DEFINITIONS:

\[\text{Warrant:}\]
Certificate authorizing an initial survey of a tract of land. This warrant initiates title of the property surveyed. The individual initiating the Warrant is the Warrantee; the original landowner.

\[\text{Patent:}\]
A patent is the legal transfer of land in the form of a deed:
- Between the original landowner [the Warrantee] and a second landowner.
- Subdividing a Warranty’s original tract of land into smaller lots.
- Merging a Warranty’s original tract of land with a neighboring property.

\[\text{Patent Tract Name:}\]
From the years of the Penn proprietorship up until 1811-12, patent tracts were given names to make it easier to track them when they later changed ownership; Warrantee’s often assigning their new tracts fond names such as “Denmark”, Good Luck”, “Difficulty.” These names are easily seen viewing warrantee township maps.

Patent Tract names may often be given in gazetteer family biographies as may an approximate date of a Warrant, Patent, or when a family came in or removed from a given location.

\[\text{Survey Map:}\]
Copies of the original surveys done for persons purchasing unclaimed land [the Warrantee] directly from the Land Office maintained by William Penn's family, and later by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

Each Survey Map has
- the name of the Warrantee
- its acreage;
- the courses and distances and the names of adjoining property owners
- occasionally other significant geographical features of the landscape (water features, etc)
- the date the Surveyor General sent the survey to the Secretary of the Land Office to prepare a patent *

* This return date provides a useful starting point for patent searches if the date of the patent itself is not known.
1. **PATENT TRACT NAME REGISTERS**

   http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-158TractNameIndexes/r17-158TractIndMainInterface.htm

   Patent Tract Name Registers – Main Page

   Patent Tract Name Registers are arranged by Volume for inclusive years listed – each volume containing those years consecutive Patent Books [A# – AA# – P#].

   Each Patent Tract Name Volume is arranged by the first letter of Patent Tract Name

   Information in Patent Tract Name Index:
   - “Where Recorded” [Book / Page] recorded in Warrantee Register entry & on Main Page

   Warrantee   Date of Warrant
   Patentee    Date of Patent
   Name of Tract & area
   County / Township

2. **PATENT [SURNAME] REGISTERS**


   Patent [Surname] Indexes – Main Page

   Patent [Surname] Index are arranged by Volume for inclusive years listed– each volume contains those years Patent Books [P# – P#] or [H#-H#].

   Each Patent [Surname] Index Volume is arranged:
   [1] by first letter of patentee's surname. All the "A"s are listed together in order of Patent Book [P# or H#]; then the "B"s are listed together in order of Patent Book [P# or H#], then the "C"s , etc.

   Information in Patent [Surname] Register:
   - “Where Enrolled” [Book / Page] recorded in Patent Tract Name Register entry & on Main Page
   - “Where Recorded” [Book / Page] recorded in Warrantee Register entry & on Main Page

   Warrantee   Date of Warrant
   Patentee    Date of Patent
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   County / Township

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3. **WARRANT REGISTERS**

[http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88Warrant Registers/r17-88All Counties Interface.htm](http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88Warrant Registers/r17-88All Counties Interface.htm)

Warrant Resisters – Main Page

Warrant Registers are arranged alphabetically:

[1] by county – each county having separate web page;
[2] by Warrantee Surname – the original landowner;

Information in Warrant Register:

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= “Where Enrolled” [Book / Page] recorded in Patent Tract Name Register entry & on Main Page

Where Survey is Copied = [Book & Page] within Copied Survey Books !!

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4. **COPIED SURVEY IMAGES**


Copied Survey Images - Main Interface

Surveys in these volumes are arranged by book and page in no particular alphabetical or chronological order. The [Book– Page] needed to locate a survey image is found within the Warrant Registers under “Where Survey is Copied”.

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5. **WARRANTEE TOWNSHIP MAPS – BY COUNTY**


Main page

Contains warrantee township maps, showing all original land purchases

Information usually shown for each tract of land includes:

Warrantee  Patentee  Number of acres

Name of tract

Dates of warrant, survey and patent.

Survey and patent numbers also may be given.

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How do I find a land survey within the Copied Survey Books?

…… you need to find … ‘Where Survey is Copied – Book / Page’ within Warrantee Register !!

START HERE →
A – Do you know the Patent Tract Name? YES? → go to Patent Tract Name Register and look it up. Record Name of Warrantee … go to E
NO? → go to B

B – Do you know the original landowner? YES? → go to Warrantee Register and look him up … Record ‘Where Survey is Copied’ … go to F
NO, nor if not sure? → go to C

C – Did he buy the land in a deed? YES? → go to D
NO, nor if not sure? → go to D

D – Go to Patent [Surname] Index and look up Patent’s Surname; → Record the Warrantee’s name → go to E.

E – Go to Warrantee Register and look up Warrantee’s name up → Record ‘Where Survey is Copied’ … go to F

F – Go to Copied Survey Books and look up the survey map.

** – If know the county / Township Survey Map is located → go to Warrantee–Township Maps – By County

Example One – Warrantee & Patent Registers

I know:
Heinrich WELSHONSE / WELCHHANCE lived in Ligonier township, Westmoreland, PA ~1790.

A – Do I know the Patent Tract Name? [NO]

B – Is Heinrich the Warrantee or original landowner? Maybe?
I look in Warrantee Registers … there is no WELSHONSE.

Patent [Surname] Indexes – Main Page

o Volume 4, 1864-1903, surnames A-Z (for Patent Books H-61 through H-76)

Daniel Welshons → Volume 4 → ‘W’ → page 372 → Patent Book H64 page 623

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Warrantee: Arthur French  Date of Warrant: Aug 30, 1785  County: Westmoreland
Pattee: Daniel Welshons  Date of Patent: April 6, 1870

E – I now look for Arthur French under Westmoreland county in the Warrantee Registers
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88WarrantRegisters/r17-88AllCountiesInterface.htm
Warrant Resisters – Main Page

o Under Westmoreland county
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88WarrantRegisters/WestmorelandPages/r17-88WestmorelandPageInterface.htm

o Under Surnames beginning with ‘F’ … I look for Date of Warrant: Aug 30, 1785

Arthur French → page 44; under Date of Warrant: Aug 30, 1785
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Where Recorded: Book H64; pg 623 ← Patent Book & page
Where Survey is Copied: Book C57; page 178 !!
F – I go to Copied Survey Books and look up Book C57; page 178 and find the survey map.
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-114CopiedSurveyBooks/r17-114MainInterfacePage.htm
PA State Archives - RG-17 - Copied Survey Images - Main Interface

- Vol C57

- Vol C57 – Page 178 ** Survey Map **

- Vol C57 – Page 178 reverse ** Survey Map**

Example Two   – Patent Tract Name

Warrantee: Thomas Junk
Date of Patent: April 16, 1798
Warrant Tract Name: Consolation

http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-158TractNameIndexes/r17-158TractIndP20-35Interface.htm
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- Under ‘C’ … page 55

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Where Recorded: Book P32; page 577   ↔  Patent Book P32; page 577
E – I now look for Thomas Junk under Fayette county in the Warrantee Registers
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88WarrantRegisters/r17-88AllCountiesInterface.htm
Warrant Resisters – Main Page

  o Under Fayette county
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-88WarrantRegisters/FayettePages/r17-88FayettePageInterface.htm

  o Under Surnames beginning with ‘J’ … I look for Date of Warrant: Feb 1, 1796
Thomas Junk → page 32; under Date of Warrant: Feb 1, 1796
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Where Survey is Copied: Book C96; page 125 !!

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PA State Archives - RG-17 - Copied Survey Images - Main Interface

  o Vol C96

  o Vol C96 – Page 125 ** Survey Map **

  o Vol C96 – Page 125 reverse ** Survey Map **
Example Three – Find ‘Consolation’ in Township Survey Maps

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Go to Warrantee Township Maps – by County .
http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-522WarranteeTwpMaps/r17-522WarranteeTwpMapMainInterface.htm
Main page

http://www.phmc.state.pa.us/bah/dam/rg/di/r17-522WarranteeTwpMaps/WarranteeTwpMapInterface.htm#warrantee%20township%20maps
Fayette county

North Union-Dunbar – Thomas Junk; ‘Consolation’,
Grant of a tract of land containing Eighty-eight acres and thirty-seven Eighths.

And allegiance of six per cent for taxes. By Robert H., residing in Ligonier township, county.

In Reedfield township, in the County of Westmoreland, surveyed by George W. MacKee, the 15th day of September, 1856, then Surveyor for George Michel and Henry Whipple.

In pursuance of a Warrant granted to Arthur French. dated 15th day of August, 1856. I certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a Survey filed among the Records of the Court of Surveys Office of this County, and that it has been examined and found correct by me 26th February, 1856.

W. R. Beechey, C. S.

To: Joseph M. Campbell Esquire
Surveyor General of Pennsylvania.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1856, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this twelfth day of October, 1856.

[Signature]

Secretary of Internal Affairs.

Situates on a branch of Redstone Creek in Union Township, Fayette County and Surveyed the 15th day of February, 1856. In pursuance of a Warrant dated the 15th day of February, 1856.

To Daniel Broadhead Esquire Agent Alexander McClean Deputy Surveyor General.

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1856, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this fifteenth day of May, 1856.