"Twitnum or Twittenham"

Originally Surveyed, June the 18th: 1675. for Henry Spink. Beginning at a Red Oak of Peter Mills and Thomas Spaulding's lands, and running thence 1. N. E. by E. 30 pⁿ. to a White Oak of Spink's land ("A. Williams Bennitage" probably) 2. binding on said land N. W. 400 pⁿ. to a Red Oak on a hill 3. S. N. by E. 60 pⁿ. to a Red Oak on the South Side of "Wimichipimisco branch (note) then binding on Butler's land, 4. W. S. W. 75 pⁿ. to a Red oak in the line of "Pimlico" 5. S. by W. 150 pⁿ. to a Red oak on a plain (note) 6. S. S. E. 50 pⁿ. to a Red oak 7. S. E. 50 pⁿ. to a live oak of Peter Mills, thence by a straight line to the beginning containing 300 Acres, more or less. Copy. from the original Certificate.

Note. The above mentioned branch is called also "Wimchepimisco" "Wimcopomisco" and "Wimisipimisco" "The termination "Co" in the indian language, doubtless signifies "creek" or "branch" "Chaptico, Wicomico, Patapsco, and many other indian names seem to indicate this. [illegible]

It will be observed that the 5th course of the above land corresponds with the 9th. of "Buck Park resurveyed" in bearing, and the 6th. of the former with the 8th. of the latter, in both bearing and distance. Lying adjacent as these lands do, it is almost evident that these lines are lines of both tracts. There will be some difficulty in reconciling a practical Surveyor to the fact, that a line made in 1675 has the same Magnetic bearing in 1786, and, in support of this objection, it must be observed, that if the 8th. and 9th. lines of "Buck Park Resurv." are the true original lines respectively of the 6th. and 5th courses of "Twitnum" then the south Eastern extremity of "Roundabout" and "Roundabout Resurv." must lie upon "Twitnum"

I have scarcely a doubt but that I gave these lines of "Buck Park Res." their true original location, and, at the end of the 8th. course, I found a large Red Oak and on a plane, according to the call of "Twitnum" It stood in the Northern extremity of that open woods, without undergrowth, and wet in Winter, which lies about one Quarter of a mile South of "the Merryland Spring" This Tree was soon afterwards cut, & the stump is now (1858) nearly rotten. Two small stones are yet lying by it, and a small Holly has put up near it. It is about 15 or 20 steps from the West side of the road, just as the road enters this open place in the woods, going southward

[illegible] are also evident in Nelson's Part.

The accompanying map shows the location of Sundry lands, the site of the dwellings, the position of the roads, paths, branches &c. in the neighbourhood where I grew from a babe to manhood.

My father's residence was on "Shanks's Venture" about the spot noted as "Ben Tippett's" He moved here about the year 1806 or the year after I was born. This year he taught School to the Eastward of Jesse Graves's and Jonnathan Hayden, my mother's Youngest brother boarded with the family and went to School there. See the map, red fig 5.

Zacheus Tippett, my father's brother lived at red fig 8. on the map. He and my father bought jointly all of "Roundabout Reserved" and Shank's Venture" lying East of Shipper's Road. He was a Blacksmith. His Shop stood about red fig 7. and in process of time, my father joined him.

The preceding landlord of this land was Jeremiah Lancaster. How he came into the possession I do not know, but I think he married a daughter of Joshua Graves, who had owned most of the land on the map.

The first incident I can well remember, was the School and School-Children at or near Red A. My Oldest Sister sometimes took me along as a plaything I suppose. I do not now remember the names of any of the pupils. There were several girls by the name of "Bradburn" and a pet called "Sug" or Shug Dunbar" This was the Oldest Daughter of the late Wm. Dunbar, the mother of Wm. and Ph. Love. and of Mrs Stephen Morgan. — My father taught this School also.

A poor girl often came to this School during play time and sang for the School girls in the shade of the house. The children fed her from their baskets and buckets, and this incident gave birth to the idea of Chany's early life and songs at Reade's School. I do not think that I remember any thing of this singing girl, but gleaned the facts from my Sister.

The first School I went to was on "Russell's Lot" near Red 8. This was kept by Peter Ford an Old bachelor, who disappeared soon afterwards and was never heard of any more. My next School was Northward, beyond the limits of the map. taught by Jesse B. Burroughs, who was a Crabbed and ill natured man and treated my Younger Sister very unkindly.

About the year 1816 I went to School to Richard Smith, a good hearted fellow, who lived on the place called "Prattsville" and taught in a house red fig 9. on the map.

Note. Most of this land (much wrong [illegible]