

Creek at a honey Locust & white Oak area
is the same shown now to the Commission-
ers and ~~them~~ ^{him} ~~also~~ Further this deponent saith not

Joseph Wilson

Sworn to before David Morris a Justice of
the peace of the County of Mason the date
first mentioned, and attested by the said
Morris, Thomas Sloo and Robert Morrison
Commissioners appointed for this purpose and
subscribed to in their presence by the said
Deponent

Thos Sloo

Robert Morrison

David Morris

Question by F. Taylor Atty. for Trenchard & Ashkins
to Bartholomew Fitzgerald who was first sworn
as afo^e — Was there a Conditional line between
your company and the Company to which
the said Samuel Hogs Belonged; —

Ans^r There was and well Creek was the line fixed
upon by the two Companies —

Attest

Thos Sloo

Robert Morrison

David Morris

Bartholomew Fitzgerald

We Thomas Sloo Robert Morrison & David Morris
do Certify that we being Commissioners appointed
by the County Court of Mason for this purpose
have taken the foregoing Depositions of Bar-
tholomew ^{Fitzgerald} John Kane & Joseph Wilson in the
presence of James Layne and Jacob Myers — that
we have caused the place of Beginning to be
marked on a white Oak B and on an Iron tree
B and the place of the Improvement on a
Large white Oak three Notches two above
and one below and on two Box Elders three
Notches on each —

Thos Sloo

Robert Morrison

David Morris

The deposition of William Triplett taken the
twenty sixth day of Sept^r One thousand seven Hun-
-dred and ninety six at Samuel Wells Improv-
ment in Conformity with an Order of the Coun-
ty Court of Mason County for perpetuating Testi-
mony for Establishing the Improvement and oth-
er Special Calls in said Samuel Wells Entry of One
Thousand Acres on preemption Warrant. This Depo-
nment

name being first sworn deposedth & saith that in the month of June one thousand seven hundred and seventy five he in company with Thomas Young and others made an Improvement and erected a Cabin at this place for ^{now} Samuel Wells who came to Kentucky with the 2d Company to Improve & lay sick at Limestone ~~where~~ the improvement was made and had previously chosen this place for his Improvement the said Depoant says he very well recollects the place as he encamped at or near it some time in June or July Seventy Six and as to the Improvement was made in lies opposite the mouth of Mill Creek and farther this Depoant saith not.

John Machin
Thos. Sloo

William Triplett

The Deposition of Thomas Young taken the twenty sixth day of September one thousand seven hundred and ninety six at Samuel Wells Improvement on the north fork of Licking nearly opposite the mouth of Mill Creek in conformity with an order of the County Court of Mason County for persons attending Testimony respecting the Improvement

& Claim of said Wells. This Depoant being first sworn deposedth and saith That he came to Kentucky in the Year one thousand seven hundred & seventy five in Company with said Wells ^{and others} to Improve and take up Land & that some time in the month of June in the same Year he assisted William Triplett and others to make an Improvement & erect a Cabin at or near this spot for sd Wells who had previous made the Choice & then lay sick and that a log cabin he believes to be the remains of the Cabin built for said Wells & that a deadening was made ^{for said Wells} on the opposite side of the North fork to this place & this place given up to said Wells by the Company and farther this Depoant saith not.

John Machin

Thos. Sloo

Thos. Young

The within Depositions sworn to before Thos. Sloo a Justice of the peace for the said County of Mason & subscribed by the said Depoants Triplett & Young in presence of and attested by the said Sloo & John Machin Commissions appointed for this purpose who have caused the Letter W to be marked on scale marked Hickory & black Walnut trees near the spot near the said Improvement by

306 the mouth of which Tho Tebb's Cabin
stands (Ans) not that I recollect we
built but one that I recollect after building
Tho Tebb's (Quest) at ⁱⁿ what time did Wm
Triplett & Thomas Young keep Camp together
(Ans) at the time the Survey was made to the
best of my recollection and further this
depo Saith not Gaydon Wells

Sworn to before me a Justice of the peace
for the said County this day & Year above
written John Willson

We the Court appointed by the Court of
Mason County for the purpose above ~~Expressed~~
do Certify that we have cause the said deposi-
tion to be taken and herewith send the same
enclosed and caused the place to be marked
in the presence of Basil Duke and Micha-
el Daugherty that is say one white Oak
marked TY & 3 notches 3 Elms marked
Y and 3 notches and one hickory marked
Y and 3 notches each tree being marked with
3 notches on three sides as Witness our
hands and seals the day & Year above
written John Willson (seal)
John Johnston (seal)

307 Mason County Ed This deposition ^{taken} on
Young improvement was returned by the
Commissioners and Ordered to be Recorded
Peter J. Marshall & Cms

The Deposition of William
Triplett of full age taken by Consent
of Henry Lee as Affee of Young Wm
Ward and John Henton as Agent for
Andrew Crockett Affee of Cannon taken
to perpetuate the improvement of said
Young, at the house of Henry Lee this
14th of March 1797 before John Willson
and John Johnson the Court ap-
pointed by the Court of Mason County
under the Act of the Genl Assembly in this
Case made and provided this deponent
being first Sworn Saith that in the year
1775 the Company to which he belonged
went out from the mouth of Limestone
where they landed to improve leaving
himself and as he has always ^{has} supposed

tho he is not certain) Thomas Young to keep
Camp that after some short absence, the
Company returned to Camp and informed him
they had built Seven Cabbin that the Com-
pany went out from the Camp a Second time
and he this deponent went with them that
when he was along they built three (to wit)
One for Sam^d Wells one for this Depo
and One for Thomas Tho Tebb's that
after building Tebb's Cabbin the Compa-
ny endeavoured to return to Camp and
did so and that he this deponent was
with the Company the whole of this Se-
cond Rout and does not recollect that
any Cabbin was built for any person
after Tho Tebb's that this deponent
thinks that no Cabbin was built after
= was for two Reasons first because
there were only ten men in Company
& Tebb's made the tenth Cabbin &
Secondly because he well recollects
that John & Tho Tebb's left their Axes at
Tho Tebb's Cabbin which this Depo

Supposes they would Scarcely have done
if any work had then been unfinished &
that in the Year 1776 he this Depo^{nt} got
the Axes from the said Tho Tebb's Cabbin
this deponent further saith that he was in
the same Company with Tho Young & Day-
don Wells this deponent further saith that
before the Company left the River with an
intention to improve that they went down
the the Ohio below the Mouth of Stepan
and that there were several improvements
made as this deponent believes for Sam^d
Wells & Thomas Young about that place
Quest) what ten men were the ten Cabbins
built for (Ans) I have already observed
that as to the first Seven I speak only
from the rest of the Company I know of but
three Cabbins but I believe there was a
Cabbin built for each man (to wit) Tho
Young Daydon Wells Sam^d Wells John
Rust Matthew Rust John Tebb's Tho^d
Tebb's Rich^d Materson & myself &
John Hegg's Quest) did Tho Young
& yourself ever keep Camp but once
Ans) not that I recollect and I

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Rust Matthew Rust John Tebb's Tho^s
Tebb's Rich^d Masterson & myself &
John Higgs Quest) did Tho Young
& yourself ever keep Camp but once
Ans) not that I recollect and I

not positive whether that was when the ^{Com}pany was Surveying or improving I recollect I was not on the Survey (Quest) what acquaintance have you had with the changes which the looks of Country would and did acquire since the time of making their Improvements (Ans) I was in this neighbourhood of these improvements in the year 1776 in the year 1780 I was some considerable time in Kentucky & passed thro this neighbourhood I returned to Kentucky in the year 1783 was some time in this neighbourhood in 1784 and have except for about one year lived in Kentucky ever since and for some time past have lived near this place and further this deponent saith not.

William Triplett

Sworn to before me a Justice of the peace for the said County the day and year above written

John Willson (Seal)

~~John Johnston~~ (Seal)

We the Commissioners appointed by the Court of Mason County for the purpose above expressed do Certify that we

have caused the said Deposition to be taken and herewith the same enclosed and caused the place to be marked in the presence of Bazil Duke & Michael Daugherty that is to say one white Oak marked Y and 3 notches 3 Elm Y and three notches and one hickory marked Y and three notches and each tree marked with the three notches on three different sides as witness our hands and seals this day and year above written

John Willson (Seal)

John Johnston (Seal)

Mason County ^{Seal} This deposition taken on Youngs improvement was returned by the Commissioners & ordered to be Recorded T. Marshall Jr. Clerk

Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of Francis Whalley Deceased as follows to wit

1 Negro woman	£10	big	£105	little	£20	£135
Isaac	£100					£100
Little Sam	60	big	£60	dict	60	£120
Sw	30	dict	30	Somehow	12	£120

Mason County Se^t December Court 1797

This Inventory and Appraisement of the Estate of
Abraham Golglauer Deceased was Returned and
Ordered to be Recorded

Jesse Thomas Marshale Jun. C. M. C.

The deposition of William Triplett of full age taken
at the place claimed as the improvement made by Willis
Edwards & for which a warrant of preemption issued to
Lemuel & Hawkins before David Payne & John Heath the
Commissioners appointed by the County Court of Mason
under the Act ~~for~~ for Establishing the boundaries
of Lands & other purposes in the presents of Tho. Forman
& Basil Duke this 27th day of June 1798

This Depo^{nt} being first sworn deposes and says
that in the month of June 1796 he in Company with
~~several~~ others among whom was Willis Edwards made
an improvement for the said Willis Edwards in the
low grounds of the Ohio River, that from the appearance
of the River hill and knoll whereon we now are he is indu-
ced to believe this is the place improved at
Quest by Thom. Forman. was it not customary to make
the initials of the Claimants name at the improvement
you made

Ans^r. It was but I cannot say that Willis Edwards
marked his name.

Quest. did Willis Edwards make any Considerable deaden-
ing

Ans^r. I do not recollect we were here but a short time & it
was late in the evening when we went away

Quest. do you find any appearance of a Cabbin or deaden-
ing at this place

Ans^r. I see no sign of a Cabbin nor any marked trees by an
ax or Tomahawk. there are a number of trees down and some
burnt in Considerable Degree

Quest. do not the improvements made the same year appear
very plain. Ans^r. Yes in the rich woods they appear very
plain. Quest. do you know of any improvements ^{made} in the
oak woods of that year which do not appear the lands
being unclear. Ans^r. I know of three which do not
appear ~~the same being made~~ at all. Quest. How do

you know you found the place where you improved at
as there was no ~~improvement~~ marks. Ans^r. I rather
supposed I did from the idea I have of the ground having
been frequently thro the woods. Quest. are you not to have
200 Dollars for your claim to Willis Edwards Improvement

Ans^r. I sold James Triplett's right (which was transferred to me)
to Mr. Nathaniel Ashby for 200 Dollars. Quest. What right
had James Triplett to this Land Ans^r. James Triplett pur-
chased a private survey of Tho. Billett in this bottom & being
doubtful ^{that} those private surveys were not good he employ

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

Young, a Justice of the peace for the said County of
 Mason & Subscribed in his the said Thomas Young
 & John Taylor's presence Commissioners as forsaide
 who have caused the letters T. M. to be marked in the
 presence of Abraham Drake Devere Payne &
 Richard Ager (disinterested persons) on two Ash trees
 and an Hickory tree close to the place pointed out by the
 said Deponent in his Deposition as the place of Jacob
 Greenow's Improvement on the day mentioned in the
 said Deposition. In Witness whereof we the said
 Thomas Young and John Taylor Commissioners as
 aforesaid have hereunto set our hands and seals at the place be-
 fore mentioned on Monday the said sixteenth day of
 April in the year seventeen hundred and ninety eight
 This Deposition for Establishing Greenow's
 Improvement was Returned to
 the office by the Commissioners &
 ordered to be Recorded

Teste Thomas Marshall Just. Clk.

The Affidavit of Saml Tibbs of full age taken
 for the purpose of Establishing (or tending to Establish)
 the Improvement of Nathaniel H. Triplett before
 us George Mitchell John Guttridge Commissioners
 Appointed by the County Court of Mason under
 the Act of Assembly intitled "An Act for Ascertaining
 the boundaries of Land and other purposes" &c.

presence of Alex K. Marshall who admitted
 legal Notice to have been given to him this 22. day
 of February 1798 this deponent being first sworn
 deposes & saith - that being in this Country in
 the winter 1791 - 1792 he heard many enquiries where
 Nathaniel H. Triplett had built his Cabin, and that
 when he started for Virginia he was requested by Tho-
 mas Young to make enquiries of the said Triplett where
 he has made it. And to let him know what he said. Ac-
 cordingly this deponent did make such Enquiry, and he
 was informed by the said Triplett, after they had
 built Samuel Wells Cabin, that he left the Company
 and proceeded up the Main Creek until he came to a bran-
 ch which he ~~was~~ followed to or near the head, that he
 then left it and went upon a level place where he marked
 a beach tree, and then went back & brought the Compa-
 ny to the said tree where they built his Cabin, and that
 he cut his name in full on the said ~~beach~~ tree, and further
 deponent saith not. ^{you} Questⁿ by Nathaniel Affby, do you
 think place answer the description given by the said
 N. H. Triplett? Answer I think it does as near as possible
 Samuel Tibbs -

The deposition of Wm Triplett of full age, ^{taken} at the same
 time and at the place claimed as being the spot where
 N. H. Triplett built his Cabin, this deponent being first
 sworn saith that in the year ~~1776~~ 1776 he in compa-
 ny with Nath. H. Triplett & others were improving in
 this part of the country, that the Company were

incamped on the Creek now called back side Creek than
 they had built some cabins for this dep^t & he not liking
 the land the Company struck a course for the North
 and came to a pretty pretty piece of land where it
 was ~~proposed~~ proposed to build a Cabin for Nath^l Triplett
 and a Cabin was in the presence of & with the assist-
 ance of this dep^t built for the said Nath^l but whether
 this is the place or not this dep^t cannot say, he does not
 think the land looks like the place but the tree being
 marked with the name of the s^d Triplett induces him
 to suppose this is the place. Questⁿ by Nathan Ashby
 Agent for the Claimants of Triplett's preemption, do you
 believe this is the place where Triplett's Cabin
 was built? Ans^r I cannot say. I have no reason
 to think this is the place, except the marks on the tree.
 Questⁿ by Wm K. Marshall do you recollect anything
 of N. H. Triplett having marked a tree at the time of build-
 ing his Cabin. Ans^r I do not recollect that he made any
 marks. Questⁿ by N. Ashby. Had Triplett any Improv-
 -ment but one? Ans^r I assisted in building but one for
 him, and the Company collected but one to him, he being
 a boy. If he had any other I do not recollect. H. Nor do
 believe he had. Questⁿ have you seen any other place in this
 neighborhood that comes better up to your idea of N. H. Trip-
 lett's Cabin than this? Ans^r Yes I have seen two places in
 which looks more like it, than I think we came down a
 drain, and built the Cabin in a flat place on the

377 right hand side of the drain. And further this deponent said
 not

William Triplett

Subscribed and sworn to before us the Commissioners aforesaid
 on the day and year first above writtⁿ at the place
 s^d to be Nath^l H. Triplett's Improvement & we have called
 on Duval Payne, Jesse Ford, John Houston and Edward Ford
 Disinterested Citizens who have marked a beech tree DP which
 said Beech tree was before marked N. H. T. & Nathanael
 Headman Triplett standing in an Old Improvement
 & Sugar trees marked I H. & an oak E. H. Given under
 our hands & seals this day & year aforesaid

Attest

D. V. Payne
 Jesse Ford
 John Houston
 Edward Ford

Geo Mitchell Seal

John Gutridge Seal

These depositions for Establishing (or tending to
 Establish) Triplett's Improvement was re-
 turned by the Commissioners & ordered to
 be Recorded Teste

Thomas Marshall Sec^y

Dr the Estate of A Fox Dec^d in a ct. with Mary
 Thompson Surviving Adm^r of the Estate of W^m Thompson
 To Amount of Sales made by Adm^rs - - - 89 9 10
 To 3/4 of 96 Gallons Whisky @ 2/4 p Gallon - - - 9 12 -
 To Cash rec^d of Joseph Lemon for the Amount
 of his Note - - - } 10 1 -
 To Cash rec^d of Joseph Records - - - 2 0 -
 To Chuse - - - 3 -
 To Cash paid dec^d Fox - - - 1 13 -
 £112 18 10

By the following notes & Bonds due to W^m Thompson
 by H. Lee Viz