

June Court Anno Domini 1749

And Place of the Execution of this our Commission before the Execution thereof, and that you
any Juror or Troop of you and to return to our Justice aforesaid with all convenient speed
a Certificate of such Notice given, together with the Examination of the Witnesses, Witness
Guostavus Brown gentleman one of our Justices of our said Court at Charles
Town aforesaid the 7th day of December in the 3rd year of our Dominion, To Wm. Dore. 1748
Given December 10th 1748. Edm: T. Lewis Esq

And now here this day to wit the second Tuesday in June aforesaid one of the
Commissioners aforesaid returns to the Court the Commission aforesaid with
the subsequent Depositions hereunto Annexed &c. On the back of which
Commission is the following Indorsement &c.

Charles County ft. On the 18th day of March 1748 M. John Winter and Captain,
Samuel Cunn were sworn to Execute this Commission according to the Directions of
an Act of Assembly in such Cases Provided by our said Edm: T. Lewis

Charles County ft. March 2^d 14th 1748/9

The Deposition of John Hamill aged fifty six years or thereabouts being first
sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God says, that in July in the year 1745 he was
Present at the Place where the road stands it being on the south side of a run falling into Backick
swamp called Charles Run and on the Eastmost side of Charles Run now dwelling
Plantation at which time and Place he says he saw Cts. Robert Hanson and John Baker
make Oak that a maple standing close on the bank of the said Run on the south side thereof
was felled by a tract of land called Fortune and that he heard Cts Hanson say some
words to him by one William Elliot who he said told him he believed it to be a Round Tree
of a tract of land called Saturday Work which Tree is now felled and gone and that he saw
a sprout recent sprung up from the stump thereof which is now growing sapling and
further he saith not. Jn Hamill

Charles County ft. March 2^d 14th 1748/9

The Deposition of Thomas Cottrell aged forty three years or thereabouts being sworn
on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God says that he was Present when Cts Robert Hanson,
and John Baker in the above Deposition Mentioned Proved the above said Tree which he says
he believes to be the said Tree and he further says that it was Proved according to the Deposition
of John Hamill above where there is now growing Maple which he believes sprung from
the stump of the said Round Tree. and further he saith not. Thomas Cottrell

Charles County ft. March 2^d 14th 1748/9 The Deposition of John Chandler aged

thirty six years or thereabouts being sworn on the Holy Evangelist of almighty God says that
he saw Cts. Robert Hanson and John Baker Prove the above said Maple which he says
is the Place by them Proved as in the above Depositions Mentioned. John Chandler

Charles County ft. March 2^d 14th 1748/9 John Hamill aged above further swears that he saw
Cts. Hanson, and John Baker Prove an ancient Rounded Hickory which had the top broke
off or near the Place where there is a Rounded Hickory sapling which he further says
he heard Cts Hanson say was felled some time before and by observing the groove
which it was a Round Tree of a tract of land called Fortune which Hickory sapling
is now standing and the Marked Plainly appears which said Tree stands on or near
the Line of Saturday Work and about forty Paces East from the above Proved Maple
(being)