

On the following pages will be found the deeds to the Massanutten tract. Each deed has a number which coincides with the number of the deed on the map. By following these numbers the deed can be easily located on the map. Some tracts have two or more numbers for the reason that the land was reconveyed shortly after the first conveyance.*

About this time Jacob Stauber (note the spelling) conveyed land to George Boon and also to John Ennis. (Orange Co. Records.)

GEORGE THE SECOND
to
JACOB STOVER

Date: December 15, 1733
Patent Book No. 15: Page 127
5,000 Acres.
St. Mark's Parish, Spotsylvania Co.

STOVER'S UPPER PATENT, BELOW PORT REPUBLIC †

George the second &c. To all &c. Know ye that for divers good causes and Considerations—but more Especially for and in Consideration of the Importation of One Hundred persons to dwell within this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia whose Names are Jacob Miller, Catherine Mill(er), Abraham Miller, Christian Miller, Isaac Miller, Jacob Miller, Joseph Miller, Matthew Miller, Sarah Miller, Catherine Miller, Anna Miller, Susannah Miller, Barbary Miller, Dorothy Miller, Rachel Miller, Jacob Mire, Anna Mire, Isaac Mire, Abraham Mire, John Mire, Jacob Mire, Joseph Mire, Peter Mire, Geo. Mire, Calpins Mire, Christopher Mire, Anna Mire, Rachel Mire, Catherine Mire, Sarah Mire, Sarah Mire, Susannah Mire, Barbary Mire, Dorothy Mire, John Mire, Anna Mire, Jacob Mire, John Mire, Abraham Mire, Isaac Mire, Rosina Mire, Susanna Mire, Catherine Mire, Ragley Mire, Henry Sowder, Catherine Sowder, Henry Sowder, John Sowder, Isaac Sowder, Catherine Sowder, Anna Sowder, Rachel Sowder, Henry Hain, Christiana Hain, Jacob Haine, Henry Hain, Paul Hain, Rudy Hain, Joseph Hain, Peter Hain, Isaac Hain, John Hain, Hansrudy Hain, Stapher Hain, Susannah Hain, Rachael Hain, Barbary Hain, Claphi Hain, Margaret Haine, Elizabeth Hain, John Funk, Barbet Funk, Rudy Funk, Christopher Funk, John Funk, Matthew Funk, Joseph Funk, Isaac Funk, Peter Funk, David Funk, William Funk, Anna Funk, Christiana Funk, Trenly Funk, Robby Funk, Dorothy Funk, Jacob Sowder, Trina Sowder, Christian Sowder, John Sowder, Isaac Sowder, Rudy Sowder, Matthew Sowder, Stapher Sowder, Peter Sowder, Joseph Sowder, David Sowder, Jacob Sowder,

* For Stover patent see p. 30.

† This patent might appropriately be called the "Island Patent."

Jane Sowder, Dorothy Sowder and Christiana Sowder.* WE HAVE given granted and Confirmed and by these presents for us our Heirs and Successors do give grant and Confirm unto Jacob Stover One Certain Tract or parcel of Land Containing five Thousand Acres Lying and being in St. Marks parish in Spotsylvania County on the West side the Great Mountains and bounded as followeth (to wit) BEGINNING at Two black Walnuts and a Hickory on Sherando River under the foot of the Great Mountains and runing thence E. 30 pole up to the foot of the mountain. Thence S. 37 Degrees W. 610 pole to the River thence up the Several Courses of the River to two Sycamors Thence S. 57 Degrees W. to the foot of a Naked Mountain at the upper end of a Large Island in the River. Thence N. 60 pole to a White Oak and a Hickory thence down the Several Courses of the said River to a Small Sycamore and Hickory below the foot of the said Island thence N. 55 Degrees W. 40 pole to a Spanish Oak thence 50 Degrees E. 72 Poles to three pines. Thence N. 66 Degrees E. 185 poles to three pines thence 38 Degrees E. 148 pole to three white Oaks & a red Oak. Thence N. 16 Degrees W. 82 pole to a red Oak and white Oak thence 7 Degrees W. 290 pole to three Locust Trees Thence 72 Degrees W. 312 pole to a White Oak on a Hill Thence S. 33 Degrees W. 172 pole to a white Oak thence N. 85 Degrees W. 290 pole to three White Oaks Thence 82 Degrees W. 160 pole to three white Oak thence N. 5 Degrees W. 390 pole to three White Oak thence 15 Degrees E. 88 pole to two red two white Oaks and a Locust thence 75 Degrees E. 310 pole to three white Oaks, thence S. 50 Degrees E. 210 pole to a Pine thence N. 83 Degrees E. 340 poles to three white Oaks thence S. 39 Degrees E. 160 poles to two white Oaks thence S. 70 poles to two red Oaks thence S. 25 Degrees W. 195 pole to two red and a white Oak on a Hill thence N. 52 Degrees E. 212 pole to two pines and a black Oak thence S. 50 Degrees E. 310 poles to three pines thence S. 71 Degrees E. 144 poles to three pines thence N. 62 Degrees E. 120 pole to a red Oak on a Hill thence 43 Degrees E. 130 pole to a pine thence N. 55 Degrees E. 140 pole to a pine. Thence N. 40 Degrees E. 80 pole to the begining. WITH ALL &c. To have hold &c. To be held &c. † Yielding and paying &c. Provided &c. In Witness &c. Witness our Trusty and Welbeloved William Gooch Esqr. our Lieut. Govr. and Comander in Chief of our said Colony and Dominion at Williamsburgh under the Seal of our said Colony the fifteenth day of December One Thousand Seven Hundred and Thirty three In the Seventh Year of our Reign

William Gooch.

* It has been suggested that Stover named his cows, horses and dogs in his patents. I do not know where the authority for this is derived. I am inclined to believe that these people all existed in Pennsylvania and the parents and their children were named, altho all were not transported.

† If this had been written in full it would have, no doubt, contained the expression "To be held in free and common socage."

Land Office, Richmond, Virginia.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy from the records of this office.

Witness my hand and seal of office, this 18th day of September, 1924. *

Jno. W. Richardson,

Register of the Land Office.

The homes of the following noted persons of Rockingham County were no doubt on this patent; The home of Thos. Lewis, who ran the Fairfax line, of Lewiston, Bogota, the home of Gabriel Jones, the king's attorney, (the first Commonwealth's Attorney for Rockingham County and one of the first if not the first attorney in Valley of Virginia) and "Lethe", the home of Peachy Gilmore, a magnificent brick residence now occupied by Mrs. Edward B. Hopkins. Bogota is also a magnificent brick residence now occupied by Dr. A. S. Kemper. Madison Hall, also of brick the home of Bishop James Madison, the first Episcopal Bishop of Virginia, is located at Port Republic and was on or near this patent. Gabriel Jones' inventory was filed in Rockingham County in 1822. It is interesting and I wish I had room to copy it. There are many books listed. Fifty three negroes are listed. He evidently had the greatest number of negroes in the County. Here are some of the books: Boyles Sermons, 3 Vol. in calf; Harlean Miscellanys, 7 vol.; Life of Peter, the first; Rowland Mond Antiquities; Foster of Natural Religion, 2 vol.; Chas. ye 12th of Swended; Maitland's Hist. of London, 2 vol.; Raphine's Hist. of England, 2 vol. with plates; Hist. of Europe, 17 vol.; Law of Attorneys; Vindication of the primitive Church; An Original Draught of the Primitive Church; A Review of the Cities and Towns of England; Treatise on the Quakers; Periquin Pickle; Tom Jones; Spectator; Moyles Works; Beggars Opera; Gil Blass; South's Sermons; Addison's Works; Ben Johnson's Works; Popes Works; Platos Works; Letters of the Spirit of Patriotism; Swift's Works; The World by Adam Fitz Adam; A Tour through Britain, 4 vol.; Chases Trial; An Abridgement of Virginia Laws by Mercer; Wm. Law's Answer; Burnet on True Religion; Clark's Divinity, 2 vol.; in fact his library must have contained all the classics on every subject, law, religion, politics, and philosophy. I have named only a few.

No. 2

JACOB STOVER
to
LUDWICK STONE

Dec. 15, 1735
D. B. 1 p. 200-201
400 acres, 400 acres
& 300 acres in Orange Co.
on Gerundo River. *

"The first piece containing four hundred acres and bounded as followeth viz: Beginning at Black Oak standing on the north side of Gerundo thence N. 60 pole th N. 15 E. 480 pole th N. 80 E. 68 pole th S. five E. 600 pole to a black walnut and hickory on the river corner to Mathias Selsor th up the said river to the first station. The other tract containing 400 acres Beg: at a walnut and mulberry on the river th N. 17 W. 598 pole thence N. 80 E. 68 pole thence S. 30 E. 580 pole to two white oaks and two black oaks on the river corner to Mathias Selser thence up the said river to the first station.

The third tract containing 300 acres bounded as followeth Viz: Beg: at two sycamores standing on the river thence N. 100 pole thence N. 43 W. 180 pole thence N. 17 E. 120 pole then N. 35 E. 28 pole thence N. 60 E. 52 pole thence E. 60 pole th S. 76 E. 80 pole to a corner white on the river thence up the said river the several courses to the beginning." †

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 17th 1922.

No. 3

JACOB STOVER
to
MATHIAS SELZER

Dated Dec. 15, 1735
D. B. 1 p. 203-204.
200, a. 200 a. & 100 a.
in Orange Co. ‡

The first tract bounded as followeth viz: Beg at Black Walnut and hickory on the river corner to Ludwick Stone thence N. 5 W. 600 pole thence N. 80 E. 34 pole thence S. 17 (W) 598 pole to a walnut and mulberry on the river thence up the river to the beginning. The second tract beg.: at a black walnut and hickory on the river th N. 30 W. 580 poles then N. 80 E. 34 pole thence S. 30 E. 542 poles to the river thence up

* 400 A. Massanutten Bend.

400 A. Massanutten Bend.

300 A. Roads Bend.

† The original of these deeds have few abbreviations, but I have abbreviated the courses and distances.

‡ 200 A. Mass. Bend.

200 A. Mass. Bend.

100 A. W. Bixler's Ferry Bend.

the said river to the beg. The third tract beg: at a black walnut on the river th N. 23 E. 180 pole th N. S. E. 150 pole th N. 75 E. 112 pole to the river thence up the several courses of the said river to the beginning.

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 17th, 1922.

No. 4

JACOB STOVER

to

JOHN PRUPECKER (Brubaker)

Dated Dec. 15, 1735

D. B. No. 1, pages 206-207.

300 a. and 200 a. in

Orange Co., Va. *

"Two certain tracts or parcels of land situate and being on Gerundo river the one tract containing three hundred acres and bounded as followeth vizt. beginning at a hickory and two sicamores standing on the north side Gerundo adjoining to Mathias Selzer th N. 30 W. 542 pole th N. 80 E. 112 pole thence S. 30 E. 41½ pole to the river thence up the river according to the courses to the first station. The other tract of 200 acres and bounded as followes vizt. Begt. at a white and sugar nutt tree standing on the north side of Gerundo th south 37 W. 73 pole thence N. 82 E. 160 pole S. 60 E. 160 pole th; N. 100 pole thence to two corner sycamores on the river th up the said river to the first station."

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 17th, 1922.

No. 5

JACOB STOVER

to

HENRY SOUTER

Dated Dec. 15, 1735

D. B. Q. p. 213-214

300 a. in Orange County. †

"A certain tract or parcell of land lying and being on the South side Gerundo containing Three hundred acres and bounded as follows vizt. Beginning at a corner black oak standing on the South side Gerundo thence S. 20 E. 140 pole th S. 60 E. 48 pole th S. 30 E. 20 pole th

* 300 A. Mass. Bend.

200 A. Upper Roads Bend.

† 300 A. White House Bend.

See deed No. 11. This same tract was conveyed to Martin Kaufman.

S. 25 E. 78 pole th S. 60 W. 50 pole S. W. 140 poles S: 30 W. 106 pole to the river thence down the said river to the first station.

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.
Orange Circuit Court, Va.
June 19th, 1922.

No. 6

JACOB STOVER	Book 1, p. 210-213
to	Dec. 16 and 17, 1735.
ABRAHAM STRICKLER	1,000 acres
	Orange County.

EGYPT TRACT--INDIAN CORN DEED *

This Indenture made the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and thirty five Between Jacob Stover of Orange County St. Marks parish of the one part and Abraham Strickler of the Province of Pennsylvania of the other part WITNESSETH that the said Jacob Stover for and in consideration of five shillings of Lawful Curr. Money of Virga. to him in hand paid by the said Abraham Strickler before the ensealing and delivery of these presents the receipt the said Jacob Stover doth acknowledge doth demise grant bargain sell and to farm let unto the said Abraham Strickler his heirs and assigns forever a certain parcell or tract of land situate and being at Massanuttin on Gerando containing one thousand acres and bounded as followeth vigh. Begi. at a corner black walnut and sycamore on the north side of Gerundo thence N. 30 W. 414 poles thence N. 80 E. 144 poles thence to a corner white oak on the river th down the sd river to a corner white oak and black oak th N. 39 E. 520 pole to a corner walnut on the river th down the said river to a corner white oak th N. 60 E. 120 pole thence N. 82 E. 20 pole th N. 17 W. to the river then up the said river according to the courses to the beginning Together with all houses buildings, waters, privileges and appurtenances whatsoever to the said land and premises belonging or in any wise appertaining.

To Have and to Hold the said land and premises hereby devised with their and every of their appurtenances unto the said Abraham Strickler his heirs and assigns from the day of the date of these presents for and during the term of one whole year from thence next coming and fully to be compleated Yielding and paying therefor the yearly rent of ear of indian corn on the feast of St. Michael only if the same be lawfully demanded To the intent and purpose that the said Abraham

* See deed No. 20 "Peper Corn deed. This tract extends up into lower Mass. Bend and contains all of Egypt Bend.

Strickler may by of these presents and of the statute made for transferring uses into possession be lawfully possessed of the said land and premises and hereby be enabled to have take and receive a grant of inheritance and fee simple from the said Jacob Stover his heirs &c. unto the said Abraham Strickler his heirs and assigns forever In Witness whereof the parties to these present indentures have interchangeably set their hand and seals the day month and year first above written.

his
Jacob X Stover (seal)
mark

Signed Sealed & Delivered
in presence of
John Branham
Gideon Marr
Wm. Terrell

At a Court held for Orange County on Tuesday the 16th day of December 1735 Jacob Stover acknowledged this his Lease of Land indented to Abraham Strickler which on his motion is admitted to record.

Teste: Henry Willis Cl Cur,
A Copy-Teste: J. W. Browning, Clerk.
June 12, 1922.

No. 7

JACOB STOVER
to
PETER BOWMAN

Recorded Sept. 21, 1736
D. B. 1 p. 393 Orange Co. Records.
400 A.

"Tract or parcell of land containing four hundred acres lying and being on the west side of Sherendo River in Orange County, it being part of a tract of five thousand acres granted to Jacob Stover by patent dated it likewise being a part of ye tract of land that Jacob Stover now lives on, Beginning at three black walnuts on the River thence N. 250 poles thence E. 200 poles thence S. 250 poles to the River thence up ye several courses of ye River to the beginning." *

A Copy-Teste:
J. W. Browning, Clerk.

* This tract is evidently part of the upper 5,000 acre patent, the Island patent, near Port Republic.

No. 8

JACOB STOVER
to
CHRISTIAN CLEMON

Recorded Sept. 16, 1735 in Clerk's
office of Orange Co. Va. D. B. 1
P. 152 550 A. Long Bend.

"Containing five hundred and fifty acres situate lying and being in the County of Orange and on the south side Gerundo river and bounded as followeth vgt. Beginning at two ashes two poplars and a chestnut oak on an island in the said Gerundo River and running thence S. 30 degrees E. 30 poles thence S. 10 degs: E. 360 pole thence S. W. 100 pole thence S. E. 160 pole thence S. W. to the said Stovers upper Corner of his lower five thousand tract on a small run thence down the several courses of the said Run to Gerundo River thence down the sevrl. courses of the said River to the beginning." *

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

No. 9

JACOB STOVER
to
LUDEWICK STONE

Recorded Nov. 24. 1737 Orange Co.
records, in D. B. 1 Page 190.
1050 acres. †

"All that tract or parcell of land situate lying & being in the County of Orange afd. containing by estimation one thousand and fifty acres it being the remains of sartain tract of land containing five thousand acres lying on the South Branch of Sharrando River and known by ye name of Mesenuting tract."

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

No. 10

LUDWIG STONE
to
MICHAEL COFFMAN.

Date Feby. 23rd 1736
D. B. 1 page 425-426
217 acres in Orange County.
Mass. Bend.

"Two hundred and seventeen acres of land situate and being on Gerundo River and bounded as followeth Beginning at two black wal-

* In 1737 this same tract of land was conveyed by Stover to Stone as 800 acres. See deeds Nos. 9 and 12. Clemon probably did not fulfill the conditions and Stover re-conveyed it. I do not have the entire deed before me which might explain this point. The bearings are the same as those in deed No. 12. See also No. 9.

† This deed conveys Long Bend; E. Bixler's Ferry Bend and other lands, including probably N. Mill Creek Bend and lands just above the mouth of the Hawks-bill on both sides of the river. See deed No. 12 and 8.

nuts and two sycamores on the north side Gerundo river thence N. W. 480 pole to a corner thence N. 80 E. 40 pole to a corner thence S. 30 E. 500 poles black walnut and hickory on the river thence up the courses of the said river to the beginning."

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 19th, 1922.

No. 11

LUDWICK STONE

to

MARTIN COFFMAN.

Date Feby. 23rd 1737.

D. B. 1 p. 429-430.

300 a 100 a & 200

"Three parcells or tracts of land situate lying and on Gerundo river in Orange County the first tract lyes on the southside Gerundo containing three hundred acres Beginning at a corner black oak on the said river th: S. 20 E. 140 poles th: S. 60 E. 48 pole th S. 30 E. 20 pole th: S. 25 W. 78 pole th: S. 60 W. 50 pole th: 30 W. 106 pole to the river thence up ye sd. river to the beginning The second tract is on the N. side Gerundo and begins at Mathias Selzers corner on the river and runs N. 8 W. 560 pole to corner two white oaks and an ash th: N. 80 E. 48 poles to corner thence S. 7 E. 540 pole to River th: down the said river to the beg. The third tract is one hundred acres of land part of two hundred acres that was granted to the said Stone by deed from Jacob Stover and lies down upon Gerundo at Elk Lick joynes to Prupeckers lower tract." *

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 19th, 1922.

No. 12

LUDWICK STEIN

to

PHILLIP LONG

Dated March 22 1737-8

D. B. 2 p. 260-261

800 & 205 acres in Orange Co.

"All those two tracts or parcells of land situate lying and being in the County of Orange on Sharrendo River containing by estimation one thousand & five acres be same more or less one tract containing 800 acres & the other 205 acres which is bounded thus beginning at the river at a forked ash and running thence S. 22 deg W. 140 pol th S. 14

* 300 A. White House Bend, same track as in deed No. 5. Souter forfeited it probably.

100 A. Road's Bend—Elk Lick tract.

200 A. Mass. Bend.

deg 130 pole th south 61 deg W. 110 poles to the river thence with the river to the beginning this contains 205 acres the other tract bounded thus beginning at the river two black oaks running th S. 30 E. 30 poles th S. 10 deg E. 360 poles th: S. W. 30 pol th S. 160 pol th S. W. 160 poles to a branch thence down ye same to ye river & down the river to the beginning. *

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

June 19 1922.

No. 13

ABRAM STRICKLER
to
JACOB BOWMAN

Metes and Bounds of 100 acres
D. B. 7 page 374-5 Orange County
Records. Va.
1743

"Containing one hundred acres more or less being part of One Thousand & thirty three acres sold by Jacob Stover to Abraham Strickler afd. Beginning at a stony run ye lower end of ye sd. 1033 acres No. 60 deg. E. 120 pole to two white oaks thence N. S2 E. 20 pole near three white oak saplings thence N. 17 W. to ye river to two white wood saplings joyning to Prupeckers land thence up the river to the beginning." †

A Copy-Teste:

J. W. Browning, Clerk.

No. 14

LUDWIG STEIN (STONE)
to
MICHAEL CRYTER

No. 14 on map
Feb. 23-24, 1736,
217-200-100 A. ‡

The first tract contains 217 acres and lies between Mathias Selser and Michael Coffman.

The second tract is the uppermost of the Massanutten Lots and joins at the upper side of Martin Coffman's upper tract and contains 200 acres.

* See deed No. 8 and No. 9.

800 A. Long Bend.

205 A. E. Bixler's Ferry Bend.

† This land is at Lick Run, called here Stony Run.

‡ 217 A. Mass. Bend.

200 A. Mass. Bend uppermost lot.

100 A. Lower Roads Bend.

The third tract is a 100 acre tract adjoining Martin Coffman's tract at Elk Lick and Prupecker's lower tract. The lines of the upper tract are; from the river N. 5 E. 490, N. 80 E. 48, S. 7 E. 540 to the river and up the same to the beginning. The description in this deed I obtained from Wayland's Ger. El., p. 61.

Elk Lick is the stream entering the river near lower Egypt, no doubt. It is now known as Lick Run or Lick Branch. The flat bottom up on this branch is known as Lick Bottom Hollow. This is the place the early settlers lay in wait for deer.

No. 15

LOCUST GROVE OR STONE HOUSE TRACT

FAIRFAX

to

ISAAC STRICKLER

March 2, 1761, 34th year of George

II.

D. B. K-p. 239-Richmond. Annual

Rent 1 Shilling

183 Acres

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain called Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia to all to whom the present writing may come sends greeting.

Whereas Isaac Strickler of the County of Frederick, having represented to my office that he is in possession of a certain parcel of land being part of a Tract of 5,000 acres granted to Jacob Stover by Patent dated the 15th day of December, 1733, 1,000 acres of which the said Stover sold and conveyed to Abraham Strickler, dec'd., who by his last Will and Testament devised the same to be divided among his several sons as may fully appear by the records of Orange County Court, and the said Isaac Strickler having moved for my Deed to include his part or Dividend of the said purchase as his property by Discent from the said Abraham.

Know ye that for the causes aforesaid for and in consideration of the Annual Rent hereinafter reserved I have given, granted and confirmed by these presents me my Heirs and Assigns Do give, grant and confirm unto the said Isaac Strickler the said Recited Tract or Dividend of Land lying in a place called Massnuttin on the So. River of Shannandoah in the said County of Frederick and bounded by a survey thereof made by George Hume as follows; Beginning at two hiccorys and a black walnut standing on the No. side of the sd. River thence down the several courses of the same No. 7 W. 20 poles No. 9 E. 40 poles No. 22 E. 80 poles No. 50 E. 50 poles to a white oak and spanish on the said River against an Island, then No. 60 W. 110 poles to a red oak, then No. 60 160 poles to two white oaks, then No. 10 W. 30 poles

N 40 W 110 poles
N 60 W 160 poles

535W 55 poles then 530E 384 poles

to a white oak then So. 3—384 poles to the Beginning, containing 183 Acres of Land together with all Rights, Members and Appurtenances thereunto belonging Royall Mines excepted—third part of all lead, Copper, Coal, Iron Mines and Iron Ores that shall be found thereon To have and to hold the said 183 Acres of Land Together with all the Rights Profits and Benefits thereunto belonging or in any wise thereunto appertaining Except before Excepted To him the said Isaac Strickler his Heirs and Assigns forever. He the said Isaac Strickler his Heirs and Assigns therefor yielding and paying to me my Heirs or Assigns or to my certain Attorney or Attornies Agent or Agents or the certain Attorney or Attornies of my Heirs or Assigns, Proprietors of the said Northern Neck yearly and every year on the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel the fee rent of one shilling sterling money for every fifty Acres of Land hereby granted and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity, Provided that if the said Isaac Strickler his Heirs or Assigns shall not pay the said provided annual Rent as aforesaid so that the same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same shall become Due if Legally Demanded that then it shall and may be lawfully for me my Heirs or Assigns, Proprietors as aforesaid my or their certain Attorney or Attornies Agent or Agents into the above granted Premises to Reenter and hold the same so as if this Grant had never passed. Given at my Office in the County of Fairfax within my said Proprietary under my hand and Seal Dated this second day of March in the thirty fourth year of His Majesty King George the second's Reign A. D. One Thousand seven hundred and sixty one.

(Signed) Fairfax.

(Registered in the proprietor's Office in Book K. folio 239.)

The original deed of which the above is a copy. is in the possession of Mrs. Virginia S. Milbourne of Charles Town, W. Va. It conveys land that adjoined Benjamin Strickler's dividend of the 1,000 acres. She also has a deed from Fairfax, dated March 3, 1761, to Isaac Strickler conveying 78 acres at the bend of the river.

No. 16

TRACT OPPOSITE THE WHITE HOUSE

FAIRFAX

to

BENJAMIN STRICKLER

Nov. 22, 1756.

N. N. Grants—BK. "H", p. 743-

Richmond.

201 Acres in Culpeper County.

The right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax, Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain call'd Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom these presents shall come sends

Greeting: Know ye that for good causes for & in consideration of the Composition To me paid & for the annual Rent hereinafter Reserved, I have given granted and confirmed & by these presents for me and my Heirs & Assigns Do give grant and confirm unto Benjamin Strickler of Culpeper—County a certain Tract of waste & ungranted Land in the said County & at a place commonly known by the name of Mesonuthin & bounded as by a Survey thereof made by George Hume as follows BEGINNING.

The description to this land is found in the following deed from Benjamin Strickler and Mary, his wife, to Abraham Strickler, on Aug. 30-31, 1785. It is the same tract of land located opposite the White house. *

No. 17

BENJAMIN STRICKLER AND
MARY, HIS WIFE,
to
ABRAHAM STRICKLER

Aug. 30-31, 1785.
D. B. E, pp. 392-394, Woodstock.
201 Acres, the same having been
conveyed by Fairfax to Benjamin Strickler.

No. 17 (16 on Map) †

500 pounds.

Description

A tract of land in Shenandoah County formerly Frederick in a place called Massenothin and was granted to the said Benjamin Strickler by Fairfax, No. 22, 1756, and bounded by a survey as made by George Hume as follows:

Beginning at a white oak and spanish oak on the north side of the Shenandoah River and being the dividing corner between Benjamin Strickler and Isaac Strickler against an island and runneth down the several courses of the river N. 50 E. 10 p.; E. 74 p.; N. 40 E. 48 p.; N. 35 W. 20 p.; N-W. 14 p.; N. 55 W. 20 p.; to a white oak on the river bank S. 85 W. 160 p. to a white oak corner to Isaac Strickler and with his line S. 10 E. 30 p.; S. 68 E. 160 p.; S. 40 E. 110 p. to the Beginning.

On June 10, 1794, Ann Strickler, widow and relict of Abraham Strickler, dec'd., and Jacob Strickler, eldest son of the said Abraham, dec'd. convey this tract to Abraham Strickler, son of Joseph. (D. B. I, p. 369, June 10, 1794, Woodstock). Abraham Strickler, dec'd. was the head of the family which has the ancient Bible. Abraham Strickler, the grantee, was the son of Joseph of Egypt.

* There is a very old home, of logs and a log barn on the hill opposite the White House on this tract. There is also a very old grave yard here east of the house on an oval hill.

† Same tract as No. 16.

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Missing
some
points →
see
Grant
page see
more

No. 18

EGYPT TRACT

FAIRFAX

to

JOSEPH STRICKLER

Nov. 9, 1756

N. N. Grants Bk. "H"-p. 732.—

Richmond.

55 Acres in Frederick Co. Egypt.

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain call'd Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom this present writing shall come sends Greeting; Know ye that for good causes for and in consideration of the Composition to me paid & for the Annuall Rent hereinafter Reserved I have given granted and confirm'd & and by these presents for me my Heirs & Assigns Do give grant & Confirm unto Joseph Strickler of Frederick— County a certain Tract of waste & ungranted Land in the said County, & bounded as by a Survey thereof made by George Hume as follows BEGINNING on North side of the Shenandoah River by the mouth of a small branch runneth thence down the several courses of the said river,

N. 70 E. 150 poles

E. 26 poles to a walnut on the said

Shenandoah River thence N. 10 W. 100 poles to three white oaks in the back line, thence S. W. 210 poles to the beginning, containing fifty-five acres, etc. etc.

By a resurvey Joseph Strickler obtains 105 ares at this point, including the above 55 acres. The description is as follows;

One hundred and five acres of land bounded by a resurvey as follows: Beginning at four white oaks on north bank of the river six poles up the river from the mouth of a small branch then down the several courses of the river, N. 65 E. 102 poles

N. 76 E. 44 poles

N. 88 E. 38 poles

N. 71 E. 60 poles to a black walnut on the north bank of the river, corner to Jacob Strickler, then, leaving the river and along Jacob Strickler's line,

N. 12 W. 150 poles to three white oaks on south-east side of a hill corner to the said Jacob Strickler in the back line of a patent tract from the Kings Office granted to Abraham Strickler for one thousand acres and then along the line S. W. 303 poles to the beginning, etc. etc.

(Dated 1776—Commonwealth to Joseph Strickler—Bk. "Q" p. 27 Richmond, Dunmore Co.)

No. 19

FAIRFAX

to

JACOB STRICKLER *

Jan. 4. 1755

N. N. Grants Bk. "H" p. 595.

208 Acres in Augusta Co. Egypt.

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain call'd Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom this presents writing shall come sends Greeting: Know ye that for good causes for and in Consideration of the Composition to me paid and for the Annual Rent hereafter reserved I have given granted and confirm'd and by these presents for me my Heirs and Assigns do give grant and confirm unto—Jacob Strickler of the County of Augusta—a certain Tract of waste and ungranted Land in the aforesaid County, and being part of a Pattent formerly granted to Jacob Stover for Five Thousand Acres, Dated the Fifteenth day of December, 1733, and bounded as by a Survey thereof made by Mr. George Hume—as followeth—Beginning at a black walnut standing on the north side of the Shenandoah River and dividing corner between the said Jacob Strickler and Joseph Strickler and runneth down the several courses of said river, E. 28 poles

N. 70 E. 170 poles

N. 40 E. 40 poles

N. 20 E. 20 poles

N. 74 poles

N. 30 W. 26 poles

N. 42 W. 46 poles

N. 55 W. 16 poles

N. 69 W. 20 poles, to an old corner, black walnut, Hickory and elm on riverside, thence

S. W. 228 poles to three white oaks, corner in Abraham Strickler line, then

S. 10 E. 100 poles to the beginning, containing two hundred and eight acres, etc. etc.

plots out to
28 poles
N 79° E

No. 20

"PEPERCORN" DEED

MARTIN KAUFMAN AND MARY

D. B.-11-p. 429-Winchester.

HIS WIFE

1767

to

JOHN STRICKLER

287 Acres in the point of Fairfax Bend.

Beginning at a large pinocle on a high cliff by Shenandoah thence S. 44 E. 100 poles to two red oaks standing on a steep hill and cliff

* Jacob probably obtained 100 acres by a resurvey as did his brother Joseph, by removing his back line further from the river.

thence up Shenandoah River S. 44 W. 134 poles to a white oak and gum by the River side in the line dividing the land between the King and the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax thence with the said dividing line S. 46 degrees E. 160 poles to two pines and a white oak, thence leaving the said line N. 44 degrees E. 200 poles to a black walnut, two spanish oaks in a valley thence, N. 46 degrees W. 190 poles to a large white oak, chestnut, locust and dogwood by a large rock thence N. 32 degrees E. 6 poles to the river thence with the river, the several courses thereof namely; North 45 degrees W. 48 poles north 37 degrees W. 100 poles N. 5 degrees 30 minutes W. 18 poles S. 57 degrees W. 29 poles, S. 19 degrees W. 20 poles, S. 9 degrees 30 minutes E. 40 poles S. 24 degrees E. 26 poles S. 39 degrees 30' E. 28 poles S. E. 16 poles to the beginning. This further designation precedes the above description:

"A tract of land held under deed from the Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax made to Michael Coffman in the name of the Orphans of Martin dec'd of whom the above named Martin Coffman is heir at law which said deed bears date the 3rd day of Feb. 1755." A yearly rent of one peper corn * at the feast of St. Michael the Archangel if the same shall be lawfully demanded, is reserved.

This tract is located on the right bank of the river just north of the Fairfax line and between that line and the river, the tract occupying all the land in the immediate bend north of the line.

BRITISH CROWN GRANTS OR PATENTS

We have noticed how the Fairfax patents ran. It might be interesting to note how the patents from the Colonial Government ran. Here is one dated 1751. The opening paragraph is as follows:

"GEORGE the second by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France and Ireland, King Defender of the Faith etc. TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come Greeting; Know Ye that for divers good causes and considerations but more especially for and in consideration of the sum of FORTY SHILLINGS of good and lawful money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our Revenues in this our Colony and Dominion of Virginia WE HAVE Given Granted and Confirmed and by these Presents for our Heirs and Successors Do Give and Confirm unto" etc.

"With the Privileges of Hunting Hawking Fishing Fowling and all other Profits Commodities and Hereditaments" etc.....

Then follows the location and nature of the tenure.

* See Deed No. 6—Indian Corn Deed.