

to come to this Country
 Willis Edwards to improve the Lands for him that he
 might hold the s^d private survey in this bottom by that
 means he gave to Edwards the sum of fiftyer Pounds for
 improving and also bore his expenses as I have under-
 stood. Q^{ues}. Is the 200 Dollars to be paid provided the
 improvement is not Established. Ans^r. The payment does
 not depend on the Establishment of the improvement agree-
 ble to our bargain. Q^{ues}. Do you verily expect to ^{receive} the money
 if the improvement is not established. Ans^r. I expect to receive
 the money, but Cap^t. Ashby since our bargain has intimated
 that he thinks hard to pay it unless it is established.
 Q^{ues}. When you bargained did you not expect the improvement
 would have appeared plainly. Ans^r. I did. Q^{ues}. did you
 not tell Mr Ashby that you could find the improvement
 & was not that the reason of Ashby purchasing.
 Ans^r. I told Ashby that I thought I could find the improve-
 ment, but I do not know what reason induced him to purchase
 I suppose he would not have purchased if I could not have
 shown the improvement. Q^{ues}. Does he not Depend on your
 evidence to support the claim. Ans^r. he does, I do not
 know any person who knows the improvement but my-
 self & perhaps Colo Sam^l Wells in this State.

Q^{ues}. have you not told some persons that Willis Ed-
 wards improvement was below this place at the foot of the
 River hill & when the creek emptying into the Ohio first
 below this place. Cuts thro the river Hill.

Ans^r. News to my knowledge and further this deponent
 saith not

Sworn to before us the
 Comm^{rs} aforesaid

Dr Payne

John Heath

William Triplett

The Deposition of John Dyal of full age taken before
 the Commissioners aforesaid at the time and place aforesaid

This deponent being first Sworn, saith that about six or
 seven years ago he was in this bottom and at or near the
 place there was the appearance of a Deadening, and that he
 verily believes this is the place where he saw the Deadening.
 Q^{ues} by W^m Ashby did not W Triplett disclose this
 place to you very particularly before you shew'd it to Triplett

Ans^r. he did. Q^{ues}. What was Mr Triplett to give you
 for shewing this place. Ans^r. Cap^t. Triplett gave me ten dol-
 lars to help find this place or to shew it to him. And further
 this deponent saith not

Dr Payne

John Heath

Jo^h Dyal

Sworn to before us
 the Comm^{rs} aforesaid

The Depⁿ of John Fraser of full age taken the day and
 Year & place aforesaid before the Comm^{rs} aforesaid. This deponent
 being first Sworn deposes & saith that some time ago
 Mr W^m Triplett came to the place of residence of this

Dep^o and asked if there was not a man who had been in search of the improvement above spoken of he was answered that this Dep^o was the person the said one Triplett then asked this Dep^o where he had searched & observed that the improvement was just back of the clearing made by Mr. Forman in this Bottom & the improvement was near the foot of the hill & near a run issuing from the said hill this Dep^o further saith that the said Triplett offered to give this Dep^o ten Dollars if he would shew an improvement to suit ^{his} description to him & further this Dep^o saith not -

Sworn to before us the Subscribers
Commissioners & we have caused a
beach tree & two white oaks to be
marked wth & chops in the presence
of J^o Lyal & John Frazer at the place
shown us as being the place of improve-
ment

John Frazer

These Depositions was returned to
the Clerk's office of this County by the Com-
missioners & ordered to be Recorded
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Thomas Marshall Junr. Clerk

The Deposition of Simon Kenton of full age & Taken
at the place Jacob Drunnon's Improvement on the Western
of Mill Creek in the County of Mason & State of
Kentucky on Monday the sixteenth day of April
in the year one Thousand seven Hundred and ninety
Eight. Under an Order of the County Court of Mason

Taken before Thomas Young & John Taylor two of the
Commissioners appointed ~~appointed~~ by the said Court on
the Motion of Thomas Mills who was Appearer of the said
Jacob Drunnon. This Deposition being sworn Deposition and
saith ^{that} in the Month of June or July in the year seventeen
Hundred & Seventy six at the spot now shewn to the said
Commissioners or with in a very few paces of it he assisted
the said Jacob Drunnon to build a cabin. That the said
Drunnon being absent at the setting of the Commissioners
he this Deposition laid in his claim before the Commission-
ers and intended to include the spot now shewn. The said
Improvement was built by the said Drunnon a certain
Samuel Amos Smith (who now resides in this County) and
this Deposition. Quest^d by Thomas Mills. are in Doubt
whether this is the spot or not? Ans. I am not in the
least Doubt. I shewd this same spot to Robert Raa-
kins & to the said Thomas Mills (As well as I recollect
in the seven Hundred and Eighty six and a part of the Cabin
was then to be seen. 2^d Quest^d. Have you any prospect of ad-
vantage in Establishing this presumption? Ans. Not the
smallest. Quest^d by Robert Campbell. Do you know that
this is the spot Intended by Jacob Drunnon for his presump-
tion? Ans. I know nothing of his intention, but know that
this is the spot on which he built a cabin and which
I intended to include the time I lay his claim before the
Commissioners, nor do I know that he ever claimed a pre-
emption in any other part of this County and further this
Deposition saith not

Simon Kenton

The foregoing Deposition was sworn to before the said Thom