

CERTIFICATE OF SURVEY AND WARRANT

Survey and Grant of Donnigall
Somerset County, Province of Maryland
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(This is a faithful rendering of the survey and land grant of Donnigall, the two hundreds acres granted to Andrew Speer on June 1, 1696. I have not altered the grammar, punctuation (if any), spelling, abbreviations, or anything else of the documents. There are some words that I have not yet been able to decipher after many attempts. These words I have left out, replacing them with underlining. In this rendering, I have edited the document to make it more readable to the modern family historian.)


Andrew Speere Cert [Certificate]
200 a [acres]
Donnigall


By vertue [virtue] of a warrt [warrant] Granted unto Andrew Speere of Somt [Somerset] County for two hundred a [acres] of land bearing date the first of June 1696 these are to Certify that I William Whittington depy [deputy] and by the apointment [appointment] of Richard Pruit have accordingly suryd [surveyed] for the Said Andrew Speere a tract of land called Donnigall [Donegal] lying and being in Somt [Somerset] County on the South side and near the head of a branch issuing out of Barren Creek called the Pequoson Branch Bounded as follo [follows] Beginning at a marked white oake [oak] standing by a glade thence with a line drawn South east one hundred po [poles] to a marked Sapling oake [oak] thence North East Seventy Six po [poles] to a marked oake [oak] thence North nine degr [degrees] Ely [easterly] fourty [forty] po [poles] thence Northwest Sixty po [poles] to a marked red oake [oak] thence North four degr [degrees] wly [westerly] one hundred ninty [ninety] two po [poles] thence South Sixty four degr [degrees] wly [westerly] one hundred and Sixty po [poles] thence with a st [straight] line drawn [drawn] to the first bound contd [contained] and now laid out for Two hundred a [acres] more or less to be helld [held] of the Mann [Manor] of Somt [Somerset] p [Province of Maryland]

William Whittington

Charles etc to all etc know yee [ye] that for and in consideration that Andrew Speere of Somt [Somerset] County in our Said prov [Province] of Maryland hath [has] due unto him two hundred Acres of land within our said prov [province] being due unto him by vertue [virtue] of a warrt [warrant] for the Sam [same] Quantity Granted him the first of June 1696 as appears in our land office and upon such Condition and termes [terms] as are Expressed in our Conditions of plantation of our Said prov [province] bearing date the fifth day of Aprile [April] 1684 and remaining upon record in our Said prov [province] of Maryland Wee [we] doe [do] therfore [therefore] hereby Grant unto him the Said Andrew Speere all that tract or parcell [parcel] of land called Donnigall [Donegal] lying and being in Somt [Somerset] County on the South Side and near the head of a branch issuing out of Barren Creek called the Pequoson branch bounded as follo [follows] Beginning at a marked white oake [oak] standing by a glade thence with a line drawn [drawn] South East [southeast] one hundred po [poles] to a marked Sapling oake [oak] then North East [northeast] Seventy Six po [poles] to a marked white oake [oak] thence North nine degr [degrees] Ely [easterly] fourty [forty] po [poles] thence North west [northwest] sixty po [poles] to a marked red oake [oak] thence North four degr [degrees] Esly [easterly] one hundred ninty [ninety] two po [poles] thence South Sixty four degr [degrees] Wly [westerly] one hundred and Sixty po [poles] thence with a St [straight] line drawn [drawn] to the first bound Contd [contained] and now laid out for two hundred a [acres] more or less according to the Cert [Certificate] of Survey there of [thereof] taken and returned into our land office bearing date the 17th of October 1696 and there remaining together with all Rights profitts [profits] benefits and privileges thereunto belonging Royall [royal] Mynes [mines] Excepted to have and to Hold the land unto him the Said Andrew Speere his Heirs assigns forever and to be beholden of us and our Heirs as of our Mannor [Manor] of Somt [Somerset] in free and comon [common] Soccage [socage] by fealty only for all manner of service yielding and Paying therefore [therefore] Yearly unto us and our Heirs att [at] our receipt at the City of St. Maryes [Mary's] at the two most usuall [usual] feasts in the year C___ the feast of the Annutiation [Annunciation] of the B. V. M [Blessed Virgin Mary] and of St Mich [St Michael] the ArchAngell [Archangel] by Even and Equall [equal] portions the Rent of Eight Shillings, Sterling in Silver or Gold and for a fine upon Every alienation of the Said land or any parte [part] or parcell [parcel] thereof one whole years rent in Silver or Gold or the full value thereof in Such Comodityes [commodities] as wee [we] and our Heirs or Such officer or officers as Shall be aportioned [apportioned] by us and our Heirs from time to time to collect and receive the fine Shall accept in discharge thereof at the Choyce [choice] of us and our Heirs etc Provided that of the Said Sum for a fine for alienation Shall not be pd [paid] to us and our Heirs etc before Such alienation and the Said alienation Entered upon Record Either in this prov [province] Courts or in the County Courts, where the Same parcell [parcel] of land by ___ in one month next after Such alienation the Said Alienation Shall be void and of noe [no] Effect given under our Greater Seale [Seal] at Armes this tenth of Nov 1696 Wittness [witness] our ___ ty and ___ beloved Col Henry Darnall Keeper of our Said Greater Seale [Seal] in our Said prov [Province] of Maryland

 **Date:** 10 Nov 1696

 **Place:** Nanticoke Hundred, Somerset County, MD

 **Description:** Andrew Speer was granted 200 acres of land on a date uncertain. On 1 Jun 1696, he had 200 acres surveyed. He was then issued a certificate showing the land had been surveyed. He then recorded the survey and the parcel was then confirmed on 10 Nov 1696.