October Term 1799.

Ezekiel Boring's Lessee against Christian Singery

The Deposition of Absalom Barney a Witness for the Defendant aged about seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and sayeth that at or near where he now stands he hath always understood is the Beginning of a survey called Petticoats Loose this deponent sayth that he saw Benjamin Barney sell said Land to Christian Singery about twenty nine years ago this Deponent sayth that said Singery and those claiming under him have been in possession of said Land ever since; this Deponent further sayth that Benjamin Barney cut Logs on said Land for a House about thirty years ago. This Deponent sayth that Edward Stevenson built the Dwelling house on said Land about Eighteen years ago. This Deponent sayth said Edward Stevenson cleared and made all the inclosures and improvements on said Land except cutting the house logs and a ditch which was made by Christian Singery: this Deponant sayth it has been the General opinion of this settlement for upwards of Twenty years past that all the land between this place and the Beginning Trees of Merrymans Mountain was called Christian Singerys and Edward Stevensons Land and further this Deponent sayeth not. Abs^m Barney

Taken and sworn to on the Survey, the 20th day of April 1797.

The Deposition of Absolum Barney a Witness for the Defendant aged about seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God deposeth and sayth that where he now stands was shewn him to be the Beginning Trees of a Tract of Land called Merrymans Mountain by George Merryman. this Deponant further sayeth he saw George Merryman sell and assign said land unto Christian Singery about twenty nine years ago and that said Singery hath been in possession of said Land ever since: and this Deponent further sayth that the inclosures he now stands in were made by said Christian Singery and also the Meadow included therein And further this deponant sayth that it has been the general opinion of this neighbourhood or settlement for upwards of twenty years past that all the Land between these Trees and the Beginning of a peice of Land called Petticoats Loose: is the right and estate of said Christian Singery or those claiming under him, this Deponent further sayth that Merrymans mountain contained forty nine and a half acres as he was informed and Petticoats Loose contained one hundred and twenty seven acres as he was informed and further this Deponent sayth not. Abs^m Barney

Taken and sworn to on the Survey the 20th day of April 1797.

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The Deposition of John Foster a Witness for the Defendant aged 66 years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almighty God, deposeth and sayeth that at or near the place he now stands is the Beginning of peice of Land called Petticoats Loose surveyed for this Deponent and Dorsey Petticoat and the certificate made out in Dorsey Petticoats name by Captn Richard Richard a deputy under Captn Wm Smith about 35 years ago. This Deponent sayth that he assigned all his right and estate in and to said Land unto Benjamin Barney and that he doth not know of any lease or patent being obtained for said Land by him or said B. Barney. This Deponent sayth Benjamin Barney cut Logs on this Land for a house about 30 years ago. This Deponent sayth he heard said Barney say he sold said Land to Christian Singery who and those claiming under him have been in possession of said Land ever since. This Deponent sayth he has always expected and understood for upwards of 20 years past that all the Land between Merrymans Mountain and this place was the right and estate of said Christian Singery or those claiming under him, to the best of his knowledge untill this dispute begun. John Foster

This Deponant sayth he doth not know of any Survey or Tract of Land called Merrymans Mountain or Petticoats Loose but the two proved this day. John Foster subscribed and sworn in the presence of the Plaintiff and Defendant.

Summoned and sworn to on Survey this 20th day of april 1797.

Ezekiel Boring's Lessee against Christian Singery

The Deposition of Jonathan Tipton a Witness for Defendant aged seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelist of almity God deposeth and saith that he saw Christian Singery purchase the Tract of Land he now stands on called Merrymans Mountain as he then understood by Christian Singery in the presents of Mordecai Ford, of the Commissioners about 26 or 27 years ago and that said Singery hath been in possation of said Land ever sience and that the inclosures where he now stands in was made by Christian Singery and all the Meddow included therein, and this Deponent sayth it has been the General opinion of the Settlement that Merryman Mountain and Petticoats Loose and the Land between said Tracts is the right and estate of Christian Singery and Edward Stevenson for this 26 or 27 years past further this Deponent not. Jonathan his mark II Tipton

Taken and sworn to on the Survey the 20th of april 1797.

Ezekiel Boring's Lessee against Christian Singery

The Deposition of Jonathan Tipton a Witness for the Defendant aged about seventy three years being duly sworn on the holy Evangelists