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Dear Mr. Arnold:

As you requested, will attach copies of documents that I believe relate to the origins of the town of Occoquan:

Prince William, the Story of Its People and Its Places (W.P.A., 1941), p. 105: "The Charles Ewell who settled at Bel Aire, was associated with his brother-in-law John Ballendine in the industrial promotion of Prince William County. Characterized by George Washington as 'a man of affairs,' he was responsible for originating the Occoquan works. ... Backed by Ralph Falkner, Edward Neal, and John Triplett, he acquired 1,520 in the vicinity of Occoquan and organized a joint stock company in 1744 for the purpose of beginning iron operations. Yet nothing was accomplished until 1755 when the property was acquired by John Ballendine. A deed made in 1767 proves that the Ewells did not relinquish interest in the Occoquan industry after the death of Charles Ewell."

Landmarks of Old Prince William, by Fairfax Harrison (Richmond: 1924), p. 427, "The Industries on the Occoquan." "As early as September, 1749, Charles Ewell had planned to establish another iron works in the vicinity of the Occoquan. Backed by Ralph Falkner, Edward Neale and John Triplett, he had bodied up 1,520 acres of ore lands on Hooe's Run, but apparently was unable to exploit them; for the property remained undeveloped until February, 1755, when it was acquired by Ewell's kinsman, John Ballendine. [Footnote 22: For Charles Ewell's plans of 1749 see the recitals in Prince William D. B., Q: 523.]"

Prince William County Deed Book M, p. 104-108. [from abstract by Ruth and Sam Sparacio]: 2/3 August 1749. Ralph FALKNER and Edward NEALE of Maryland, and John TRIPLETT of Virginia to Bertrand EWELL and the heirs of Chas. EWELL deced of the colony of Virginia. Consideration: 600 lb. Va. currency paid by grantees. Have sold and confirm unto the said Bertrand EWELL and heirs of Chas. EWELL deced ... all those four tracts of land containing 200 acres in Dettingen Parish, Prince William County, on the Occoquan River ... and all houses, Forges, Mills, Damms and appurtenances whatsoever belonging ... that they are now the true and lawful and rightfull owners of three fourths of all the said lands, foreges, mills, hereditaments above mentioned and that they hath power to sell three fourths of sd lands, foreges, mills and premises unto Bernard EWELL and one fourth unto the heirs of Charles EWELL deced forever which is in exchange with Edward

NEALE for one fourth of the Lancashire Furnace in Baltimore County in Maryland and with one fourth of ye said Occoquan lands, forges, mills and other the premises in Virginia which belonged to the said Charles EWELL deced as by articles acknowledged in Prince William Court and partnership with the sd Compa[ny] makes the heirs of Chas. EWELL deced and their heirs hold forever one half of ye said lands, forges & mills & other premises and by a purchase of cash paid Bertrand EWELL and his heirs to hold the other half of ye sd lands, forges & mills & other the premises are equally to be held by Bertrand EWELL and his heirs and the heirs of Charles EWELL deced and their heirs forever. [Recorded 27 Nov. 1749. Deed delivered to Capt. EWELL, 16 Apr. 1751.]

Fairfax Harrison does not mention this deed. His researchers seem to have missed it. This document makes it clear that there were forges and mills, as well as dams, on the property by this date, probably built shortly after the partnership was established (ca. 1743/44). The 1767 deed (following) does not specify that forges and mills were standing in 1749.

Prince William County Deed Book Q, p. 521-527 [from Sparacio abstract]. 27/28 July 1767. James CRAIK of Charles County, Md., and Mary Anne his wife; Jesse EWELL of Prince William Co.; James EWELL of Lancaster County, and Mary his wife; to John SEMPLE of Prince William County. Consideration: 525 lb. sterl. to the CRAIKs, 1200 lb. Va. currt. to Jesse EWELL, 1200 lb. Va. currt. to James EWELL. Sell 3/6 of the lands called the Forge Lands (describes the same 4 tracts in the 1749 deed). Obtained by Charles EWELL as Agent and Manager for Ralph FALKNER, Edward NEALE, John TRIPLETT and said Charles EWELL, Merchants and partners, in name of Charles EWELL but on the joint account of said Company and after the death of said Charles EWELL sold unto Bertrand EWELL and the heirs of Charles EWELL by deeds bearing 2/3 August 1749. Vizt:

One parcel containing 188 acres on south side of Occoquan River and on a branch called Hoos Creek, purchased by said Charles EWELL of James CARTER by deed 10 Aug. 1744. [Deed is lost.]

One other parcel purchased of John GREGG in his lifetime and conveyed by Elizabeth GREGG, his executrix, pursuant to his will, by deed dated 12 Nov. 1743. [Deed is lost. Will, proved 25 Apr. 1743, is recorded in Will Book C, p. 404-405.] Parcel is located on branches of Hoos Creek, containing 1075 acres.

One other tract purchased from William FITZHUGH, containing 50 acres (part of a larger tract) and conveyed by Deed recorded in the General Court. [General Court records were destroyed in 1865 fire.]

Lastly, one other tract granted to said Charles EWELL by the Proprietors of the Northern Neck, 29 Sept. 1743, 212 acres. [Northern Neck Grants, Book F, p. 134 (Gertrude Gray's abstract): Capt. Charles EWELL of King George Co. 212 A. in Pr. William Co. Surv[eyed by] Mr. George BYRN. Adj. Mr. PAYTON, Col. BLACKBURN, Mr. John GREGG, dec'd, Mr. James CARTER, on Occoquan River. 29 Sept. 1743.]

Which four tracts contain 1520 acres and were not only purchased and taken up by said Charles EWELL for the purposes aforesaid but were put by the aforesaid Company into one Joint Stock by Articles of Copartnership bearing date 19 Sept. 1743 and recorded amongst the records of Prince William County. [Deed book is lost.] And also 3/6 parts of one other tract not purchased by said Charles EWELL or entered in the Articles of Copartnership aforesaid but purchased since the death of Charles EWELL lby Bertrand EWELL and the heirs of said Charles EWELL of William FITZHUGH of Maryland Esqr. by deed 6 Mar. 1759 containing 950 acres on main Run of Occoquan and is the residue of a Proprietors Deed for 1000 acres granted to William FITZHUGH of Stafford County by deed 1 Oct. 1694, and all houses, buildings, forges, mills, orchards, gardens, profitts and appurtenances belonging: Also all the estate right whatsoever of them said James CRAIK and Maryanna his wife, said Jesse EWELL, and James EWELL and Mary his wives.

The last record I have found for Major Charles EWELL is his appointment as Churchwarden of Dettingen Parish, 4 Oct. 1746, and his being present at a meeting of the vestry, 8 June 1747. At the next meeting of the vestry (9 Oct. 1747) he was replaced as churchwarden by Col. Benjamin GRAYSON, without any explanation. [Records of Dettingen Parish (Historic Dumfries, 1976), p.5, 7] Wills and court minutes are lost for the period 1747-49, so we don't have an exact date of death for him, but it seems probable that he died during the period June-Oct. 1747.

Prince William County Deed Book P, p. 318-320 [from Sparacio abstract]. 8 April 1763. Bertrand EWELL of Prince William County, Solomon EWELL of Lancaster County, James CRAIK of Charles Co., Md., surgeon; to John SEMPLE of Charles Co., Md., merchant. 10,000 lbs. current money of Va. Whereas Jesse EWELL and James EWELL, sons of Charles EWELL deceased have for 2400 lb. Va. current money sold to John SEMPLE all their right that they have unto all and every Forge and Foreges, Saw & Grist Mill or Mills on the Waters of Occoquan River in Pr. Wm. Co., together with all their right to the following parcels of land [the four parcels mentioned above] together with the slaves called Joe, Harry, Georg, Chaise, Ben and Kitt and all the waggons, carts, stocks of horses, cattle & tools & implements and every other article whatsoever which was rented unto John BALLENDINE by Bertrand EWELL for himself and as Executor to his Brother Charles EWELL deceased by Articles of Agreement bearing date 3 Feb. 1755 [1755 deed is lost] and hath put said John SEMPLE into the immediate possession but for as much as the said Jesse EWELL and James EWELL are by reason of their tender age incapable at this time to convey the above lands etc. the above Bertrand EWELL, Solomon EWELL and James CRAIK have become bound that so soon as the said Jesse and James EWELL arrive to full age they shall in due form of law convey the said lands etc. SEMPLE his heirs to use the above lands etc. that then the above obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full force. Signed by Bertrand EWELL, Solomon EWELL and James CRAIK. Endorsed by Jesse EWELL and James EWELL: We have consented to the sale of the Lands, Forges, Mills, Slaves etc. in the annexed Bond specified and at our Particular instance the Gentlemen therein bound became so. Apr. 8, 1763.

Prince William County Deed Book P, p. 299-309 [from Sparacio abstract]. 21 Jan. 1763. John BALLENDINE of Prince William Co. and Mary his wife, to John TAYLOE of Richmond Co., Esqr., and Presly THORNTON of Northumberland Co., Esqr. Whereas Henry PEYTON of Dittingen Parish, P.W.Co., Gent., by deeds 24/25 March 1755, for 150 lb. curr. money of Va., did sell unto said John TAYLOE, Presly THORNTON & John BALLENDINE and heirs all that parcel of land on south side of Occoquan River near the Falls thereof being the land and plantation whereon Valentine PEYTON late of said county, gent., decd. and Frances his wife lived and died including Occoquan Warehouse on the Southside of the said River and the Forge Landing House the same being granted to George MASON gent. deced. by patent from the Proprietors Office 3 March 1704, and by said George MASON sold to one Moses LINTON by endorsement dated 9 May 1707, and by said Moses LINTON by his will given and devised to Frances PEYTON mother of the said Henry PEYTON to whom the same descended after her death. [This document goes on at length about other parcels making up the tract. Deed of 1755 is lost.] Whereas the said John TAYLOE, Presly THORNTON & John BALLENDINE made the several purchases aforesaid in order to erect and carry on an iron work and accordingly there have a furnace and several other convenient buildings erected on divers parts of the said land and many servants, slaves and stocks of various kinds proper for carrying on such an undertaking have been purchased upon the Joint Account and Risque of [the partners] but the partnership between them as determined [words missing? "was dissolved?"] about two years since, and the said John BALLENDINE sells to TAYLOE and THORNTON all his undivided part and share.

So it appears that, Charles EWELL established forge(s) and mill(s) near Occoquan prior to 1749 (possibly as early as 1743/44). In Feb. 1755 his heirs rented the buildings, equipment and slaves to his brother-in-law John BALLENDINE, just a month before BALLENDINE bought the land that is usually recognized as the site of the town of Occoquan from the heirs of Valentine PEYTON. Because we are uncertain where the boundaries of these different parcels lay, it will be difficult to tell if any of Charles EWELL's property lay inside the present town boundaries, but it appears that EWELL's structures continued to be used by BALLENDINE until BALLENDINE's financial difficulties forced him to drop out of the business.

The historical marker includes the following words:

Occoquan grew as the focus of the commercial and manufacturing activities of John Ballendine, who erected an iron furnace, forge, and sawmills at the falls of the river before 1759.

There is still nothing wrong with the wording as is. Future research may help us clarify how this industrial center all began, and give due credit to Charles Ewell and his partners, who may have established one or more of what became Ballentine's factories. The present wording is based on an eyewitness who saw the community in operation in 1759 [Archdeacon Burnaby, *Travels through the Middle Settlements*, 1798, as reported in *Landmarks of Old Prince William*, p.428]. It is not the whole story, but there is nothing inaccurate with what it says. I don't have any problem with the marker retaining that wording. Adding Ewell to the marker would complicate the wording quite a lot.

As you requested I will fax much of the 1749 document (p. 105-108, the release). It will probably be very difficult to read. If you have further questions, I will be back on Saturday. [Completed 10 Aug. 2000]

Sincerely,

Donald L. Wilson
Virginiana Librarian

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Attached are pages 105-109 of
Prince William County Deed Book M. (1749)
See my e-mail, (as you requested.)

This Indenture made the third day of August in the year of our Lord God one thousand
 seven hundred & forty nine. Between Ralph Falkner & Edward Neale of y^e Province of
 Maryland & John Triplett of y^e Colony of Virginia of y^e one part & Thomas Ewell of y^e
 heirs of Cha^s. Ewell dec^d of y^e Colony of Virginia of the other part Witnesseth that the said
 Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett for and in consideration of the sum of six
 hundred pounds Virginia Currency to them in hand paid by the s^d. Thomas Ewell of y^e heirs
 of Cha^s. Ewell dec^d the receipt whereof the s^d. Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett
 doth hereby acknowledge & confess and for divers other good causes and considerations
 then to them moving they the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett hath
 granted bargained & sold aliened released & confirmed by these presents doth fully freely and
 absolutely grant bargain & sell alien release & confirm unto the said Thomas Ewell of the
 heirs of Charles Ewell dec^d in their actual possession now being by virtue of a bargain & sale
 to them thereof made for and wholly good by Indenture bearing date the day next before
 the day of the date of these presents and by force of the statute for transferring uses into
 possession and to their heirs assign forever all those four tracts of land containing two
 thousand acres both or more or less lying and being in the Parish of Dettigood and
 County of Prince William in the Colony of Virginia on Arroquau river one tract was
 bought of M^r. Carter one tract of M^r. Gregg one tract of Col. Fitzhugh and one tract part

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taken up by the said Compa. Rotation being held to y^e said Purp^{os} of harkes of land will
 more fully pat large appar and all houses Forges, Mills, Darius, Liffes, build-
 ings, Gardens, Orchards, meadows, Commons, Pastures, feedings, Trees, woods, &
 meadows, ways, paths, waters, watercourses, Lanes, rents, Profits, Commodities, Advantages,
 Emoluments, Hereditaments, rights, members, and appurtenances whatsoever to the same
 belonging or in any now appertaining or which now are or formerly have been or shall
 hereafter be taken known used occupied or enjoyed by or with the same or any part part or
 member thereof or of any part thereof and also the revenues & exactions & manors &
 remainders rents and services of all and singular the said premises above mentioned -
 and of every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances and also all the said rights, titles,
 Interest, claim & demand whatsoever in Law of them the said Ralph & his heirs & assigns
 & John Triplet of in and to all & singular the said lands & Premises above mentioned
 and of in & to every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances and also all deeds
 Evidence, Articles and writings touching & concerning the said lands & Premises or any
 part thereof To have and to hold the said Lands, Forges, Mills, Houses, Heredita-
 ments and all and singular the Premises above mentioned and of every part & parcel
 thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Bertraud Swell his heirs & assigns for ever
 and unto the heirs of Cha^r Swell their heirs & assigns for ever To y^e only proper use and
 behoof of them the said Bertraud Swell & his heirs and the heirs of Cha^r Swell and their
 heirs for ever and the said R. Swell & his heirs & assigns

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... agree with the said Bertrand Lwoll & his
 heirs and assigns with the heirs of Cha' Lwoll dord and their heirs that they the s^d Ralph Falk-
 ner Edward Neale & John Fyffell now are the true Lawfull & rightfull owners of the so
 fourths of all the s^d Lanes & Orges mills Hereditaments above mentioned and of every
 Part and parcel thereof of y^e s^d three fourths of y^e Lanes & promises with the appurtenan-
 ces and other that they the s^d Ralph Falkner Edward Neale and John Fyffell now are
 Lawfully & rightfully seized in their own right of a good sure & perfect absolute and
 indisputable Estate of inheritance in Fee simple of and in all and singular the three
 fourths of y^e Promises above mentioned with the appurtenances without any manner of
 Condition mortgage Limitation of use & uses or other matter cause or thing to alter
 charge charge or determine the same and that they the s^d Ralph Falkner Edward Neale
 & John Fyffell now hath good rightfull power and Lawfull authority with their own
 right to grant bargain bargain sell and convey the s^d three fourths of the s^d Lanes Orges
 mills hereditaments and promises above mentioned with the appurtenances unto y^e
 s^d Bertrand Lwoll his heirs assigns unto the heirs of Cha' Lwoll dord their heirs assigns
 to y^e assigns and behoof of y^e s^d Bertrand Lwoll his heirs assigns forever and to y^e
 heirs of Cha' Lwoll dord and their heirs and assigns forever and to the heirs assigns
 and mooring of the s^d presents and also that they the s^d Bertrand Lwoll his heirs assigns
 & the heirs of Cha' Lwoll dord & their heirs & assigns shall and lawfully shall have hold
 possess hereafter peaceably and quietly have hold occupy possess and enjoy all and singular
 the s^d three fourths of the s^d Lanes Orges mills Hereditaments and promises above mentioned
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with the appurtenances without the least trouble hindrance or alteration. In witness whereof
 the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett their heirs or assigns for ever did that
 deed and discharged or otherwise sufficiently saved and kept harmless and free
 the said lands from all former and other Bargains sales gifts grants leases mortgages
 charters donations Donations with Intails fines Portuages Issues Assurances and Concessions
 Bonds Annuities writings Obligatory statutes and without any other Statute or Concessions
 Extents Inquisitions Excommunications and excommunications of rents and services from all other charges
 Estates rights titles tenures and conditions whatsoever had made committed suffered or to be
 had made committed or suffered by the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale or John Triplett
 or any other person or persons claiming or to claim by from or under them or any of them of in
 to the three fourths of all the above mentioned Lands Forges mills & premises whatsoever
 the said lands to be reserved for the premises from the time of this sale only
 excepted and saved that the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett and
 their heirs and all and every other Person and Persons who shall hereafter have or
 claiming the three fourths of the said Lands Forges mills and Premises before mentioned or
 any part thereof by from or under them or either of them shall and will from time to time and
 at all times hereafter upon the reasonable request and at the cost & charges of y^e s^r Bertrand
 Involth his heirs & assigns and the cost & charges of y^e heirs of the said Involth or of their heirs & assigns
 make do & procure or cause or procure to be made done and executed all & every such further
 and other Lawfull and ^{and reasonable} parts thing & things done & doings conveyances & conveyances
 in y^e said whatsoever for the further better & more perfect execution

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in y^e Law whatsoever for the further better & more perfect Granting conveying & assigning
of all and singular thirds fourths the said Lands Forgeos mills & promises before mentioned
with the appurtenances unto y^e s^d. Bertrand Ewell his heirs & assigns and unto the heirs of
Charles Ewell s^d of their heirs & assigns two fourths of the said Lands Forgeos mills and
other the promises unto Bertrand Ewell his heirs & assigns for ever and one fourth of the s^d.
Lands Forgeos mills & other the promises unto the heirs of Charles Ewell s^d of their heirs &
assigns for ever which was in exchange with Edward Neale for one fourth of the Laureashire
Furnace in Baltimore County in Maryland and with one fourth of y^e s^d. Orroquan Lands
Forgeos Mills & other the promises in Virginia which belonged to Chas^r Ewell s^d as by
articles acknowledged in Justice William County Court and partnership with the s^d. Corp^a
makes the heirs of Chas^r Ewell s^d and their heirs have hold possess^d intitles and to enjoy
for ever one half of the s^d. Lands Forgeos mills & other promises mentioned in this release
and by a purchase of cash paid Bertrand Ewell & his heirs for ever to hold and possess the
other half of y^e s^d. Lands Forgeos mills & other promises mentioned in this release so as the
whole Lands Forgeos mills & all other the promises are equally to be held by Bertrand Ewell
& his heirs & the heirs of Chas^r Ewell s^d & their heirs for ever to y^e only proper use & behoof
of y^e s^d. Bertrand Ewell his heirs & assigns for ever and to the only proper use of y^e heirs of
Chas^r Ewell s^d & their heirs for ever as by the s^d. Ber^d. Ewell purchase & assigns and
the heirs of Charles Ewell s^d s^d their heirs or assigns or husband or their
heirs learned in the Law shall be reasonably advised devised or received In
Witness whereof the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale and John Triplett hath

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taken up by the said Compa. Relation bought to y^e Purchases of parts of land with
more fully part large appoar and all houses Forges, Mills, Dances, to firs build
ing Gardens Orchards meadows, Commons, Pastures, feedings, Trees woods, all
meadows way paths water watercourses, easements profits Commodities Advantages
Instruments Hereditaments rights members and appurtenances whatsoever to the same
belonging or in any wise appertaining or which now are or formerly have been accepted
reputed taken known used occupied or enjoyed to or with the same or any part parcel or
member thereof or of any part thereof and also the revenues & provisions & manuring
renewances rents and services of all and singular the said premises above mentioned
and of every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances and also all the other right title
Interest claim & demand whatsoever in Law of them the said Ralph Tallant toward Heals
& John Triplott of in and to all & singular the said lands & premises above mentioned
and of in & to every part & parcel thereof with the appurtenances and also all deeds
Evidences Articles and writings touching & concerning the said lands & premises or any
part thereof To have and to hold the said Lands Forges Mills Houses Heredita:
ments and all and singular the Premises above mentioned and of every part & parcel
thereof with the appurtenances unto the said Bertrand Inell his heirs & assigns for ever

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... Lands. Forges. Mills. Houses. Heredita:
 :ments and all and singular the Promises above mentioned and of every Part & parcel
 thereof with the appurtenances unto the s^d Bertraud Ewell his heirs & assigns for ever
 and unto the heirs of Cha^r. Ewell their heirs & assigns for ever To y^e only proper use and
 behoof of them the s^d Bertraud Ewell & his heirs and the heirs of Cha^r. Ewell their
 heirs forever and the said Ralph Falkner Edward Neale & John Triplett for themselves
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 heirs and to & with the heirs of Cha^r. Ewell their heirs that they the s^d Ralph Falk-
 ner Edward Neale & John Triplett now are the true Lawfull & rightfull owners of the s^d
 fourths of all the s^d Lands Forges mills Hereditaments above mentioned and of every
 Part and parcel thereof of y^e s^d three fourths of y^e Lands & promises with the appurtenan-
 ces and also that they the s^d Ralph Falkner Edward Neale and John Triplett now are
 Lawfully & rightfully seized in their own right of a good sure Perfect absolute and
 Inalienable Estate of inheritance in Fee simple of and in all and singular the three
 fourths of y^e Promises above mentioned with the appurtenances without any manner of
 Condition mortgage Limitation of use & uses or other matter causing or tending to alter
 change charge or determine the same and that they the s^d Ralph Falkner Edward Neale
 & John Triplett now hath good rightfull power and Lawfull authority in their own

hereto set their hands and seals the day month & year first before written

Signed Sealed & delivered
in the presence of us

John Marshall

Henry Bradford

John Cason

David Neale junr

The ^{hon} Dow

Andrew ^{mark} Warren

George ^{mark} Donnan

James Rollings

Pro^d of y^e within named ^{Yorkland} in all the within mentioned sum of ^{two hundred} pounds

Virginia currency two hundred pounds of y^e s^d sum p^d to ^{David Neale by book and}

in all as exp^d for the heirs of ^{John} in all ^{two} and two hundred pounds of the said sum

paid to Ralph Falkner and two hundred pounds p^d to John Triplett by ^{book and}

in all on his own acc^t which makes up the whole sum as we have rec^d witness our hands

this third day of August 1749

John Marshall

Henry Bradford

John Cason

Ralph Falkner

David Neale

John Triplett

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The
Andrew W. Warren
George Roman

James Hallings

At a Court hold for the County of Prince William 27th day of November 1749

This release & receipt was proved by the oaths of John Cary & Thomas Dew - -
Witnesses thereto And at a Court continued & hold for the County of Prince William

24th July 1750 This release and receipt was further proved by the oath of Andrew
Warren another witness & admitted to record

Test. J. Waqner Lt.

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This Indenture was made the twenty second day of March one thousand seven hundred and forty nine Between John Blaine of the Parish of Ditchingye in the County of Prince William Plaintiff of the one part and Joseph Butler of the aforesaid parish and County Defendant of the other part Witnesseth that the said John Blaine for and in consideration of the sum of five shillings Sterling to him in hand paid by the said Joseph Butler the receipt whereof he acknowledged hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Joseph Butler a certain tract or parcel of Land containing about four acres to the same more or less situate being and being in the