

Land Grant of 1749
As Granted to
Samuel Harrison,
For Lands Then Located in Augusta County
Along the South Branch of Linville Creek,
Now Rockingham County.
Signed by
Thomas Lee, President of the King's Council
Of the Colony of Virginia
1749 - 1750



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As a means to aid the reader's understanding of the content of this document the following information is provided:

- The Feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel is September 29th
- "common Soccage" or socage – The holding or having tenure of land in exchange for clearly defined requirements and fixed payments to be made at specified intervals. Sometimes in the form of agricultural goods, but especially in the form of rent.
- "Capite" – As part of holding tenure of land, being in service to the King as he requires.
- "Knights Service" - Also, as part of holding tenure of land, being required to provide military service to the King.
- The requirements of Capite and Knights Service as a condition of holding land, or tenure, were removed in England in the Tenures Abolition Act of 1660. English Acts of Parliament were not always deemed applicable within the Colonies until later dates, which may account for this specification in 1741.
- A "pole" is 16.5 feet, 320 poles comprise one mile.
- It should be noted that the text referencing [Linvell] Creek on line 6 is damaged with the first two, and possibly three, letters of the word nearly missing entirely. While it is not within the scope of this transcription to specifically identify the geographic location of this land grant it should be noted that reference to Samuel Harrison receiving a land grant on a south branch of Linville Creek on September 5, 1749 is identified, without reference, in John Houston Harrison's genealogy of the Harrison Family titled *Settlers by the Long Grey Trail* first published in 1935. Additional research is recommended for confirmation that this is the same grant.
- Thomas Lee was named President of the King's Council of Virginia in 1749 when Lieutenant Governor William Gooch was recalled to England. George II intended to appoint him Governor of Virginia, but Lee died in 1750 before the appointment could be made.

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¹ **George** the Second by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith &C
To all to

² **whom** these Presents shall come Greeting **Know Ye** that for divers good Causes and Considerations
but more especially for and

³ in Consideration of the Sum of **Forty Shillings** of good and lawful Money for our use paid to our
Receiver General of our

⁴ Revenues in this Colony and Dominion of Virginia **We have** Given Granted and Confirmed and by these
Presents for us

⁵ our Heirs and successors do give grant and confirm unto Samuel Harrison one certain Tract or Parcel of Land
containing

⁶ four hundred Acres lying and being in the County of Augusta on the South Branch of [Linvells] Creek and
bounded as

⁷ followeth, to wit, **Beginning** at a white Oak on the West side of the said Branch Thence South fifty six
Degrees East

⁸ ninety six Poles to a white Oak and a Hicory South thirty four Degrees West one hundred and eight Poles to
a white Oak

⁹ south fifty six Degrees East eighty Poles near two blazed white Oaks South thirty four Degrees West two
hundred and sixty

¹⁰ three Poles to a white Oak North fifty six Degrees West [one] hundred and seventy six Poles to a Hicory
between two

¹¹ blazed white Oaks North thirty four Degrees East three hundred and seventy one Poles to the beginning
With all Woods

¹² Underwoods Swamps Marshes Lon Grounds Meadows Feedings and his due share of all Veins Mines and
Quarries

¹³ as well as discovered as not discovered within the bounds aforesaid and being Part of the said Quantity of four
hundred

¹⁴ Acres of Land and the Rivers Waters and Water Courses therein contained together with the Privileges of
Hunting

¹⁵ Hawking Fishing Fowling and all other Profits Commodities and Hereditaments whatsoever to the same or
any

¹⁶ Part thereof belonging or in any wise appertaining **To have hold** Possess and Enjoy the said Tract or
Parcel of Land

¹⁷ and all other the before granted Premises and any Part [thereof] with their and every of their Appurtenances
unto the said Samuel

¹⁸ Harrison and to his Heirs and Assigns for ever To the only [use] & behoof to him the said Samuel Harrison his
Heirs and Assigns

¹⁹ for ever **To be held** of us our Heirs and Successors of our Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent in free and common

²⁰ Soccage and not in Capite or by Knights Service **Yielding and paying** unto us our Heirs and Successors for every fifty Acres

²¹ of Land and so proportionably for a lesser or greater Quantity than fifty Acres the Fee Rent of one Shilling yearly to be paid

²² upon the Feast of Saint Michael the Arch Angel and also Cultivating and Improving three Acres Part of every fifty of the Tract

²³ abovementioned within three years after the Date of these Presents **Provided** always that if three years of the said Fee Rent

²⁴ shall at any Time be in Arrear [and unpaid] or if the said Samuel Harrison his Heirs or Assigns do not within the Space of

²⁵ three years next coming after the date of these Presents Cultivate and Improve three Acres part of every fifty of the Tract

²⁶ abovementioned Then the Estate hereby granted shall Cease and be Utterly determined and thereafter it shall and may be lawful

²⁷ to and for us our Heirs and Successors to grant the same Lands and Premises with the appurtenances unto such other Person or

²⁸ Persons as we our Heirs and Successors shall think fit **In witness** whereof we have caused these our Letters Patent to be made

²⁹ **Witness** our Trusty and Welbeloved Thomas Lee Esq. President of our Council and Commander in Chief of our said Colony and

³⁰ Dominion at Williamsburgh Under the Seal of our said Colony the fifth Day of September one thousand seven hundred

³¹ and forty nine In the twenty third year of our Reign

(SEAL)
[*Ribbon with wax seal missing*]

Thomas Lee P

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whom these Presents shall come greeting Know ye that for divers good Causes and Considerations but more especially for and
in Consideration of the Sum of Forty Shillings of good and lawful Money for our use paid to our Receiver General of our
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Thomas Lee P