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some times she staid at Old John Boones and sometimes at her son in law Griffiths, At the time she died some called her Betty Boone & some Betty Hale

Deposition of Josiah Hook

I will be sixty seven years of age next March, Rudolph Hook was deponents father, and he has been dead 27 or 28 years, deponent knew Stephen Boone they were boys togethe her, deponents father lived about a mile and a half from Old John Boones house, deponent often saw old John Boone and his son Stephen together old John always called Stephen Boone his son Stephen, and when he spoke of Stephen he always spoke of his son Stephen — [deponent has heard deponents father say several times that Old John Boone was lawfully married to — Stephens mother] It was the general talk in the neighbourhood that a woman by the name of Betty — Hale to whom it was also said in the neighbourhood that said John Boones was never married, lived with him after the death of Stephens mother, This was the general talk in the neighbourhood, Witness and Stephen drove wagons during the winter seasons for three years for their respective fathers, deponent & Stephen were pretty much on the road together, and the Old Man would most generally be with Stephen when Stephen was going to town with his wagon, The Old Man John Boone appeared to set a great store by Stephen

Cross Examination

It was a frequent subject of talk in the neighbourhood of Betty Hale & John Boone not being married, deponent cannot say how long ago, but thinks it was 25 or 30 years ago that he heard this conversation, Deponent never heard that they were married, Deponent was never at the house of Old Mr Boone while Betty



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Hale lived there, Has been many times at Old John Boones house, never knew Betty Hale to go by the name of Betty Boone

Deposition of John Fishpaw

That he is now Seventy six years old, he knew Old John Boone in his life time and also Stephen Boone his son. — Deponent has seen a woman said to be Stephens Boones mother, she was living with John Boone, The general reputation in the neighbourhood was that they were man & wife, the old standards in the neighbourhood used to rent John Boone and the lady who was his wife, Old John Boone spoke of Stephen as his son, and supported him as his son, Stephen lived with old John Boone, was never hired out, deponent has seen the old Man & Stephen together many a time he appeared to be very fond of Stephen and was very tender with him as tender as he could be to a child.

Cross Examined

Deponent was a small boy when he saw old John — Boone living with the lady as his wife he went there — with his father, cant say really how old he was at that time, does not think he was quite ten years old the first time he went to Old John Boones house, does not recollect when the lady died, used to be backwards & forwards pretty often, and after her death more frequently, Cant say at what time she died, deponent was not grown up at the time she died.

Deposition of Joseph Hook

I am sixty seven years old, I was acquainted with old John Boone & his son Stephen, Stephen went always by the name of John Boones Son, the Old Man always owned him for his son, Did not know Stephen Mother never saw her to his knowledge, Has heard in the neighbourhood