

and in order to find the Cabin went to the mouth of Williams Run where we found a Cabin and proceeded up the Run where we found a second and a third Cabin at the third we found the letters **A M** marked with powder on a tree near the Cabin and the Surveyor measured to find the distance between the first & third improvements and made the Survey to include the last and farther this deponent saith not

Samuel Bogg

The Deposition of Joseph Wilson taken at the same time and place and for the same purpose this deponent being first sworn deposes and saith that he assisted in carrying the chain at making of said Survey for said Baird and repeats and corroborates the testimony given by sd Bogg as specifies above who also assisted as a chainman and further this deponent saith that the third Cabin which was the one included in the said Survey was built in part of split logs and further this deponent saith not

Joseph Wilson

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The Deposition of Edward Mills taken at the same time and place and for the purpose aforesaid This deponent being duly sworn deposes and saith that when he came to reside on Mill Creek in the year 1788 or 1789 as well as he remembers he saw near the place where a haw tree is now marked a hickory standing and marked with the figures 1776 and he believes some letters marked on the same tree but what the letters were he doth not know the figures appeared as if made with a main finger with powder and farther this deponent saith not

Edward Mills

The Deposition of Matthew Mahan taken at the same time and place and for the purpose aforesaid This deponent being duly sworn deposes and saith that about eight years ago his Father settled and built a Cabin within a few rods of a Haw tree this day marked by Duval Payne with the letters **B D** and at that time there appeared the remains of an old Cabin which looks like an improvement and near the Cabin stood a tree on which some letters

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deponent saith not

Matthew Mahin

The Deponent Wilson being interrogated  
by James Band deponeth and maketh  
Answers to the following Questions as they came  
in Order (Ques) by said Band did you hear answer  
McCormell make oath before the Com<sup>rs</sup> ap-  
pointed to Liquidate and settle rights of settle-  
ment and Preemption under the Laws of Vir-  
ginia for Kentucky that he the said McCormell  
made an improvement for said Bands and that he  
was hired by him to do so (Ans) Yes and that  
I understood it was on the North fork of Licking  
(Ques) by John Mahin agent for John Melvin  
by what means did you understand the sd improve-  
ment was on the waters of the North fork of  
Licking and who told you so (Ans) from the  
Idea I took up on hearing sd McCormell  
make out the entry before the said Com<sup>rs</sup>  
that is specifying the place and further  
the deponent saith not

Joseph Willson

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sworn to in presence of John Johnston and  
Miles W Conway two of the Com<sup>rs</sup> appointed  
for that purpose and taken in the presence of  
Dwale Payne and John Porter by the former  
of whom a law tree near the place the Cabin  
was said to be was marked B in presence of  
the said Com<sup>rs</sup> and the Kentucky Gazette  
wherein the time and place of taking the de-  
positions for perpetuating Testimony in this  
Case was advertised for the week succeeding  
by previous to the time was also produced

John Johnston  
Miles W Conway

Wason County Jct 27th Sept 1798  
these Depositions perpetuating Band settle-  
ment & Preemption was returned and  
Ordered to be Recorded

Teste Tho<sup>s</sup> Marshall Jr. cm