Thomas Gaskins — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 6582 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765; surveyor's No. 55)

1,000 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater River (county left blank in the patent)
Original Warrantee and Patentee Thomas Gaskins

Land Record Abstract and Survey Summary

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Abstract

On 7 June 1783 the Virginia Land Office issued Military Warrant No. 765 to Thomas Gaskins for 6,000 acres, due to him for three years' service as a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Continental line. On 20 January 1785 James Poage, assistant surveyor, surveyed 1,000 acres of the warrant for Gaskins on the waters of Tradewater River: a square of 400 poles, numbered 55 on the plat, beginning at two dogwoods and a cherry tree, the north-west corner of Robert Harvey's 1,000-acre survey No. 280, with David Clarke and Silas Ashly [Ashby?] as chain carriers and David Byars as marker. Its south side runs with the line of William Parsons's 1,000-acre survey No. 347 and its east side with Harvey's line. Richard C. Anderson certified that he held the warrant and signed the survey "Examined & Recorded" on 11 February 1785. The survey was received on 23 June 1788, and Governor Beverley Randolph signed the patent at Richmond to Thomas Gaskins on the sixteenth of March "and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth," recorded in Grant Book 14, pages 192–193. The patent writes the year as 1788, but the thirteenth year of the Commonwealth and the docket ("Grant issued 16th March 1789") give 1789; the county is left blank.

Survey Description

Metes and bounds as written in the survey and confirmed against the patent. Distances are in poles.

Surveyed for Thos. Gaskins 1,000 acres of land, part of a military Warrant No. 765, on the waters of Trade Water River. Beginning at two dogwoods and a cherry tree, north-west corner to Robt. Harvey's 1,000-acre survey No. 280; running West 400 poles through a rich plumb orchard to a white oak, black oak and a hickory; thence South 400 poles to a black oak and two small cherry trees, north-west corner to Wm. Parsons's 1,000-acre survey No. 347; thence with his line East 400 poles, crossing a branch, to a black oak, white oak and a dogwood, south-west corner to s[ai]d Harvey; thence with his line North 400 poles to the beginning. David Clarke and Silas Ashly [Ashby?], C.C.; David Byars, M[arker]. Jas. Poage, Asst. [surveyor], 20th January 1785. 11th February 1785, Richard C. Anderson.

Record Summary

Warrant	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765, 7 June 1783 (Virginia), 6,000 acres; this survey is 1,000 acres of it
Survey Number	6582 (No. 55 on the plat)
Original Warrantee	Thomas Gaskins, lieutenant colonel, Virginia Continental line, three years
Surveyed For / Patentee	Thomas Gaskins; indexed by Jillson as "Gaskins, Thos."
Acreage	1,000 acres (400 poles square)
Watercourse	Waters of Tradewater River
County	Left blank in the patent
Adjoining	Gaskins's survey No. 89 (KLG 6583) on the west; Robert Harvey's 1,000-acre survey No. 280 on the east; William Parsons's 1,000-acre survey No. 347 on the south
Survey Date	20 January 1785
Examined and Recorded	11 February 1785, Richard C. Anderson
Received	23 June 1788
Recording	Survey: page 375. Patent: Grant Book 14, pages 192–193
Patent / Grant Issued	16 March 1789, signed by Governor Beverley Randolph at Richmond (the patent writes "1788"; see Research Notes)

Surveyor / Chain Carriers	James Poage, assistant surveyor; David Clarke and Silas Ashly [Ashby?], chain carriers; David Byars, marker

Chronology

7 June 1783	Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765 issued to Thomas Gaskins for 6,000 acres for three years' service as a lieutenant colonel in the Virginia Continental line
20 January 1785	1,000 acres (No. 55) surveyed for Thomas Gaskins by James Poage, assistant surveyor, the same day as KLG 6583 (No. 89) and KLG 6496
11 February 1785	Survey examined and recorded by Richard C. Anderson, who certified that he held the warrant
23 June 1788	Survey received
16 March 1789	Patent issued to Thomas Gaskins, signed by Governor Beverley Randolph (the patent writes 1788)

Persons Named in the Record

Thomas Gaskins	Original warrantee; surveyed for; patentee; owner of the adjoining survey No. 89
James Poage	Assistant surveyor
Richard C. Anderson	Examined and recorded the survey
David Clarke	Chain carrier
Silas Ashly [Ashby?]	Chain carrier
David Byars	Marker
Robert Harvey	Adjoining owner (1,000-acre survey No. 280; "Harvie" in the patent)
William Parsons	Adjoining owner (1,000-acre survey No. 347)
Beverley Randolph	Governor of Virginia

Land Description

A square of 400 poles on each side (1,000 acres) on the waters of Tradewater River, its sides running due north–south and east–west. Its north-east corner, the beginning, is two

dogwoods and a cherry tree, the north-west corner of Robert Harvey's survey No. 280; its north-west corner a white oak, black oak and hickory, the beginning of Gaskins's survey No. 89 (KLG 6583); its south-west corner a black oak and two small cherry trees, the north-west corner of William Parsons's survey No. 347 (and the south-east corner of KLG 6583 and north-east corner of KLG 6496); and its south-east corner a black oak, white oak and dogwood, the south-west corner of Harvey's survey. Its west side is the east line of KLG 6583, its south side the north line of Parsons's survey, and its east side the west line of Harvey's survey.

Research Notes

The warrant. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765, dated 7 June 1783, directs the principal surveyor of the land set apart for the officers and soldiers of the Commonwealth of Virginia to lay off 6,000 acres for Thomas Gaskins, his heirs or assigns, due "in consideration of his services for three years as a Lieut. Col. in the Virginia Continental line." This survey uses 1,000 acres of it, as do KLG 6583 (No. 89) and KLG 6496, made the same day. The survey sheet carries a modern stamp, "SURVEY 6582 / WARRANT NOT LOCATED," although the warrant is in this file.

The survey. The survey is signed "Jas. Poage, Ast." on 20 January 1785, with "David Clarke, Silas Ashly [Ashby?], C.C." and "David Byars, M.," the same men as on 6583 and 6496. On the back Richard C. Anderson wrote, "I certify that I have in my possession the warrant on which the within survey was made. Examined & Recorded, Richard C. Anderson, February 11th 1785." The plat is a square marked "No. 55" and "1000 Acres," with a stream drawn across its south-west part; KLG 6583 calls this tract Gaskins's "former 1000 acre survey No. 55."

Courses and acreage. The survey and the patent agree on all four courses and corners, including the "rich plumb orchard" on the north line and the branch on the south line. The four sides of 400 poles close exactly and hold 1,000 acres. The survey gives no distances for the crossings.

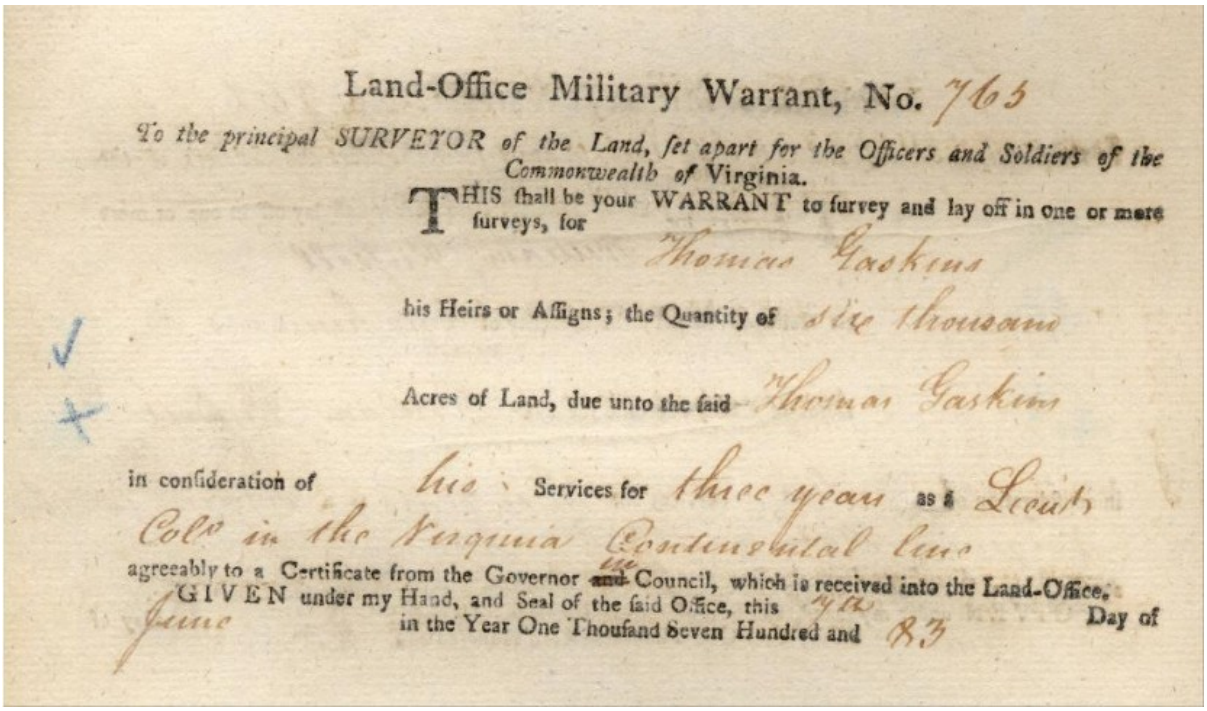
Recording and patent. The docket reads "Thos. Gaskins, 1000 acre Survey, Rec'd 23 June 1788, Grant issued 16th March 1789, Recorded page 375," with a later notation that appears to read "R. B. 8, [page] 150" [?]. The docket of 6583 also gives "Recorded page 375." The patent, in Grant Book 14 on pages 192 and 193, is to Thomas Gaskins by virtue of part of military warrant No. 765 issued 7 June 1783, for land "lying and being in the County of — and District set apart for the officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental line on the waters of Trade Water River." Beverley Randolph signed it at Richmond "on the Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty eight and of the Commonwealth the Thirteenth." The thirteenth year of the Commonwealth ran from July 1788 to July 1789, Randolph was not governor in March 1788, and the docket says the grant issued on 16 March 1789, so "eighty eight" appears to be a clerk's error for 1789. The margin reads "Thos. Gaskins, 1000 Acres, Cont. line."

Neighbors. This survey is the north-east tract of the Gaskins block. Its north-west corner, a white oak, black oak and hickory, is the beginning of KLG 6583, which calls it the north-west corner of "his former 1000 acre survey No. 55" and runs along this survey's west line; its south-west corner, a black oak and two small cherry trees, is named in this survey, 6583 and KLG 6496. These corners are named in both records. The survey also

names two neighbors not in this collection: Robert Harvey's 1,000-acre survey No. 280, whose north-west and south-west corners are this survey's beginning and south-east corner, so Harvey lies directly east; and William Parsons's 1,000-acre survey No. 347, whose north line is this survey's south line, so Parsons lies directly south (and, from 6496, directly east of 6496). The patent gives Parsons's given name as William, which settles the reading in 6496. The record names the Tradewater River only; according to a history of Hopkins County, the Gaskins surveys lie on Clear Creek.

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

Images / Appendix



Land-Office Military Warrant, No. 765

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

Thomas Gaskins

his Heirs or Assigns; the Quantity of six thousand

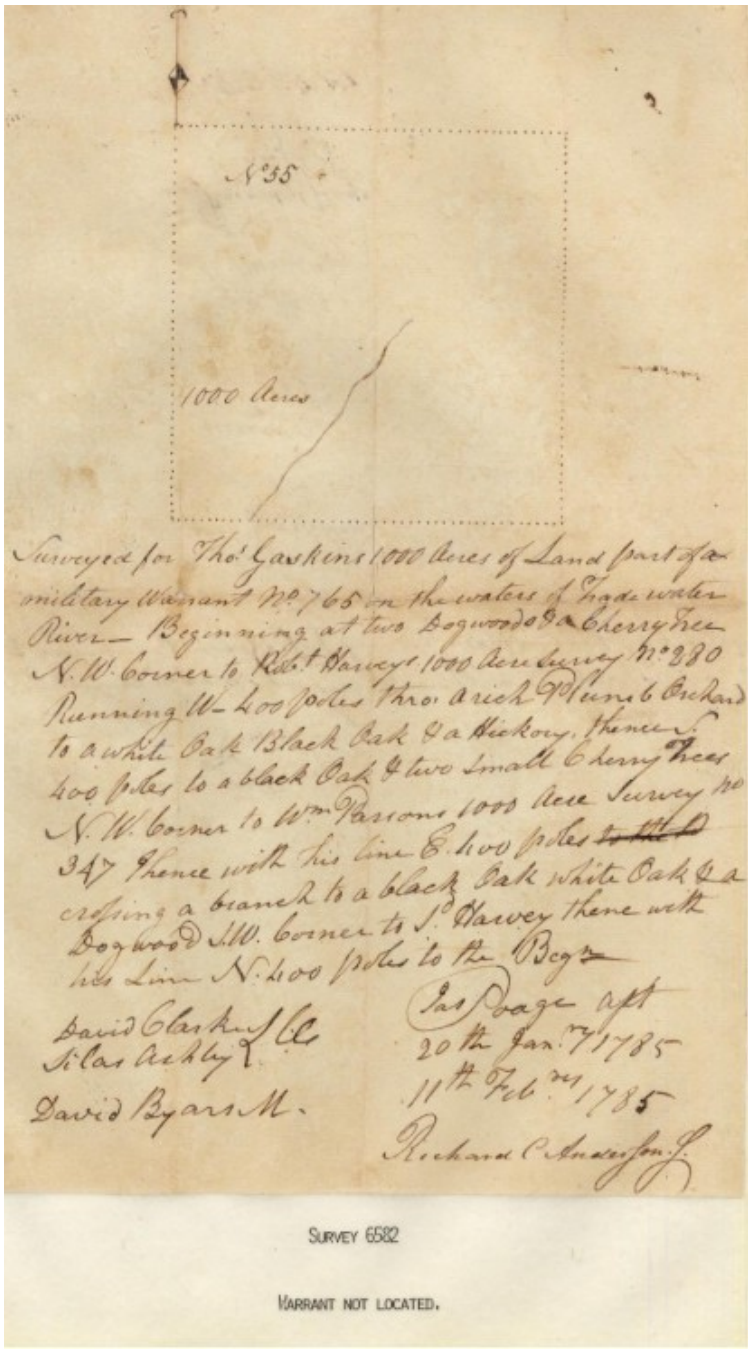
Acres of Land, due unto the said Thomas Gaskins

in consideration of his Services for three years as a Lieut. Colo in the Virginia Continental line

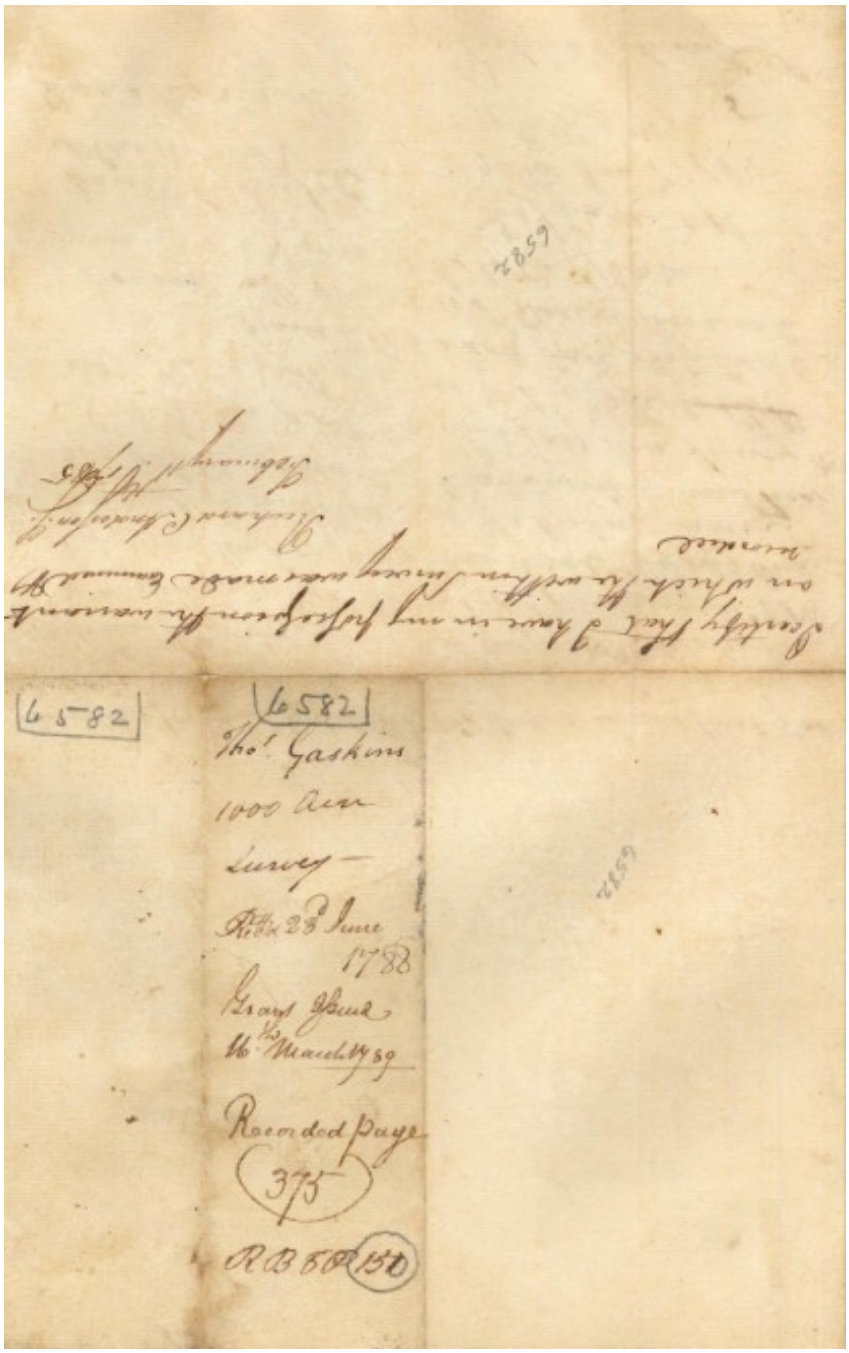
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

GIVEN under my Hand, and Seal of the said Office, this 7th Day of June in the Year One Thousand Seven Hundred and 83

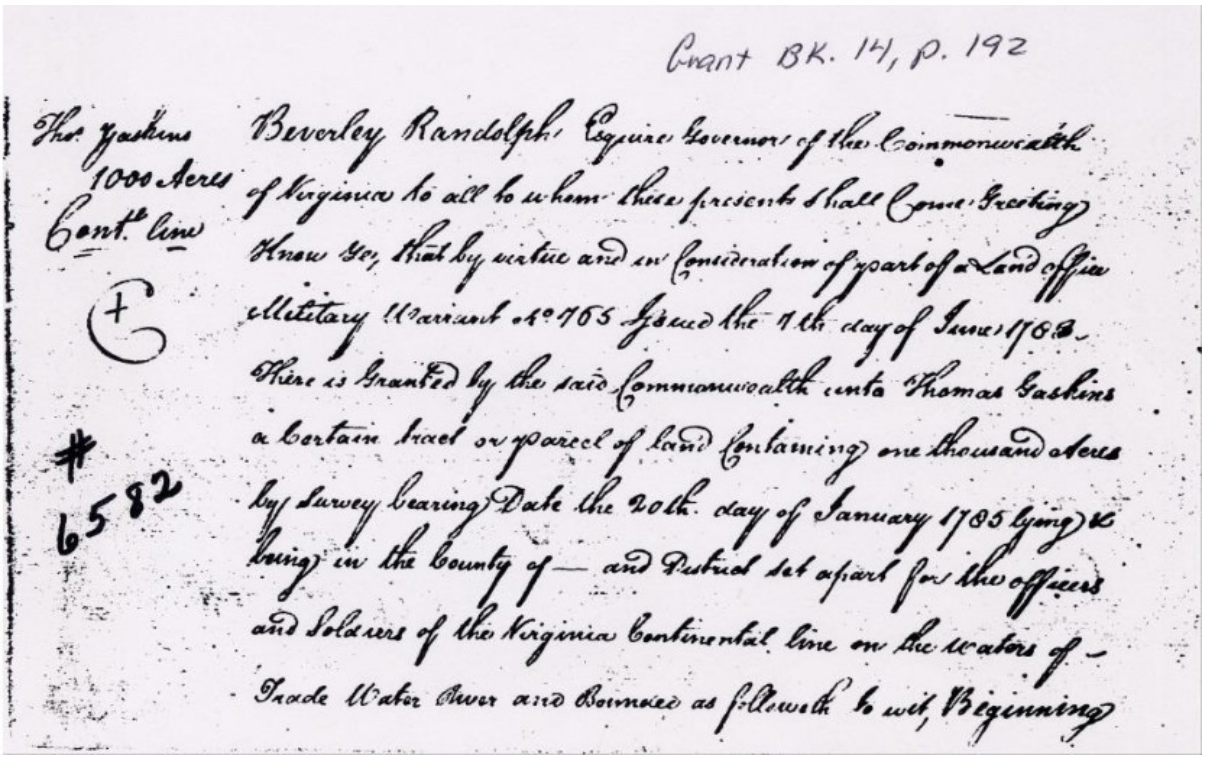
Appendix Image 1. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765, 7 June 1783, to Thomas Gaskins for 6,000 acres.



Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 6582, 20 January 1785, by James Poage, assistant surveyor, with the plat ("No. 55," "1000 Acres") and the modern stamp "WARRANT NOT LOCATED".



Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (Anderson's certificate, 11 February 1785; docket: received 23 June 1788, grant issued 16 March 1789, recorded page 375).



Grant BK. 14, P. 192

Thos Gaskins
1000 Acres
Cont. line

Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia to all to whom these presents shall Come Greeting Know Ye, that by virtue and in Consideration of part of a Land Office Military Warrant No 765 Issued the 11th day of June 1783 There is Granted by the said Commonwealth unto Thomas Gaskins a certain tract or parcel of land containing one thousand Acres by Survey bearing Date the 20th day of January 1785 lying & being in the County of — and District set apart for the officers and Soldiers of the Virginia Continental line on the Waters of Trade Water River and Bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning

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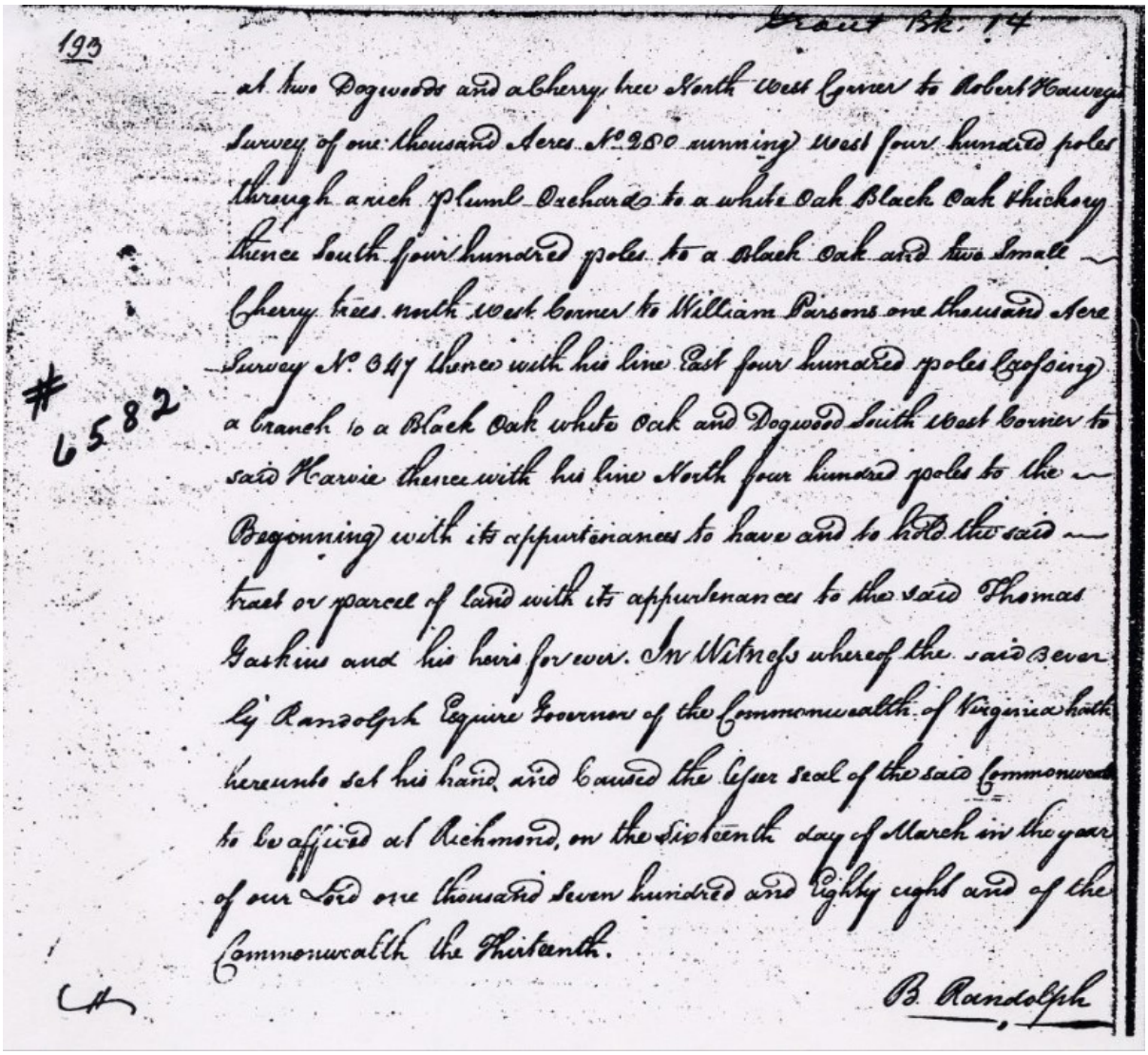
Appendix Image 4. Patent to Thomas Gaskins, 16 March 1789 — Grant Book 14, page 192.



Grant Bk. 14

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at two Dogwoods and a Cherry tree North West Corner to Robert Harvey's Survey of one thousand Acres No. 2800 running West four hundred poles through a rich plumb Orchard to a white Oak Black Oak Hickory thence South four hundred poles to a Black Oak and two Small Cherry trees north West Corner to William Parsons one thousand Acre Survey No. 817 thence with his line East four hundred poles crossing a branch to a Black Oak white Oak and Dogwood South West Corner to said Harvie thence with his line North four hundred 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 Thomas Gaskins and his heirs forever. In Witness whereof the said Beverly 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 Sixteenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty eight and of the Commonwealth the Thirteenth.

B. Randolph

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Appendix Image 5. Patent — Grant Book 14, page 193 (signed by Beverley Randolph; year written "1788").