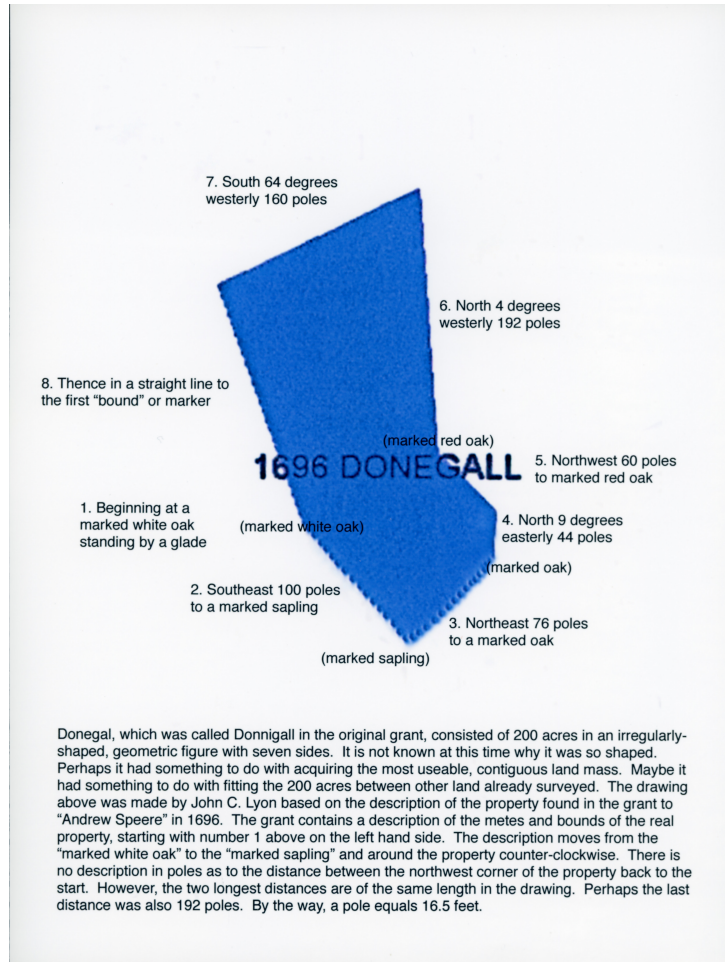





# DONNIGALL.1696.DIMENSIONS



 **Date:** 1 June 1696

 **Place:** Nanticoke Hundred, Somerset County, Province of Maryland

 **Description:** Donegal, which was called Donnigall in the original grant, consisted of 200 acres in an irregularly-shaped, geometric figure with seven sides. It is not known at this time why it was so shaped. Perhaps it had something to do with acquiring the most useable, contiguous land mass. Maybe it had something to do with fitting the 200 acres between other land already surveyed. The drawing above was made by John C. Lyon based on the description of the property found in the grant to "Andrew Speere" in 1696. The grant contains a description of the metes and bounds of the real property, starting with number 1 above on the left hand side. The description moves from the "marked white oak" to the "marked sapling" and around the property counter-clockwise. There is no description in poles as to the distance between the northwest corner of the property back to the start. However, the two longest distances are of the same length in the drawing. Perhaps the last distance was also 192 poles. By the way, a pole equals 16.5 feet.