

Treasury Warrants Land Grant of 1798
As Granted to
Solomon Mathews,
For Lands Located in Rockingham County
Between Long Meadow Draft & Lear's Creek.
Signed by
James Wood, Governor
Of the State of Virginia
1796 – 1799



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- 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 Number 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 a Land Office Treasury Warrant Number
- ³ eleven thousand and seventy six issued the twenty second day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty two.
- ⁴ there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto Solomon Mathews
- ⁵ A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing four hundred and ninety Acres by Survey bearing date the twenty second day of
- ⁶ October one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, lying and being in the County of Rockingham mostly on a ridge
- ⁷ between the Long Meadow Draft and Lears Creek a branch of [*MS. illegible*] Creek and bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning
- ⁸ at a white oak and pine near where a black oak formerly stood, John Reeves's Corner near a draft or rather a hollow leading into the Long Meadow
- ⁹ thence N 49 W 14 poles with Bryans line to two white oak saplings supposed Joseph Lears corner on Bryans line, N 25 E 142
- ¹⁰ poles with said Lears open line to a pine his beginning Corner, N 59 W 52 poles with his line to a white oak his Corner and with
- ¹¹ his line, S 36 W 150 poles leaving in other draft of said Meadow to a Locust and white oak his Corner, S 46 E 52 poles to a large
- ¹² pine his corner in Bryans line and with the same S 35 W 95 poles to a large pine near Lears Corner on Bryans open line
- ¹³ and with said Lears line N 60 W 70 poles to a white oak his Corner on Hoofts line and with the same N 10[½] E 209
- ¹⁴ poles to four hickory saplings Stroock and Howmans Corner and with his line, N 24 E 367 poles passing a Locust his [X]
- ¹⁵ Bowers Corner and with his line to a decayed hickory said Bowers and Whistlers Corner, N 17 E 186 poles with Whistlers line to two white
- ¹⁶ oaks Bowmans Corner N 8½ W 105 poles to a black oak his Corner, N 50 E 156 poles crossing the ridge to a spanish oak sapling and two
- ¹⁷ hickory grubs on the East side, S 5 E 207 poles to [Kings] line and with the same N 66 W 60 poles to three black oaks his Corner on Millers hill S 23
- ¹⁸ W 280 poles with his line to two hickories and a white oak his and Howmans Corner and with Howmans line S 13 W 144 poles to three black oaks
- ¹⁹ his corner, S 77 E 86 poles to two black oaks his Corner, East 38 poles to betwixt two pines corner to said Reeves, thence S 25 W 314 poles
- ²⁰ with his line to the beginning

²¹ with its Appurtenances; To Have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said

²² Solomon Mathews and his Heirs for ever.

²³ In Witness whereof, the said James Wood Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia,

²⁴ hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the Sixth

²⁵ Day of June in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety Eight and of the Commonwealth the Twenty second

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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 a Land Office Treasury Warrant Number seven thousand and seventy six, issued the twenty second day of February one thousand seven hundred and eighty two there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto Solomon Mathews

A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing four hundred and ninety Acres, by Survey bearing date the twenty second day of October one thousand seven hundred and ninety four, lying and being in the County of Rockingham, mostly on a ridge betwixt the Long Meadow draft and Sears Creek a branch of Runnells Creek and bounded as followeth to wit, Beginning at white oak and pine near where a black oak formerly stood, John Reeves' corner near a draft or rather a hollow leading into the Long Meadow thence N 49 W 114 poles with Bryans line to two white oak saplings supposed Joseph Sears corner on Bryans line N 25 E 142 poles with said Sears open line to pine his beginning corner, N 59 W 52 poles with his line to white oak his corner and with his line, S 36 W 130 poles leaving another draft said meadow tract corner and white oak his corner, S 46 E 52 poles to a large pine his corner on Bryans line and with the same S 35 W 95 poles to a large pine near Sears corner on Bryans open line and with said Sears line N 60 W 70 poles to a white oak his corner on Hoops line and with the same N 10 E 209 poles to four hickory saplings Brock and Howmans corner and with his line, N 24 E 367 poles passing about his Bowers corner and with his line to a decayed hickory and Bowers and Whistlers corner, N 17 E 186 poles with Whistlers line to two white oaks, Bowers corner, N 8 W 105 poles to a black oak his corner, N 50 E 156 poles crossing the ridge to a spanish oak sapling and two hickory trees on the East side, S E 207 poles to Rings line and with the same N 66 W 60 poles to three black oaks his corner on Millers line S 23 W 98 poles with his line to two hickories and a white oak his and Howmans corner and with Howmans line, N 13 W 114 poles to three black oaks his corner, S 77 E 86 poles to two black oaks his corner, East 38 poles to betwixt two pines corner to said Reeves, thence S 25 W 314 poles with his line to the beginning

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

Solomon Mathews

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said

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

Day of June, in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Ninety-eight and of the Commonwealth the twenty second

James Wood