

Land Grant of 1811  
As Granted to  
John Ewin,  
For Lands Located in Rockingham County  
In Dry Run Gap.  
Signed by  
George William Smith,  
Council of State and Acting Governor  
Of the State of Virginia  
April - December 1811



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- The upper five or more lines of this grant have been torn off at the fold of the paper and are missing. The text begins with what remains of the line most likely beginning, "A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing..."
- This grant was written on a pre-printed, oversized sheet containing formatted items represented by the underlined text. Hand written text is not underlined.
- The format for the bearings are represented as: S[outh] 14 [degrees] E[ast] 44 Poles – S 14 E 44 poles.
- A "pole" is 16.5 feet, 320 poles comprise one mile.
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<sup>1</sup> [MS. missing]

<sup>2</sup> [MS. missing]

<sup>3</sup> [MS. missing]

<sup>4</sup> [MS. missing]

<sup>5</sup> [MS. missing] containing Sixty acres by survey bearing date the [12] day

<sup>6</sup> of November 1808, lying in the County of Rockingham, in the Dry Run gap,

<sup>7</sup> and bounded as followeth, to wit, Beginning at a spruce pine by a branch, near

<sup>8</sup> the mountain, Arthur Davisson's corner, and with, or near, his line, S 66¾ W 62

<sup>9</sup> poles, crossing the River to a lynn, & small spruce pine, thence up the bottom, N 40

<sup>10</sup> W 32 poles to a beech, N 24 W 26 poles to a birch, North 40 poles, crossing the

<sup>11</sup> River, to a locust, N 48¼ W 30 poles, crossing the River again, to a large white oak,

<sup>12</sup> N 4 E 14 poles to a small poplar and a chesnut sapling, supposed to be near

<sup>13</sup> William Cravens' line; N 63 E 48 poles, crossing the River and a branch, to a large

<sup>14</sup> poplar, near the mountain; and thence down the foot of the mountain, S 20

<sup>15</sup> E 134 poles to the beginning

<sup>16</sup> To have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its appurtenances, to the said

<sup>17</sup> John Ewin and his heirs forever.

<sup>18</sup> In Witness whereof the said George W<sup>m</sup> Smith, Esqr, Lieutenant Governor of the Commonwealth of

<sup>19</sup> Virginia, hath hereunto set his hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed

<sup>20</sup> at Richmond, on the Sixteenth Day of April in the Year of our Lord,

<sup>21</sup> One thousand eight hundred and eleven, and of the Commonwealth the thirty-fifty.

Geo. W<sup>m</sup> Smith

Containing *Survey* *made* *by* *George* *W.* *Smith* *Esq.* *Survey* *was* *made* *the* *12* *day*  
of November 1808, lying in the County of Rockingham, in the Dry Run gap,  
and bounded as followeth, to wit: Beginning at a spruce pine by a branch; near  
the mountain, Arthur Davidson's corner, and with, or near, his line, S 66<sup>3</sup>/<sub>4</sub>° W. 62  
poles, crossing the River to a lynn, & small spruce pine; thence up the bottom, N. 40°  
W. 32 poles to a beech; N. 21° W. 26 poles to a birch; North 40 poles, crossing the  
River, to a locust; N. 48<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub>° W. 30 poles, crossing the River again, to a large white oak;  
N. 4° E. 14 poles to a small poplar and a chesnut sapling, supposed to be near  
William Cravens' line; N. 63° E. 48 poles, crossing the River and a branch, to a large  
poplar, near the mountain; and thence down the foot of the mountain, S. 20°  
E. 134 poles to the beginning.



To have and to hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its appurtenances, to the said *John Ewin* and his heirs for ever.

In Witness whereof the said *George W. Smith, Esq.*, Lieutenant 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 *April* in the year of our Lord, *One thousand eight hundred and eleven*, and of the Commonwealth the *thirty-fifth*.

*George W. Smith*