

sith, that on the said Maple Marsh Branch and on the same Northern or rather  
North western Part of it, a certain Edward Cary now dead had made an Improvement under  
a Pennsylvania Right (as it was then commonly called) with Lay within abo-  
ut a mile of the Improvement so as aforesaid: assigned over to him the Deponent by  
George Bishop aforesaid and Near upon three Miles Northward of the Plantation  
Settlement of his aforesaid Brother Charles Polke: He further saith that the  
Improvement of the aforesaid Edward Cary, is now quietly held and Enjoyed by  
a certain Joseph Polke, Cousin to this deponent, and under the Right of the  
Government of the Counties on Delaware and was so held by the aforesaid Edward  
Cary in his life time Peaceably and without any Maryland Claim being made  
there to the best of the Deponents belief and knowledge, he having never heard of  
any such claim. The deponent further saith, that the Plantation whereon John Wiley  
now a Prisoner at Lewis lately dwelt, was formerly his Property and that it is  
situated in a Part of Cedar Creek Hundred in Sussex aforesaid commonly called  
the Upper Part of the Great Neck: the which Property he held under a Manant from  
the Land Office of the Honourable the Proprietors of the Province of Pennsylvania and  
Counties on Delaware: nor doth he know, nor did he ever hear either before or at the  
Time of the Survey made for him, of any Claim having been made to that Part of  
the Great Neck aforesaid by the Government of Maryland: but that the same  
hath been constantly reputed and esteemed to be within the Limits and boundaries of  
Cedar Creek Hundred aforesaid, and further this Deponent saith not.

Ephraim Polke

Sworn before me

at the County of Sussex

a True Copy Richard Peters Secretary

upset on Delaware) The affirmations of Solomon Fruit son of the County afo-  
resaid aged 65 Years or thereabouts taken at Lewis in the said County this 17<sup>th</sup>  
Day of May in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Fifty Nine  
This Affirmant did solemnly and sincerely declare and affirm in the Presence of  
almighty God that he was born in the County of Somerset in the Province of Maryland  
as it was heretofore called but now known by the Name of Worcester County he further  
saith that he hath lived in Cedar Creek Hundred in the County of Sussex aforesaid  
for about 80 Years last Past he likewise affirmeth that soon after his coming to be  
an Inhabitant within the Hundred aforesaid he became acquainted with a certain  
William Townsend who was then also an Inhabitant of the said Hundred  
and upon some Conversation with the said William he told the affirmant that he  
had taken up a piece or Parcel of Land at a Place called Beaver Dam Branch  
by Virtue of a Manant from the Honourable the Proprietors Land Office for the Province of  
Pennsylvania and Counties on Delaware, the which said Land was surveyed for  
the said William by Mr Robert Shunkland Deceased formerly Deputy Surveyor