The deposition of Samuel Mead aged 58 years being sworn on the holy evangels of Almighty God deposeth and saith that in the year 1780, he run a line for Thomas Tillard which came near or at the Cherry tree where we are now at and that he was informed by the persons who was then present that this tree was a boundary of the land he was then running, Being asked by plaintiff did Lewis Fisher or any other person then present deny it was a boundary of the land of Thomas Tillard – Answers no. Being further asked by Plaintiff who imployed him to come into the Neighbourhood to run land. Answers Mrs Ryan and her Grand son Lewis Fisher, Being further asked by plaintiff what land he was called on to run – Answers Birkheads parcel and Birkheads Chance as they informed him. Being further asked by Plaintiff which of the two parcells did he divide answers Birkheads parcel Being further asked by the Plaintiff why he did not divide Birkheads Chance answers that he was carried to a Hicory tree to begin and a dispute arose between the parties which prevented him and that there was no other boundarys shewn him Being further asked by plaintiff did not Mrs Ryan after we had returned to her house and after dividing Birkheads parcell inform you that the Hicory below my orchard was the beginning of Birkheads Chance and thought it ought to have been divided as well as Birkheads parcel and did not she shewn some warmth at its not being done Answers that he dont remembers what she said about the Hicory but she was angry because Birkheads Chance was not divided. Being further asked by plaintiff after Mrs Ryan complaining because he did not divide Birkheads Chance as well as Birkheads Parcel did you not offer to divide it if they would shew you the boundarys – Answers he dont remember.

Saml Mead

Taken before Ben Howard high sheriff of A. A. County Septr 1789.

The Deposition of Martin Fisher Junr aged 26 years being duly Qualified deposeth and saith that the place we are now at was shewn him by his Grand mother Eleanor Ryan and that she was told by her father Abraham Simmons it was the beginning of the 50 acres of land called Birkheads Chance pointing to the Southward of the place where we are now at and said there laid the 6 acres of land, Being asked By Plaintiff if he was present when Mr Mead was called on to divide the land between his said Grand Mother and mother in law, Answers he dont remember

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Being further asked by Plaintiff how long has it been since your Grand mother gave you this information answers 6 or 7 years ago Being further asked by Plaintiff if he had this information from other person but his Grand mother and from her but once Answers no. Being further asked by Plaintiff who was present when your Grand mother shewed this place, Answers Samuel Deal Henry Griffith and Lewis Fisher, Being further asked by Plaintiff did your grand mother at the same time tell you that she knew any other of the boundaries lines and courses of Birkheads Chance Answers, he dont remember she did Being further asked by Plaintiff what was the cause of your Grand Mother shewing ... this place, Answers she being very old and crasy said she would go and shew the place being asked by Martin Fisher Junr the defendants Manager whether he was shewn any other boundary and by any other Person, No. being further asked by Martin Fisher Junr the defendants Manager how old his Grand Mother was when she gave him this information Answers upwards of 60 years old and further saith not.

Martin Fisher Junr

Taken before Ben Howard high sheriff of A. A County Septr 1789.

Samuel Mead being sworn on the holy Evangels of Almighty and being at the place Mentioned in the deposition of Martin Fisher Junr Being asked by Plaintiff when you were called on by Mrs Ryan and Lewis Fisher to divide Birkheds parcell and Birkheads Chance, did Mrs Ryan or any other person then present shew you this place as the beginning of Birkheads Chance and why did you not then begin and divide it as you had done Birkheads parcell or why was you then carried to the Hicory Tree at the foot of my orchard to begin Answers he never was shewed this place untill now and he was carried to the hicory to begin to begin to lay off Birkheads Chance but when he got there it did not appear to be the beginning which prevented his laying down the land

Saml Mead

Taken before Ben Howard high sheriff of A. A County Septr 1789.

The deposition of Samuel Deale Aged 41 years being duly Qualified deposeth and saith that about 6 years ago I was sent for by Eleanor Ryan when she was very sick and she then shewed me the place we are now at and said it was the beginning of the 50 Acres of land shewed her by her father but did not tell this deponent the name of the land being asked by the Plaintiff do you know or was you ever told or

shewed