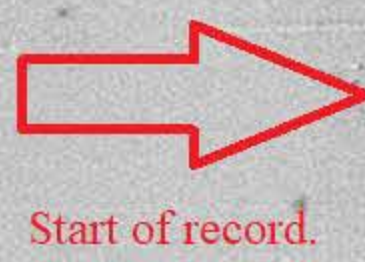


W^m. Godfrey Stanton you may perceive by the within Declaration that I am bound for
 plantations & land in your possession therefore unless you or some person for you at the
 next Court to be held for G^{eo} County and Defend your title if you have any shall
 suffer Judgment to pass ag^t me by Default and you will be turned out of possession
 yo^r. friend Patrick May, Co W^m. Godfrey Stanton tenant in possession.
 And the said John Bates made oath that he on ^{the} Day of July 1715. served Godfrey
 Stanton & Tho^s. Bradburn with a copy of the within Declaration & the Endorsement
 thereon upon each of their plantations whereupon it is ordered that unless the said
 Godfrey Stanton & Thomas Bradburn shall appear at the next Court to be held for
 the County of G^{eo} and make themselves Def^t in the place of the now def^t Patrick
 May at the Suit of the pl^t & plead thereto not Guilty without Delay & upon the
 Tryal of the Issue Confess Lease Entry & Ouster & justify only on the Title that Judgment
 be entered ag^t the now Def^t Default.

At a Court held for G^{eo} County on Tuesday the 20th Day of March 1715.
 In the Justice firm^d bro^t by Alexander Day ag^t Patrick May Godfrey Stanton app^d. &
 made himselfe Def^t in the room of y^e said May & Confessed Lease Entry & Ouster &
 pleaded not Guilty and agreed to justify only on the Title at the Tryal which Issue of
 not Guilty the pl^t joyned and it is referred for Tryal till the next Court.



At a Court Court. & held for G^{eo} County on Wednesday the 20th Day of June 1716.
 In the Justice bro^t by Alexander Day ag^t Patrick May wherein Godfrey Stanton is
 admitted Def^t the pl^t Stanton having pleaded not Guilty which Issue being Joyned by the pl^t
 A Jury was this Day impanelled & sworn to by the pl^t Issue (to wit) John Doughan &
 Thomas Winglow, Tho^s. Bryant, Samuel Short, Tho^s. Monday, Will^m. Jones, W^m.
 Gaterwood Samuel Prosser, John Pickett, John Kille, Jeroniah Woodswold, & Isaac Wood
 who having heard the Evidence & Arguments on both sides withdrew & in a short
 time came again into Court and returned the good Verd^t (to wit) We find Heavens good
 Deed to Thomas Pettit Dated for two hundred & eighty acres of Land being the Land
 in Dispute Dated the 8th of Sept. 1650. We find Tho^s. Pettit Lessor of the pl^t to be
 son & heir at law of the pl^t Tho^s. Pettit in the deed now mentioned. We find that the pl^t
 Lessor of the pl^t was born in the Spring after the Death of his pl^t father viz^t. in April
 or May. We find that the pl^t Tho^s. Pettit the father left his wife Kate alive at his
 Death and that she lived upon the pl^t Land till she in these sixteen or seventeen years

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We do not find any provision made by the said pretended will for the said Thomas Pettit
the Defendant of the pt. we find a copy of the will of the said Thomas Pettit proved in
Wappa County Court the 7th Day of June 1665. as it is hereunto annexed
we find an ord^r. of the said County Court for a probat of the said will dated the 7th Day
of June 1665. We find an ord^r. of the Generall Court for the publication of
true Sirnames of Robert Paines Dated the 21st of October 1666. We find Tho^s.
New mentioned to attest the Copy of the said Pettits will that the said New was deputy
Clerk of Wappa County Court. we find an Order of the said Court dated March
11 1694. for recording a Copy of the will & Testament of Tho^s. Pettit deced^t.
We find the aforesaid Dorothy daughter of the said Thomas Pettit deced^t to be the
same Dorothy now wife of the said Stanton the deft. if this Law be with the pt.
we find for the pt. Damages one shilling sterl. if not we find for the Deft John
Boughan foreman which Verdict is ordered to be Recorded and time given to
Argue the matters of Law arising therefrom at the next Court.

John Gambs an Evidence for Godfrey Stanton ad^r Pettit in the Testiment made
Oath that he had attended as an Evidence five days for the fore ordered by the
Court of the said Stanton pay him for the same with Costs.

A Court held for Wappa County on Tuesday the 17th Day of July 1716.

In the Testiment bro^t. by Alexander Day - wherein Godfrey Stanton is adm^d.
Deft. the Special Verdict therein found is Continued at the defts motion & Costs
to be argued at the next Court.

A Court held for Wappa County on Tuesday the 18th Day of Sept. 1716.

The Testiment bro^t. by Alexander Day ag^t. Patrick May wherein Godfrey
Stanton is adm^d. Deft is Cont. till the next Court W^{ch}. is bro^t by the pt.
att^r being same.

A Court held for Wappa County on Tuesday the 20th Day of Novemb^r. 1716.

The Testiment bro^t. by Patrick Day ag^t. Godfrey Stanton adm^d. Deft is postponed
by Consent.

A Court held for Wappa County on Thursday the 22nd Day of Nov. 1716.

The Special Verdict found at June Court last being the Day argued on hearing
the arguments it is Considered by the Court that the said Suit be Dismissed -
whereupon the pt. appealed to the eighth Day of the next Generall Court
& gave bonds security which bond is ordered to be Recorded.