

*Anne Arundel County Land Records * Liber NH #8, Folio 650*

THIS INDENTURE made this 26th day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven. Between James, John and David Clark all of Anne Arundel County of the one part and Charles Carroll of Carrollton of the City of Annapolis on the other part. Witnesseth that the said Charles Carroll for and in consideration of the rents herein after mentioned to be paid and the covenants to be performed by the said James, John, and David Clark hath demised set and to farm Let unto the said James, John and David Clark for and during the term of thirty years fully to be complete and ended to commence and be computed from the first day of November one thousand seven hundred and ninety-seven the following lots and parcels of Land being parts of Doughoregan Manor Viz. Lot No. 10. Surveyed 4th October 1784, by Cornelius Howard and beginning at a stone and thence running East one hundred and two perches, then South one degree and a half West one hundred and two perches, then West one hundred and three perches and one quarter of a perch, then North two degrees and a quarter East one hundred and two perches, containing sixty-five acres and a half acre. Also all that Lot No. 11 on which is erected a fulling Mill surveyed by Cornelius Howard 7th December 1784 beginning for said Lot at a Stone and thence running East seventy-five perches, then North thirty-eight perches, then South twenty-three perches and three quarters of a perch, then South fifty-eight perches, then South eleven degrees and a quarter West twenty perches and one half a perch, then South thirty degrees West fifty-five perches, then South eighty-nine degrees West eighty-six perches and three quarters of a perch, then North one and a half degree East one hundred and two perches to the beginning containing seventy-three acres. Also all that piece of meadow ground being the old dam of the fulling mill surveyed 14th December 1792 by Cornelius Howard and beginning as described in the Certificate thereof at a post and running thence West thirty-nine perches to post on the branch of the race then South five degrees West twenty-three perches, then South twenty-four and a half degree West eleven perches. South fourteen perches, South eighty-four and a half degrees East seventeen perches, then North thirty-eight degrees East twenty perches, then North sixty-nine degrees East twelve perches, then North eight degrees East twenty-nine perches to the beginning containing ten acres of Land and the said Charles Carroll doth hereby further agree and stipulate with the said James, John and David Clark to erect within three years from the date hereof either on Lot No. 10 or on Lot No. 11 one dwelling house two stories high with a Cellar underneath, said House to be built of brick or Stone or to be framed and of the following dimensions Viz. thirty-five feet long and eighteen feet broad in the clear the first Story to be eight feet and six inches high, the second Story seven feet and six inches high also to erect on one of the said Lots a Barn forty-two feet long and twenty feet broad in the clear and fourteen feet high to be built either of Brick or Stone and the said Carroll doth further Stipulate to repair completely the fulling Mill and to make the dam thereof tight. And the aforesaid James, John and David Clark do hereby for themselves, their heirs, Executors, Administrators and assigns covenant, promise, contract and agree under the said penalty of one hundred fifty pounds, to and with the said Carroll, his heirs and assigns to deliver at the expiration of this lease to the said Carroll or assigns the said dam and fulling Mill in like good order and tenantable repair, and it is agreed between the parties and so understood that no rent is to be paid for the use of the fulling Mill, the said James, John and David Clark hereby binding themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns to scower and full the Cloth made for the cloathing of the said Carroll negroes without making any charge whatsoever on that account. But whereas before the expiration of this lease the negro Slaves of the said Carroll may be sold or otherwise disposed of and the present number greatly lessened in that case the said James, John and David do hereby covenant for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns annually on the first day of November for the use of the said fulling Mill after the

APPENDIX A

Clarks in Howard County

We know very little about the Clarks before they arrived in what is now Howard County in August 1797. The three brothers, James, John, and David, came from Belfast, Northern Ireland. Either they or their parents had emigrated to Ireland earlier from Scotland. It is only speculation, but they, like so many others, probably came to Philadelphia and worked their way down to Maryland.

Charles Carroll of Carrollton, who was the wealthiest man in America at the time of the American Revolution, owned thousands of acres of land in Maryland, with much of it in Anne Arundel County. One of his homes, Doughoregan Manor, was located on the high ground between the Middle and Little Patuxent Rivers. Land was cheap and labor was hard to come by; a combination that brought Carroll and the Clarks together. He agreed to furnish the land and buildings, and they would do the work. On 2 September 1797 in Annapolis, the following agreement was signed and witnessed that would bind the Clark brothers and their heirs to thirty years of service to Carroll. It must have been good for both parties, because the agreement was extended for an additional twenty years that took it to 1847.

The Clarks were then ready and able to become land owners themselves, a goal that they had been denied for countless generations. Howard County was formed from upper Anne Arundel County in 1851. Thus the Clarks were in on the ground floor. My great-grandfather, James Clark, son of the settler John Clark, bought Wheatfield Farm in 1850 and descendants of his brother, David, soon held large acreages around Clarksville. The first postmaster of Clarksville was James Clark, oldest son of the settler, David Clark. Thaddeus Sobieski Clark, the youngest son of David, was elected to the State Senate in 1856 defeating his opponent, John Lee Carroll, grandson of Charles Carroll.

negroes of the said Carroll shall have been reduced to the number of fifty of both sexes and of all ages the sum of twenty pounds Current Money rating Spanish Milled dollars at seven shillings and six pence each and the said James, John and David Clark do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns covenant, promise, contract, and agree to and with the said Carroll, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns for Lot No. 10 yearly and every year on the first day of November during the first seven years of this lease twenty pounds, Current Money and during thirteen years thereafter thirty-two bushels and forty-three pounds weight of merchantable wheat weighing not less than sixty pounds to the bushel, and for the residue of the term Viz. during the last ten years thereof thirty-nine bushels and half a bushel of wheat of like weight, and for the rent of Lot No. 11 to pay on the day aforesaid as aforesaid annually during the first seven years of this lease fifteen pounds current money and during thirteen years thereafter twenty-nine bushels and twelve pounds weight of merchantable wheat weighing not less than sixty pounds to the bushel and for the last ten years of this lease thirty-six bushels and thirty pounds weight of wheat, and for the rent of the ten acres of meadow ground to pay as aforesaid yearly and every year during the continuance of this Lease on the first day of November the sum of eight pounds fifteen shillings Current money rating Spanish Milled dollars at seven shillings and six pence each, and the Said James, John and David Clark do hereby further covenant for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns that it shall and may be lawful for the said Carroll, his heirs, and assigns if the rents hereby shall in any one year be in arrears sixty days and unpaid after they become due and demand thereof hath been made to destrain for the rents so due, and in case the rents aforesaid shall be twelve Months in arrears and unpaid into the demised premises to reenter and the same to hold and possess as his or their former estate, and the said James, John and David Clark do hereby further stipulate for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns with the said Carroll, his heirs, executors, administrators and assigns under the penalty of one hundred pounds Current Money not to cultivate any tobacco on the demised premise, nor in any one year more than ten acres of Indian Corn, and not to sell any timber from off the premises, and to deliver at the expiration of this Lease unto the said Carroll, his heirs, or assigns the demised premises with all and singular the appurtenances as buildings, fences and orchards in good order and tenantable repair. And the said James, John and David Clark do hereby for themselves, their heirs, executors, administrators and assigns promise, covenant, contract and agree to and with the said Carroll, his heirs and assigns not to assign this Lease without the consent and approbation of him the said Carroll, his heirs and assigns first being had and obtained. In Witness whereof the parties hereto interchangeably set their hands and affixed their seals the day and year first above written.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
HENRY RIDGELY
ARCHIBALD DORSEY

JAMES CLARK.....SEAL
JOHN CLARK.....SEAL
DAVID CLARK.....SEAL
CH. CARROLL
of CARROLLTON.....SEAL

On the back of the foregoing was thus endorsed Viz. 2th August 1797. Then came before us two of the Justices of the Peace of Anne Arundel County the parties within named and severally acknowledged the above instrument of writing to be their act and Deed for the uses and purposes therein mentioned according to the act of Assemble in such case made and provided.

HENRY RIDGELY
ARCHIBALD DORSEY

Recorded 2 September 1797



= Lots No. 10 and 11 owned by Charles Carroll of Carrollton and leased to James, John and David Clark on 26 August 1797

