

and been informed both by the Inhabitants of Maryland and Sussex County that the aforesaid Drains  
 were the outlet of acknowledged Branch and Division between the Province of Maryland & Sussex  
 County and that when he this Deponent was about seventeen years of Age he was in Company with the  
 sons of one Alexander Drake an Inhabitant of Sussex County and of Carter Creek hundred of travelling  
 with them from the said Drains House to Deep Creek in Maryland where the said Drake had built  
 a Mill they informed this Deponent that when they had passed a Bridge called Soper's Bridge which  
 was over the Drains aforesaid that they were in a Neutral and that Drain or Run Drains were the  
 Division between the Province of Maryland and Sussex County And this Deponent further saith that he  
 well knows where John Wiley who married one William Sutton lived and that it is within the tract  
 of Land called the Great Neck and below the Beavertam of Drains aforesaid & within the reputed limits  
 of the Province of Maryland And this Deponent further saith that he is well acquainted  
 with the Place called the Wading Place across Gravelly Branch where now is a bridge of earth been  
 for thirty five years past & that it is about seven miles within the reputed limits aforesaid of the  
 Province of Maryland & that he this Deponent never heard or understood by any Person that Gravelly  
 Branch was ever reputed a Division between the Province of Maryland & Sussex County & further  
 this Deponent saith not

Taken & sworn to this 29<sup>th</sup> Day of August Anno Domini 1759  
 Before  
 J<sup>s</sup>: Collins  
 W<sup>m</sup>: Ellegood

George Fisher

Worcester County for

Thomas Hearn of Somerset County in the Province of Maryland Gent<sup>l</sup> Aged Sixty nine years  
 or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Deponent and saith that in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirteen he this Deponent travelled from the Head of Manticoke into  
 Sussex County where he met with one Abel Frides alias Hume who informed this Deponent that Green Branch  
 and the Beavertam Drains were the Division between the Province of Maryland and the County of Sussex  
 And this Deponent further saith that in the year of our Lord seventeen hundred and thirty two he this Depon<sup>t</sup>  
 was Sub Sheriff to Joshua Caldwell high Sheriff of then Somerset County and that all the Inhabitants to the  
 Southward of the aforesaid Branch Beavertam of Drains paid their Taxes unto him this Deponent &  
 submitted to any Process he had against them from the then County of Somerset And this Deponent further  
 saith that he was informed that the Inhabitants of the Easternmost side of the Branch Beavertam of Drains  
 aforesaid were within the County of Sussex and those of the Southern side were within the Province of  
 Maryland And this Deponent further saith that in the year Seventeen hundred & thirty one he was present  
 when about one John Caldwell then Deputy Surveyor of Somerset County Surveyed a Parcel of Land for  
 one Dobson near the aforesaid Drains and that he this Deponent then heard the said Caldwell say that  
 the aforesaid Drains were the Division between the Province of Maryland and the County of Sussex And  
 this Deponent further saith that the Bridge across Gravelly Branch at the Place formerly called the Wading  
 Place is six or seven miles within the reputed lines aforesaid of the Province of Maryland and further this  
 Deponent saith not.

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 W<sup>m</sup>: Ellegood

Thos: Hearn Sen<sup>r</sup>

Worcester County for

Robert Hopkins of Worcester County in the Province of Maryland Planter Aged forty eight  
 Years or thereabouts being sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God Deponent and saith that about thirteen  
 years past he was one of the Constables of Worcester County aforesaid for the Hundred of Manticoke & that he in the  
 of his Office used to serve Warrants & take in Taxables as far as the Green Branch & from thence as far as  
 along the Branch issuing out of the Head of Gravelly Branch thence along on the other side of Gravelly Branch  
 by the Beavertam or Drains as far as Robert Dornes including the Great Neck which said Branches  
 Beavertam of Drains this Deponent was informed & understood were the Divisional Boundaries between  
 the Province of Maryland & Sussex County or Delaware And this Deponent further saith that he is well  
 acquainted with the Place over Gravelly Branch formerly called the Wading Place where now is a bridge  
 and that that Place is six or seven miles within the reputed Bounds of the Province of Maryland And  
 this Deponent further saith that the Inhabitants within the limits aforesaid so as aforesaid mentioned all  
 obeyed him as Constable and never protested that they resided or were within any other Government than  
 (that)