and saith that two bounded white oak trees standings on the Bank of the River Potomack about half a mile above John Nicholas dwelling house and near a Lick being the same two proved by James Prather for the bounded trees of a tract of Land surveyed by Doctor Ross as the bounded trees for a Tract of Land surveyed for Thomas Bladen some time about the year 1745 or 1746. and that he was present when they were bounded. being one of the chain carriers

Sworn before me
Evan Gwynne Dpty Clk

Washington County
28th April 1783.

Washington County State of Maryland.
Came before the Subscriber Col. Thomas Cresap who being first sworn according to Law deposeth and saith that he the said Thomas had a Commission as Surveyor of that part of Frederick County. laying above monocacy that while he acted as Surveyor of the said District two warrants were put into his hands to execute for Mr Thomas Bladen on any vacant Lands he should find one of which warrants was was for two thousand acres of Land the other for three thousand acres having agreed with Thomas Prather to Act as Deputy Surveyor for this deponant recommended it to the aforesaid Thomas Prather to layout and make some surveys for Mr Bladen in consequence of the above recited warrant among which he laid out a certain tract of Land where I was present at bounding the trees and running the Land and gave it the name

of pleasant valley and never knew no other name for it till I was informed a certain James Prather had told Doctor Ross it was called white oak Level.
The said Defendant further saith that three certificates were made by Jarvis Baughman for his Land by the name of Pleasant valley one of which was given to Mr Bladen one sent to the office and the other entered in his Book in folio 64 and stood fair on said Book both plat and certificate till some time in April 1779 I lodged the aforesaid Book on a particular occasion with Thomas Jennings Esqr where it remained about three years and then it was brought and delivered to me by Mr Thomas Jacques at which time upon examination I found the plats and certificate torn out as it now appears that the aforesaid tract of Land was purchased by George Mason many years since the this deponant cannot recollect precisely how long but supposes about fiftein or sixtein years from Mr Tasker the attorney of Thomas Bladen Esquire some time after which purchase I was requested by Col. Mason to get a patent for him for that land he living out of the province accordingly I applied to the Land office for patent on the assignment of the certificate and was promised by the clerk it should be done against the ensuing morning ready to be carried to the Governor to be signed according I called in the morning to see if it was done and was informed by the clerk that Doctor Ross had entered a caveat against it which they shewed me upon which I made particular enquiry if any body had seen Doctor Ross in Town that morning or the preceding evening but could find no body that had upon which I in a short time set of that is to say in a few hours set out for home taken