

the cut of the tree being made up in many pieces, and the parts thereof being particularly examined by him, and further this Dependent says that the set notches appearing on the surface were not arranged as notches usually are on round trees - said notches to the North West in a row above each other and the other three in a several row were not more than eighteen inches from the former, that some of the same marks at the depth of one and three quarter inches from the surface appeared plainly the cut of an ax, the marks thereof forming a notch being still perfectly visible in the bark of the tree, and further this Dependent saith that he is of opinion that from the outside appearance on the tree and the depth of the notches, that the said tree has been marked less than thirty year 2nd further saith that he new William Welch, that from the opinion he believes generally entertained of him was from the general tenor of his conduct, that he was a man of small natural parts and of depraved morals, further saith not

Sworn before Christ. Cor. D. Shiff
this 23rd May 1808.

Henry Downes
May 23rd 1808.

The above Deposition of Henry Downes was taken on the part of
William Hemlesley - Christ. Cor. D. Shiff.

My Deposition of Philemon Green, aged forty five years old being duly sworn, Depoeth and saith that upwards of twenty years ago he was shown a dead white Oak tree as a boundary or beginning tree of Youngs Fortune, and that the stump which he is now at he verily believes to be the stump of the aforesaid beginning tree of Youngs Fortune as shown him, but this Dependent does not recollect by whom it was shown to him, but is satisfied it was not by William Hemlesley - and he further says that from his knowledge or acquaintance with two paths running on either side of the old bounded tree down to the branch he is certain that the stump now shown must be the stump of the old tree shown him as aforesaid - that he has never heard till very lately of any other place as the beginning of Youngs Fortune - and further this Dependent saith that Philemon Green the grandfather of this Dependent died in the year 1777 or thereabouts, that he was at that time a very old man, that he was a retired & steady easy old man & appeared to concern with no persons business but his own, and to this Dependent's knowledge had no concern or interest in the beginning of Youngs Fortune - And this Dependent further saith that he was acquainted with