

Stephen, Adam. Land grant, February 5, 1763, 1100 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 hereinafter reserved I have given granted and confirmed and by these presents do give grant and confirm unto Adam Stephen, Esq. of Frederick County a certain tract of waste and ungranted land on the drains of Opeckon and Shannandoah in the said County and bounded as by a survey thereof made by Mr. John Baylis. Beginning at three hiccorys [1] and a red oak saplings in the line of Colonel Blackburn on the east side of the Waggon Road that leads to Philadelphia, thence North 33 degrees East three hundred and thirty poles to a locust post [2] about one pole to the eastward of three marked hiccorys [3] in a valley in the line of Nicholas Lemon, then with Lemon's line South 71 degrees East one hundred and eighty poles to a locust [4] standing about four poles northwesterly of a marked hiccory [5] on the west brink of a hill in a very large poison field corner to Lemon thence leaving Lemons line and running South 35 degrees East five hundred and five poles to a locust post [6] on the east side of the Warm Spring road on the drains of Shannandoah, then South 7 degrees 30 minutes East fifty poles to a hiccory [7] on the east side of the road aforesaid corner to Peter Burr thence with Burr's line North 85 degrees West one hundred and eighty two poles and a half to three red oak bushes [8] corner to the said Peter Burr and Colonel Blackburn, then with Blackburns line North 61 degrees West five hundred and twenty six poles to the beginning Containing one thousand one hundred 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 one thousand one hundred 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 Adam Stephen his heirs and assigns forever. He the said Adam Stephen his heirs and assigns therefore yielding and paying to me my heirs or assigns or to my certain attorney or attornies agent or agents or to the certain attorney or attornies 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 Adam Stephen his heirs or assigns shall not pay the said reserved annual rent as aforesaid 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 legally demanded that then it shall and may be lawfull for me my heirs or assigns Proprietors as aforesaid my or their certain attorney or attornies 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 Frederick under my hand and seal. Dated this fifth day of February in the third year of His Majesty King George the Third's Reign. A.D. 1763.

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