

Treasury Warrant Land Grant of 1797
As Granted to
John Davies,
For Lands Located in Rockingham County
On Mossy Creek.
Signed by
James Wood, Governor
Of the State of Virginia
1796 – 1799



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- The format for the bearings are represented as: South 14½[degrees] East 9 Poles– South 14½ East 9 Poles.
- A “pole” is 16.5 feet, 320 poles comprise one mile.
- In 1779 the Virginia General Assembly established land patent processes to include acquisition by Treasury Warrants under Land Law B, Chapter XIII. The references to Warrant Numbers refer to the issue number of specific warrants, which are indexed in multiple volumes.

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¹ James Wood Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.

² To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know ye, That by virtue of two Land Office Treasury Warrants Numbers fourteen

³ hundred and eighty two, and twelve thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

⁴ there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto John Davies

⁵ A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Seventy Acres, by survey bearing date the twenty ninth day of May one thousand seven hundred and ninety six,

⁶ Lying and being in the County of Rockingham, on the North West side of Mossy Creek, and is bounded as followeth to Wit, Beginning at a Black Oak corner to an Old Survey

⁷ and with a line of the same, South 10½ West 177 Poles to a Pine Stump a supposed Corner to Francis Erwin, but now the Heirs of Henry Miller, a crooked Hickory Sapling

⁸ and Hickory Grub now marked, North 7½ West 35 Poles to two Pines their Corner, North 53 West 78 Poles to two Black Oak Saplings in said line, North 7½ West

⁹ 42 Poles to a pine, North 56½ East 28 Poles to a pine, North 24½ East 79 Poles to near a Locust and Pine, and South 53 East 62 Poles to the beginning.

¹⁰ with its Appurtenances: To Have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said

¹¹ John Davies and his Heirs for ever.

¹² In Witness whereof, the said James Wood Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

¹³ hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the thirteenth

¹⁴ Day of April in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Seven and of the Commonwealth the Twenty first

(SEAL)

James Wood

James Wood Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of VIRGINIA,
TO ALL TO WHOM these Presents shall come, GREETING: KNOW YE, That by virtue of two Land Office Treasury Warrants Number fourteen

hundred and eighty two, and twelve thousand eight hundred and seventy seven

there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto *John Davies*

A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing *Seventy Acres*, by survey bearing date the *twenty ninth day of May* One thousand seven hundred and *ninety six*,
Lying and being in the County of *Rockingham*, on the *North West* side of *Moffey Creek*, and is bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at a *black Oak* corner to an *Old Survey*
and with a line of the same, *South 10 1/2 West 177 poles* to a *pine stump*, a supposed corner to *Francis Orwin*, but now the *Heirs of Henry Miller*, a crooked *Hickory* sapling
and *Hickory* grub now marked, *North 7 1/2 West 35 poles* to two *spines* this corner, *North 5 1/2 West 78 poles* to two *black Oak* saplings in said line, *North 7 1/2 West*
42 poles to a *pine*, *North 5 1/2 East 23 poles* to a *pine*, *North 2 1/2 East 79 poles* to near a *Locust* and *pine*, and *South 5 1/2 East 162 poles* to the beginning.

Four decorative horizontal lines with double slashes at the ends, serving as section dividers.

with its Appurtenances; TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said *John Davies* and his Heirs for ever.

IN WITNESS whereof the said *James Wood* 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 *thirteenth*
Day of *April* in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-*seven* and of the Common-
wealth the *Twenty First*

James Wood

