

282) deponent laid in the claim of the
deakins before the Commissioners and
was then a witness for him, that he
has no doubt whatever about the spot
shewn as aforesaid to the Commissioners
this day being the same on which the
said Deakins built his Cabin before
mentioned as a stump and Log then
cut are now to be seen and the place
a very particular one

Question by Michael Ryan: do you expect
to gain any part of this preemption -
should it be established

Ans. I do not - I claim no part of said
preemption, but rather suppose that
I in that case might be a loser -
and further this deponent saith not.

Simon Kenton

Sworn to before John Wilson and
John Gutridge Justices of the Peace
for the County aforesaid the date
and place above and attested
by the said John Willson John

283) Gutridge and William Lamb Commissioners
appointed for that purpose and
subscribed in their presence by the said
Said Deponent

John Wilson Clk
John Gutridge Clk
Wm Lamb Clk

The deposition of Samuel Arrowsmith
of full age taken at the time and
place afores. (after having been at the
Cornfield hereafter mentioned) His de-
ponent being first sworn deposeth and
saith that in the year one thousand
seven hundred and seventy six he
came to this Country and cleared a-
bout half an acre of Land and cul-
tivated it in corn and is the same
spot this day shewn to the Commissioners -
that at that time by his neighbours
and others called Smith, instead
of Arrowsmith, and that he being driven
from the said spot from an appre-
hension of danger from the Indi-
ans - The field still retained the

284) the name of Smiths Corn field
that this deponent has no doubt what-
ever relative the said place of ground
shown as aforesaid being the same
on which he cultivated corn in
the year before mentioned and
further this deponent saith not

Samuel Anow Smith

Sworn to before John Gutridge
and John Wilson Justices of the
peace for said County the date
and place above mentioned
and attested by the said John
Wilson and John Gutridge and
William Lamb Commissioners ap-
pointed as aforesaid for this purpose
by the County Court of Mason and
subscribed in their presence by the
said deponent

John Wilson 
John Gutridge 
Wm Lamb 

We the said Commissioners do certify that
the foregoing deposition and oath

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of them was taken on the day and
year & place above in the presence
of Samuel Griswell, Thomas Wood and
Simon Fields - and that at the improve-
ment on a box elder there is marked a
S.C. a Blase and three notches on
each side of the four sides of the
tree - on a honey Locust a Blase and
three notches on the four sides and
the year 1797 - On a black walnut
a Blase and three notches on each of
the four sides and all done with a
knife. - at the corn field two small
black Walnuts (near the west edge
of the field) a Blase and three
notches on each of the four sides of each
of the walnuts - Given under our
hands and seals the day year &c. above
mentioned

John Wilson 
John Gutridge 
Wm Lamb 