James Curry — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 6442 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 348; surveyor's No. 173)

1,000 Acres on a Branch of the North Fork of Tradewater (no county named)
Original Warrantee and Patentee

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 16 April 1783 the Virginia Land Office issued Military Warrant No. 348 to James Curry for 4,000 acres, due to him for his services for three years as a captain in the Virginia Continental line. On 9 May 1785, the same day as Charles Scott Jr.'s survey No. 330 (KLG 5376), 1,000 acres of the warrant were surveyed for Curry on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water as survey No. 173: a 400-pole square on 45-degree bearings, beginning at a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the creek, the south corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180. Isaac Hitchcock was marker and Amos Goodwin [?] and William Drennon [?] chain carriers; W[m.?] Robertson signed as assistant surveyor and Richard C. Anderson as principal surveyor. Its north corner, two black oaks and a dogwood, is the south corner of Thomas Christie's survey No. 315 and the east corner of Griffin's, and its closing side runs with Griffin's line. Anderson certified that he held the warrant and signed the survey "Examined & Recorded" on 15 June 178[5?], and James Curry signed below. The survey was received on 27 December 1786, and on 18 September 1787 Beverley Randolph, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, signed the patent to Curry at Richmond; it is recorded in Grant Book 13, pages 382–383.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey and confirmed against the patent, which agrees with every course, distance and crossing. Distances are in poles.

Surveyed for James Curry 1,000 acres of land, part of a Military Warrant No. 348, on a branch of the North Fork of Trade Water. Beginning at a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the [branch?] of the creek, S[outh] corner to John T. Griffin's survey No. 180; running S[outh] 45° E[ast] 400 poles, crossing the creek at 20 poles, to a hickory, sweet gum and maple; thence N[orth] 45° E[ast] 400 poles, crossing a branch at 80 poles, to two white oaks and a dogwood; thence N[orth] 45° W[est] 400 poles, crossing a branch at 264 poles, to two black oaks and a dogwood, S[outh] corner to Thomas Christie's survey No. 315 and E[ast] corner to Griffin; thence with Griffin's line S[outh] 45° W[est] 400 poles, crossing the creek at 338 poles, to the beginning. Isaac Hitchcock, M[arker]; Amos Goodwin [?] and William Drennon [?], C.C. W[m.?] Robertson, Ass't [surveyor]. May 9th 1785. Richard C. Anderson.

Record Summary

Warrant	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 348, 16 April 1783 (Virginia), 4,000 acres
Survey Number	6442 (No. 173 on the plat)
Original Warrantee	James Curry, captain, Virginia Continental line
Surveyed For / Patentee	James Curry (no assignment); Jillson p. 40, "Curry, James"
Acreage	1,000 acres (400 by 400 poles)
Watercourse	A branch of the North Fork of Tradewater
County	None named
Adjoining	John T. Griffin's survey No. 180 (north-west); Thomas Christie's No. 315, KLG 1120 (at the north corner); Charles Scott Jr.'s No. 330, KLG 5376 (north-east); Thomas Pemberton's 4,000 acres, KLG 3161 (south-east)
Survey Date	9 May 1785
Examined and Recorded	15 June 178[5?], Richard C. Anderson
Received	27 December 1786
Patent / Grant Issued	18 September 1787, signed by Beverley Randolph, Lieutenant Governor of Virginia, at Richmond; Grant Book 13, pages 382–383
Surveyor / Chain Carriers	W[m.?] Robertson, assistant surveyor; Richard C.

	Anderson, principal surveyor; Isaac Hitchcock, marker; Amos Goodwin [?] and William Drennon [?], chain carriers

Chronology

16 April 1783	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 348 issued to James Curry for 4,000 acres for three years' service as a captain in the Virginia Continental line
9 May 1785	1,000 acres (No. 173) surveyed for James Curry; Isaac Hitchcock, marker; the same day, Charles Scott Jr.'s survey No. 330 (KLG 5376) is made from this survey's east corner
15 June 178[5?]	Survey examined and recorded by Richard C. Anderson, who certified that he held the warrant; James Curry signs below
27 December 1786	Survey received
18 September 1787	Patent issued to James Curry, signed by Beverley Randolph, Lieutenant Governor, at Richmond; Grant Book 13, pages 382–383

Persons Named in the Record

James Curry	Original warrantee and patentee; captain, Virginia Continental line; signed the back of the survey
W[m.?] Robertson	Assistant surveyor
Richard C. Anderson	Principal surveyor; examined and recorded the survey
Isaac Hitchcock	Marker
Amos Goodwin [?]	Chain carrier
William Drennon [?]	Chain carrier (read "Brennan [?]" on KLG 5376)
John T. Griffin	Adjoining owner (survey No. 180)
Thomas Christie	Adjoining owner (survey No. 315)
Beverley Randolph	Lieutenant Governor of Virginia; signed the patent

Land Description

A 400-pole square (1,000 acres) on a branch of the North Fork of Tradewater, its sides on 45-degree bearings. Its west corner, the beginning, is a white oak, poplar and ash on the bank of the creek, the south corner of John T. Griffin's survey No. 180; its south corner a hickory, sweet gum and maple; its east corner two white oaks and a dogwood; and its north corner two black oaks and a dogwood, the south corner of Thomas Christie's survey No. 315 and the east corner of Griffin's. Its north-west side runs with Griffin's line. The creek crosses the south-west and north-west sides.

Research Notes

The warrant. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 348 directs the principal surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia to lay off, in one or more surveys, 4,000 acres for James Curry, his heirs or assigns, due "in consideration of his services for three years as a Captain in the Virginia Continental line." It is dated the 16th of April 1783. The earlier report read the patent's recital of the date as 1782; the patent also reads "the 16th day of April 1783." This survey uses 1,000 acres of the warrant; the other 3,000 acres are not among these images.

The survey. The survey is numbered "No. 173" on the plat and is for "1000 Acres"; the plat shows the creek crossing the square near its west corner. The signatures read "Isaac Hitchcock, M." and "Amos Goodwin [?], William Drennon [?], C.C." at left, and "W[m.?] Robertson, Ass't," "May 9th 1785" and "Richard C. Anderson" at right. The earlier report called Isaac Hitchcock the surveyor; the "M." after his name marks him as marker, and Robertson signed as assistant surveyor. The second chain carrier's surname looks like "Drennon" here; on Scott's survey No. 330, made the same day by the same crew, it was read "Brennan [?]." Neither reading is certain. On the back Anderson wrote, "I certify that I have in my possession the warrant on which the within survey was made. Examined & Recorded. Richard C. Anderson, June 15 178[5?]," the last figure of the year written over; James Curry signed below. The survey sheet carries a modern stamp, "SURVEY 6442 / WARRANT NOT LOCATED," although the warrant is in this file.

Corrections to the courses. The earlier report gave the beginning as "a white oak and ash"; the survey and patent both name a white oak, poplar and ash. It put the branch on the north-east course at 266 poles (it is 80), and it read the patent as giving the third course 464 poles and the closing course 438 poles crossing the creek at 330. The patent gives the third course four hundred poles, crossing a branch at two hundred and sixty-four poles, and the closing course four hundred poles, crossing the creek at three hundred and thirty-eight poles: the earlier report had taken the crossings for the distances. Survey and patent agree throughout, and the square closes exactly.

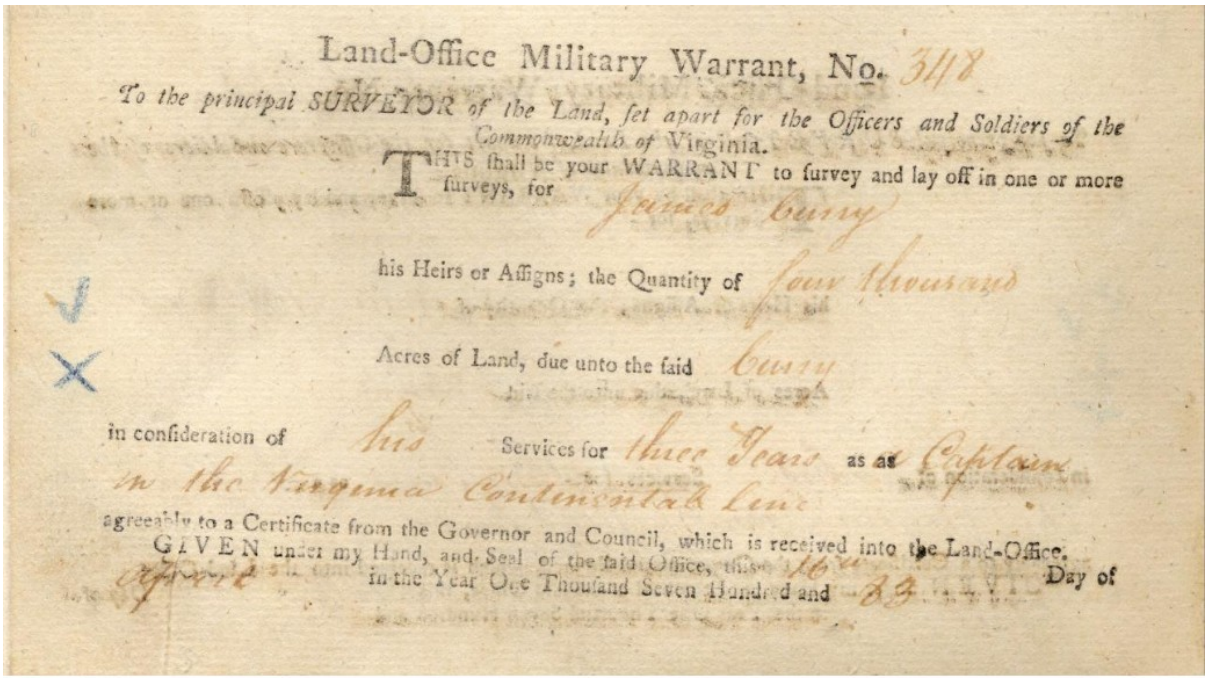
Recording and patent. The docket reads "James Curry, 1000 Acres, Survey, Rec'd 27th Dec. 1786, Grant issued 18th Sept. 1787, Recorded page [2?]98, R. B. 8, P. 52 [?]." The patent, numbered "No. 173" in the margin with "Capt. Jas. Curry, 1000 Acres, Continental Line," is issued in the name of "Beverley Randolph, Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia" ("Lieutenant" is written above the line), by virtue of part of military warrant No. 348, and was signed "B. Randolph" at Richmond "on the eighteenth day of September in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty seven

and of the Commonwealth the twelfth." The earlier report called him Governor. An archival note at the top gives Grant Book 13, pages 382–383. No assignment appears; the patent is to Curry himself.

Neighbors and the surveys around 3161. This survey and Charles Scott Jr.'s survey No. 330 (KLG 5376), made the same day, share two corners named in both records. No. 330 begins at "two white oaks and a dogwood, east corner to James Curry's survey No. 173," this survey's east corner, and its west corner, "two black oaks and a dogwood," is the south corner of Christie's survey, the east corner of Griffin's and the "north corner to Curry," this survey's north corner; No. 330's closing side runs "with Curry's line" between them. So No. 330 lies directly north-east of this survey, along its whole north-east side. Thomas Pemberton's 4,000 acres, KLG 3161 (surveyed for Addison Lewis on 12 May 1785), have their north corner "in the line of Charles Scott Jr.'s survey No. 330" and run their north-west side "with Scott's, Curry's and Crawford's lines." That side can only follow this survey's south-east side, from its east corner to its south corner, so 3161 lies south-east of this survey. If 3161's 800-pole side touches all three lines, its north corner lies less than 400 poles north-east of this survey's east corner, but the exact point is not stated. John T. Griffin's survey No. 180 (KLG 3551) lies north-west of this survey along its closing line, between its west and north corners, and Thomas Christie's survey No. 315 (KLG 1120) begins at the north corner and runs north-east from it.

Images. This report uses the four images in this file: the warrant, the survey and its back, and the patent.

Images / Appendix



Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 348

To the principal SURVEYOR of the Land, set apart for the Officers and Soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

THIS shall be your WARRANT to survey and lay off in one or more surveys, for James Curry

his Heirs or Assigns; the Quantity of four thousand

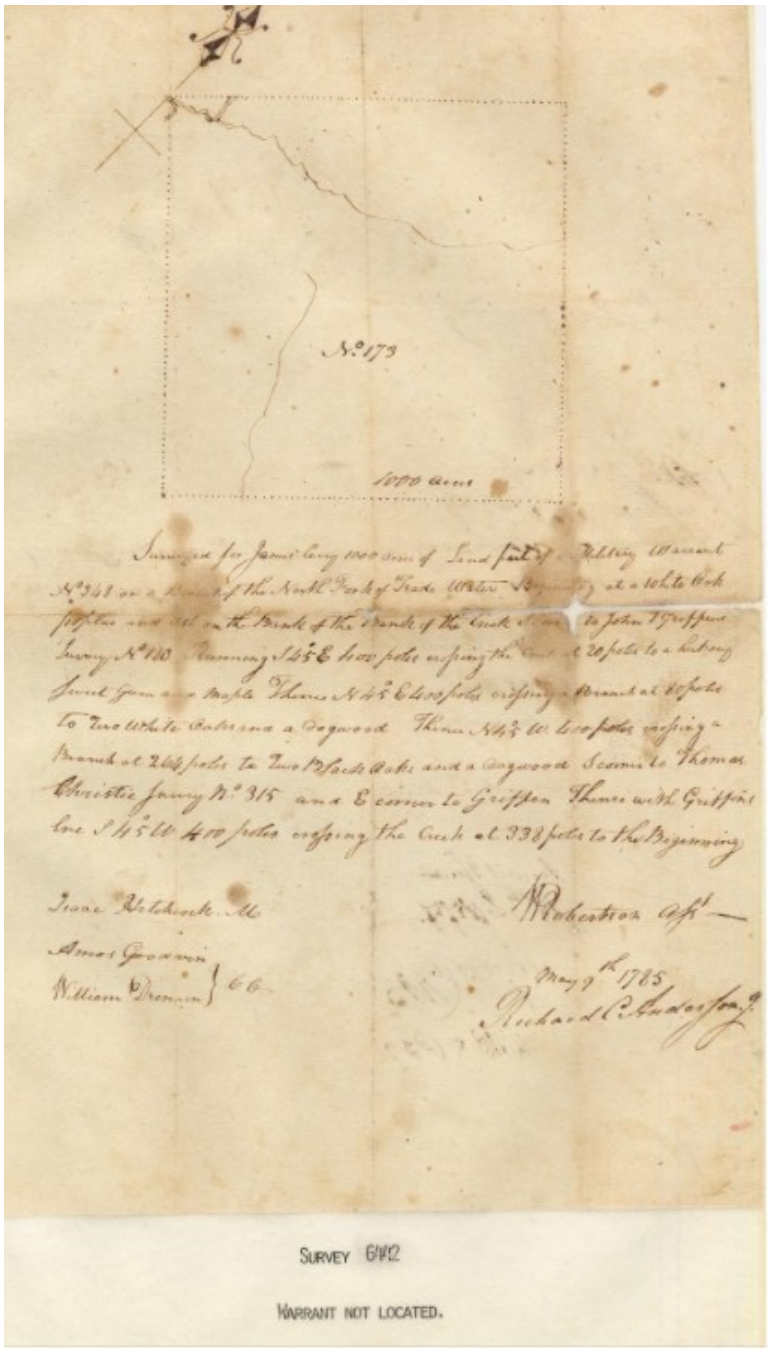
Acres of Land, due unto the said Curry

in consideration of his Services for three Years as a Captain in the Virginia Continental Line

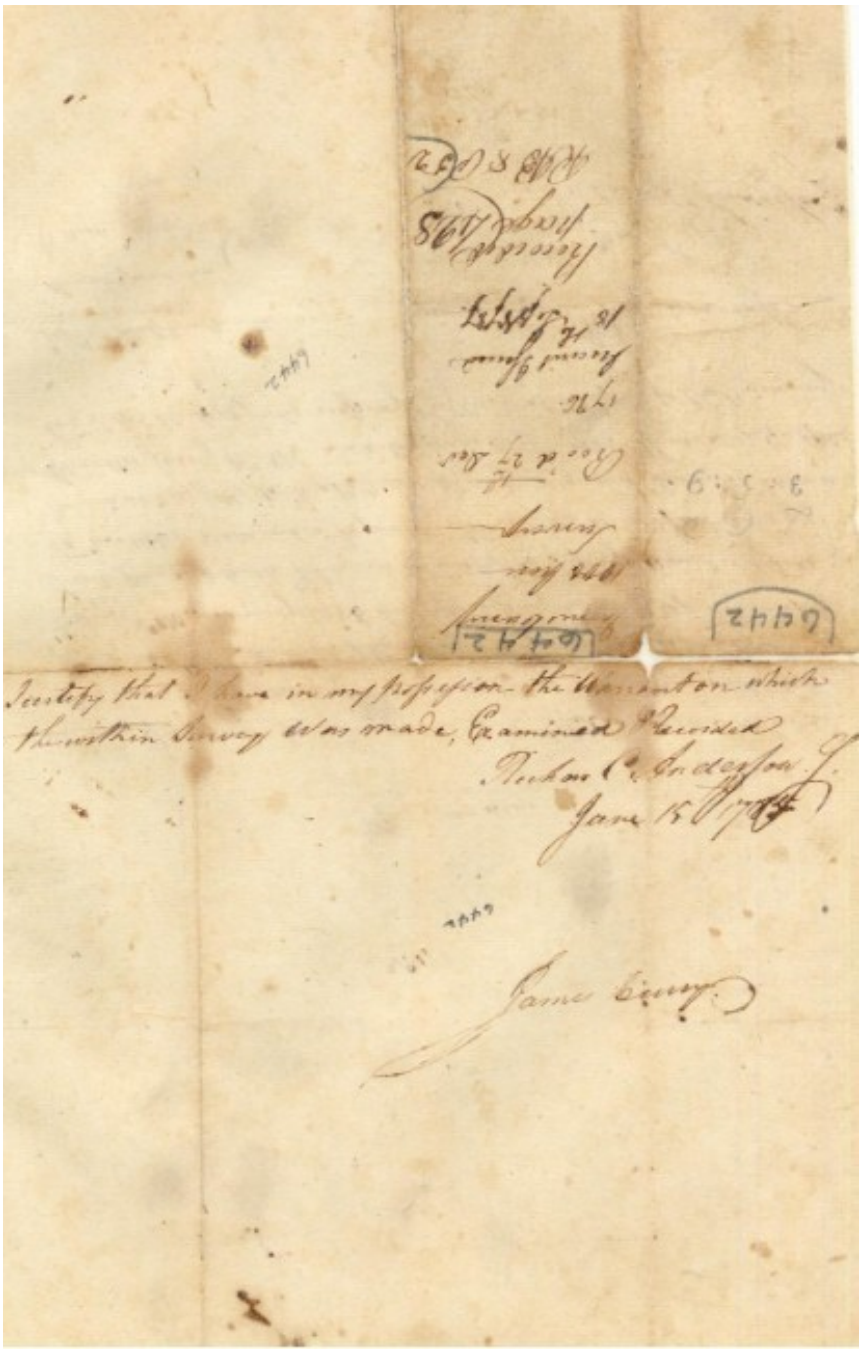
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal of the said Office, this 16th Day of April in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83

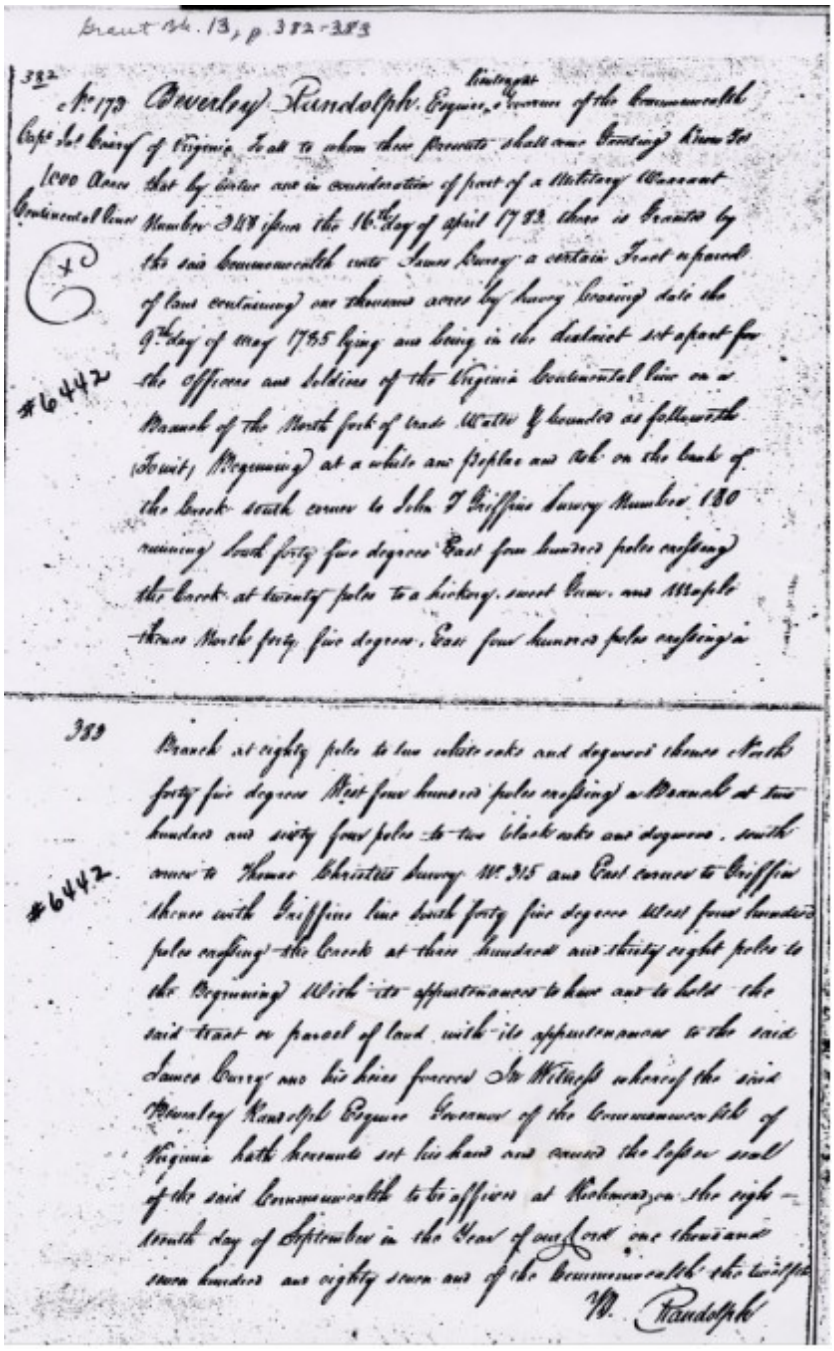
Appendix Image 1. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 348, 16 April 1783, to James Curry for 4,000 acres.



Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 173 (Kentucky survey 6442), 9 May 1785, with the plat ("No. 173," "1000 Acres") and the modern stamp "WARRANT NOT LOCATED".



Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (Anderson's certificate, 15 June 178[5?], with James Curry's signature; docket: received 27 December 1786, grant issued 18 September 1787).



Grant Bk. 13, p. 382-383

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No. 173 Beverley Randolph Esquire, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth
Capt. Jas. Curry of Virginia To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting Know Yet
1000 Acres that by virtue and in consideration of part of a Military Warrant
Continental Line Number 348 issued the 16th day of April 1783 there is Granted by
the said Commonwealth unto James Curry a certain Tract or parcel
of land containing one thousand acres by Survey bearing date the
9th day of May 1785 lying and being in the district set apart for
#6442 the officers and soldiers of the Virginia Continental line on a
Branch of the North fork of trade Water & bounded as followeth
(Towit) Beginning at a white and Poplar and Ash on the bank of
the Creek south corner to John T Griffins Survey Number 180
running South forty five degrees East four hundred poles crossing
the Creek at twenty poles to a hickory, sweet Gum, and Maple
thence North forty five degrees, East four hundred poles crossing a

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Branch at eighty poles to two white oaks and dogwood thence North
forty five degrees West four hundred poles crossing a Branch at two
hundred and sixty four poles to two black oaks and dogwood, south
#6442 corner to Thomas Christus Survey No. 315 and East corner to Griffin
thence with Griffins line South forty five degrees West four hundred
poles crossing the Creek at three hundred and thirty eight poles to
the Beginning With its appurtenances to have and to hold the
said tract or parcel of land with its appurtenances to the said
James Curry and his heirs forever In Witness whereof the said
Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of
Virginia hath hereunto set his hand and caused the lesser seal
of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond on the eigh-
teenth day of September in the Year of our Lord one thousand
seven hundred and eighty seven and of the Commonwealth the twelfth

B. Randolph

Appendix Image 4. Patent to James Curry, 18 September 1787 — Grant Book 13, pages 382–383 (signed by Beverley Randolph, Lieutenant Governor).