



## Robert Crouch – Survey for “Crouch’s Desire”

A survey of “Crouch’s Desire” was completed for Robert Crouch on 26 May 1689. Of interest is a reference in the survey to the adjacency of “Poorfields” owned by James Ingram. Included with the survey description is a Ditto Patent, which reiterates the terms and conditions of the original warrant issued on 28 January 1688. The survey and ditto patent were recorded on 10 November 1695 on folio 173-174. We do not have the book designation.

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whereof at the house of us and our clerks or such Officer or Officers as aforesaid provided  
that if the said sum for a fine for Alienation shall not be paid unto us and our clerks  
or such Officer or Officers as aforesaid before such Alienation and the said Alienation  
entered upon Record either in the Provincial Court or in the County Court where the said  
Parcel of Land lieth within One Month next after such Alienation the said Alienation  
shall be void and of no Effect Given at Annapolis under our greater Seal at Arms  
the tenth Day of November One thousand six hundred ninety five Witness our trusty  
and well beloved John Henry Darnall Keeper of our said greater Seal in our said  
Province of Maryland

May 21<sup>st</sup> 1689  
Robt. Crouch's  
Crouch's Desire  
Cont. 100 Acres

Maryland By Virtue of a Warrant granted unto Robt.  
Crouch of Somerset County for One hundred Acres of Land bearing  
Date at Somerset the twenty Eighth Day of January One  
thousand six hundred Eighty Eight These are therefore to certify  
that I William Whittington Deputy Surveyor under the Honble Virient Lowe Esq  
have accordingly surveyed for him the said Robert Crouch a Parcel of Land called  
Crouch's Desire situate lying and being in Somerset County on the South Side  
of Achawankin River back in the woods bounded as follo: Beginning at a  
marked Pine standing on a Ridge on the North East Side of a Savanna thence  
North forty nine Degrees Westery twenty two Pole to another marked Pine  
near a marked Pine standing near a Corner Tree of a Tract of Land surveyed the  
same Day for James Ingram called Poor Fields thence North thirty six Degrees  
Easterly Eighty six Pole thence North three Degrees Westery One hundred and thirty  
Pole to a marked Red Oak thence South fifty nine Degrees Easterly One hundred &  
fifty Pole and from thence straight to the first Tree containing and now laid out for  
One hundred Acres more or less to be held of the Manor of Somerset of one  
Examined Richard Smith Sur. Genl. Wm Whittington Deputy Sur.

Ditto Patent } Charles Absolute of Soall Persons to Know ye that  
on and in Consideration that Robert Crouch of Somerset County in our said Province of Mary  
land due unto him One hundred Acres of Land within our said Province being due unto  
him by Virtue of a Warrant for the same Quantity granted unto him the Eight and twentieth  
Day of January One thousand six hundred Eighty Eight as appears in our Land Office  
and upon such Conditions and Terms as are expressed in the Conditions of Plantations of  
this our Province bearing Date the fifth Day of April One thousand six hundred Eighty  
four and remaining upon Record in our said Province of Maryland We do therefore hereby  
grant unto him the said Robert Crouch all that Tract or Parcel of Land Crouch's Desire  
lying in Somerset County on the South Side of Achawankin River back in the woods  
(bounded)

bounded as followeth Beginning at a marked Pine standing on a Ridge on the North East  
 Side of a Savanna thence North seventy nine Degrees Westerly seventy two Poles to another  
 marked Pine near a marked Pine standing near the Corner Tree of a Tract of Land surveyed the  
 same Day for James Ingram called Poor Field thence North thirty six Degrees Easterly Eighty  
 six Poles thence North three Degrees Westerly One hundred and thirty Poles to a marked Red  
 Oak thence South fifty nine Degrees Easterly One hundred and fifty Poles thence with a  
 right Line drawn to the first Bounder containing and now laid out for One hundred Acres of  
 Land more or less according to the Certificate of Survey thereof taken and returned into our  
 Land Office dated May the twenty fourth One thousand six hundred Eighty nine and there  
 remaining together with all Rights Profits Benefits and Privileges thereunto belonging  
 Royal Mines excepted To have and to hold the same unto him the said Robert French his  
 Heirs and Assigns forever to be holden of us and our Heirs as of our Manor of Somerset in  
 fee and common Socage by Fealty only for all Manner of Services yielding and paying  
 therefore yearly unto us and our Heirs at our Receipt at the City of Saint Mary at  
 the two most usual Feasts in the Year viz the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed  
 Virgin Mary and Saint Michael the Arch Angel by even and equal Portions the  
 Rent of four Shillings Sterling in Silver or Gold and for a fine upon every Alienation  
 of the said Land or any Part or Parcel thereof One whole Year's Rent in Silver or Gold  
 or the full Value thereof in such Commodities as we and our Heirs or such Officer  
 or Officers as shall be appointed by us and our Heirs from Time to Time to collect  
 and receive the same shall accept in Discharge thereof at the Choice of us and our  
 Heirs or such Officer or Officers as aforesaid Provided that if the said Sum for a  
 fine for Alienation shall not be paid unto us and our Heirs or such Officer or  
 Officers as aforesaid before such Alienation and the said Alienation entered upon  
 Record either in the Provincial Court or in the County Court where the said Parcel of  
 Land lieth within One Month next after such Alienation the said Alienation shall  
 be void and of no Effect Given at Annapolis under our greater Seal at Anne  
 the tenth Day of November One thousand six hundred eighty five witnesses  
 our trusty and well beloved Sir Henry Darnall Keeper of our said greater Seal  
 in our said Province of Maryland

April 18<sup>th</sup> 1689  
 Thomas Jones Esq.  
 for Tlap Cap Cont. 50<sup>o</sup>

Maryland. By Virtue of a Warrant granted unto John  
 Evans of Somerset County for one hundred and fifty Acres  
 of Land dated the twelfth Day of March last and fifty Acres  
 thereof assigned unto Thomas Jones of the same County These  
 are to certify that I William Whittington Deputy Surveyor under the Honorable  
 Vincent Lowe have accordingly surveyed for him the said Thomas Jones a Parcel  
 of the said and Hammocks called Tlap Cap lying in Somerset County on the South