# 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)

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### 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)

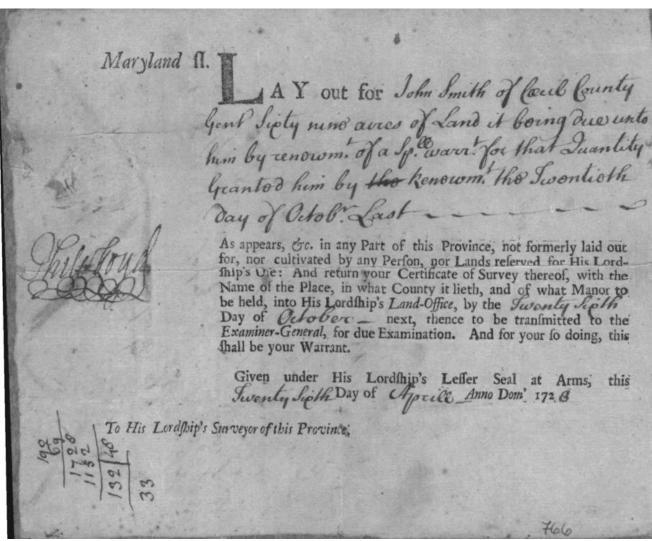
John Thomas 7 October 1728 (69 acres)

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

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