

Treasury Warrant Land Grant of 1800
As Granted to
John Blain,
For Lands Located in Rockingham County
In Dry River Gap.
Signed by
James Monroe, Governor
Of the State of Virginia
1799-1802 & 1811



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- 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.
- 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 Monroe Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- ² To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting: Know Ye, That by virtue a Land Office Treasury Warrant Number Twelve
- ³ Thousand eight hundred and Seventy seven issued the third day of July one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two
- ⁴ there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto John Blain
- ⁵ A certain Tract of Parcel of Land, containing Two hundred and tree acres, by Survey bearing date the ninth day of February One
- ⁶ Thousand Seven hundred and ninety five, lying and being in the County of Rockingham joining and above Rices land in Dry River
- ⁷ Gap and bounded as followeth "to wit," Beginning, at white and red oaks on a bank on the East side of a draft, and running thence S 26,
- ⁸ W 26 poles crossing the draft and river to a poplar and spruce pine, S 48½ E 40 poles down the mountain, to a spruce pine, S 32 E 40 poles to a spruce pine
- ⁹ S 41½ , E 24 poles to a sugar tree, S 57, E 62 poles to a spruce pine, S 34, E 34 poles, to near two small hickories, S 18W 60 poles, crossing Scidmores
- ¹⁰ fork, above the mouth, to a lynn and sugar tree, near the Mountain side, S 88, E 34 poles, down the mountain, to a large Button Wood in
- ¹¹ the fork of two runs, S 51, E 48 poles, to a spruce pine, on the bank of the river, S 71, E 78 poles, to near two spruce pines, S 9 E 14 poles to poplar, S 63,
- ¹² E 80 poles, to a maple, S 41, E 14 poles, to two poplars, supposed Rices Corner, N 14, E 100 pole, Crossing the bottom and River near Rices line
- ¹³ to the Mountain side, then up the [scoural], Courses of the Mountain Drafts, and water Courses Excepted [*underlined in original*], to the beginning
- ¹⁴ with its Appurtenances; To have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said
- ¹⁵ John Blain, and his heirs forever.
- ¹⁶ In Witness whereof, the said James Monroe, Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia.
- ¹⁷ hath hereunto set his Hand, and caused the lesser Seal of the said Commonwealth to be affixed at Richmond, on the
- ¹⁸ Sixteenth Day of May in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight hundred
- ¹⁹ and of the Commonwealth the Twenty fourth.

(Seal)

Jas Monroe

James Monroe 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 Twelve Thousand eight hundred and Seventy seven issued the third day of July one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty two there is granted by the said Commonwealth, unto John Blain

A certain Tract or Parcel of Land, containing Two hundred and three acres, by Survey bearing date the ninth day of February One Thousand Seven hundred and ninety five, lying and being in the County of Rockingham, joining and above Rices land in Long River Gap and bounded as follows to wit: Beginning, at white and red oaks on a bank on the East side of a draft, and running thence 1026 poles craping the draft and river to a poplar and spruce pine, 118 1/2 poles down the mountain, to a spruce pine, 132 poles to a spruce pine, 144 poles to a sugar tree, 157 poles to a spruce pine, 134 poles, to near two small hickories, 118 poles, craping Seadmoors fork, above the mouth, to a lym and sugar tree, near the mountain side, 188 poles, down the mountain, to a large Button Wood in the fork of two runs, 151 poles, to a spruce pine, on the bank of the river, 171 poles, to near two spruce pines, 19 poles to a poplar, 163 poles to a maple, 111 poles, to two poplars, suppond Rices Corner, 144 poles, craping the bottom and river near Rices line to the Mountain side, then up the several Courses of the Mountain Drafts, and water Courses Excepted to the beginning.



with its Appurtenances; To Have and to Hold the said Tract or Parcel of Land with its Appurtenances, to the said John Blain and his Heirs for ever.

In Witness whereof, the said James Monroe Esquire, 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 May in the Year of our Lord, One Thousand Eight hundred and of the Commonwealth the Twenty fourth,

J. Monroe

