

Blackburn, Richard. Land grant. May 4, 1753, 2420 acres.

The Right Honourable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of Great Britain called Scotland, Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom this present writing shall come sends greeting. Know ye that for good causes for and in consideration of the composition to me paid and for the annual rent hereafter reserved I have given granted and confirmed and by these presents do give grant and confirm unto Colonel Richard Blackburn of Prince William County a certain tract of waste and ungranted land in the County of Frederick joining Mr. John Graham, Tully McKenney, Vachael Clark, Peter Burr, and an old survey of Jost Hite on the East drains of Opeckon. Beginning at three small red oaks [1] on the drains of Shannandoah River in a very large poison field corner to Peter Burr [?] thence leaving his line and running North 61 degrees West two hundred and eighty eight poles to a locust stake [2] in a valley on the drains of Opeckon thence South 33 degrees West five hundred and five poles to a locust stake [3] near a marked red oak saplin in the line of the land surveyed for Jost Hite thence with Hites line South 60 degrees East one hundred ninety four poles to three locusts [4] and hiccory standing quadrangular corner to Mr. John Graham thence with Graham's line North 33 degrees 30 minutes East two hundred and forty eight poles to a locust post [5] on the North side of a valley in a small poison field thence South 61 degrees East two hundred and sixty five poles to a large hiccory [6] and red oak thence South 33 degrees 30 minutes West two hundred and forty poles to two white oaks [7] and two red oaks corner to Mr. John Graham and the land surveyed for Jost Hite aforesaid thence with Hite's land South 33 degrees West two hundred sixty one poles [8] to a white oak [9] and hickory corner to Tully McKenney thence with McKenney's line South 78 degrees East one hundred and thirty one poles to two hiccorys [10] white and red oak on a knowl corner to Thomas Carney thence with Carney's line South 45 degrees East one hundred and ninety nine poles to a red oak [11] on a hill in a poison field said to be corner to Mr. Augustine Washington and Thomas Carney thence leaving Carney's line and running North 53 [?] degrees 30 minutes East four hundred and twenty poles and a half to a hiccory [12] on the north east side of a stooping white oak and hiccory in a poison field corner to Vachal Clark thence with Clark's lines the course continued eighty poles to a hiccory saplin [13] corner to the said Clark then with another of his lines North 21 degrees 30 minutes East nine poles to a hiccory [14] said to be corner to Peter Burr in the line of Clark thence with Burr's line North 60 [?] degrees West one hundred ninety four poles to a hiccory [15] corner to the said Burr thence with another of his lines North 40 [?] degrees 30 minutes East five hundred and thirty poles to the beginning Containing two thousand four hundred and twenty acres Together with all rights members and appurtenances thereunto belonging Royal mines excepted and a full third part of all lead copper tinn coals iron mines and iron ore that shall be found thereon. To have and to hold the said two thousand four hundred and twenty acres of land together with all rights profits and benefits to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining except before excepted to him the said Richard Blackburn his heirs and assigns forever. He the said Richard Blackburn his heirs or assigns therefore yielding and paying to me my heirs or assigns or to my certain attorney or attorneys agent or agents or to the certain attorney or attorneys of my heirs or assigns Proprietors of the said Northern Neck yearly and every year on the Feast Day of Saint Michael the Arch Angel the fee rent of one shilling sterling money for every fifty acres of land hereby granted and so proportionably for a greater or lesser quantity Provided that if the said Richard Blackburn his heirs or assigns shall not pay the before reserved annual rent so that the same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid for the space of two whole years after the same shall become due if lawfully demanded that then it shall and may be lawful for me my heirs or assigns Proprietors as aforesaid my or their certain attorney or attorneys agent or agents into the above granted premises to reenter and hold the same so as if this grant had never passed. Given at my office in the County of Fairfax within my said proprietary under my hand and seal Dated this fourth day of May in the twenty sixth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the Second

by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the faith &c. A.D.
One thousand seven hundred and fifty three.

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of Great Britain called Scotland Proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia: To all to whom
this present Writing shall come sends Greeting: Knowe Ye that for good Causes for and in Consider-
ation of the Compassion to me paid and for the annual Rent thereof reserved I have given
granted and confirmed and by these Presents for me my Heirs and Assigns do Give grant and
Confirm unto Conaech Richard Blackburn of Prince William County a certain Tract of waste
and ungranted Land in the County of Frederick joining M: John Graham, Jolly M: Kenning, Vachard
Clerk, Peter Burr, and an old Survey of Lost Hites on th: East crains of Oppshaw Beginning
at three small red Oaks on the drains of Shannocke River in a very large paper field corner to Peter
Burr; thence leaving Burr and running N: 61 W: Two hundred and eighty eight Poles to a second
stake in a valley on the drains of Oppshaw thence S: 53 W: Five hundred and four Poles to a round
stake near a washed red Oak sapling on the line of the Land Surveyed for Lost Hites thence with the said
Hites line S: 61 E: One hundred ninety four Poles to three Laurels and holly standing Quadrangular
Corner M: John Graham; thence with Grahams Line N: 55. 50 E: Two hundred and forty eight
Poles to a round Post on the North side of a valley in a small paper field; thence S: 61 E: Two
hundred and sixty five poles to a large holly and red Oak; thence S: 52. 50 W: Two hundred forty
eight Poles to two white Oaks and two red Oaks corner to M: John Graham and the land Surveyed for
Lost Hites of mine thence with Hites line S: 53 W: Two hundred sixty and Poles to a white Oak and
Holly corner to Jolly M: Kenning thence with M: Kennings line S: 70 E: One hundred thirty and Poles
to two Honeysuckles and red Oak on a broad corner to Thomas Carny thence with Carnys line
S: 75 E: One hundred and ninety nine Poles to a red Oak on a hill in a paper field said to be
corner to M: Augustine Washington and Thomas Carny thence leaving Carnys line and running S: 55. 50
E: Two hundred and twenty four Poles and a half to a holly on the North East side of a steep rocky
Oak and holly in a paper field corner to Vachard Clerk thence with Clerks line the comp: continues
Eighty Poles to a holly sapling corner to the said Clerk thence with another of his Lines N: 21. 50 E:
Ninety poles to a holly said to be corner to Peter Burr on the line of Clerks thence with Burrs line S: 8. 50 W:
One hundred ninety four Poles to a holly corner to the said Burr thence with another of his lines S: 23. 50
E: Two hundred and thirty Poles to the Beginning containing two thousand three hundred and
twenty Acres together with all Rights Members and Appurtenances therunto belonging Royal Mines
Excepted and a full third Part of all Lead Copper Iron Coals Iron Mines and Iron Ore that shall be
found therein to have and to hold thence two thousand three hundred and twenty Acres of Land together
with all Rights Profits and Benefits to the same but upon any Wap: appurtenance Excepted
Excepted to Himself and his Heirs and Assigns for ever He the said Richard
Blackburn his Heirs and Assigns this present Writing and Letters to me my Heirs or Assigns or to my
certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of my Heirs or Assigns
Superiors of the said Northern Neck yearly and every Year on the first day of M: Michael next
the next after the first of our settling thence Money for every fifty Acres of Land hereby granted and
proportionally for a greater or lesser Summety Service that of the said Richard Blackburn his Heirs or
Assigns shall not pay the before M: Michael next Rent so that the same or any part thereof shall be taken
or unpaid by the said or his whole Term after the same shall be made in or lawfully Demanded that this
I shall in any way be bound for me my Heirs or Assigns Superiors as aforesaid or as their certain Attorney
or Attorneys Agent or Agents into the above granted Grants to determine and Hold the same some of this
to at his own Charge Given at my Office in the County of Stafford within my said Proprietary and
my hand and Seal Dated this fourth day of May in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign
Lord George the second by W: John of Gods Gift Justice of the Peace and Justice of the Peace of the
South the D: One thousand seven hundred and fifty three

Richard Blackburns Seal
for 2420 Acres of Land in Frederick County

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