

Warrants

The first step in obtaining land was to obtain a warrant. Person applied for a certain number of acres from the Crown or the State which was then presented to the County Surveyor or Deputy Surveyor. Records were checked for vacant land and a Certificate of Survey was completed. Records were then sent to the Land Office for review and patent was issued to the owner. Ownership transfers at this time.

Person could be living on the land many years before a patent was issued (Ex. Squatters)

Warrant Types

- Common Warrant-Vacant land
- Special Warrant-Legal or boundary issues
- Resurvey Warrant-Lands previously patented can include several tracts of land. Patent can come under a new name or be called a Resurvey (Ex. Resurvey on Johns Lot)

Warrant Index

Land Office

1636-1842

MSA Series ID: SM129

- All or part of warrant could be sold or used for different tracts
- No book shows the transfer of the warrant
- Found if the person had the land patented

(May Be The Only Time Ancestor Shows Up In State Records)

Warrant & Transfer Examples

Phillips Neglect (Cecil County Survey# 766) patented to William Rumsey in 1732. The tract was assigned to three individuals prior to William Rumsey obtaining the patent.

John Smith 26 April 1728 (69 acres)

John Thomas 7 October 1728 (69 acres)

Edward Rumsey 13 October 1728 (69 acres)

William Rumsey 21 October 1728 (69 acres)

Second tract Doe Hill and Bear Point (Cecil County Survey# 244) patented to Augustine Passmore in 1768 for 421.5 acres

766

CECIL COUNTY.

Phillips' Neglect

Acres

69

SURVEYED FOR

Edward Runsey
Oct. 30 1928

Returned

Ex'd. and Passed

Comp. \$

Pd.

PATENTED TO

William Runsey
8 July 1932

Rec. of Cert.

A.M. fo 266

Rec. of Patent

Maryland fl.

LA Y out for John Smith of Cecil County
gent Sixty nine acres of Land it being due unto
him by renowm^t of a sp.^{ce} warr^t for that Quantity
granted him by the kenowm^t the Twentieth
Day of Octob^r Last

John Smith

As appears, &c. in any Part of this Province, not formerly laid out
for, nor cultivated by any Person, nor Lands reserved for His Lord-
ship's Use: And return your Certificate of Survey thereof, with the
Name of the Place, in what County it lieth, and of what Manor to
be held, into His Lordship's Land-Office, by the *Twenty Ninth*
Day of *October* next, thence to be transmitted to the
Examiner-General, for due Examination. And for your so doing, this
shall be your Warrant.

Given under His Lordship's Lesser Seal at Arms, this
Twenty Ninth Day of *April* Anno Domⁱ 1723

To His Lordship's Surveyor of this Province,

192
69
1728
1132
13240
33

766

Cecil County

Octob^r 29 1723

I do hereby assign unto *John Thomas*
of the Said County his heirs assigns and assigns
title Claims Interest Properties and Demand
unto the within Warrant and Said Store
in mentioned and Assignable same might
be Surveyed in his Name or in Whoso name
he might assign the same In witness
whereof I have hereunto set my hand
Seal the Day above Said -

John Jones
Deputy

John Smith

Cecil County ss. I John Thomas Assignee of J. Smith
do hereby Assign & make Over unto Edward Rumsey
all my right Title Interest property & demand of me unto the
within Said Warrant of Sixty Nine Acres. being for Value
thereof received in hand by me from W. Rumsey as Witness
my hand & Seal this 13th day of October Anno Dom 1728.
Witness present
J. Thomas

Know all men by these Presents That I the within
named Edward Rumsey do hereby Assign & make over
unto William Rumsey of Cecil County Gent. as well the within
Certificate as the Sixty nine Acres of Land therein said
to be Surveyed for and in my Name and do desire that
patent may be made out to the said William Rumsey
his heirs Assigns for the same Land and promises
Witness my hand & Seal this 21. October 1728
J. Peare, Junr.
Edward Rumsey

CECIL COUNTY.

Doe Hill & Bear Point

Acres *42 1/2*

SURVEYED FOR

Augustine Pasmore

Feb 13 1766

Returned *4 June 1768*

Ex'd. and Passed *June 8 1768*

Comp. \$ Pd.

PATENTED TO

Augustine Pasmore

21 July 1768

Rec. of Cert. *B.C. 1768 No. 37 fo 7H*

Rec. of Patent

Maryland, ff.

LAY out for Augustin Pastmore of Heed County
Thirty Acres ^{sic} of Land he having paid the sum of One pound
Sixteen shillings Sterling (rention) for the same.

Malvort
G. Stewart

As appears, &c. in any Part of this Province, not formerly laid out for,
nor cultivated by any Person, nor Lands leased or reserved for his Lord-
ship's Use; and return your Certificate of Survey thereof with the Name
of the Place, in what County it lieth, and of what Manor to be held,
into his Lordship's Land-Office, by the 25th Day of September
next, thence to be transmitted to the Examiner-General, for due Exami-
nation, in order for Patent to issue thereon, in case the same be sued out
within two Years from the Date hereof: And for so doing, this shall be
your Warrant. Given under his Lordship's Lesser Seal at Arms, this
25th Day of March Anno Domini 1763.

September the 23. 1763

To his Lordship's Surveyor of this Province.

The above Warrant not being yet executed it is this day renewed and
continued in force for six Months longer from this date

By Order of the Council / W. Stewart Clerk