# Thomas Gaskins — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 6583 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765; surveyor's No. 89)

1,000 Acres on the Waters of Tradewater River (no county named)

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 89 on the plat, beginning at a white oak, black oak and hickory, the north-west corner of Gaskins's former 1,000-acre survey No. 55, with David Byars as marker and Silas Ashly [Ashby?] and David Clark as chain carriers. Its east side is the west line of survey No. 55. 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 on 17 March 1789 Governor Beverley Randolph signed the patent at Richmond to Thomas Gaskins himself, recorded in Grant Book 14, pages 204–205; no county is named.

## 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 a white oak, black oak and hickory, north-west corner to his former 1,000-acre survey No. 55; running West 400 poles to two white oaks and a mulberry tree; thence South 400 poles, crossing a branch and crab orchard, to a mulberry, hickory and a black oak; thence East 400 poles to a black oak and two small cherry trees, south-west corner to his said 1,000-acre survey; thence with the line of the same North 400 poles to the beginning. David Byars, M[arker]; Silas Ashly [Ashby?] and David Clark, C.C. Jas. Poage, Asst. [surveyor], 20th January 1785. 11th February 1785, Richard C. Anderson.

## Record Summary

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| **Warrant** | Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765, 7 June 1783 (Virginia), 6,000 acres; this survey is 1,000 acres of it |
| **Survey Number** | 6583 (No. 89 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** | None named |
| **Adjoining** | Thomas Gaskins's survey No. 55 (Kentucky survey 6582) on the east; William Alexander's 1,000 acres (KLG 6496) 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 204–205 |
| **Patent / Grant Issued** | 17 March 1789, signed by Governor Beverley Randolph at Richmond |
| **Surveyor / Chain Carriers** | James Poage, assistant surveyor; David Byars, marker; Silas Ashly [Ashby?] and David Clark, chain carriers |

## Chronology

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| **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. 89) surveyed for Thomas Gaskins by James Poage, assistant surveyor, the same day as his survey No. 55 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 |
| **17 March 1789** | Patent issued to Thomas Gaskins, signed by Governor Beverley Randolph |

## Persons Named in the Record

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| **Thomas Gaskins** | Original warrantee; surveyed for; patentee; owner of the adjoining survey No. 55 |
| **James Poage** | Assistant surveyor |
| **Richard C. Anderson** | Examined and recorded the survey |
| **David Byars** | Marker |
| **Silas Ashly [Ashby?]** | Chain carrier |
| **David Clark** | Chain carrier |
| **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 a white oak, black oak and hickory, the north-west corner of Thomas Gaskins's survey No. 55 (Kentucky survey 6582); its north-west corner two white oaks and a mulberry; its south-west corner a mulberry, hickory and black oak; and its south-east corner a black oak and two small cherry trees, the south-west corner of survey No. 55. Its east side is the west line of survey No. 55. The south-west and south-east corners are the beginning and north-east corner of William Alexander's 1,000 acres (KLG 6496), which lie directly south.

## 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 Gaskins's surveys No. 55 (Kentucky survey 6582) and KLG 6496, made the same day. The survey sheet carries a modern stamp, "SURVEY 6583 / 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 Byars, M." and "Silas Ashly [Ashby?], David Clark, C.C.," the same men as on 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. 89" and "1000 Acres"; KLG 6496 calls this tract Gaskins's "former survey No. 89."

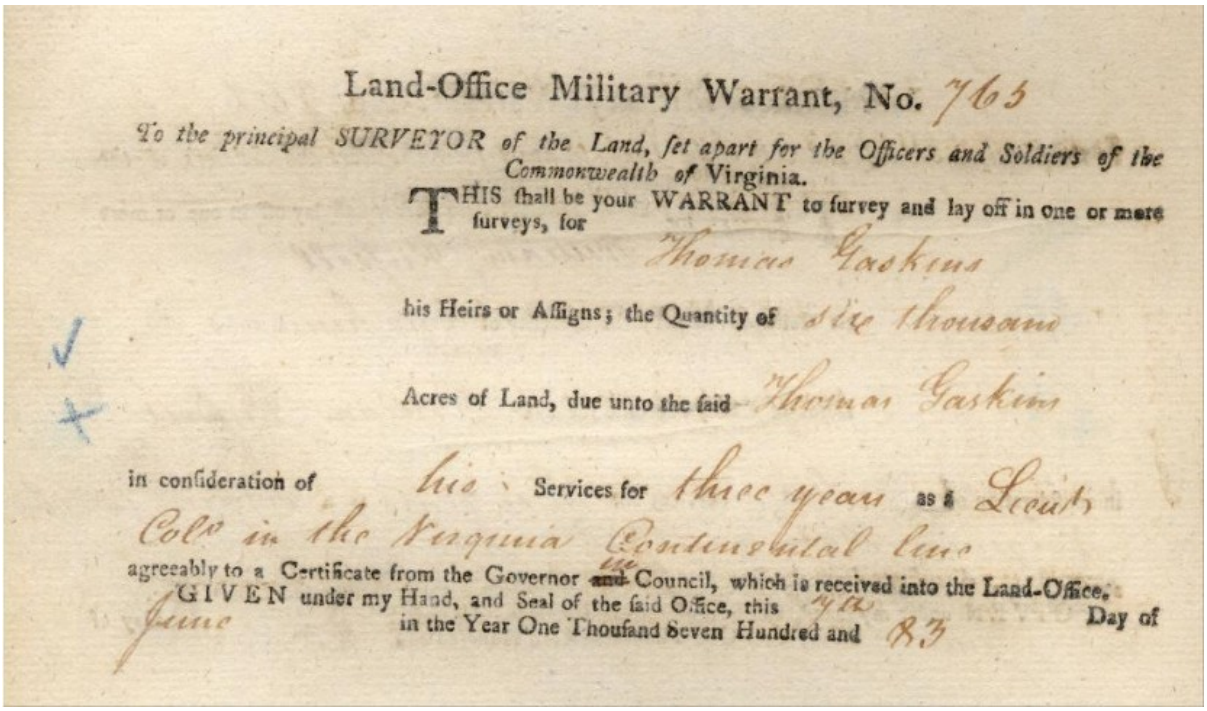
**Courses and acreage.** The survey and the patent agree on all four courses and corners. The four sides of 400 poles close exactly and hold 1,000 acres. The survey gives no distances for the branch and crab-orchard crossing.

**Recording and patent.** The docket reads "Thos. Gaskins, 1000 acre Survey, Rec'd 23 June 1788, Grant issued 17th March 1789, Recorded page 375," with a later notation that appears to read "R. B. 8, [page] 51" [?]. Unlike 6496, this survey was not assigned: the patent, in Grant Book 14 on pages 204 and 205, is to Thomas Gaskins by virtue of part of military warrant No. 765 issued the seventh day of June 1783, for land "lying and being in the 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 17 March 1789, "and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth"; the margin reads "Thomas Gaskins, 1000 acs., Continental line."

**Neighbors.** This survey and its two neighbors on the same warrant fit together as three corners of a block of 400-pole squares. It begins at the north-west corner of Gaskins's "former" survey No. 55 (Kentucky survey 6582) and closes along that survey's west line from its south-west corner, so No. 55 lies directly east. Its south-west corner (mulberry, hickory and black oak) and south-east corner (black oak and two small cherry trees) are the beginning and north-east corner of KLG 6496, which calls this tract "his former survey No. 89" and lies directly south; these corners are named in both records. Survey No. 55 in turn names a 1,000-acre survey of Wm. Parsons (No. 347) at the same black oak and two small cherry trees, which 6496 places directly east of itself, completing the block. 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

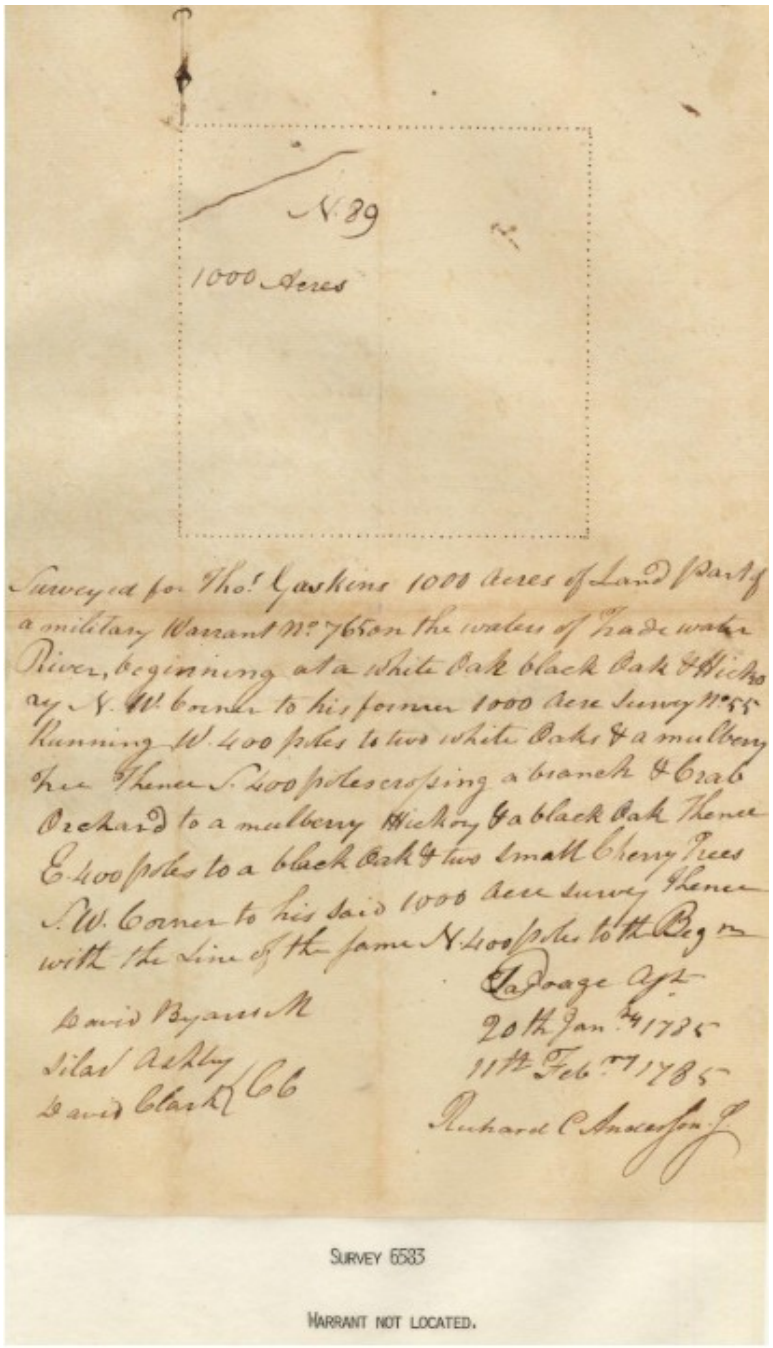
Acres of Land, due unto the said Thomas Gaskins

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

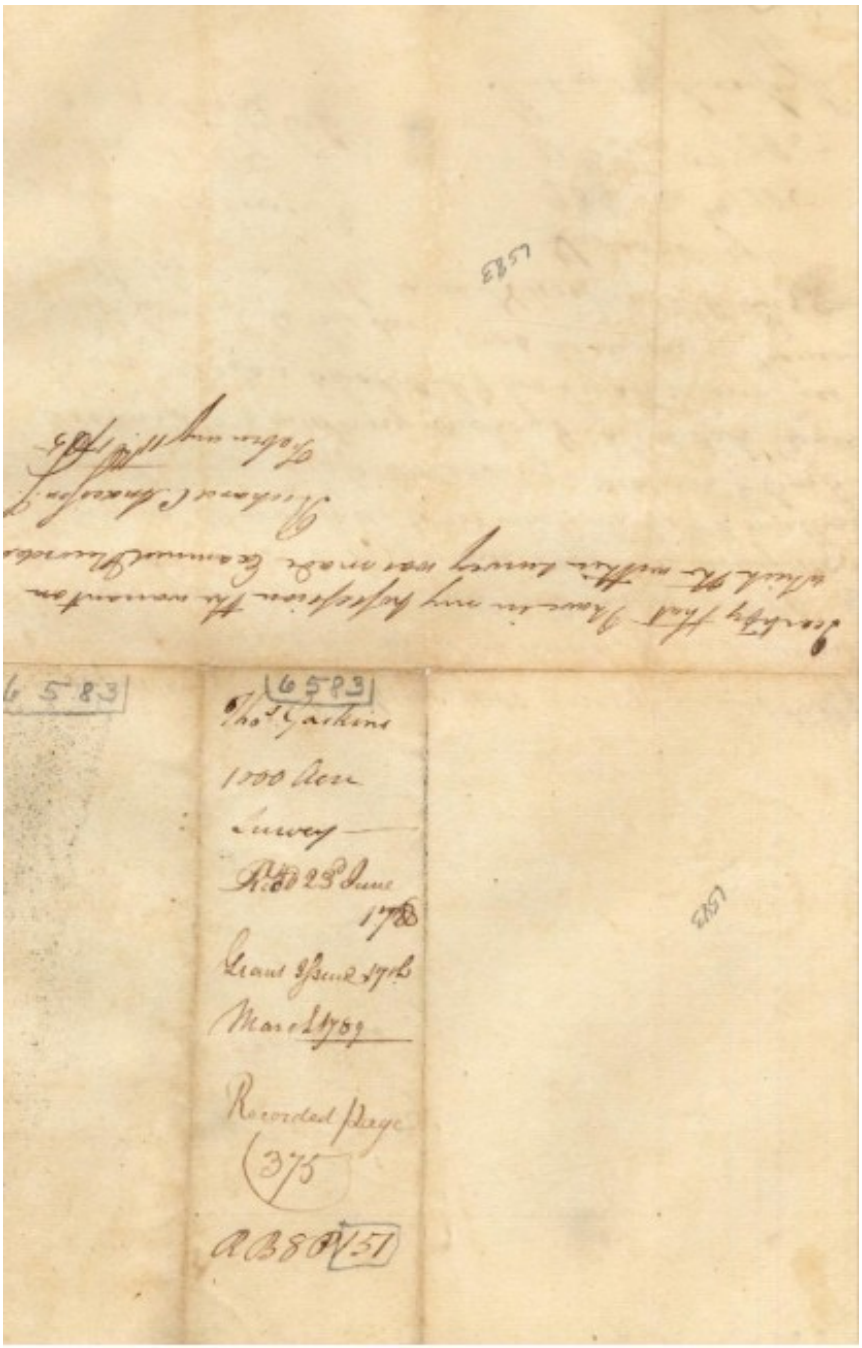
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

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

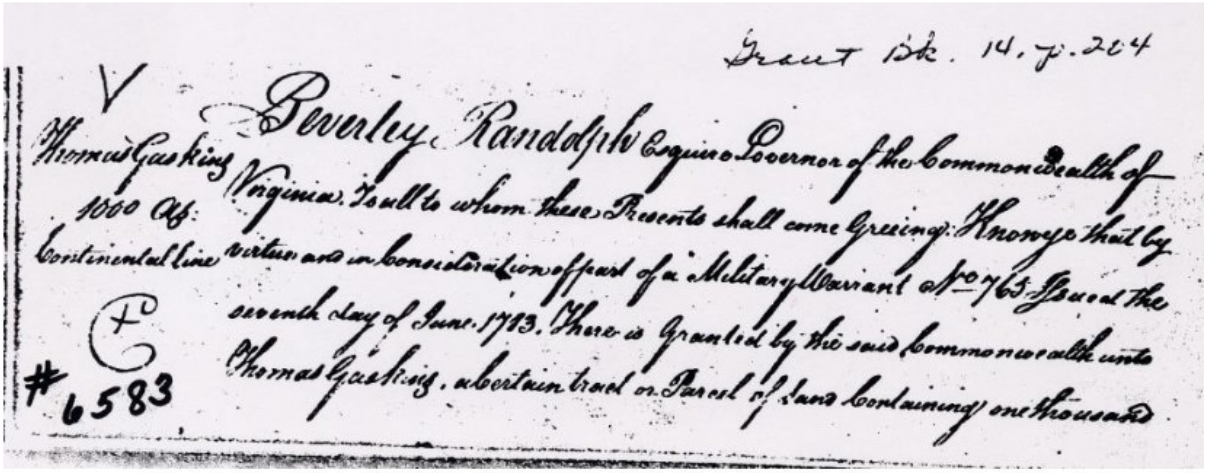
*Appendix Image 1. Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765, 7 June 1783, to Thomas Gaskins for 6,000 acres.*




*Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 6583, 20 January 1785, by James Poage, assistant surveyor, with the plat ("No. 89," "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 17 March 1789, recorded page 375).*



Grant Bk. 14, p. 204

Thomas Gaskins
1000 As.
Continental Line

Beverley Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia. To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting: Knowye that by virtue and in Consideration of part of a Military Warrant No. 765 Issued the seventh day of June 1783. There is Granted by the said Commonwealth unto Thomas Gaskins, a Certain tract or Parcel of Land Containing one thousand

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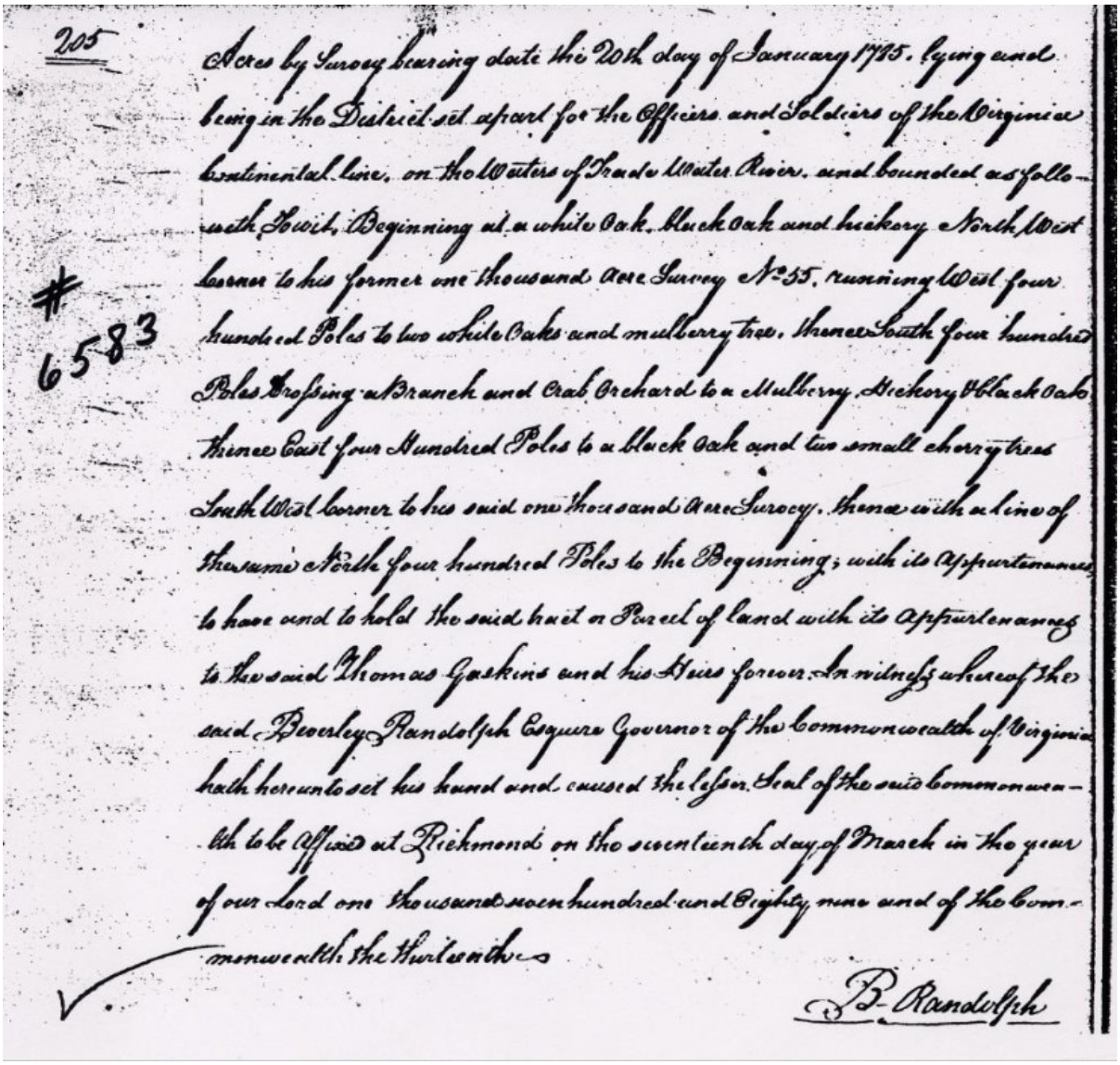
*Appendix Image 4. Patent to Thomas Gaskins, 17 March 1789 — Grant Book 14, page 204.*



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Acres by Survey bearing date the 20th day of January 1785. lying and being in the 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 at a white Oak, black Oak and hickory North West Corner to his former one thousand Acre Survey No. 55, running West four hundred Poles to two white Oaks and mulberry tree, thence South four hundred Poles Crossing a Branch and Crab Orchard to a Mulberry, Hickory & black Oak thence East four Hundred Poles to a black Oak and two small cherry trees South West Corner to his said one thousand Acre Survey, thence with a line of the same 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 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 seventeenth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Eighty nine and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth

B. Randolph

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*Appendix Image 5. Patent — Grant Book 14, page 205 (signed by Beverley Randolph).*