

Henry Jounmott
*People of London Town, Maryland**

Henry Jounmott, a butcher, appears in the records in June 1711, when London Town ordinary keeper Edward Rumney, Sr. sues Jounmott for nonpayment of debt.¹ Jounmott owed Rumney “the Sum of One pound Seven Shillings and Six pence Current money of Maryland.” Unfortunately the specific items that accounted for this debt are not listed. Because Jounmott was a butcher, and probably supplied Rumney and other local ordinary keepers with meat, it is a good bet that this debt was for food, drink, maybe lodging, and other random expenses (gambling costs) at Rumney’s establishment.

It is not know where specifically Jounmott lived, though as a butcher he probably lived in London Town. And though there is not a full accounting of all of London Town’s colonial land records, the fact that Jounmott is not listed in any of the surviving ones indicates that if he lived in London Town, he probably rented. That situation would be common for a butcher of the time period.

As for the court case, the court found in Rumney’s favor and ordered Jounmott to pay the debt as well as 305 pounds of tobacco for court costs.

* As the research into colonial London Town’s inhabitants is an ongoing process, the caveat is offered that additional information may be found at any time and that a correction of information might also occur at any time.

¹ Maryland State Archives, *Anne Arundel County Court Judgment Record*, June Court 1711, Liber TB2, folio 319-320.