: Cousin w: of w: place and with all told him that at that point of high Land where w: above  
Spence declared to stand a bound: or line tree of his Land Called Mount Ephraim further saith that he was upon  
the first day of October 1730 w: Quinton Bratton and Thomas Pinball both being present did settle a point  
agree w: w: first bound: of w: afo: Mount Ephraim should begin at the afo: Point of Land where w: Spence declared  
to about eight foot above a water hole there and accordingly they first a Cedar post and there it stands - But doct:  
Scotfield pleaded w: he did not know of w: Notice being set up in order to settle w: bound: of Mount Ephraim  
upon information he desired to be entered Defendant: also and accordingly on the third day of December 1730 we  
met on the afo Land where came Adam Spence Feud: an Evidence for the def: aged about twenty years and  
being sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty god saith that he was one of the Jury upon the said Land  
which said Jury was called on account of James Bratton de: in order to settle w: bound: of the afo Land  
and that upon some point of Land on the north west side of a beaver dam there the said deponent with  
the rest of the Jury did make a tree as a line tree but upon what point of Land he can't now remember: and further  
saith that also Jud: Bishop Feud: an Evidence aged about fifty four and being sworn on the holy Evangelist of  
almighty god saith that he was also one of w: Jury for settling w: bound: of Mount Ephraim & Robert Bony was an  
Evidence to the Jury and at w: time told w: Bishop that he was about to buy that Land where Quinton Bratton  
now lives of William Richardson w: Richardson came with w: Bony & stand w: Bony how w: Land w: down  
and he brought him down to the dam as low as a Plawing low water Lower down w: dam he could not tell and  
further saith that the said Bishop as one of w: Jury did agree to mark a line tree as a beginning line tree of the said Mount  
Ephraim after they had come over dam and Beaver dam which said line tree is now gone but then did stand -  
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