the timber was cut upon, but his impressions was that it was Mr Elliotts, and that he supposed so because Mr Elliotts directed him to work there, and that he never heard of its being claimed by any one else, but the Elliotts until last winter, that he has known it for sixty years, and has been in the habit of coming to the place constantly, and further saith that he knew the medow forty years ago, which was then cleared, and in the possession of the Mr Elliotts, which is where Mr Sams academy stands, and that it has been in their possession ever since, and that he never heard of any one claiming it until last winter and when he first knew it, it was all in woods and stales he never heard of its being run out and further saith that he has heard his father say that Prestiges had taken out a warrant to secure some vacant land, but there was no vacancy, and further this deponent saith not. Sworn and subscribed to, on the part of the defendants this 5th day of Sept. 1827.

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Sworn before, James I Dorsey Dy Shff A. A. County
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near the place or spot which he now sheweth the Sheriff and Surveyor stood a pine tree within the enclosures of Dorseys as the fence then run, which stood in the line of the tract of land called The Valley of Owen and further saith that he knew the said tree forty years ago and that it was standing in the year 1800 when he went to Baltimore to live, and that the fence was standing as he shows it run when he first knew it, and stood in the same place when he went to Baltimore, and further saith that the general belief of the neighbourhood was that Mr Dorsey owned no land to the north of the pine tree, and that about thirty years ago to the best of his recollection the Elliotts had a turnip patch at the place he now sheweth, and further saith that he understood from Bartholomew Balderston that he had a dispute with Mr Dorsey about cutting some wood upon his land, and further saith he knows that the meadow which he now sheweth was inclosed and in the use of the Elliotts claiming title upwards of 40 years ago, but has no recollection whether the wood part was inclosed when he first knew it, and further saith the Elliotts cut timber along down the falls, but how far up the hill he does not know, nor how far their lines extended up the hill he does not know, nor did he ever hear where Mr Dorseys lines run or that Mr Dorsey ever set up any claim to the land on the falls, and that he understood that the given line of the

Valley of Owen ended near William Pegs this was twenty years or more and further saith that when Cornelius Howard run the Valley of Owen he run it further north, than it was supposed to run, but he never heard of any claim being set up to the land by any person until the present claim by Dr Thomas, and that he had been in the habit of purchasing of one of Bartholomew Balderston, which was coaled to the north of Saml Godfreys and further saith the land which he now sheweth was never coaled since he came to the State of Maryland to live which was about 40 years ago, he supposes that it was coaled by the Dorseys there being no other furnace in the neighbourhood and further saith not. Subscribed to on the part of the defendants this 6th day of Sept. 1827. James Gillingham

Affirmed before James I Dorsey Dy Shff A. A. County.
Jno. W. Duvall J. A. A. C.

Allen Thomas's Lessee vs Nathaniel Elliott & others.	No 16 Trespass and ejectment in Anne Arundel County court. The affirmation of Johnston Balderston

aged about 60 years first being affirmed saith, his father owned the tract of land called Prestiges Folly about 54 or 55 years ago, and that Mr Nicholas Gapaway now deceased informed Mr Edward Dorsey that his father was cutting on his land, and that Mr Dorsey brought suit against his father without seeing where the cutting was cut, when he (Mr Dorsey) went on the land, and see where the cutting was he struck off the suit after seeing his father which he supposes was 32 or 33 years ago and further saith his father informed him that Mr Dorsey struck off the suit because he discovered that the cutting was not on his land, and further this affirmant saith that Mr Dorsey in coming up to his line between his land and Prestiges Folly left a strip of land between the said two lines, and that his father was in the possession of Prestiges Folly and always exercised acts of ownership over it, and that he never heard of any other person setting up any title to it until he sold it, and that his father sold a part of Prestiges Folly to the Elliotts which includes Mr Lams house, and that the part conveyed to the Elliotts was enclosed by them that they have held the same ever since, and have exercised acts of ownership over it, and that he never heard of any person setting up claim to it, and further saith that he never understood that there was any vacancy between the lines of the Valley of Owen and Prestiges Folly, and that he never heard until lately that the pine was a line tree which he supposes was about 30 years ago or more, but he is not certain, and further saith the cutting from the present dam along down the brow of the hill to Grays dam was done by the Elliotts and that he never heard of any other title to the land and never heard of Mr Edward Dorsey running out the Valley of Owen, the first time he saw the land run was by Gryan