

June Court 1707

The Deposition of Renton Smoot aged Thirty Six years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists says that about Nineteen or Twenty years ago he came to the place where he now stands in company with his father J. M. John Chandler in order to Run out a tract of Land call'd Rich Hills to find thereby a tract of Land call'd Somers Addition He further says that he saw his Father put his hand on a white Oak where he now stands it being in a branch of Lachick Swamp by the side of a ditch on the North side of the Plantation of Charles Byrn and he heard him say that the said white Oak was as the beginning bound Tree of a Tract of Land call'd Rich Hills and he further says that the said John Chandler said so and it is the bound Tree of Alexander Haskins's Land but the old story abate wawaye of his Honey and lets Charles Byrn but down his Land. & further he sayeth not. Sworn this 3^d Day of April Anno Domini 1707
Renton Smoot

The Deposition of John Hammill aged fifty years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists of almighty God says that within this twenty two years he has made sundry private surveys from a white Oak where he now stands it being on a branch of Lachick Swamp and by the side of a ditch on the North side of the Plantation of Charles Byrn and that he always understood the said white Oak was the beginning bound tree of a part of Land in possession of Doctor Gustavus Brown with Charles Courts but he says he could not charge his memory who shew'd him the said Tree and he further says that within this twelve month he was in company with Charles Byrn and falling into discourse about the said Land the said Byrn charg'd him with shortness of memory and did him that he shew'd him the said tree himself and that it was a bound tree made by a Survey for the beginning tree of Rich Hills and further he saith not Sworn this 3^d Day of April Anno Domini 1707
John Hammill

The Deposition of Stephen Chandler aged about Twenty Seven years being sworn on the holy Evangelists says that about seven years ago he came to the place where he now stands it being in a branch of Lachick Swamp by a ditch on the North side of Charles Byrn's Plantation where Doctor Brown with Charles Courts was making a division Line of a tract of Land call'd Rich Hills and he understood a white Oak standing by the side of the said ditch where he now stands was the beginning bound tree of the said Tract of Land call'd Rich Hills He further says that some time since he was in company with Charles Byrn who shew'd him the said tree and told him it was the beginning bound tree of a tract of Land call'd Rich Hills & further he sayeth not. Sworn this 3^d Day of April Anno Domini 1707
Stephen Chandler

Charles Courts Esq. By virtue of the within Commission now directed to be done and done in pursuance thereof the bounds of a tract of Land shall more upon in possession & occupation of Alexander Smith the Haskins In obedience therunto we did meet on the premises all Requisites being duly Performed according to Law and then we did examine all Evidences which there was Offer'd as by the within Depositions hereunto annex'd may appear With our hands & seals this third day of April Anno Domini 1707
J. Hunter
Sam. Byrn
J. Hanson