

Old Hickory Tree, which this deponent now shews the Surveyor or present  
this deponent further sayeth that the afo<sup>d</sup> Philemon Spencer then Occupied  
the land on the North Side of said Tree, but that it has been since taken  
up by Capt. William Hambleton as Vacant land and th<sup>t</sup> Philemon  
Spencer Never did contend for it to his knowledge, and this Deponent  
further sayeth not

Taken and sworn to  
March 28<sup>th</sup> 1797  
before John Kersey  
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John Sinclair

Deposition of Alexander Sinclair aged seventy years  
upwards being duly sworn on the Holy Evangelies, Depoeth and  
sayeth that about thirteen or fourteen years ago William Davis the  
Surveyor of Talbot County shewed him the Deponent an old Hickory Tree  
standing on the edge of a bank by the side of a branch of Hambleton's Creek  
(the banks of which he now shews the Surveyor) and that the said Davis  
told him the Deponent that the said Hickory was the second boundary  
of a Tract of Land called Martingham, and desired him and other at the  
same time not to destroy the said Tree - and this deponent further sayeth  
that a short time afterward Capt. William Hambleton was having  
surveyed and that Philemon Spencer who was near the age  
of the Deponent and was born and lived in the Neighbourhood, came and  
shewed the Surveyor and Company present the same of Hickory Tree  
and also said it was the second boundary of Martingham - this Deponent  
further sayeth that Philemon Spencer then Occupied the land adjoining  
the said Hickory, on the North Side, but <sup>that</sup> since that time the land  
adjoining as afo<sup>d</sup> has been taken up by Capt. William Hambleton as Vacant  
land - this deponent also sayeth that Mr. Davis said his line came  
to the said Hickory Tree also - and this Deponent further sayeth not.

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