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business and distribute of legal information to yield to the
Thompson who immediately decessed from measuring round the
land as at first agreed on; but conducted the survey back to
same corner from whence he had first started & run thence North
with said preemption line so far as would have included 572
acres provided the preemption and settlement taken together
would have measured by an East & west line but 272 poles
only as per patent expressed whereas on a accurate measure-
ment they are 320 poles, by which fraudulent artifice your
Orator begs leave to suggest to your worships the inge-
-ous Deft Thompson not only gained the surplus of the 500
acres which he claims by the bond afore said; but almost 13 acres by
surveying in & plotting out Fromans 72 acres which in all amount
to more than 100 acres over and above his just and equitable
right by said bond: by which fraudulent means afore said the Deft
Gordon was induced to convey by deed in fee simple with general
warranter, unto the Deft Thompson upwards of 560 acres
lieu of 460 by expressing course & distance corner trees &c better
same more or less as by reference to the said deed will more fully
- by appear, which deed the said Deft Thompson previous to said
survey or rather division had prepared and drew from his
pocket immediately on the completion of said dividing

Your Orator further sheweth unto your worships
that some time after the Deft Thompson had thus obtained a deed
as afore said that your Orator bought the equitable inter-
- rest of the said Deft Gordon in the surplus within the lines
of the Deft Thompson and that the Deft Gordon conveyed his
equitable title or interest to the said surplus to your Orator
subsequent to which, the Deft Thompson conscious of the frau-
- dent means by which he has obtained a deed including
said surplus from the Deft Gordon made application to him the
Deft Gordon as your Orator has been informed to certify in
writing from under his hand that the Deft Thompson had ob-
- tained said surplus now within his lines by a special contract
with him the said Gordon and that in consideration of him
the said Thompsons consenting to the compromise between the
Deft Gordon and Froman, to which effect your Orator is
informed the Deft Gordon did certify. But your Orator is
well assured that the said certificate, if such an one does exist
cannot effect his equitable claim as the same was obtained in
as fraudulent a manner as the deed its self, and the Deft
- as the said Gordon at the time of giving the same was much

To the worshipful the Justices of the Court of quarter ses-
- ions for the County of Mercer County now sitting in chancery
humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships your
Orator Sam^r Taylor that on the 27th day of Nov. 1780 a certain
John Gordon now decessed entered into a contract with a
certain Stephen Frigg also decessed, by which it was agreed
upon between the said parties that the said John Gordon would exchange
to and with the said Frigg 300 acres of land including the place
then called Boons place (now the viney grove) then the property of
the said Gordon for 300 acres to include the place called and
generally known by the name of Gordons old place then known
as the property of the said Frigg: the said Gordon then and there in
pursuance of the said contract did execute to the said Frigg a bond
conditioned for the conveyance of the said 300 acres of land called
Boons place as surveyed by Judah and also 200 acres of land it
being that part of the old place tract remaining after laying off the
said 300 acres in pursuance of the above stated contract
as by reference thereto will more fully appear. Your Orator
further states that John Gordon departed this life about the month
of August 1782 and that the said Stephen Frigg also departed
this life at or near the same period: the said John Gordon
leaving Ambrose Gordon his eldest son and heir at Law &
the said Stephen Frigg leaving William Frigg his eldest
son and heir at law in whom the legal titles to the above men-
- tioned tracts of land so exchanged by & between the said Gordon
& Frigg respectively vested by the death of their said fathers
Your Orator further states that the said William Frigg
some time after the decess of his father sold to a certain
Anthony Crockett 40 acres of land a part of the 500 acres
for a title to which the said Gordon decessed had given his
bond as above stated and that the said Crockett sold the said 40
acres of land to a certain Stephen Giles Litcher who your
Orator prays may be made a deft to this his bill and that some
time after the said William had sold the said 40 acres to said
Crockett he sold the remainder of the quantity for which
bond was given to a certain John Smith by 460 acres of
460 acres the said Smith sold to a certain John Thomp