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The deponent that a certain poplar was his boulder and that afterwards the said deponent came with Thomas Ralph to the same tree and it was marked with sixteen notches and that the notches seemed to have been made a great while and that the said deponent came to the same tree by himself and it was marked with sixteen notches which tree was then a growing tree and that the tree we are now at being fell down is the very tree being on the north side of the main Road that goes up Quantico to the mill and near the head of a creek called Whittys branch and on the westmost side of said creek and further saith not

James J. R. Russell  
made

The deposition of Thomas Ralph aged about fifty seven years having first taken his oath on the holy evangelist of almighty God that about thirty three years ago Edward Bennet now deceased told him that there stood a poplar on a piece of land on the lower side of a creek called Whittys branch near the old Wading place was the first boulder of spans Neck and that about a month or twelve years after James Russell the above deponent told the now deponent that the said poplar was the boulder of Nehemiah Nicholson and that the said poplar was then marked with sixteen notches and that said notches seemed to have been made a considerable time and further saith not

Thomas J. Ralph  
made

By Virtue of the within Commission directed to us the subscribers we have examined according to said Commission the above evidences on their oaths what they had to say concerning the first boulder of west Neck given under our hands and seals this thirtieth day of September Anno Domini 1736

Jac. Makmorie  
Bay Seeth  
Alex. Seehir

Alexander Adams  
Commissioner of the said  
Somerset J<sup>r</sup> Charles absolute Lord and Proprietary of the Province of Maryland and a Baron of Baltimore  
John George Dashiell John Hand and Thomas Gillis all of Somerset County

do hereby certify that we have appointed you or any three or two of you to be our Commissioners to examine the evidences on behalf of a certain Alexander Adams of the County of Somerset in relation to the bounds of part of a tract of land called Tony's 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 said land called Tony's vineyard you first having taken your oaths on the holy evangelist of almighty God according to act of assembly in such case made and provided and thereunto come before you or any three or two of you all such such evidences as shall be to you or any three or two of you nominated by the said Complainant or defendant