sace a Tamed to the best of this deponents knowledge never did cut and carry away timber or wood from the west side of the river or exercise any other acts of ownership over it.

Benja: Dorsey.

Sworn to in presence of the Sheriff and Surveyor this 3d day of august 1799.

John Welch Shff.

The Deposition of Ely Davis aged fifty two years or thereabouts, who being sworn deposeth and saith that this deponent lived with Ely Dorsey as an overseer at a quarter of his called Bordleys when a difference happened between Ely Dorsey & Colo. Hammond. that a difference had previously taken place between Ely Dorsey and his mother about her thirds, that in consequence thereof Ely Dorsey sent for Robert Davis father of this deponent to run out Dorseys search and lay out his mothers thirds; that this deponents father came and laid off the thirds of Mrs. Dorsey. that this deponent carried the chain that in laying off Mrs. Dorseys thirds the land where the logs were cut about which Mr. Dorsey and Colo. Hammond disputed was included in her thirds, that Mrs. Dorseys people cut the logs and after they were taken away, Mr. Dorsey came to this deponent and wanted him with the negroes to go and drive Colo. Hammond off: that this deponent replyed that Mr. Dorsey might take his negroes if he pleased, but he would not interfere; that it is upwards of twenty four years ago when this deponent carried the chain in laying off Mrs. Dorseys thirds; that it is upwards of twenty years ago since Mr. Dorsey & Colo. Hammond disputed about the logs, that this deponent lived eight or ten years on Dorseys search as overseer for Mr. Dorsey; that once Mr. Dorsey ordered him to get ready to clear a piece of land on the west side of the river, but the next morning he countermanded his order; saying he did not want to be involved in any dispute; that Mr. Dorsey about twelve or thirteen years ago ordered his man Peter who was a carpenter to get plates and posts for a Barn on the west side of Patuxent river, which was done, and the same were carried to his Quarter on Dorseys search and put in the Barn that was building: this deponent saith that he doth not know whether Colo. Hammond was informed or ever heard of Mr. Dorsey's cutting and carrying away the same.

Sworn to this 17th June 1795. Ely Davis

Test Rachel Stevens Surveyor of A. A. Coty

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