and further this deponent saith not. — Abs.m Barney. —

Taken and sworn to on the Survey the 20th day of april 1797.

Ezekiel Bourings Lessee
(against)
Christian Singery

The deposition of Absolam Barney a witness for the defendant aged about seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith that where he now stands was shewn him take the beginning trees of a tract of land called Merrymans Mountain by George Merryman this deponent further saith he saw George Merryman sell and assign said land unto Christian Singery about twenty nine years ago and that said Singery hath been in possession of said land ever since and this deponent further saith that the inclosures he now stands in were made by said Christian Singery and also the meadow included therein, and further this deponent saith that it has been the general opinion of this neighbourhood or settlement for upwards of twenty years past, that all the land between these trees and the beginning of a piece of land called Petticoats Loose is the right and estate of said Christian Singery or those claiming under him this deponent further saith that Merrymans Mountain contained forty nine and a half acres as ashe was informed) and Petticoats Loose contained one hundred and twenty seven acres ashe was informed and further this deponent saith not. Abs.m Barney

Taken and sworn to on the survey the 20th day of april 1797.

Ezekiel Borings Lessee
(against)
Christian Singery

The deposition of John Foster a witness for the Defendant aged about 66 years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith that about near the place he now stands is the beginning of piece of land called Petticoats Loose surveyed for this deponant and Dorsey Petticoat and the certificate made out in Dorsey Petticoats name by Capt.n Richard Richard a deputy under Capt.n Wm. Smith about 35 years ago this deponant saith that he assigned all his right and estate in and to said land unto Benjamin Barney and that he doth not know of any base or patent being obtained for said land by him or said B Barney this deponant saith Benjamin Barney cut logs on this land for a house about 30 years ago this deponent saith he heard said Barney say he sold said land to Christian Singery who and those claiming under him have been in possession of said land ever since this Deponant saith he has always expected and understood for upwards of 20 years past that all the land between Merrymans Mountain and this place was the right and estate of said Christian Singery or those claiming under him to the best of his knowledge with this Deputy begun. —

John Foster

This deponant saith he doth not know of any survey or tract of land called Merrymans Mountain or Petticoats Loose but the two pieces this day. Jn.o Foster. —

subscribed and sworn in the presence of the Plaintiff and Defendant, summoned and sworn to on survey this 20th day of april 1797.

Ezekiel Bourings Lessee
(against)
Christian Singery.

The deposition of Jonathan Tipton a witness for defendant aged seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith that he saw Christian Singery purchase the tract of land he now stands on called Merymans Mountain as he then understood by Christian Singery in the presents of Mordecai Ford of the Commissioners about 26 or 27 years ago and that said Singery hath been in possession of said land ever since and that the inclosures where he now stands in was made by Christian Singery and all the Meadow included therein and this Deponant saith that it has been the general opinion of the settlement that Merryman Mountain and Petticoats Loose and the land between said tracts is the right and estate of Christian Singery and Edward Stevenson for this 26 or 27 years past further this deponant not. — Jonathan his I T mark Tipton

Taken and sworn to on the Survey the 20th of april 1797.

Ezekiel Bourings Lessee
against
Christian Singery

The deposition of Jonathan Tipton a witness for the Defendant aged about seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy evangelist of almighty God deposeth and saith that the stone here marked C S stands in the middle or center between the two trees marked and bounded for the beginning of a survey called Petticoats Loose surveyed by Capt.n Richard Richards a deputy under William Smith for Dorsey Petticoat about thirty five years ago this deponant saith he saw Christian Singery buy two surveys of the Commissioners and firmly believes this to be one of them this deponent saith it is about twenty six years ago since said Singery bought said land and that said Singery and those claiming under him have been in possession of said land ever since, this deponant saith that Edward Stevenson built the dwelling and spring house that is now on this land this deponant further saith that said Stevenson cleared inclosed and improved this land to the best of his knowledge, — and this deponant saith that it has been the general opinion of this settlement for upwards of twenty years past that all the land between this place and the beginning trees of Merrymans Mountain is the right and estate of Christian Singery and Edward Stevenson and further this deponent saith not. — Jonathan his I T mark Tipton

Taken and sworn to on the survey the 20th day of april 1797.

Ezekiel Borings Lessee Christian Singery.