The Deposition of John Hanson Senr. Aged Sixty seven years or thereabout being first summoned and sworn in presence of the Sheriff and Surveyor and Plaintiff. Deposeth and saith that the Land as far as the upper end of the Tobacco Ground was in woods and a Common and also all the wood Land on the East side of the Main road next the Creek was never inclosed within his memory and that the Land to the west side of the main road was in dispute between the Plaintiff and Defendants father for forty years past and likewise that at times it was a Common — And further this Deponent saith not —

John Hanson

September 19th 1788

Francis Lovelle Pitt (DS)

September 19th 1788.

Edward Hanson Aged fifty two years or thereabout being duly Summoned and Sworn Deposeth and saith in presence of the Shff and Surveyor and Plaintiff, That about twenty five years ago the fence stood about sixty yards within where it now stands and that the said fence then where we now are, about one hundred and fifty yards to the South before it turned and cut out the Lower part of the field a Common and that he understood that the Land was in dispute for upwards of thirty years past and that he heard the Defendants Father tell his Father not to give up the Land unless he recovered it by Law or that if he did not chuse to stand a Law-Suit to give it up to him and he would give him Land elsewhere which discourse passed upwards of twenty years ago and the wood Land on the East of the main road between that and the Creek was never inclosed within his memory —

Edward Hanson

Francis Lovelle Pitt DS.

September 19th 1788

Amos Hollis Aged fifty two years or thereabout being duly summoned and sworn in the presence of the Shff Surveyor and Plaintiff — Deposeth and saith that about forty years ago that the Land as far as the upper end of the Tobacco Ground was in woods and a Common and also all the wood land on the East side of the Main road was never inclosed within his memory and also that the cleared land that is now in Dispute had scarcely any fence and some places none and was grown up with Briars and did not appear to have been tended for fourteen or fifteen years at that time and that when the Defend inclosed said Land that there was great dispute between the Plaintiff's and Defendants father's — And further saith not —

Amos Hollis

Francis Lovelle Pitt DS

September the 1st By Adjournment from the 31st of August 1788 —

The Deposition of John Hanson age Sixty five years after being legally summoned and sworn by the Sheriff of Harford County and in the presence of the Surveyor, Plaintiff and Defendant — Deposeth and saith — That the Lands where we now are on the North side of a fence Crossing the Neck at the Lower end of the Land called the Court House land to have been in the possession of the Grandmother of the present Defendant, when this Deponent was a Boy and that there was a fence then standing near about the same place that the fence now stands which is at the Lower end of the Court House Land, but continued for but about two or three years, after which he never knew this Land on the North side of this fence aforesaid, to have been in the Possession of any person or persons except the Philips' Family, except a small piece of Tobacco Ground which was in the possession of the Plaintiffs Father for two years, which possession was as far back as thirty years from this date — This Deponent further saith that this Land aforesaid on the North side of this fence laid out as a Common for Several years after the removal of the fence — And further this Deponent sayeth not —

John Hanson

And the said James Philips by his attorney aforesaid, says that he cannot deny the action aforesaid of the aforesaid Charles Goodtitle Lessee of the said James Osborne so as aforesaid against him brought, nor but that the said Charles Goodtitle Lessee of the said James Osborne ought to recover his Term yet to come and unexpired of in and into that part of Common Garden Corrected that lies between the Neck road and Rummey Creek and also for the part at Bon Bush River containing two and an half acres and also for eight acres North of Common Garden between the line of Common Garden and Common Garden Corrected and the lines of Chelsea and the Land sold by Philips to Hanson, as marked and delineated on the Platts returned in this cause —

Therefore it is considered by the Court here that the said Charles Goodtitle Lessee of the said James Osborne recover against the said James Philips his term yet to come and unexpired of in and into that Part of Common Garden Corrected that lies between the Neck Road and Rummey Creek and also for the part at Bon Bush River containing two and an half Acres, and also for eight Acres North of Common Garden between the line of Common Garden and Common Garden Corrected and the lines of Chelsea and the Land sold by Philips to Hanson as marked and delineated on the Platts returned in this cause, and that he have thereof his possession against the said James Philips —