

Interrogatories and depositions in the case of Humphrey Wilde and Miles Hubbard v. John Epps etc. The interrogatories state that John Epps and others named in Easter term 40 Eliz. brought an action for recovery of debts against Margaret Banks, executrix of Caleb Banks; depositions are now taken to establish what estate was owned by Caleb Banks.

Depositions taken on 2 May 42 Elizabeth (1595) from:

John Banks of Ashford, Kent, woollen draper. He is advised by his counsel that he need not declare what goods of Caleb Banks he has in his hands. Margaret Banks has taken some of the profits of his lands. Caleb Banks owed the deponent £600 and had many cattle on his farm at Ryton.

Edward Halle of Ashford, gent, attorney in the Court of King's Bench, says that John Epps and Margaret Banks advised him that Caleb Banks had a weak estate. The deponent had presented the case against Margaret Banks with her agreement and the advice of the deponent.

John Epps of Ashford, gent, says that Caleb Banks owed him £100 and in addition the deponent had stood surety for him to Roger Kemp for a debt of £200. Kemp has since brought a case against the deponent for recovery. Margaret Banks is the sister of the deponent's wife and, because of that, he has acted on Margaret's behalf. A little before his death Caleb Banks assigned to the deponent three leases in order to satisfy his debt. When he died Caleb Banks' estate amounted to £1500 or £1600. (Deponent signs.)

James Martin of Ashford, gent, attorney in the King's Bench, says he held a lease from Caleb Banks and now holds it from Margaret Banks.<sup>4</sup>