

**Thomas Oakly Deposition**

North Carolina ]  
Granville County ]  
Criminal Action Papers ]  
1770 to 1779 ] 11 Oct 1760  
Deposition of **THOMAS OAKLY** ]

C. R  
044  
326.4

**THOMAS OAKLY** deposeth on oath that on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of this instant October 1760 he was at the house of Captain **ANDREW HAMPTON** at which place there was a muster. After the muster was over in the evening **ROBERT HARRIS & EPHRAIM HAMPTON** was at cards in the house of the said **HAMPTON** there arose a dispute between the said **HARRIS & EPHRAIM HAMPTON** about a four penny proclamation bill which occasioned the said **HARRIS** and **EPHRAIM HAMPTON** to get a fighting. The said deponent being a constable commanded the peace. They, not obeying his authority, the deponent said he would return them to court. **THOMAS STAG** and **SHERWOOD HARRIS** Senior took the said deponent by the hair of his head and hang him, the said deponent, to the joist of the house of the said Captain **ANDREW HAMPTON** and swore they would "see an land" of the tinker, meaning the deponent and at the same time hung a large cowbell about his neck. The son of the deponent, endeavoring to help his father, was tied neck and heels. Then the said **THOMAS STAG** brought a stick with human ordure [feces] thereon and rubbed it across the said deponents mouth, and further, this said deponent saith not.

Sworn before us this 25<sup>th</sup> of October 1760

**ROBERT HICKS**  
**THOMAS LOW**