

294)

Ans^r I suppose a mile or near it
And farther this deponent saith not

Teste

John Machin

John Green

Meredith Helm

The within mentioned Meredith Helm
this day swore to the foregoing depo-
sition before me a Justice of the
Peace for said County at the
Lick on the middle fork of Lau-
rances Creek this 12th day of July 1797

John Johnston

We the Subscribers being disinterested
Citizens of the County of Mason do
certify that the foregoing depositions
were taken the day and year afore-
said at the lick on the middle
fork of Laurances Creek and
that we have taken Observations
of the Spot whereon the improv-
ment is said ^{formerly} to have stood

295)

Given under our hands and seals this
19th day of July 1797

R. W. Waring *(Seal)*

Josiah Records *(Seal)*

John Johnston *(Seal)*

At a Court ^{held} for Mason County
the 25th day of July 1797 These deposi-
tions to Establish ~~the~~ Improvement
of Wm. McConnell senr. was returned
by the Commissioners and ordered
to be Recorded
Teste J. Marshall of Mason

The deposition of Charles Leconte
taken before John Gutridge John Down-
ing & Thomas Nichols in compliance
with an order of the County Court of
Mason on the 15th day of July 1797—
at William Jones pt or near an Improvement
included in a survey made for Thomas
Williams and said to have been made
by said Leconte and taken ^{Consent of} by Alex^r
H. Marshall as claimant to the Land

296) This deponent being duly Sworn deposes
and saith that some time in the year
one thousand seven hundred and seventy
five he came to Kentucky to explore
the Country and make Improvements &
that he and David Perry came up
Laurances Creek on the right hand
branch of which (now called the big-
west fork) to the best of his knowledge
he and said Perry Built a Cabbin
each & made some small clearing around
them that part of the logs ^{which} com-
posed each Cabbin (particularly the one
made for the deponent) was of split-
ash and that the Cabbin made for
the deponent was highest up the creek

Quest. Dont this place look ^{any} like the place
you improved at as any that has been
shown you for the place where the Cabbin
was built,

Ans. No, I have seen places on this fork that
resembles the place I improved at more than this

297) Quest. Did you ever build a Cabbin on the
branch of Laurances Creek where John-
Downing now lives, —

Ans. I believe not

Quest. by Alex. H. Marshall what place on this
fork seem to suit your Idea better as the
place you improved at, than this, —

Ans. the place where James Ringland lives from
the appearance of the land and the size
of the fork seems to suit my Idea better
and I well recollect I built my Cabbin
on the lower side of the creek a little
below the fork & a little from the creek,
also I have seen other land on the creek
which resembles my improve more than the
place now claimed, as well as Ringlands
in short this place does not suit my idea
of the ground I improved at present —

Quest. Why does the land about Ringlands
appear to you more like the lands you
improved at than this —

Ans^r because the land is more level at ~~any~~
lands and the forks of the creek appear
nearer of the size of those I improved
at than these,

Questⁿ might not your coming from a hill-
ly country induce you to believe
the lands here more level than they
really are,

Ans^r 'Tis probable that Circumstance might
make a difference ~~of~~ in my idea at
this time being now accustomed to more
level lands and a great length of time
having elapsed 'till this time, and this
deponent farther says that the im-
provement of the country has altered
the appearance of the country so
much that it is impossible to dis-
-gnate the very spot where he did
improve.

Questⁿ do you recollect any large spring
near your Improvement say within
two hundred yards.

Ans^r I do not recollect of any such spring
if I had seen such a spring 'tis probable
I should have marked my name,

Questⁿ If there had been any such spring near
your improvement would not have seen it,

Ans^r " If there had been a very large spring
I think I should have seen it, —

And farther this deponent saith not

signed & sworn to
before us the
Comis^s the day
and year afores^d.

John Gutridge
John Downing
Thomas Higley

Charles Lecompt

Mason County Sit July Court 1797

This deposition on Williams Im-
provement was returned by the
Comis^sioners and ordered to be
recorded

Titus J. Marshall

212 Sworn to before me a Justice of the Peace for
Mason County this 11th day of November 1796
David Morris
We the Subscribers (Commissioners) do Certifie
that the above Deposition was Sworn to ~~in~~
presence and in the presence of David Morris
and Edward Lee two disinterested Citizens of
Mason County Given under our hands this
11th day of November 1796

Jesse Word

W. Payne

Mason County Sec. December Court 1796

This Deposition for Establishing
Tebbs' preemption was Returned by the Com-
missioners and Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Thos. Marshall June

Mason County Sec

Agrees to an Order of the May Court 1796
Appointing John Kenton, Meredith Helms and
Jeremiah Foster or any two of them who hath
been sworn to Assign the Dower in the Slaves
of John Mable Deceased to the Widow there-
fore we the Commissioners do accord the said
Widow for her Dower One Negro Girl named
Till Provided the said Orphan pay to the

213 Widow the Just Sum of Seven Pounds ten Shil-
lings Current money of Kentucky Given under
our hands this 27th day of Decemr 1796

John Kenton
Meredith Helms

Mason County Sec, December Court 1796

This Assignment of Dower to the
Widow Mable was Returned by the Commis-
sioners and Ordered to be Recorded
Teste Thos. Marshall June

The Deposition of Charles Leconte of Lawrence age
Taken agreeable to an Act of Assembly of the State
of Kentucky entitled an Act
before Nathaniel Wilson and John Gutridge Com-
missioners appointed by the County Court of Mason
for perpetuating Testimony respecting an improvement
made by him & included in a Survey made on
the waters ^{of the big west fork} of Lawrence Creek for Thomas Williams

This deponent being duly sworn de-
peth and sayeth that some time in the Spring of
the year one thousand Seven Hundred and seventy
five he came to Kentucky to Improve Land and
in Company with David Perry & others Landed
at the mouth of Lawrence Creek and the

the said
Deponent and Perry struck off up the big west
fork of D. Laurances Creek and that he believes
on the said fork or some of its Branches this de-
-ponent and said Perry made an improvement
for each of them and that one or both ~~Cabins~~
was raised of split Timber And that being
now called ^{up} to establish said improvement
this Deponent finds himself at a loss to de-
scribe the precise spot as well as ~~an account~~ of
of the length of time as the difference in the
appearance of the Country on Account of the
improvement. This Deponent swears that and
Says that being shown a place near William
Jones's on said big West fork said to be the
improvement on which said Williams's Survey
was made & called for as the improvement of
the said Deponent it doth not answer his
Idea of the spot he improved ^{at} which he thinks
was rather leveler but this deponent farther
Says that he being then from the Monon-
gela country where lands are very broken
and now accustomed to much leveler lands may
account for the place not answering his
Expectations this deponent being likewise shown

a place at John Downings where an improvement
was said to have been at which a ~~tree~~ ^{is said to be} was marked
with the letters C.L. or T.L. this deponent says
he believes the said letters were not made by
him nor does this place come up to the idea
he has of the ~~place~~ he improved at this de-
ponent has likewise explored the different
Branches of the said big west fork but cannot
with certainty point out any spot answer-
ing exactly the idea ~~he now entertains~~ of the
place he improved at but believes he improved
on the first branch he struck off upon -
and further this deponent says that not -
sworn to before said John Gutridge a Justice of
the Peace for the said County of Mason and
Subscribed in presence of and Attested by
the said Commissioners ~~the~~ ^{day} Eleventh of Decr
One thousand seven Hundred and ninety five
Charles Le Compte
Is to
John Gutridge }
Nath. Wilson } Mason County ss, Decr. Comt 1796
This Deposition
for Establishing Le Comptes Improvement was taken
by the Commissioners and ordered to be
Recorded
Teste J. Marshall Clerk