



## Robert Crouch Jr. Sells Haphazard

On 27 March 1740 Robert Crouch sells Haphazard to William Taylor. The document contains a witness to the history of the ownership of "Haphazard". It is as follows: William Carry received a grant for the land called "Haphazard" from Lord Baltimore on 8 July 1695, follows a survey description for the parcel which totals 125 acres. On 13 March 1698 William Carry sells the land to Rodger Phillips. Rodger Phillips willed "Haphazard" to his daughter Elizabeth Phillips, alias Crouch and to her heirs forever. The document then reads "and the afsd Robert Crouch being son and heir to the said Elizabeth Phillips als. Crouch becoming Lawfully possessed of a Good estate of Inheritance In fee Simple into the Land." An interesting twist to this deed is that Robert Crouch, the son of Elizabeth Phillips, alias Crouch died in 1711, so this must be his son, Robert Crouch Jr. The indenture of the sale was recorded on 27 March 1740 at Somerset County Maryland in Deeds MF 0-20, folio 141.

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This Indenture made the twenty seventh day of March In the year of our Lord  
 one thousand seven hundred and forty Between Robert Couch of Somerset County and province  
 of Maryland planter of the one part and William Taylor of the same County and province of the  
 other part Witnesseth that whereas the Lord Baltimore by his deed of grant under the Great seal  
 bearing date the eighth day of July one thousand six hundred and ninety five did grant unto  
 William Cary all that tract of land called Naphazard lying in Somerset County back in  
 the woods at a place known by the name of <sup>the</sup> Bignonson Beginning at a marked white Oak  
 standing at the southernmost end of a Bridge being a Corner tree of a tract of land formerly surveyed  
 for Thomas Manlove called Wansborough thence north north east three hundred and twelve  
 perches thence north fifty six degrees and a half westerly seventy perches thence south south west  
 one hundred and thirty perches thence south thirty four degrees westerly one hundred and thirty  
 eight perches to a marked pine thence south fifty six and a half degrees easterly sixty perches  
 and from thence with a right line to the first boulder containing and laid out for one hundred  
 and twenty five Acres more or less and the said Cary did by his deed of sale duly executed  
 and intolled bearing date the fourteenth day of March one thousand six hundred and ninety  
 eight convey and make over unto Rodger Phillips his heirs and assigns the Land before mentioned  
 as by the deed may more fully appear <sup>and at large</sup> recourse being had thereunto and so it is that the said Rodger  
 Phillips by his last will and testament did bequeath unto Elizabeth Phillips Alias Couch the  
 Land above mentioned in the following words VIZ: I give and bequeath unto my beloved daughter  
 Elizabeth Phillips at Couch and to her heirs for ever all that tract or parcel of land called  
 Naphazard containing one hundred and Twenty five Acres more or less as aforesaid doth appear  
 with all rights profits and priviledges thereunto belonging to have and to hold the  
 said tract or parcel of Land with its appurtenances to her the said Elizabeth Phillips at  
 Couch and to her heirs for ever and the said Robert Couch being son and heir to the said Elizabeth Phillips  
 at Couch becoming lawfully possessed of a good estate of Inheritance In fee Simple into the Land  
 before mentioned now this Indenture further Witnesseth that the said Robert Couch for and in consideration  
 of the <sup>sum of</sup> twenty pounds Lawful money of Maryland to him in hand paid by the said William Taylor  
 before the ensuing and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof he doth hereby acknowledge and  
 those of and of every part and parcel thereof doth fully readily and absolutely acquit exonerate and  
 discharge the said William Taylor his heirs and assigns by these presents and for divers other good causes  
 and considerations him thereunto moving he the said Robert Couch hath given granted sold aliened  
 conveyed and confirmed and by these presents doth give grant bargain sell alien convey and confirm  
 unto the said William Taylor his heirs and assigns all that tract of Land before mentioned called Naphazard  
 containing

containing one hundred and twenty five Acres and all and Singular the houses orchards fences woods and  
underwoods to the same adjoining and belonging and also the Reversion and Reversional Remainder  
and remainder's right estate interest benefit Claim and demand whatsoever of him the said Robert Couch of us  
and to all and Singular the said premises and of in and to all and Singular the said premises and of in  
and to all yearly and other rent and profits reserved upon any demise of Lease of the said premises or any  
part thereof to have and to hold the Land before mentioned and all and Singular other the  
premises herein before mentioned and Intended to be hereby granted with their appurtenances unto his  
said William Taylor his heirs and assigns for ever to his only proper use and behoofe of him the said William Taylor  
his heirs and assigns for ever more and the said Robert Couch for himselfe his heirs the Land before mentioned  
called Rapharand and all and Singular other the premises with every other appurtenance unto him the  
said William Taylor his heirs and assigns against him the said Robert Couch his heirs and assigns against  
all and every other person or persons whatsoever lawfully claiming any right or title to the Land before  
mentioned or any part thereof from by or under him will warrant and by these presents for ever defend and  
bestimony whereof the said Robert Couch hath hereunto sett his hand and fixed his seals the day and year

Robert A Couch

in above written

Signed Sealed and delivered in presence of  
in presence of  
The within  
before us the subscribers two of his Lordships Justices of the peace for the County of Robert  
Couch party to the within deed and did acknowledge the Land within mentioned called Rapharand  
containing one hundred and twenty five Acres to be the right of the within William Taylor his heirs and  
assigns for ever according to the directions of the act of assembly in that case made and provided  
Recd of William Taylor twenty pounds Curr money of Maryland in satisfaction for the Custom  
money within mentioned witness my hand this 27 day of march 1740  
The within  
March 27<sup>th</sup> 1740 Recd five shillings sterling for an alienation fine  
on the within Land by

April the twenty third day Anno Domini one thousand seven hundred and forty three  
was delivered unto me the Subscriber the within written deed in order to be enrolled amongst the  
Records of Somerset County which said deed together with the acknowledgment thereof thereon and deed were  
accordingly Recorded amongst the same Records in Lib. M. E. N. Y. fol. 141 on the twenty fourth day  
of the same month and year as

This Indenture made the seventh day of April Anno Domini one thousand  
seven hundred and forty Between James Bony of Somerset County and province of Maryland on the  
one part and John Smith of the said County and province Gent<sup>l</sup> on the other part Witnesseth that whereas  
the right Honourable Lord and Proprietary of the said province of Maryland by his deed of grant under  
the great seal used in the said province of Maryland for granting of Lands there bearing date the first  
day