

June Court Anno Domini 1729

Eighth day of December, being in the 3<sup>d</sup>. Year of our Dominion H<sup>c</sup>. In Writting, to our Court, that is to say, to our County Court held at Charles Town in and for the said County, on the Day aforesaid, before Doctor Gustavus Vernon Gentleman and his Associates, then and still our Justices within our County aforesaid, H<sup>c</sup>. for Commission to Examine Evidences to Prove & Perpetuate the Memory of the Bounds of the said Tract of Land, according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly late made and Provided. Where, ye, that we have given you, any Three, or Two of you, not being any way Related to the Petitioners, Contiguous Proprietor, nor interested in the said Land, and having taken the Oath Prescribed by the above Named Act of Assembly, full Power and Authority to Examine upon their Corporal Oaths, to be by you, any Three, or Two of you, Adminis<sup>r</sup>ed, all Witnesses which shall be Nominated to you, any Three, or Two of you, by the above Named Petitioners or other Person Concerned, touching their Knowledge of the Bounds of the Tract of Land above Named, or the Bounds of any other Land, whereon the said Tract depends or otherwise it relates. And therefore we Command you, any Three, or Two of you, that you Call, and Cause to Come before you, any Three, or Two of you, all Witnesses so Nominated, at a certain day by you, or any Three or Two of you to be appointed upon the above named Tract of Land, and the Examination of every Witness so Called before you, that you, any Three, or Two of you receive, and that same Examination you, any Three, or Two of you produce to Writting In the Presence of all Parties Concerned that shall be there Present, and the Examination so taken as aforesaid you, any Three, or Two of you, are to Return to the Justice of our Court with all convenient Speed under your seals, or the seals of any Three or Two of you, together with this Writ Provided always, that all Parties Concerned, living within, or without the County aforesaid, have Notice according to the Directions of the Act of Assembly before mentioned, of the day and Place of the Execution of this our Commission, before the Execution thereof, and that you any Three or Two of you, and to Return to our Justice aforesaid, with all convenient Speed, a Certificate of such Notice given together with the Examinations of the Witnesses aforesaid. Witness Gustavus Vernon Gen<sup>l</sup>. one of our said Justices of our said Court at Charles Town H<sup>c</sup>. the seventh day of December in the 3<sup>d</sup>. year of our Dominion H<sup>c</sup>. Anno Domini 1728

Amos Forteus

Given December 10<sup>th</sup> 1728

All now here at this day to wit the second Tuesday in January. Three of the Commissioners aforesaid Return to the Court here the Commission aforesaid with the subsequent Depositions hereunto Annexed Viz<sup>t</sup>. On the Back of which Commission is the following Endorment Viz<sup>t</sup>. Charles County sh<sup>r</sup>. I hereby Certifie, I was Magistrate of said County, that I Qualified therein Samuel Whitchins, a Commissioner therein appointed according to the Directions of an Act of Assembly in those Laws made and Provided. Witness my hand this 3<sup>d</sup>. day of January 1729/9. Tho: Stone

Charles County sh<sup>r</sup>. I hereby Certifie, I was Qualified as above, that I Qualified therein Capt. William Hurdles aforesaid, an Act of Assembly made and Provided in such Cases. Witness my hand this 6<sup>th</sup>. day of Jan<sup>y</sup> 1729/9. Blankin

January 6<sup>th</sup> 1729. Likewise Certifie that I Qualified therein mentioned Capt. Francis Haver a Commissioner therein appointed according to said Law. Witness my hand this 6<sup>th</sup>. day of January 1729/9. Blankin

Leestone Smallwood aged fifty two years, or thereabouts, being sworn on the Holy Evangelists of Almighty God, Declares, that about twenty years ago Francis Goodrich since Deceased showed him at the Place where he now stands, being in Edward Goodrichs Spring Branch about two or three Hundred yards below the Spring and at the said Place was then a Tree blown