William Alexander (assignee of Thomas Gaskins) — Virginia Military Grant — Survey No. 6496 (Land-Office Military Warrant No. 765)

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

Original Warrantee Thomas Gaskins; Patentee by Assignment

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 beginning at a mulberry, hickory and black oak, the south-west corner of Gaskins's former survey No. 89, with David Byars as marker and Silas Ashly [Ashby?] and David Clarke as chain carriers. Its east side runs along the line of a 1,000-acre survey of Parsons, and its north side along Gaskins's survey No. 89. Richard C. Anderson certified that he held the warrant and signed the survey "Examined & Recorded" on 11 February 1785. On 25 June 1788 Gaskins assigned the survey to William Alexander, witnessed by Alexander Skinner and William Duncan; the survey was received the next day. On 8 January 1789 Governor Beverley Randolph signed the patent at Richmond to William Alexander, assignee of Thomas Gaskins, recorded in Grant Book 15, pages 182–183; 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 mulberry, hickory and black oak, south-west corner to his former survey No. 89; running South 400 poles, crossing two branches, to two maples and crab trees in a bottom; thence East 400 poles to a hickory, black oak and white oak saplings, south-west corner to W[illia]m [?] Parsons's 1,000-acre survey; thence with his line North 400 poles, crossing a branch, to a black oak and two small cherry trees, south-east corner to his former survey No. 89; thence with the line of the same West 400 poles to the beginning. David Byars, M[arker]; Silas Ashly [Ashby?] and David Clarke, C.C. 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	6496
Original Warrantee	Thomas Gaskins, lieutenant colonel, Virginia Continental line, three years
Surveyed For / Patentee	Surveyed for Thomas Gaskins; patented to William Alexander, assignee of Thomas Gaskins; indexed by Jillson under William Alexander (p. 16)
Acreage	1,000 acres (400 poles square)
Watercourse	Waters of Tradewater River
County	None named
Adjoining	Thomas Gaskins's survey No. 89 (KLG 6583) on the north; William Parsons's 1,000-acre survey No. 347 on the east
Survey Date	20 January 1785
Examined and Recorded	11 February 1785, Richard C. Anderson
Assignment	25 June 1788, Thomas Gaskins to William Alexander; witnesses Alexander Skinner and William Duncan
Received	26 June 1788
Recording	Survey: page 364. Patent: Grant Book 15, pages 182–183
Patent / Grant Issued	8 January 1789, signed by Governor Beverley

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

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 surveyed for Thomas Gaskins by James Poage, assistant surveyor, the same day as Gaskins's surveys No. 55 and No. 89
11 February 1785	Survey examined and recorded by Richard C. Anderson, who certified that he held the warrant
25 June 1788	Thomas Gaskins assigns the survey to William Alexander
26 June 1788	Survey received
8 January 1789	Patent issued to William Alexander, assignee of Thomas Gaskins, signed by Governor Beverley Randolph

Persons Named in the Record

Thomas Gaskins	Original warrantee; surveyed for; assignor; owner of the adjoining survey No. 89
William Alexander	Assignee; patentee
James Poage	Assistant surveyor
Richard C. Anderson	Examined and recorded the survey
David Byars	Marker
Silas Ashly [Ashby?]	Chain carrier
David Clarke	Chain carrier
Alexander Skinner	Witness to the assignment
William Duncan	Witness to the assignment
William Parsons	Adjoining owner (1,000-acre survey No. 347; given name hard to read in this survey, confirmed by KLG 6582)

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-west corner, the beginning, is a mulberry, hickory and black oak, the south-west corner of Thomas Gaskins's survey No. 89; its south-west corner two maples and crab trees in a bottom; its south-east corner a hickory, black oak and white oak saplings, the south-west corner of Parsons's 1,000-acre survey; and its north-east corner a black oak and two small cherry trees, the south-east corner of survey No. 89. Its north side is the south line of survey No. 89 and its east side the west line of Parsons'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 Gaskins's surveys No. 55 and No. 89 (Kentucky surveys 6582 and 6583), made the same day. The survey sheet carries a modern stamp, "SURVEY 6496 / 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 Clarke, C.C." 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 & 89" and "1000 Acres"; the record does not explain the label, but No. 55 and No. 89 are the numbers of Gaskins's two neighboring surveys on the same warrant.

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

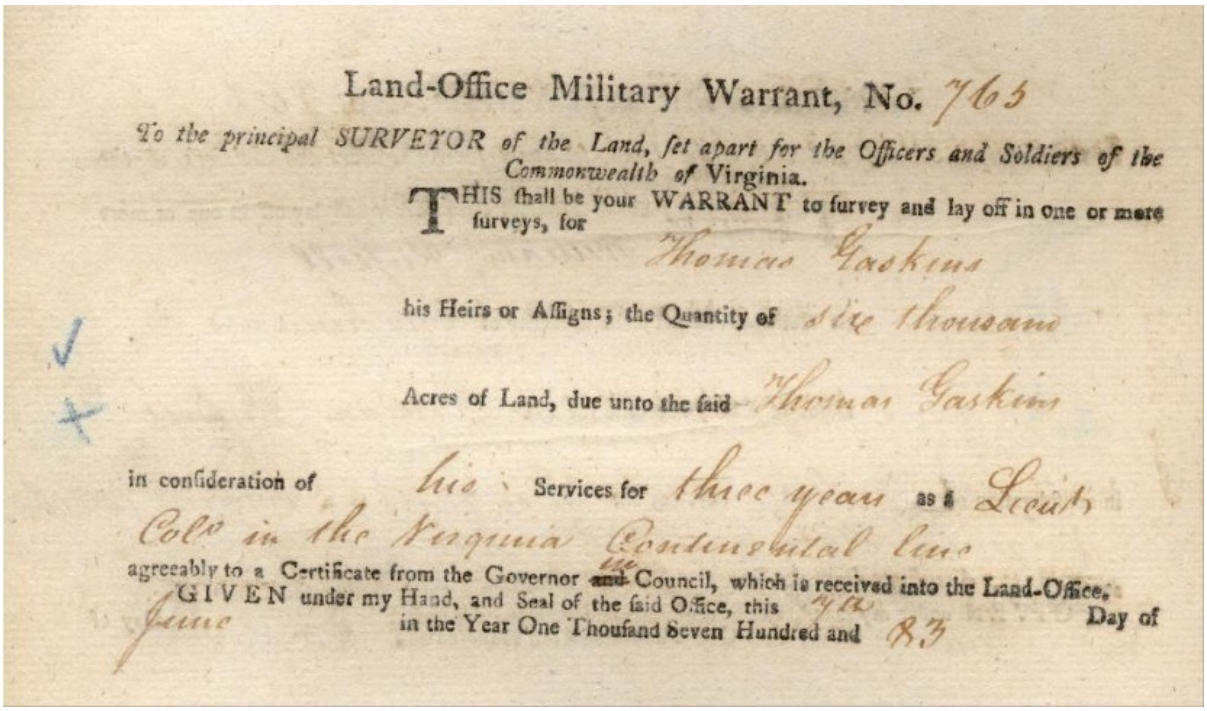
Assignment, recording and patent. On the back of the survey Thomas Gaskins assigned "all my right, title and interest of, in and to the within mentioned land unto William Alexander, his heirs and assigns forever" on 25 June 1788, witnessed by Alex[ander] Skinner and William Duncan. The docket reads "William Alexander [Thos. Gaskins struck through], 1000 acres, Rec'd 26 June 1788, Grant issued 8th January 1789, Recorded page 364," with a circled number that appears to read 6496 and a later notation that is not legible. The patent, in Grant Book 15 on pages 182 and 183, is to "William Alexander, assignee of 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 8 January 1789, "and of the

Commonwealth the thirteenth"; the margin reads "Wm. Alexander, 1000 acs., Continental line."

Neighbors. The survey names two neighbors: Gaskins's own former survey No. 89, which lies directly north (its south-west and south-east corners are this survey's beginning and its black oak and two small cherry trees), and a 1,000-acre survey of Parsons, which lies directly east (its south-west corner is this survey's hickory, black oak and white oak saplings). The given name of Parsons is hard to read in this survey; Gaskins's survey No. 55 (KLG 6582) and its patent name the same neighbor William Parsons and number his survey 347. The black oak and two small cherry trees is also the south-west corner of No. 55, which lies north-east of this survey. Survey No. 89 is Kentucky survey 6583. 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

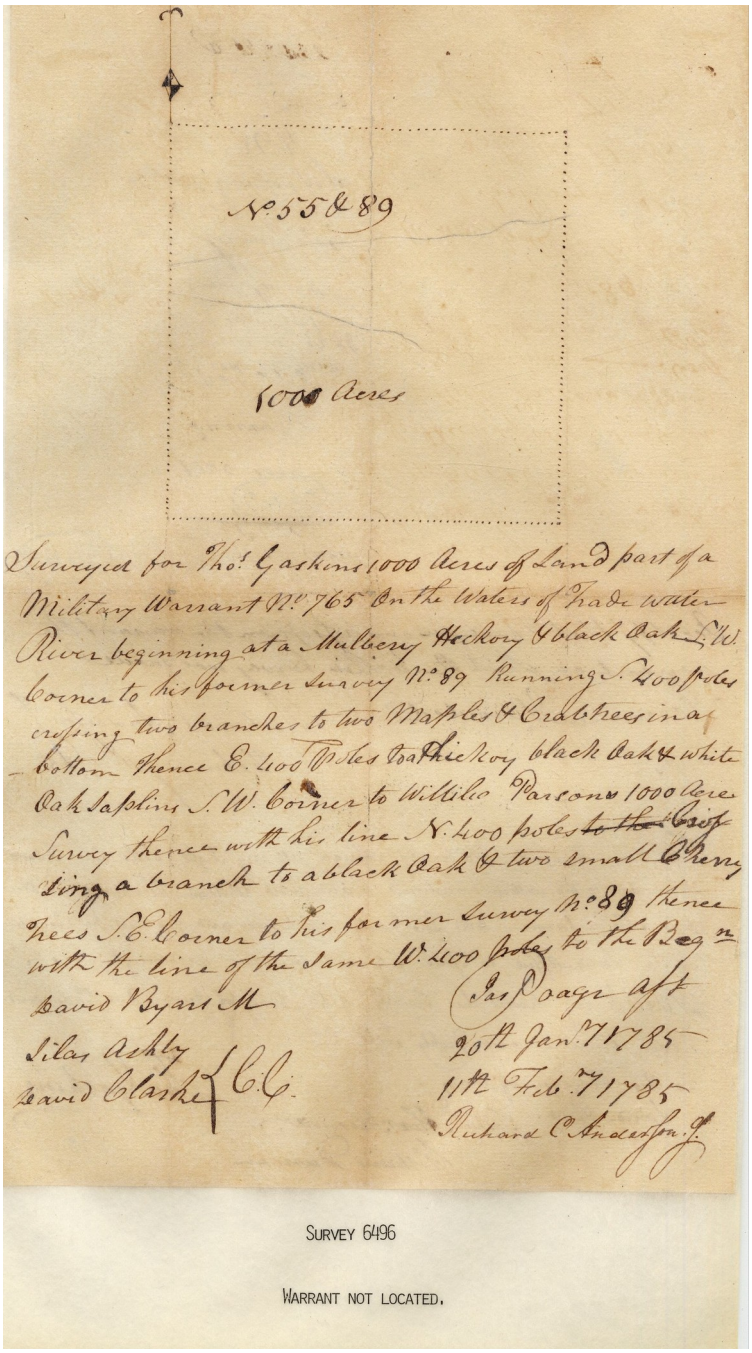
Acres of Land, due unto the said Thomas Gaskins

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

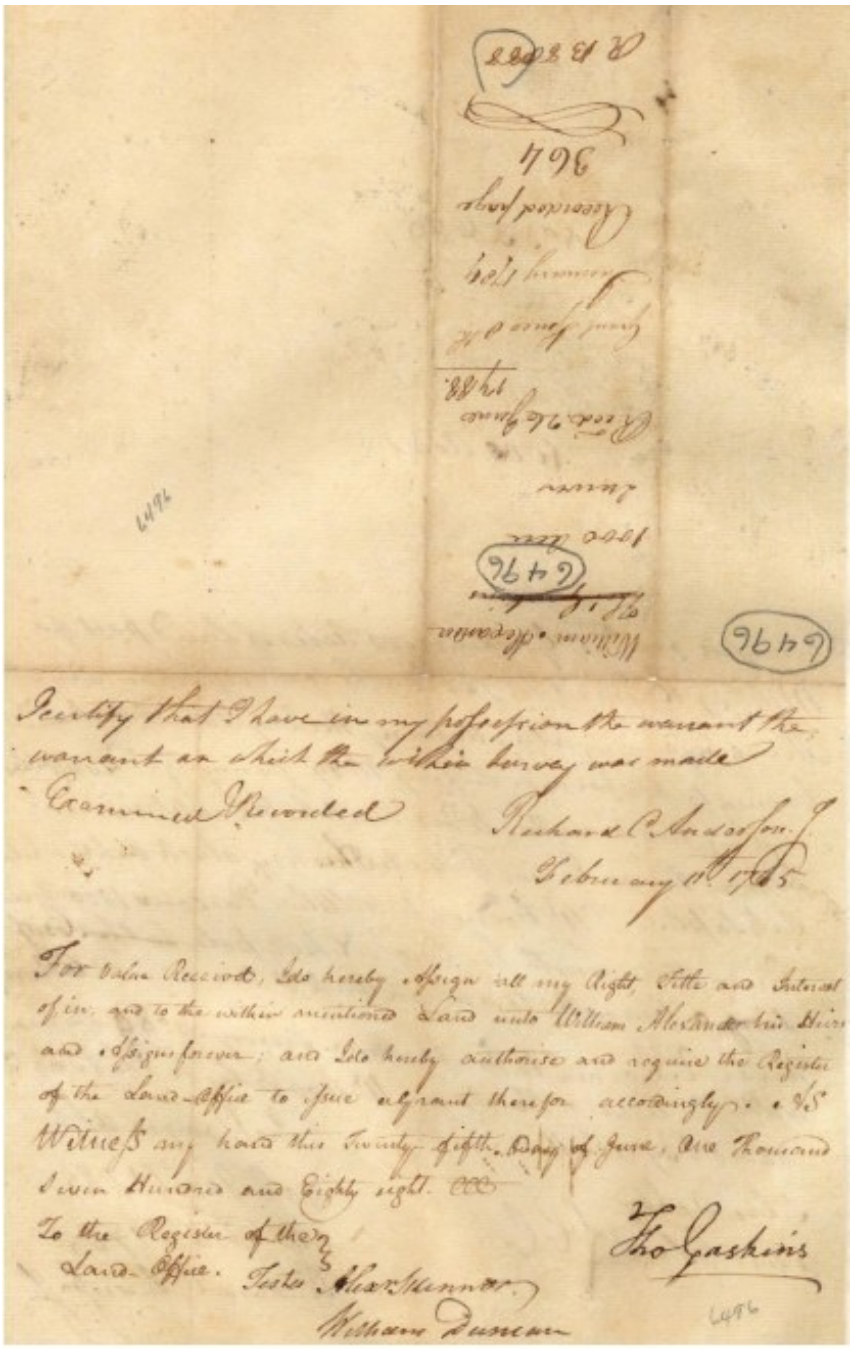
agreeably to a Certificate from the Governor and Council, which is received into the Land-Office.

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.



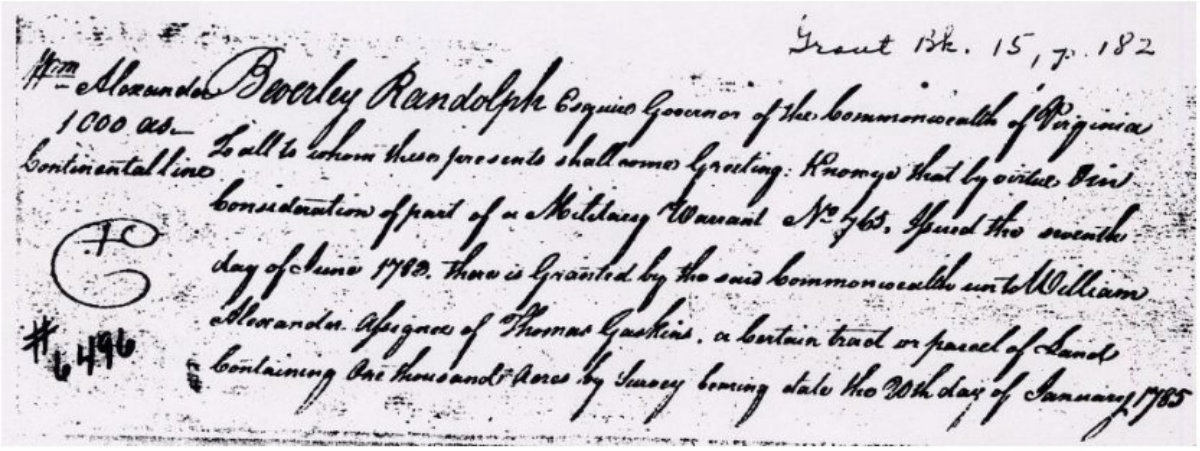
Appendix Image 2. Survey No. 6496, 20 January 1785, by James Poage, assistant surveyor, with the plat ("No. 55 & 89," "1000 Acres") and the modern stamp "WARRANT NOT LOCATED".



I certify that I have in my possession the warrant the warrant on which the within survey was made
Examined Recorded
Richard C Anderson Jun.
February 11th 1785

For Value Received, I do hereby assign all my Right, Title and Interest of in, and to the within mentioned Land unto William Alexander his Heirs and Assigns forever; and I do hereby authorise and require the Register of the Land Office to issue a grant therefor accordingly. In Witness my hand this twenty fifth Day of June, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty eight.
To the Register of the Land Office.
Test Thos Gaskins
William Duncan

Appendix Image 3. Survey — Back (Anderson's certificate, 11 February 1785; assignment to William Alexander, 25 June 1788; docket: received 26 June 1788, grant issued 8 January 1789, recorded page 364).



Grant Bk. 15, p. 182

Wm Alexander
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 & 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 William
Alexander Assignee of Thomas Gaskins. a Certain tract or parcel of Land
Containing One thousand Acres by Survey bearing date the 20th day of January 1785

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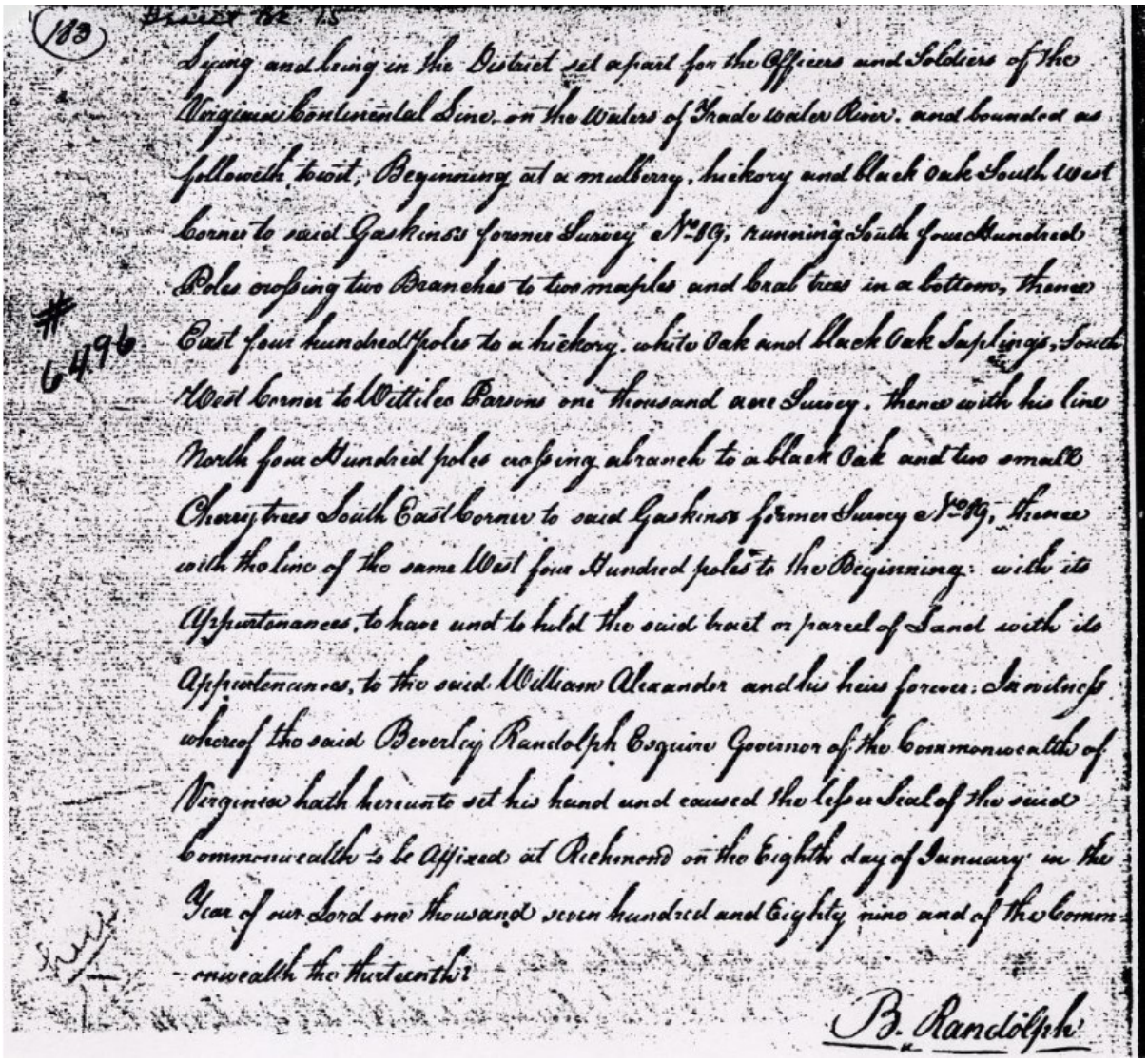
Appendix Image 4. Patent to William Alexander, assignee of Thomas Gaskins, 8 January 1789 — Grant Book 15, page 182.



(183) Grant Bk. 15

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 mulberry, hickory and black Oak South West Corner to said Gaskins's former Survey No. 89, running South four Hundred Poles crossing two Branches to two maples and Crab trees in a bottom, thence East four hundred poles to a hickory. white Oak and black Oak Saplings, South West Corner to Wittiles Parsons one thousand acre Survey. thence with his line North four Hundred poles crossing a branch to a black Oak and two small Cherry trees South East Corner to said Gaskins's former Survey No. 89, thence with the line of the same West 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 William Alexander 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 Eighth day of January 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 15, page 183 (signed by Beverley Randolph).