

New Castle County
Delaware
Land Records

1728 - 1738

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INTRODUCTION

Few records of the Swedish Colony (1638-1655) have survived. From 1655 to 1664 and from 1673 to 1674, the Dutch West India Company and the city of Amsterdam were proprietors of the land which became Delaware (ignoring claims by the Calverts of Maryland). The surviving records are held by the Archives of New York at Albany. For an excellent treatment of many of the Swedish families, see Peter Stebbins Craig, *The 1693 Census of the Swedes on the Delaware*. For a list of the Swedes who took the oath of allegiance in 1683 to the new English government in 1683 under William Penn, see *History of Delaware, 1609-1888*, by J. Thomas Scharf, p. 612.

The Duke of York was proprietor from 1664 to 1673 and from 1674 to 1682. These land records are held at Albany. *Original Land Titles in Delaware, commonly known as the Duke of York Record, 1646-1679*, was printed by order of the General Assembly of the State of Delaware (1899), reprinted by Family Line Publications in 1989.

The patent which granted William Penn territory, soon to be called Pennsylvania, was signed by King Charles in 1681. Delaware, as a part of Pennsylvania was referred to as the Lower Three Counties upon Delaware.

The Hall of Records at Dover holds copies of the deeds of New Castle County beginning in 1673. There are a number of gaps in these deeds. Published to date are the following volumes: 1673-1710; 1715-1728 (except for 1719-1722 which is missing); 1749-1752; 1755-1762; 1762-1765. This volume covers the period 1728-1738 except for 1731-1734 which pages are missing.

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New Castle, Gent., and Elinor his wife, for the sum of 100 pounds, sold unto John Scot of same place, yeoman, a tract of land containing 200 acres, situate in sd Hun. (part of a larger tract called Red Clift), now in the possession of sd Scot. It bounds the land late of John Gouldon, dec'd., and lands of Rebecca Dyer and Halliwell Garretson. Signed: Rd. Cantwell, Elinor Cantwell. Wit: John Riddick, Sam Cartwright. Elinor Cantwell examined by And. Peterson. Ack: May term 1735. (K1-322)

399. Judgement. May 1735. Henry Newton, Esq. High Sheriff of New Castle send Greetings. Whereas Margaret Wiliamson lately in Court has recovered against Agnes Sherman and Hugh Sherman, Exers of the Last Will of Samuel Sherman, late of sd Co., dec'd., 18 pounds 14 shilling 2 pence. This for non performance of a promise by sd Samuel in his lifetime. Sd Sheriff ordered to seize goods & chattles in sd Exer's hands. Taken in execution was a tract of land containing 100 acres and Plantation situate in White Clay Creek Hun. in sd Co. It bounds the land of Andrew Tilly. Property was appraised by Lewis Howell and William Paterson at 130 pounds. Premises offered to publick vendue and purchased by Roger Sherman, taylor, of sd Hun., as the highest bidder for the sum of 137 pounds. Signed: Henry Newton, Shff. Wit: William Paterson, H. Gonne. Ack: May Term 1735. (K1-323)

400. Deed. 24 Feb 1734. George Ret of New Castle Town & Co., taylor, and Dorothy his wife, for the sum of 145 pounds, sold unto Thomas Lawrence of Philadelphia in Prov. of Penn., merchant, a messuage and lott of ground where the sd Ret now dwelleth. It bounds the Quakers Meeting ground on Beaver St. and contains one acre. Signed: George Ret, Dorothy Ret (mark). Wit: Will Read, Peter Bard. Proved: May term 1735. Dorothy Ret was examined by Richd. Grafton. (K1-325)

401. Deed. 16 May 1735. John Hardin of Appoquinimink Hun. in Co. of New Castle, Exec. in Right of his wife, and Sarah his wife, late widow and Exec. of Johanis Wardiman of sd place, dec'd., for the sum of 25 pounds, sold to Mary Taylor of sd Hun. & Co., widow, a tract of land containing 200 acres. It bounds Gilprins Run, a branch of sd Creek, and the late dwelling place of sd Wardiman. This is part of a larger tract, whereas by a Patent from Edmond Andros dated 15 Jan 1675, was granted to Percifel Washton, dec'd, John Barber, James Williams and Edward Williams. It contained 1,200 acres and was situate on Black Birds Creek in sd Hun. & Co. One moiety of sd land, the SW part, was allotted to sd James & Edward Williams. Sd James then died Intestate leaving no issue and afsd brother was his survivor and heir. Then sd Edward died leaving issue one son, named Edward Williams; who by his indenture dated Feb 1732, did grant 450 acres of sd land unto afsd Johanis Wardiman. Signed: John Hardin, Sarah