

Patent Site

Warrant Types

Common Warrant (Vacant land)

Special Warrant (Legal or boundary issues)

Resurvey Warrant (Land previously patented, adjoining vacant land or several tracts combined into a new tract.)

Warrant Index

Land Office

1636-1842

MSA Series ID: SM129

(Online at MSA)

Patents are made up of Patent Books (No plat drawing) and Certificates of Survey (Plat drawing).

Patent Books

Patent books contain the written courses of the property only. The books are not separated by county they are located in. When new patents arrived in the Land Office they were recorded at that time regardless of county they were located in. Patent books have been scanned and are available for viewing on the search room computers at the MSA.

Land Office

(Patent Record)

1637-1975

MSA ID # SM2

(Not Online)

Patent Body Format

- Warrant holders name & county of residence (Can show family members)
- Date of warrant with acreage
- Resurvey (Original tract name or names, warrant date, warrant holders name & acreage)
- Warrant holder transferring warrant
- Surveyors statement that survey was made for the owner
- Acreage involved
- Starting point of courses (Name of adjacent or original tracts, streams or road)
- Course descriptions with adjacent tracts and land owner names
- Patent acreage
- **Manor Name**

Patent body format applies to both Patents and Certificate of Survey

Certificates of Survey (Plats.net)

Certificates of Survey are plat drawings of the property also with land transfer documents. These are an added feature to the patents. Some contain family history information. Certificates of Survey first come available around the 1720's with some available prior to this time. As time progressed records are more complete for land in the state.



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Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats

PLATS.NET
Digital Image Reference System for Land Survey, Subdivision, and Condominium Plats

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PLATS.NET

PLATS.NET is a system developed by the Maryland State Archives, the Administrative Office of the Courts and Maryland Circuit Court Clerks to preserve and make accessible all plats filed with the Land Office and the Circuit Courts of Maryland.

Plats are cartography relating to land ownership. They represent in graphic and pictorial terms the boundaries, or metes and bounds, of properties as described in **deeds**. As such, plats are crucial to understanding and documenting the conveyance of land title in Maryland. Attorneys, realtors, surveyors, title searchers, and private citizens need to consult plats recorded in the Circuit Courts when researching property boundaries and land conveyances.

Users can search for plats currently in the custody of the Maryland State Archives. Users are encouraged to provide feedback and **inform the Maryland State Archives** of any problems encountered.

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Patented Certificate

1-99	100-199	200-299	300-399	400-499	500-599	600-699	700-799	800-899	900-999
1000-1099	1100-1199	1200-1299	1300-1399	1400-1499	1500-1599	1600-1699	1700-1799	1800-1899	1900-1999
2000-2099	2100-2199	2200-2299	2300-2399	2400-2499	2500-2599	2600-2699	2700-2799	2800-2899	2900-2999
3000-3099	3100-3199	3200-3299	3300-3399	3400-3499	3500-3599	3600-3699	3700-3799	3800-3899	3900-3999
4000-4099	4100-4199	4200-4299	4300-4399	4400-4499	4500-4599	4600-4699	4700-4799	4800-4899	4900-4999
5000-5099	5100-5199	5200-5299							

1755/05/22	End The Stife, Peter White, 60 Acres	Patented Certificate 1272	3	0	MSA S1197-1337
1749/06/21	Englands Chance, John England, 100 Acres	Patented Certificate 1273	3	0	MSA S1197-1338
1775/03/16	Englands Folly, John Roberts, 20 Acres	Patented Certificate 1274	3	0	MSA S1197-1339

Frederick County Va

By Virtue of a warrant granted out of the High Land Office of this Province to John England of Baltimore Co. for one hundred Acres of Land bearing date by return March 25th 1729

Therefore Berthier and J. Lee under his La^y John Ogden Esq^r Gov^r of Maryland have carefully laid out for & in the name of him the said England all the tract of Land called Englands Chance Dig at three bounded white trees standing on the South side of a branch called Dickersons branch it being a draught of little pipe bearing thus North seventy eight deg. & an half deg. West forty two per then North Seven and a half West twenty four per then North twenty eight deg. East one hundred & four per then North fifty six deg. East fifty six per then North twenty two deg. East sixteen per then South seventy three deg. East forty per then North forty deg. East Eighty per then South forty nine deg. East seventy per then South thirty five deg. West fifty per then South Eighty seven deg. West sixty per then South fifty seven deg. West fifty per then South Eighty two deg. West twenty six per then South forty six deg. & an half deg. West Eighty six per then by a straight line to the Dig Trees Containing & now laid out for one hundred Acres of Land to be held of Conigo Kinge New Survey June 28th Anno Domini 1729

Jacob Berthier D^y J^r



No	Course	Dist
1	N 78 1/2 W	42
2	N 71 W	24
3	N 28 E	104
4	S 66 E	86
5	N 72 E	16
6	S 72 E	40
7	N 20 E	80
8	S 49 E	70
9	S 35 W	50
10	S 27 W	60
11	S 37 W	50
12	S 42 W	26
13	S 67 W	36

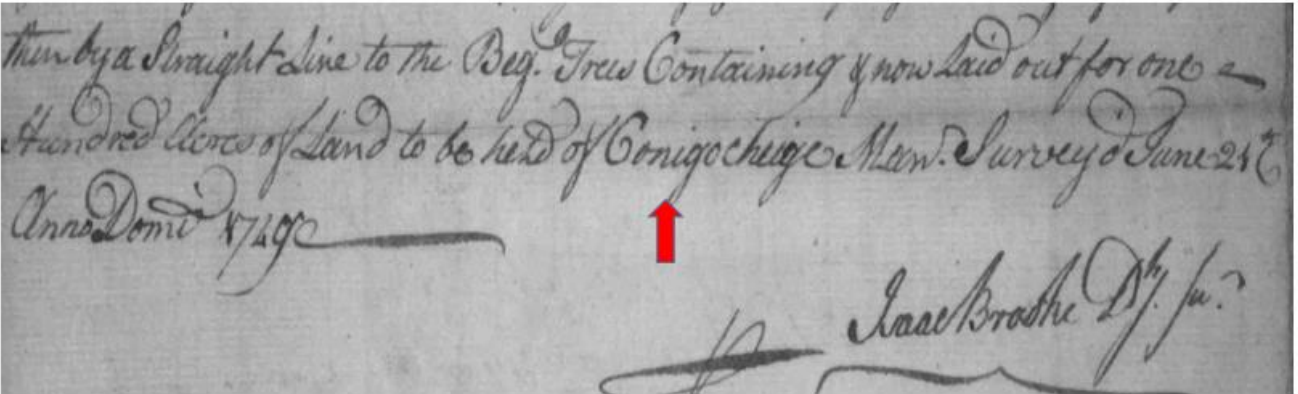
By a pole of 100 English Feet in an Inch 1723 Then to the Dig Trees

Plat Drawing Englands Chance

Manor Name

(Listed in Certificate of Survey)

People have taken this to mean the land was within a Manor.
(Refers to a geographic region within the state not within a Manor)



“Held of Conigocheige Manor”
Patents may show Conigocheige, Calverton or Monocacy Manor
(Geographic Region for Western Maryland)

Patented & Unpatented Tracts

What is the difference?

Patented lands are those where the patent process was completed.

Unpatented Lands

Unpatented lands are those where the patent process was not completed for various reasons. Not considered a legal transfer of the property. Lands have been found where only an unpatented survey exists.

- Patentee died
- Failed to pay required fees
- Legal issues
- French & Indian War (1754-1763) Hagerstown westward murdered or scared off by the Indians.

Patent Index 54
1634-1985
MSA Series ID: S1426

(Online at MSA)

White Cards-Patented Tracts
Pink Cards-Unpatented Tracts

Index 54 -alphabetical listing of patent owners (Patented & Unpatented).

NAME England, John **Patented Tract**

1749 **Date**

TRACT	Englands Chance	Tract Name		
		COUNTY	Frederick	
Certificate	100	Acres	Libe BY.&GS.#1	Folio 666
"	"	"	"	"
Patent	100	"	" BY.&GS.#2 "	594

Remarks:—

 **Acres**

 **Patent Book Number**




NAME Carroll, Charles, et al, **Unpatented Tract**

SURVEY DATE **1724**

TRACT **Doohoregan**

COUNTY **Baltimore**

ACRES **10480** **Why? Died Or Failed To Pay Fees**

CERTIFICATE No **436** 

(Certificate # 436 Plat Survey)

Patent Index 55

1634-1985

(Not Online)

Search Room at MSA

Index 55-alphabetical listing of tract names (Patented & Unpatented).

What is a Resurvey?

Person had 50 acres patented and found out 200 acres joins the property which is vacant. They can now apply for a Resurvey Warrant (Ex. Johns Lott would become "Resurvey on Johns Lott" or some other name).

Person could also buy a tract or several tracts that were already patented and combine them into a new tract. If the resurvey contained earlier tracts the old tract names then disappear from the deed records.