a reminder...
that patents in Virginia were
rare items prior to 1623...

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1623 A CALENDAR OF VIRGINIA LAND GRANTS 1800
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PATENT BOOK No. 1

I think it obvious that
the Indian murder spree
of 1622 slowed settlement
down a bit... but by roughly
1635 things began heating
up in IOW & Nansemond...
its tough to function while
looking over your shoulder
waiting to be attacked...

BY SIR JOHN HARVEY to

Same to THOMAS JORDAN, 900 acres, p. 233, July 2, 1635. Warrasquinoke Co., on the W. side of an old Indian town. Trans. of 18 persons. (Names not given.)

Same to ANTHONY JONES, 500 acres, p. 238, June 2, 1635. E. side of Pagan Creek, adj. land of John Sparkes. Trans. of: Nich. Lee, Michael Brinckley, William Richards, John Weston, John Aram, Edward Page, Deborah Merrard, Rich. Austin, Jos. Rich, Tho. Randall.

PETER HAYES, 350 acs. in Isle of Wight Co., Aug. 21, 1637. Page 461. Adj. N. E. upon Pagan Cr. & W. upon Thos. Davis. Due by purchase from Georg Hardye, who purchased from Roger Bagnall.

ROGER BAGNALL assignment of the above patent to GEORG HARDYE, Shipwright, Dec. 4, 1636. Witnesses: Ann Jones, Richard Hart. Page 462.

GEORG HARDYE assignment of the above to PETER HAYES, Planter, Feb. 11, 1636. Page 462. Witness: Tobias Hurst.

All of these patents are on or near Pagan Creek / River / Bay / Shore Isle of Wight

ARTHUR SMITH, 1450 acres, Sept. 10, 1637, being a neck running S.E. behind Pagan shore for trans. of 29 persons including Alice Smith, John Barcroft, Jane, his wife, and James Roche.

JOHN TAYLOR, 50 acres for his own per. adv. being an island running up Pagan Shore opposite land of Arthur Smith, 22 Nov. 1637.

CHRISTOPHER REYNOLDS, 450 acres, 15 Sept. 1636, land lying on south side of Pagan Creek for trans. 9 servts.

CHARLES BARCROFT, 350 acres, 10 Feb. 1637. Lying behind the Pagan Shore and bordering upon the land of Christopher Reynolds. Due by assignment from Richard Death to whom it was due for the assignment of 7 persons.

HENRY SNAILE, 50 acres 23 Nov. 1637, N. upon Pagan Creek, W. upon Peter Hayes, and E. upon Moones Creek. Due by assignment of the right of 1 servant called Wm. Taylor from Lt. John Upton.

New Towne Haven

This can be used to determine how the Court Clerk described "North" "up the creek... [from the mouth] upon the **W. side**"

...the **E. side** would be North

New Towne Haven

Origin of the term?: New Town Haven?

CAPT. JOHN HOBSON Esqr., one of his Majesties Council of State in Va., a tract of land bounded from Pagan Point Creek, hereafter to be called Hampstead Point, downward into Warwicksquike River, hereafter to be called New Town Haven, which land is situated within the County of Isle of Wight upon the S. side of the James River. 16 Mar. 1636. Due as a share of his adventure heretofore in the time of the Treasurer and Co., bearing date 2 May 1621.

JOHN TAYLOR, 50 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Nov. 22, 1637, Page 500. An island running up the Pagan shore opposite Arthur Smith. For his per. adv.

HENRY SNAYLE (Snaile) 50 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Nov. 23, 1637, Page 502. N. upon Pagan Cr., E. upon Moones Cr. & Adj. Peter Hayes. In right of William Taylor.

JOHN MOONE, 550 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Oct. 10, 1637, Page 509. Upon Pagan Cr., adj. his own land. Trans. of: Thomas Hynes, Wm. Harris, Wm. Vinson, Peter Gleare, Robert Virgin, Rich. Bufort, Walton Norden, Hugh Press, Math. Bassett, Margarett Small, John Vanham.

WILLIAM CRANAGE, 400 acs. Upper Co. New Norfolk, Feb. 10, 1637, Page 538. E. side of Pagan Point Cr. For his per. adv. & trans. of his wife, Elizabeth, his children: Margarett, Eliza. Marg. Edmund, & Edward Sadler & Richard Garner. This patent surrendered & another made for 300 acs. elsewhere.

NICHOLAS GEORGE and JOHN DRYMSD'ITCH, 300 acres 20 Feb. 1638. Running up Pagan Creek and at head of Grymsditch's Creek. 200 acres to said George by assignment from Wm. Clapham to whom it was due for trans. of 4 persons, and 100 due Grymsditch for his per. adv., and that of his wife.

? WILLIAM DENHAM, 200 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Mar. 18, 1639, p. 714. To be doubled, etc. E. upon Pagan Shoare Baye against Butchers Island & Reed Pt., adj. William Puttivatts, Hugh Winn & W. into the woods. Due for trans. of: Elianor Ellice, John Midleton, Edward White, John Waters.

SAMUEL JACKSON, 200 acres 11 Oct. 1639. E. upon Pagan Creek or New Town Haven near land belonging to Capt. Basse called Cedar Island now in possession of Wm. Patteford S. towards land of Hugh Wynn and Wm. Taylor for trans. 4 pers.

New Towne Haven

WILLIAM CRANAGE, 700 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Aug. 8, 1640, P. 735. About Pagan Creek, ad. Joseph Cobb & his own land. 300 acs. part of former patent & 400 acs. for his per. adv. & trans. of: Edmund Sadler, Sr., Eliz. Sadler, Sr., Edmund Sadler, Jr., Eliz. Sadler, Jr., Margt. Sadler, Mary Sadler, Peter Allerentia, Richard Garnum, Annis Page, David Powell, William Godfrey, William Atkins, Robert Parkin.

JOHN MOONE, 2,250 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Nov. 20, 1642, Page 860. Between Pagan Cr. & the Back Bay Cr., near land of Thomas Davis, John Spackman, & Capt. John Upton. 2,050 acs. by several former patents & 200 acs. for trans. of: Francis Balding, Evan Jones, George Tyson, Clement Lattimore.

New Towne Haven

* WILLIAM PUDIVATT, 200 acs., Isle of Wight Co., May 16, 1642, Page 871. Facing E. on Pagan Cr. or New Towne Haven, near land of Capt. Basse called Cedar Island, now in possession of William Pateford, extending S. towards land of Hugh Wynn & William Taylor. Due by assignment of patent of Samuell Jackson, dated Oct. 10, 1639.

WILLIAM PUDIVATT, 200 acs. Isle of Wight Co., April 10, 1642, Page 871. Upon Pagan Cr. Bay, beg. at the mouth of a cr. on the N. side against a neck of land called Sherne brooke hill, near Cedar Island. Trans. of: William Pudivatt, Jane his wife, Geo. Medland, Nicholas Browne.

WILLIAM DENHAM, 200 acres Mar. 18, 1639. Upon Pagan Shore against Butchers Island and Reed Pt. adj. Wm. Pudivatts and Hugh Winn, for trans. of 4 persons.

New Towne Haven

CAPT JOHN UPTON, 3,289 acs. Isle of Wight Co., July 10, 1643, Page 876. Lying upon branches of Pagan Point Cr. & New Towne Haven, adj. Mr. Sparkes, Anthony Jones, Mr. Nevill, Robert Pitt, Mr. Seaward, Ambrose Bennett & Mr. Moone. 1,500 acs for trans. of 3 pers., the remainder by several former patents.

HENRY WATTS, 157 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Oct. 28, 1643, Page 912. Being the land he lives upon, upon Pagan Point Cr. & adj. Peeter Knight. 43 acs. remaining due. Trans. of: Robert Long, his wife, Robert and John, his twoe sons.

SILVESTER THACKER & ANTHONY FULLIAMB, 100 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Oct. 22, 1643, Page 937. Lying upon Pagan Point Bay, E. upon land of Thomas Davis & S. upon John Mahoone. Trans. of: John Cockett & Sarah Robinson.

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building of the simplest type, hence no foundation remains could be expected to be evident at its site.

The additional fact that this church was constructed on the land of its builder is brought out in a deed of 1st February, 1666, which also defines its location. In this deed, John Askew conveys to John Watson 50 acres of land "Commonly called the Church feild & being in the Isle of Wight County and bounded between the two Main Branches of Pagan Creek & Joyning upon the Land once Philip Dewells on the North West Side . . . & running (along) the bottom of a Swamp on the East North East Side Adjoining the Land of the said Askew".[41] The significance of this reference lies in the fact that in colonial records the term "Church feild" is regularly used to denote the site of a church.

A conveyance of 1665 for the land "once Philip Dewell's", adjoining this early church site, shows that Dewell's property lay on the west side of Pagan Creek,[42] opposite a tract of 750 acres, patented by John Sparkes in 1635, "at the head of Pagan point Creek, butting Northerly upon land of Mr Jones, Southerly upon the white marsh, West upon the river (i. e., Pagan Creek) & Easterly into the woods a mile". The "Mr Jones" mentioned in Sparkes' patent was Anthony Jones, who, in the same year, patented 500 acres, just north of Sparkes' grant and on the same side of the creek, extending upward to the Cross Creek (about a mile below the present Wrenn's Mill).[43] Since Jones' land also ran a mile into the woods, the combined area of the two grants is sufficient to extend two miles along the creek, placing Sparkes' lower boundary just north of the present town of Smithfield, on the opposite side of the creek, and "the white marsh", given as this boundary, is clearly the marshy neck across from the town.

For the final location of the church site, there only remains to be identified the second of "the two Main Branches of Pagan Creek", between which "the Church feild" lay, the first branch being the creek itself. A deed of 1663 from John Bond to Thomas Harris, for the "Corne Mill at the head of Pagan Creek",[44] identifies this second main branch as the present Mount Holly Creek, on which this mill is known to have stood, since it reveals that this creek was once regarded as a part of Pagan Creek and not merely as one of its tributaries. This mill is proved to have been the one later known as Chapman's Mill, which stood at the dam forming the present Smithfield Waterworks reservoir (originally a colonial millpond called the Cypress Swamp), at the head of

41 *Isle of Wight County Wills, Deeds, Guardian's Accounts*, A, 75.
42 *Isle of Wight County Wills, Deeds, 1662-1715*, I, 66.
43 Nugent, *Cavaliers and Pioneers*, I, 27.
44 *Isle of Wight County Wills, Deeds, 1662-1715*, I, 13.

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The Colonial Churches of Isle of Wight and Southampton Counties, Virginia
George Carrington Mason
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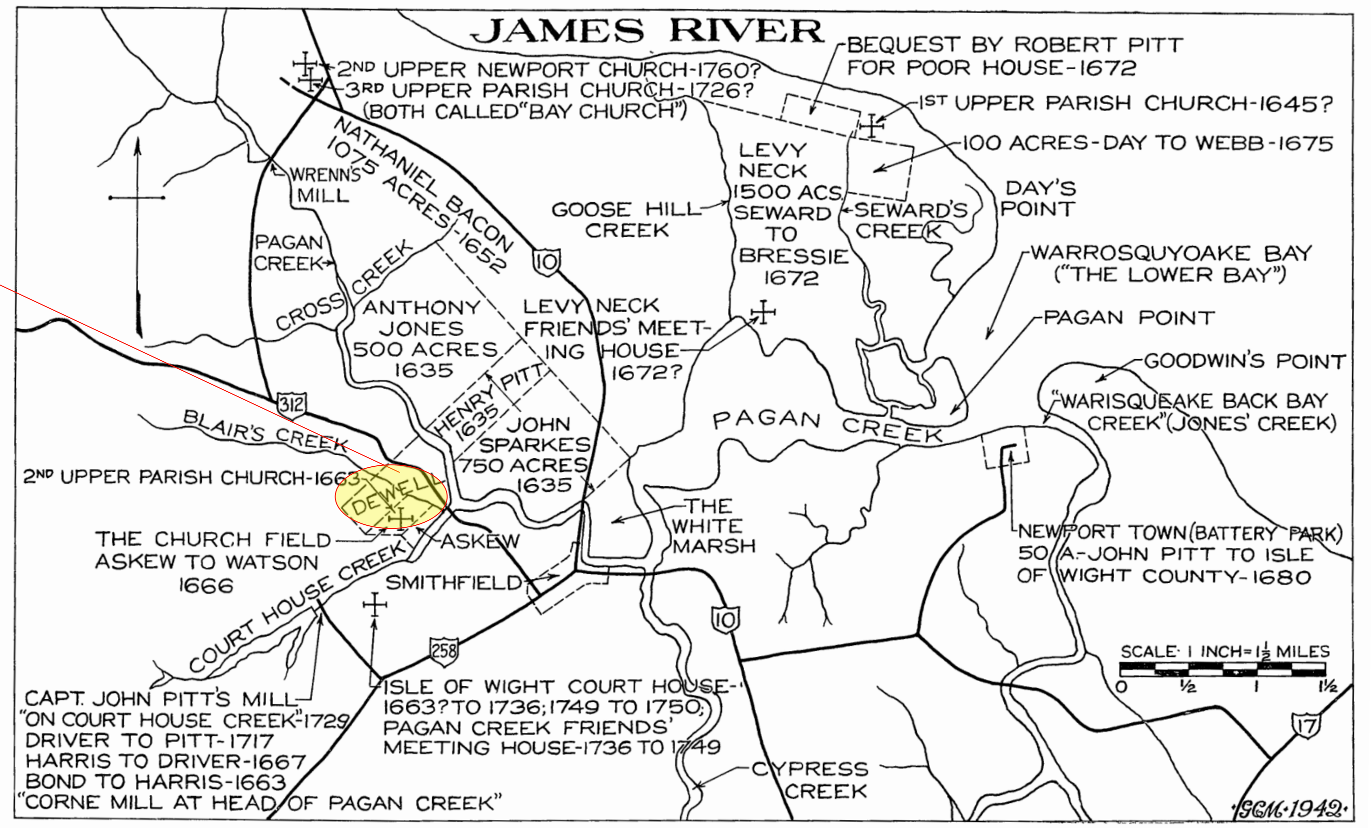
HISTORY OF ISLE OF WIGHT COUNTY ¼½ 1608-1907
(From http://www.rootsweb.com/~vaisleof/history.htm on 29 Jul 2001)
"A Brief History of Isle of Wight County, Virginia"
by COL E. M. Morrison
Compiled for Distribution at the Jamestown Tercentenary Exposition.

"In 1663 the General Assembly rewarded John Pitt, of Isle of Wight County, for building a vessel of twenty-three tons." In 1680 the appraisement of Col. Bridger's estate mentions a sloop that will carry twenty-eight tons." "In 1686, Thomas Godwin, by will, leaves to his wife three horses and her proportion of a sloop not yet appraised." And many other wills of like tenor are recorded; showing that many of the residents of this county owned their own vessels.



3. *Detailed Map of Northern Isle of Wight County.*

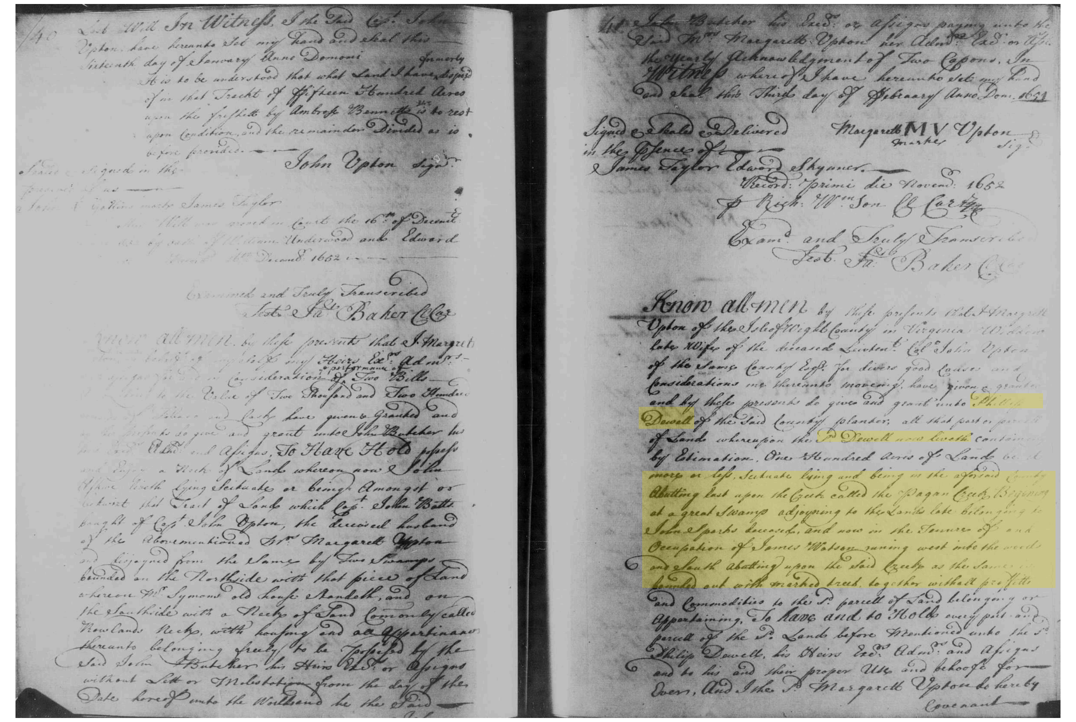
(p.40) 3 Feb 1651.... Margrett Upton to John Butcher for 2200 pounds tobacco..... a neck of land "whereon I now live" (being the land which Capt. John Batte bought from Capt. John Upton, her deceased husband) and bounded by Mr. Symon and Rowlands Neck.
Wit: James Taylor and Edward Skynner (?). Margarett (X) Upton
Rec: 1 Nov 1652

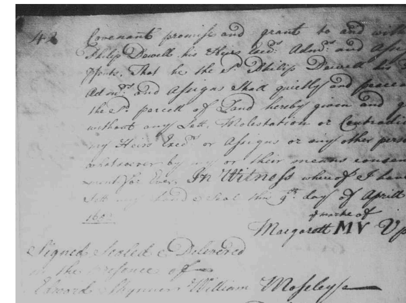
(p.41) 9 Apr 1652.... Margarett Upton, widow of Lt. Col. John Upton, decd., to Phillip Dewell.... 100 acres on Pagans Creek and bounded by John Sparks, decd. (now James Watson).
Wit: Edward Skynner and William Moselely. Margarett (X) Upton
Rec: 9 Feb 1652
IOW County Deeds, Wills & Guardian Accts, Bk A 1636-1767

4 Isle of Wight County Deeds, Wills, & Guardian Accounts Book A 1636-1767

(p.62) 8 Mar 1655.... Margaret Upton, Relict and Administratrix of Lt. Col. John Upton, decd., to Francis Slaughter, Gent. for 4500 pounds tobacco.... 850 acres on a branch of Warresguyoake River and Pagan Point Creek (being part of a patent dated 23 Sep 1637 and part of it is in the occupation of Capt. John English, Mr. Richard Izard, Mr. John King, Mr. Lawrence Ward, Gyles Lawrence, Thomas Pool and Vincent Bradshaw).
Wit: John Billingsley and John English. Margaret (X) Upton
Rec: 9 Aug 1656

(p.65) 13 Mar 1638.... Peter Knight, Merchant, exchanges 200 acres bounded by Lt. John Upton and Batchelor with Lt. Upton and Mr. Thomas Hill.
26 Jan 1655.... Peter Knight, Merchant, to James Innes.
Wit: Robert Kea. Peter Knight
9 Jul 1656





begin x "abutting East upon the Creeke called the Pagan Creeke..."
corner John Sparks (deceased)
(now in tenure of James Watson)
...running W into woods
S abutting the "said Creeke" as the same is bounded out with marked trees

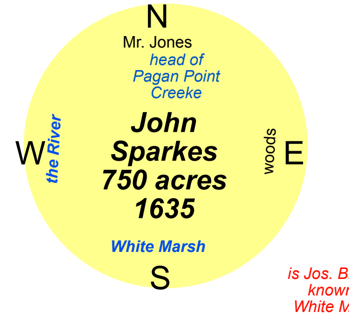
(p.69) 10 Mar 1655.... James Watson, tanner, and wife, Mary Watson, to Henry Pitt.... 200 acres (part of Mr. John Sparkes patent for 750 acres which was sold to Peter Hull who sold it "to my Brother Robert Watson") bounded by Anthony Jones. James Watson
Rec: 10 Mar 1655 Mary (X) Watson
IOW County Deeds, Wills & Guardian Accts, Bk A 1636-1767

Title
Land grant 3 June 1635.
Creator
Sparkes, John. grantee.
Creation Date
1635 - 0603
Description
Location: County location not given.
Description: 750 acres lying at the head of Pagan Point Creeke.
Source: Land Office Patents No. 1, 1623-1643 (v.1 & 2), p. 239 (Reel 1).
Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.

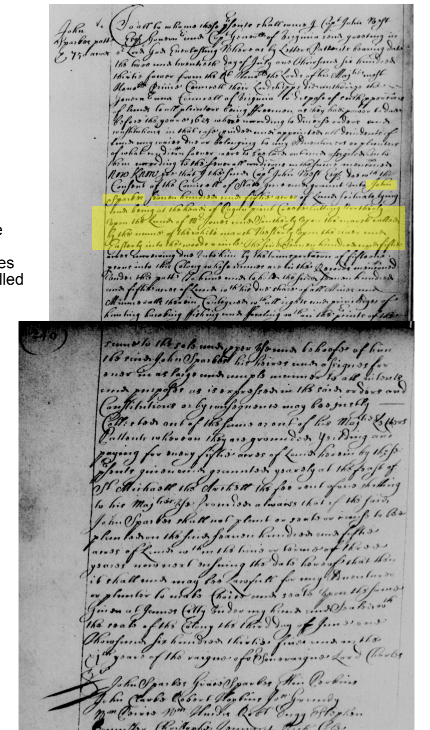
John Sparkes 750 acres 1635

begin x at head of Pagan Point Creeke

butting Nly upon Mr Jones
Sly upon "the Marsh" called 'the White Marsh'
Wly upon the river
Ely into woods a "mile"



is Jos. Bridgers known for White Marsh?



Narrative

Colonel Joseph Bridger[5] came to Virginia in 1652 under the auspices of Colonel Nathaniel Bacon, with whom he later served as a 'Councillor of State in Virginia to King Charles II'. He soon became one of the most prominent men in the Isle of Wight county, Virginia, carrying out major land deals involving many thousands of acres and building a seventeen roomed brick house.

He was a member of the House of Burgesses from Isle of Wight Co. in the 1657-8 session (probably only a few years after his arrival in VA). He was also a member of the house in 1663. [6]

His residence was called 'Whitemarsh', probably after the patent he and William Burgh received of 7,800 acres on 7 Jun 1666, "beginning by a White Marsh, a meadow about half a mile from the main run of the Blackwater (River)" (now on Route 620, 'Pan Rd.', in Isle of Wight Co.) This patent was for the transportation of 156 persons (including a Thomas Pitt - probably related to Col. Robert Pitt, and a James Bridger - probably his brother).

Colonel Bridger was Adjutant General of the Virginia forces in 1666 and commander of the Isle of Wight militia in the Indian War of 1675.[6]

Colonel Bridger was a supporter of Governor Berkeley during Bacon's Rebellion in 1676 and was denounced in Bacon's Proclamation of 1676. (Both the Colonel and the Governor fled to Virginia's Eastern Shore during the rebellion.) However when King Charles sent over commissioners to report on Governor Berkeley's rule, Sir John Berry names among the eminent sufferers by Bacon's Rebellion Col. Joseph Bridger, "a very Resolute gentleman, who, though forced to fly in the heat of war from his own countrie, yet on his Return was very Active and Instrumental in reducing to their obedience the South parte of James River".

Received land grant of 432 acres in Surry Co., VA in 1673 [Patent Bk. #6.[citation needed]].

Deed of John Perry, son of Phillip Perry, of ye Whitemarsh, to Col Joseph Bridger, 1673.[7]

https://www.wikitree.com/wiki/Bridger-139

Title
Land grant 13 January 1652.
Creator
Pitt, Henry. grantee.
Creation Date
1652 - 0113
Description
Location: County location not given.
Description: 450 acres on the Pagan Creeke; bounded by a small creeke on the East Northb East side of the said land.
Source: Land Office Patents No. 3, 1652-1655, p. 154 (Reel 2).
Part of the index to the recorded copies of patents for land issued by the Secretary of the Colony serving as the colonial Land Office. The collection is housed in the Archives at the Library of Virginia.

Henry Pitt 450 acres 1652

begin x on Pagan Creeke

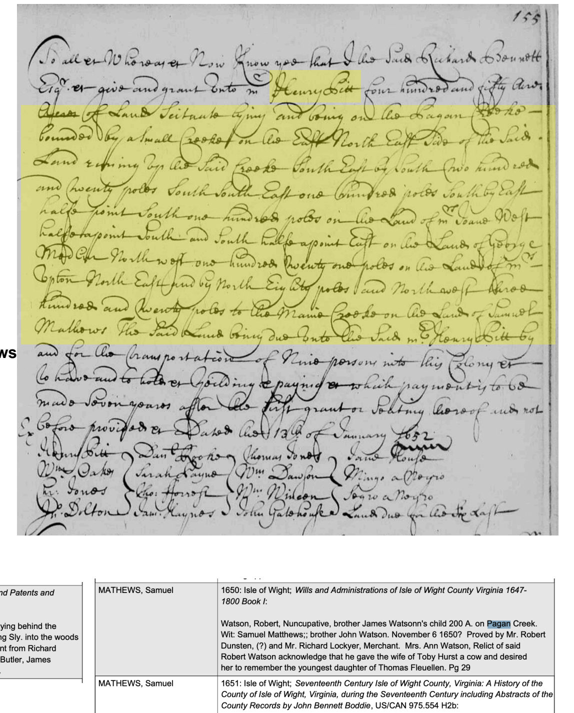
...bounded by a small creek on the ENE side of "the said land"

[then] SExS 220p
SSE 100
SxE half S 100

on land of **Joane West** half point S

S half point E on the land of **George Medlin**

NW 121 on land of _ **Upton**
NExN 80
NW 320 to "Maine Creeke" on land of **Samuel Mathews**



MATHEWS, Richard	1637: Isle of Wight; *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants 1623-1666*, Volume One, FHL US/CAN 975.5 K2n Vol. 1: Charles Barcroft, 350 acs. Isle of Wight Co., 10 Feb. 1637, p. 517. Lying behind the Pagan shore and bordering upon land of Christopher Reynolds, runing Sly. into the woods and soe up along the Cr. towards the Cypress Sw. Due by assignment from Richard Death, to whom it was due for trans. of 7 pers; William Banton, Hen. Butler, James Cousens, Edwd. Gradin, Rich. Lucas, Rich. Mathews, Robert Steers.

CHARLES BARCROFT, 350 acs. Isle of Wight Co., Feb. 10, 1637, Page 517. Adj. Christopher Reynolds, towards Cypress Swamp. Due by assignment from Richard Death, who trans.: William Banton, Hen. Butler, James Cousens, Edwd. Gradin, Rich. Lucas, Rich. Mathews, Robert Steers.

MATHEWS, Samuel	1650: Isle of Wight; *Wills and Administrations of Isle of Wight County Virginia 1647-1800 Book I*: Watson, Robert, Nuncupative, brother James Watsonn's child 200 A. on Pagan Creek. Wit: Samuel Matthews;; brother John Watson. November 6 1650? Proved by Mr. Robert Dunsten, (?) and Mr. Richard Lockyer, Merchant. Mrs. Ann Watson, Relict of said Robert Watson acknowledge that he gave the wife of Toby Hurst a cow and desired her to remember the youngest daughter of Thomas Fleuellen. Pg 29
MATHEWS, Samuel	1651: Isle of Wight; *Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia: A History of the County of Isle of Wight, Virginia, during the Seventeenth Century including Abstracts of the County Records* by John Bennett Boddie, US/CAN 975.554 H2b: Land adjacent Pagen Creek and Robert Watson

Henry Pitt, who m. Ann, relict of John Watson

Relevant Land Transactions

Mr. Henry Pitts, 450 acs. on Pagan Cr., [Isle of Wight] 13 Jan, 1652, p. 155. Running to land of Mrs. Joane West, George Medlin, Mrs. Upton and Samuel Mathews. Trans. of 9 pers: Henry Pitt, Wm. Oakes, Chr. Jones, Jno. Dolton, Danl. Rooke, Sarah Payne, Tho. Forrest, Jam. Haynes, Thomas Jones, Wm. Dawson, Wm. Wincen, (or Vincen), John Gatehouse, Jane House, Segro and Mingo, Negroes. Land due for 6 last.[6]

James Watson, tanner, and Mary his wife, they moving, sell to Henry Pitt 200 acres part of John Sparkes pat. of 750 acres and sold by said Sparks to Peter Hull and by Hull to my brother Robert Watson, adjoins the land of Anthony Jones where my brother Watson formerly lived and now the said Henry Pitt. 10 March 1655. Teste. Thomas Woodward.[5]

Mrs. Ann Pitt, 150 acs. Isle of Wight Co., 19 Oct. 1665, p. 521, (639). Upon a br. of Pagan Cr., beg. at the mouth of a small br. which parts this from land of Thomas Grosse &c. then N.E. to Capt. Pitts former line &c. Being parte of 750 acs. granted to Mr. Jno. Sparkes, 3 June 1635.[6]

19 Oct. 1665, this pat. was assigned by Mr. James Powell and Ann his wife, late the wife of Capt. Henry Pitt, dec. unto Thomas Pitt. 9 Nov. 1667.[5]

Mrs. Anne Pitt, widow of Capt. Henry Pitt, sells Thomas Pitt his son and heir, all est. of every kind she had of him. 27 Aug. 1666.[5]

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Children of John Nevill III

John Nevill married Garnes Garner. Garnes was the daughter of John Garner whose will in 1761 notes his daughters Garnes Nevill, Penelope Bullock, Elizabeth Gale and son in law Jethro Gale, and Samuel Mathews. John and William Bullock as well as Samuel and Sarah Everett witnessed the will. In March, 1765 John Nevill and his wife, Garnes Nevill sold to Robert Driver of Newport Parish, 100 acres in the lower parish, being part of the land willed by John Nevill, deceased, to his son Thomas Nevill on January 10, 1740 and at Thomas Nevill's death the land fell to his brother, the said John Nevill, adjoining Thomas Norsworthy, Joseph Nevill, John Nevill, Benjamin Beal and Robert Driver. This was witnessed by John Marshall, John Smelly, John Parnel, and John Nevill.

The will of John Garner was filed in 1761 in Isle of Wight. It notes daughter Sarah Mathews, Morning Dixon, Mary Everett, Elizabeth Gale, Garnes Nevill, Penelope Bullock, and wife Elizabeth, son John, and granddaughter Margaret Bullock. Sons-in-law were Jethro Gale and Samuel Mathews. The witnesses were Samuel and Sarah Everett and John and William Bullock.