Dryer built his dwelling house here and lived in the same and that the old fields to the westward of this place was cleared by Samuel Dryer, and that ever since he can remember the same were called Dryers old fields; this deponent further saith that these old fields were always in the possession of the late Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since he could remember which has been these fifty years and that they were always deemed Hammonds old fields; this deponent saith that his father informed him that the tract of land called Dryers Inheritance bounded on the river from the last tree on the edge of the river to the beginning: that he heard Capt. John Dorsey at his fathers house say, that he thought that the tract of land called Dorseys Search came across the river, and that his father told him it could not, that he bounded on one side of the river and Mr. Hammond bounded on the other side; that ever since he can remember Mr. Philip Hammond has always claimed the land this side of the river to the river and bounded on it and cut timber on the same, and that he never heard any dispute about it, untill Mr. Ely Dorsey came and cut some logs this side of the river, when a dispute arose between him and Col. Hammond respecting the same and Col. Hammond took away the logs from him: this Deponent further saith that he was born on a tract of land called Browns Forest adjoining Dryers Inheritance about a mile from here and that he has always lived in the neighbourhood. —

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N. 2. The Deposition of Valentine Brown aged sixty three years or thereabouts being duly sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposeth and saith that the old fields lying to the westward of this place has been cleared ever since he could remember which has been near fifty years and that they have always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since and that he never knew or heard of any other person having any claim to the same, —

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N. 3. Valentine Brown being further sworn on the holy Evangels of almighty God deposeth & saith that the old fields to the westward of the place where he is now at has been clear'd about forty years

ago and that they have always been in the peaceable possession of Mr. Philip Hammond and his family ever since, and that he never knew or heard of any other person having any claim to the same, —

Valentine Brown

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The Deposition of James Herby aged about sixty five years old deposeth and saith that where he now is or hereabouts, he was informed by Edward Sears, stood the old dwelling house in which one William Magers lived, as tenant to old Mr. Philip Hammond and that he also has been informed by old Mr. John Hatherly and old Mr. John Barlow that one William Magers lived there among some old apple trees, as tenant to Mr. Philip Hammond and that the old fields lying to the east of this place towards patuxent river, now shewn to the Surveyor, he has heard called Hammonds old fields, and Magers old fields, and that he can remember these old fields above fifty years, and that all the time that Edward Sears was overseer for Mr. Philip Hammond up here at Elk ridge they were under a constant fence and inclosure, and were cultivated, and worked, by said Edward Sears for Philip Hammonds use, as part of his middle quarter or plantation, and that he has often seen good crops of corn and wheat grow thereon, and that he never heard that Capt. John Dorsey or any other person had any claim to said old fields, or to any land lying on this west side of the patuxent river untill some years past, he heard that Mr. Ely Dorsey claimed some land, on this west side of the river and cut, or had caused to be cut fence logs, which occasioned a dispute between him and Col. Reign Hammond and he heard that Col. Hammond brought it away the logs: and this deponent says, that he always heard the land called Philip Hammonds land from Browns branch up the river on this west side of patuxent, and that Edward Sears said Hammonds overseer used to cut the timber for the use of the said Philip Hammonds quarter on the land adjoining the river patuxent, on this side the same being full of timber and where the quarter was or it was generally sapling land: and that he never heard any objection thereto by any person: that Edward Sears married Sarah Herby this deponents sister: and Edward Sears informed this