

The answer of Reubin Smith who Intermarried with Elizabeth Duke one of the Daughters of John Duke and Legatee of Cleves Duke deceased To a bill in Chancery exhibited against him in the Worshippful Court of Louisa County by Garrett Minor Zach Lewis & Fred Harris Executors of Richmond Terrell deceased

This defendant now and at all times hereafter saving & Reserving to himself all exceptions to the many Uncertainties insufficiencies & untruths in the said bill of Complaint Contained for as much as he is advis'd is material for him to make answer unto answereth and saith that he now does nor never did put up any Claim to the house & lot in the said Complainants Bill mentioned & he does conceive from what he has heard that ~~that~~ Cleves Duke deceased had sold or given the ~~house~~ to said Richmond Terrell that as he has never put up any Claim to the same this defendent humbly conceives that the court will discharge him with his reasonable cost which he has incurred in defending the said suit

without that that &c.

Hanover County Va

This day Reubin Smith came before me John Brown a Magistrate for the said County and made Oath that the above Answer contained the truth so far as he knew or believed

Given Under my hand this 9th day of
Septm^r 1797

John Brown