



Moses & Peter as Boys – T. Pollitt Deposition

On 12 July 1773 depositions were taken on behalf of William Brereton with regard to the bounds of a tract of land called Brereton's Chance. The purpose of the deposition was to determine, if possible, the location of the second bounder of that tract of land. In the deposition taken from one Thomas Pollitt he discusses information he received from Moses Gordy about an experience from the childhood of his brother Peter and himself. That deposition and its transcription are included, the other depositions and supporting information concerning the case are not included here. They are available from the Edward H. Nabb Research Center for Delmarva History and Culture, Salisbury University in Salisbury Maryland.

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The Deposition of Thomas Collett aged fifty four years
or upwards being sworn on the holy Evangelist of Almighty
God deposeth & saith that about seven or eight years or thereabouts
he was passing by the house mentioned in Joseph Wells's & Thomas
Willeford's deposition he saw Capt John Adams & a certain Moses
Gordy standing by the said Press & the said Adams asked him
him if he ever saw this Press before upon which this deponent said
that he did not know but he might but not to know it from any
other Press upon which said Adams asked this deponent to
stay to hear what the said Moses Gordy had to say with regard
to the said Press for he the said Adams had sent for Clement
Christopher & his sons & George Bayly & his sons to hear what
said Gordy could say as to the said Press & this deponent further
saith that after the said persons came the said Gordy proceeded
to tell this deponent & the rest of the Company that he the said
Gordy when he was a Boy & his Brother Peter Gordy used to
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to that Owen Odaw's Son & the said Odaw's Son lead to go
with him & his Brother part of the way home to wit as far as to the
a Valley near to the a^d Pros & that the said Odaw's Son told him
that the a^d was ~~the~~ Bounder of one of the tracts of Land
that belonged to a certain William Bristolor but whether the
said Gordy said it was a Bounder of the tract called Smiths
Smiths's Adventure, Bristolors Chance or Miles End he doth
not remember but this he remembers that Miles End is menti-
oned & this Deposition further saith that he asked the said
Gordy how Old the said Odaw's Son were when he received his
information from them upon which the said Gordy said that
they were about the size of one that this Deposition supposes to be
about twelve years old & further this Deposition saith Not

Thomas Pollett

Somerset County ff We the Subscribers hereby Certifie that
after being duly Qualified to Examine Evidence on behalf of a
certain William Bristolor of Somerset County in Relation to
the bounds of A Tract of Land called Bristolors Chance or the
Bounds of any other lands on which the bound of the same
may Depend, did set up sundry Advertisements giving two
ty days notice of Our meeting on the said Land for that purpose
which two ty Days did include three several Sundays & being
which Advertisements was set up at the parish Church doors
where the said Land lyeth & the others set up at the most publick
places in the said County agreeable to an Act of Assembly in
such Case made & provided Given under our hands & seals
the twenty third day of March Anno Domini 1715 And we further
Certifie that we most accordingly & took of foregoing Depositions
The Attestation
Joseph Colman C^l

The Deposition of Thomas Pollitt aged fifty four years or so upwards being sworn in the holy Evangelist of Almighty God dopeneth & saith that about seven or eight years or thereabouts he was passing by the Tree mentioned in Joseph Gilliss & Thomas Gilliss's deposition he saw Capt John Adams & a Certain Moses Gordy standing by the aforesaid Tree and the aforesaid Adams Asked him if he ever saw this Tree before upon which this deponent said that he did not know but he might but not to know it from any Other Tree upon which said Adams asked this deponent to stay to hear what the aforesaid Moses Gordy had to say with regard to this aforesaid Tree for he the said Adams had sent for Clement Christopher & his Sons & George Bayly & his Sons to hear what said Gordy could say as to the aforesaid Tree and this deponent further saith that after the aforesaid persons came the said Gordy proceeded to tell this deponent & the rest of the Company that he the said Gordy when he was a Boy & his Brother Peter Gordy used to go to visit Owen Odaws Sons & the said Odaws Sons used to go with him and his Brother part of the way home to wit as far as to a Valley near to the aforesaid Tree & that the said Odaws sons told him that the aforesaid tree was Second Bounder of one of the tracts of land that belonged to a Certain William Brereton but whether the said Gordy said it was a Bounder of a Tract Called Smiths Adventure, Breretons Chance or Miles End he doth not remember but this he remembers that Miles End was mentioned & this deponent further saith that he Asked the said Gordy how old the said Odaws Sons were when he received his information from them upon which the said Gordy said that they were about the size of one that this deponent supposes to be about twelve years old & further this deponent saith not.

Thomas Pollitt
(*signed his name*)

This deposition was taken and signed by Thomas Holbrook and Joseph Collman.