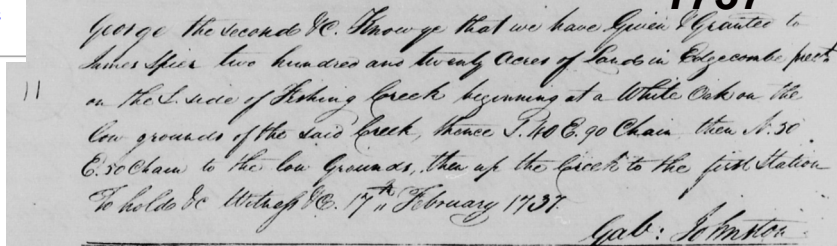


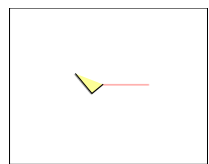
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Edgemcombe Co. File No. 11, James Spier  
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 County: Edgemcombe  
 Book: 3, pp. 210

**James Spier**  
**220 ac**  
**1737**



begin x SS Fishing Creek (on the low grounds)  
 S 40 E 90 Chain  
 N 50 E 50 to low grounds  
 ...up Creek to 1st



in colonial surveys, poles, chains, and half chains were units of length used for measuring land, particularly in systems like the English statute system or Gutter's chain system. Here's the difference:

- Pole:** Also called a perch or rod, a pole is a linear unit equal to 16.5 feet (5.052 meters). It was commonly used for measuring distances or areas in land surveys. For reference, 1 pole is equivalent to 1/8 of a chain.
- Chain:** A chain (officially Gunter's chain, widely used in colonial survey measures) is 66 feet (20.1168 meters) and consists of 100 links (each link being 1/100 of a chain). It was designed for land measurement, and 1 chain equals 4 poles. The chain was practical for surveying because 10 square chains equal 1 acre, simplifying area calculations.
- Half Chain:** As the name suggests, a half chain is half the length of a full chain, so 33 feet (10.0584 meters). It equals 2 poles or 50 links. Surveyors might use half chains for smaller measurements or when subdividing land.

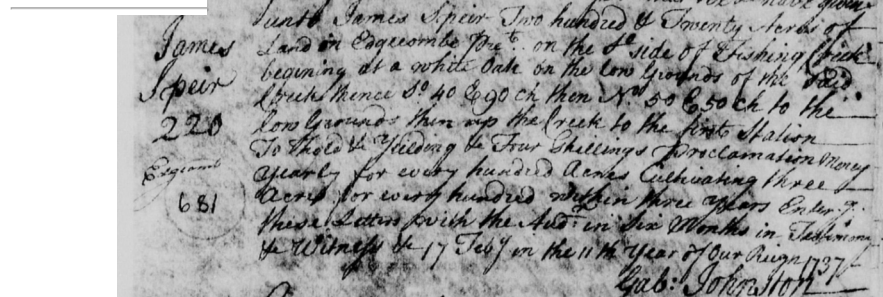
Key Relationships:

- 1 chain = 4 poles = 66 feet
- 1 half chain = 2 poles = 33 feet
- 1 pole = 16.5 feet = 1/4 chain

These units were critical in colonial land surveys, especially in the British colonies, for laying out property boundaries and calculating acreage. The chain and pole were often used together, with chains for longer distances and poles for shorter or more precise measurements.

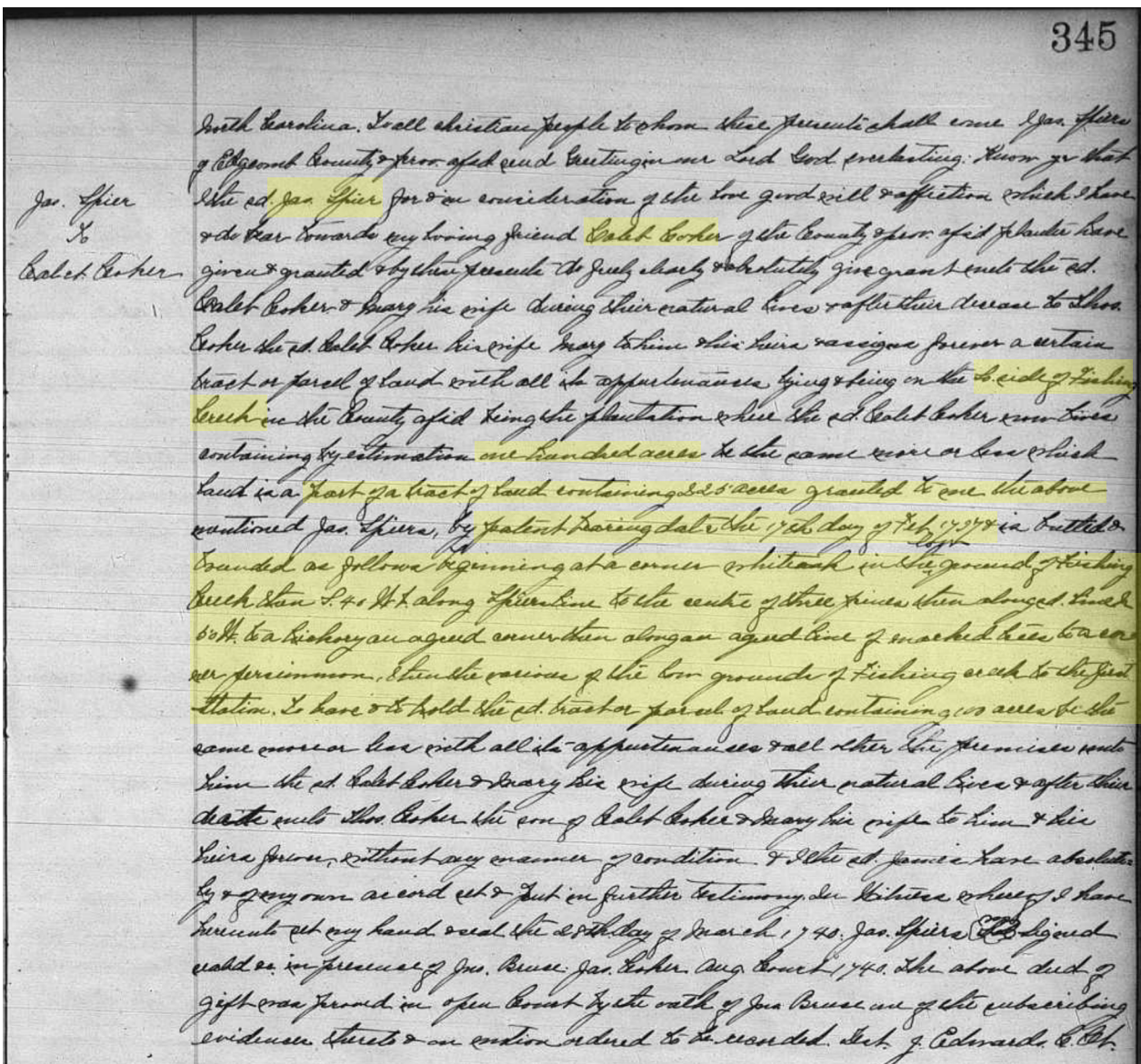
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22 Oct 1772; Halifax County, North Carolina, USA.  
 270-(94) WILLIAM BIRD and RACHEL his wife of Edgemcombe Co. to PETER BIRD Jr of same. 22 Oct 1772. 30 pounds proclamation money. 100 acres which had been patented by JOHN SPIER 17 Feb 1737, **joining Short Swamp**. WILLIAM BIRD(x), RACHEL BIRD(x). Wit: ISHAM PITMAN, MICAHAH RAWLS, PENNELOPE BIRD. May Ct 1774

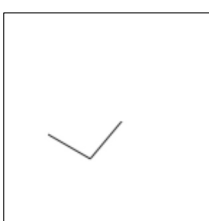
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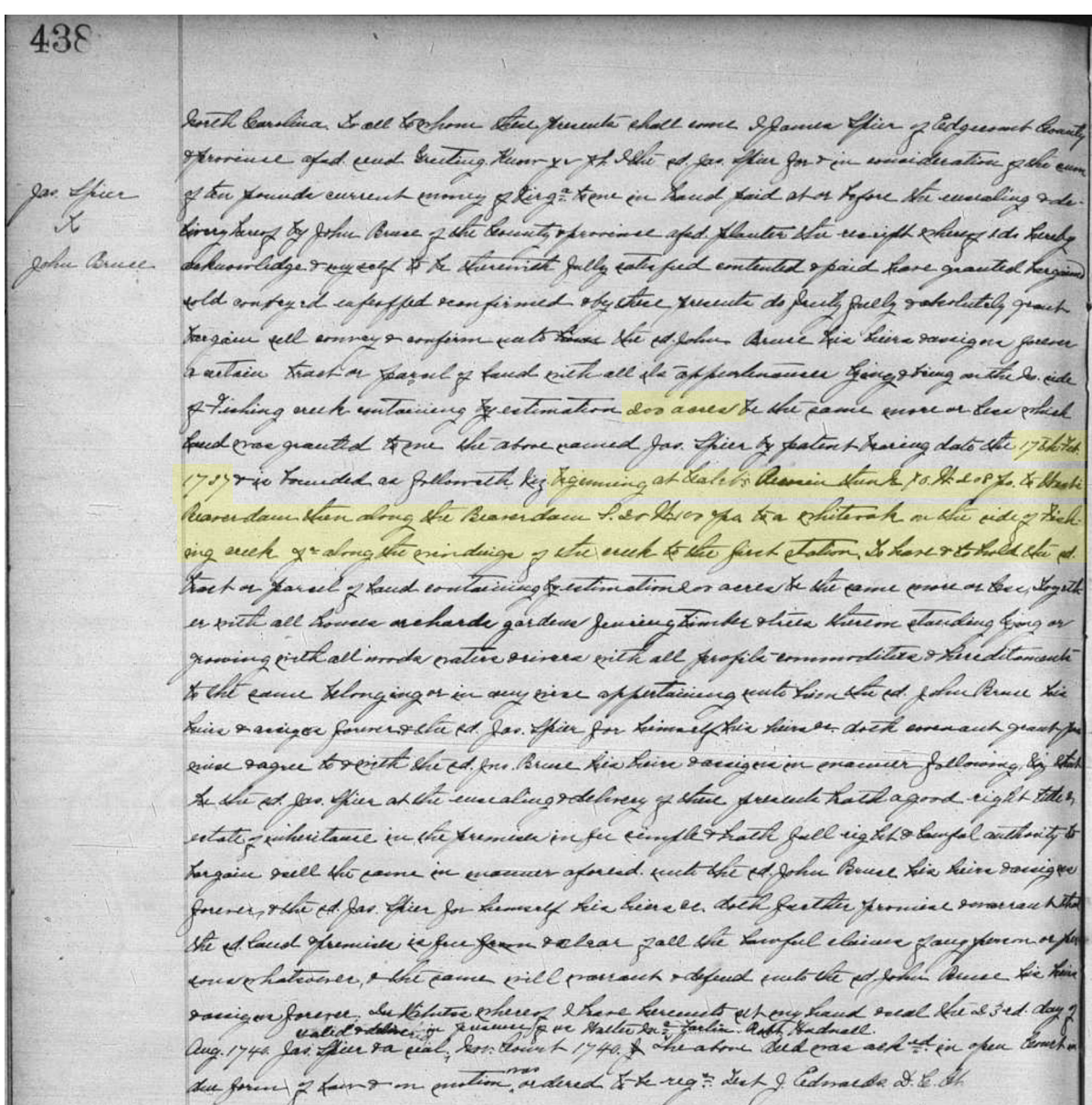
**James Spier**  
**to**  
**Caleb Coker**  
**100 ac**  
**1740**

"part of Patent ...225 acres...James Spiers... dated 17, feb 1737"

begin x low ground Fishing Creek  
 S 40 W ...? along Spier line  
 then along sd line? N 60 W ?  
 then along agreed line to [tree]  
 then Fishing Creek (low grounds) to 1st



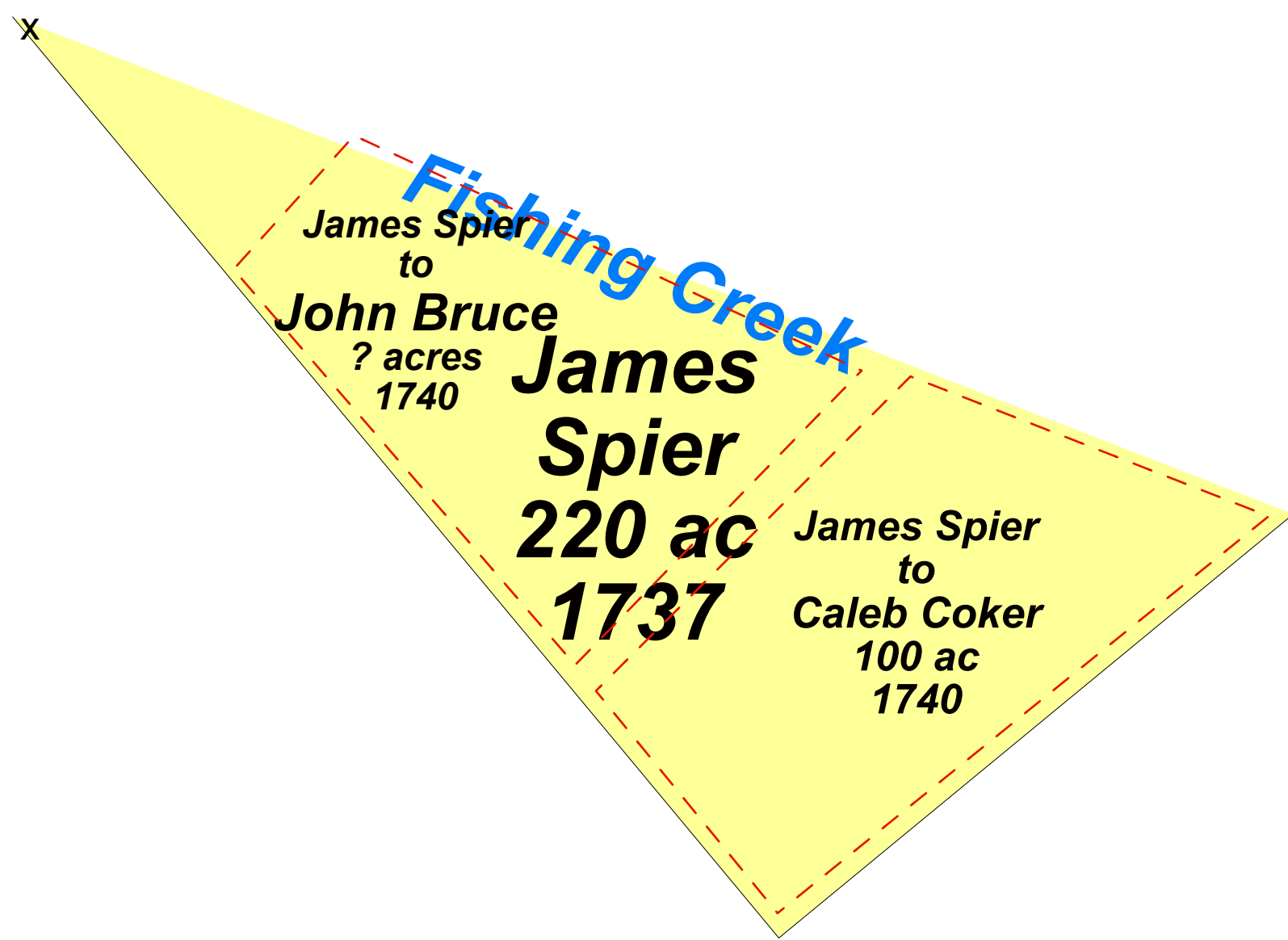
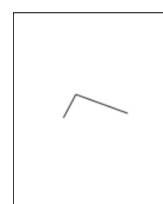
joins Short Swamp



**James Spier**  
**to**  
**John Bruce**  
**? acres**  
**1740**

from patent dated Feb, 17 1737

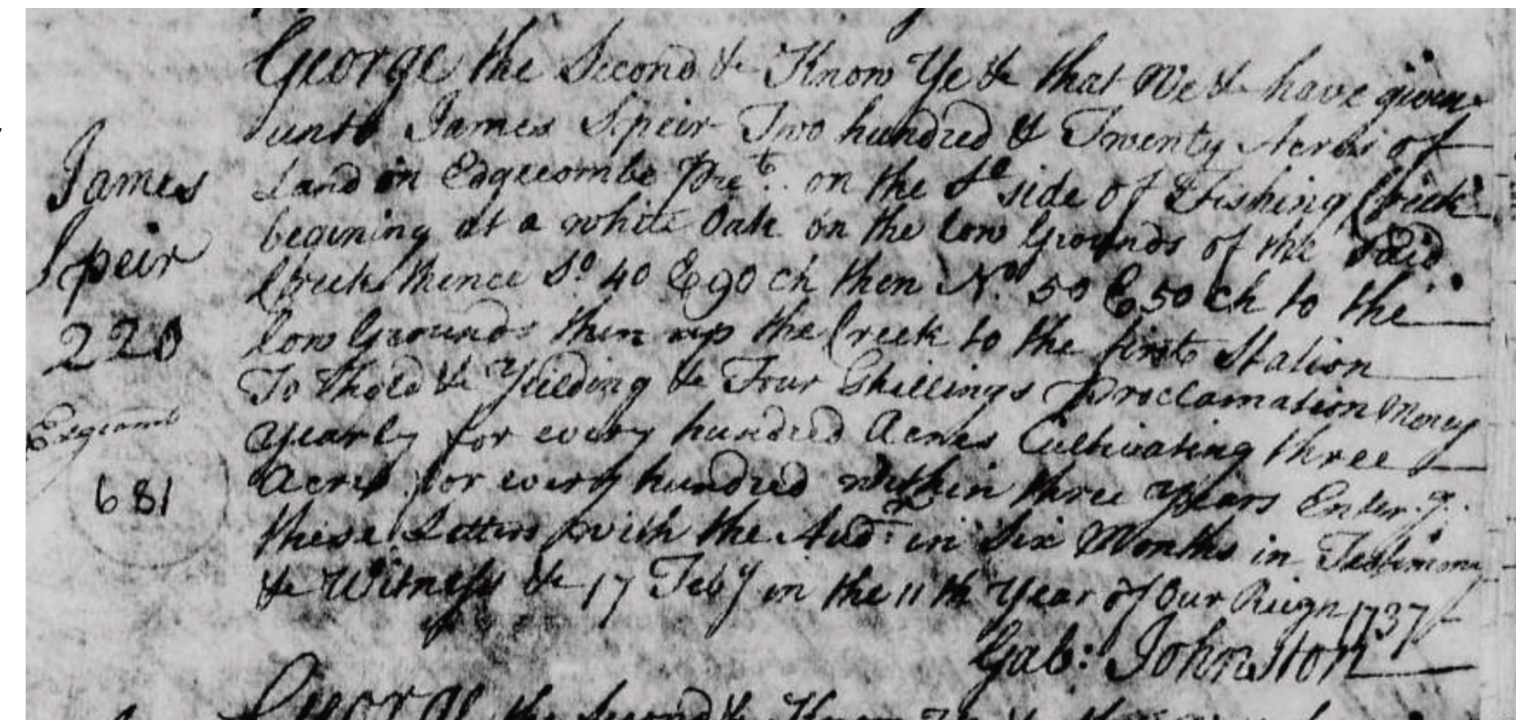
begin x at Calebs Pocosin?  
 then N 70 W 208 to Beaverdam  
 along Beaverdam S 28? W 100  
 to Fishing Creek  
 ...Creek to 1st



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**Wolf Pit Branch study- the area concerning Fishing Creek and White Oak Swamp, Edgemcombe County**

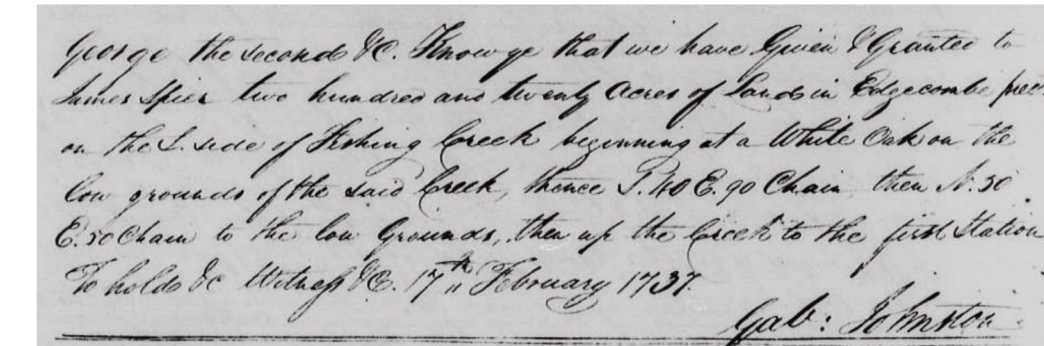
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 \*Issued: 17 Feb 1737  
 Book: 9 pg: 160  
 File no.: 681  
 MARS: 12.14.59.682  
 Spier, James  
 Fishing Creek  
 \* Before county was formed in 1741



James Spier 220 ac Edgemcombe , S side Fishing Creek  
 begin x low grounds of said creek  
 S 40 E 90 ch  
 N 50 E 50 then up creek to 1st station  
 1737

This may have been surveyed in "chains" instead of usual "poles"

The same patent, re-written, same year... 1737



In June, 1758, James Speir sells 200 acres to two parties... between 1737 and 1758 it appears that a section of a stream or creek had been named "Wolf Pit Branch".

Edge. Co. (Halifax) Db 6, page 306, deed date 17 Jun 1758, recorded Jun Ct 1758, James Spier and Mary his wife, Edge. Co to Ralph Jackson, Dinwiddie Co, VA, for 60 pds VA, a tract of 100 acres in St Marys Parish **on the south side of Fishing Creek beginning on the Wolf Pit Branch then down along the patent line south 40 east to a corner pine the Wolf Pit Branch then down the branch to a large branch then down the branch to the low grounds of the creek to a corner cypress then up the said low grounds to the first station, it being part of a tract granted the said James Spier dated (7 Feb 1737), signed James Spier, Mary Speir (M), wit Richd Whitaker, (James Jones)(mark), William Jackson (mark). Abstracted 5-13-06, NCA film C.047.40002, CTC.**

Edge. Co. (Halifax) Db 6, page 306, deed date 17 Jun 1758, recorded Jun Ct 1758, James Spier and Mary, his wife, Edge. Co to Ralph Jackson, Dinwiddie Co, VA, for 60 pds VA, a tract of 100 acres in St Marys Parish **on the south side of Fishing Creek beginning on the Wolf Pit Branch then down along the patent line south 40 east to a corner pine tree in the low ground of the creek then up the said low ground to a cypress between the said Ralph Jackson and Obediah Howerton then up the said branch to the first station, being part of a tract granted the said James Spier by patent dated (17 Feb 1739), signed Jas Speir, Mary Speir (mark), wit Richd Whitaker, James Jones (I), Wm Jackson (mark). Mary released her dower right. Abstracted 5-13-06, NCA film C.047.40002, CTC.**

The above named "Wolf Pit Branch" appears to be different than the below of the same name. These properties are not that far apart.

Edge. Co. Db 9, page 204, deed date 8 Feb 1799, recorded May Ct 1799, Allen Knight, Edge. Co to John C. Knight, county aforesaid for 100 pounds, a tract of land on the south side of Fishing Creek containing 100 acres beginning at a cypress standing in Griffins Swamp then south 20 west 196 poles to a red oak Absalom Benton's corner then along said Benton's line south 70 east 102 poles to a pine standing in the Wolf Pitt Branch also in John C. Knight's own line then north 20 east 160 poles to a cypress standing in said Griffins Swamp then up the various courses of said swamp to the first station, signed Allen Knight, wit Fredk Philips, K. Knight. Abstracted 10-2-04, NCA film C.037.40009, CTC.

Edge. Co. Db 9, page 211, deed date 27 May 1799, recorded May Ct 1799, John Carter Knight, Edge. Co to Absalom Benton, county aforesaid for 100 pounds, a tract of land on the south side of Fishing Creek containing 100 acres beginning at a cypress standing in Griffins Swamp then (south 20 west) 196 poles to a red oak Absalom Benton's corner then along said Benton's line south 70 east 102 poles to a pine standing in the Wolf Pit Branch in my own line then north 20 east 160 poles to a cypress standing in said Griffins Swamp then up the various courses of said swamp to the first station, signed John C. Knight, wit R. Knight, Jas. Whitaker, (Mills Cross), proved by Kindred Knight. Abstracted 10-2-04, NCA film C.037.40009, CTC.