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Hi everyone,  
I thought this was a good answer/Procedure for anywhere to locate a piece  
of land that was once owned by our ancestors. I hope everyone else agrees!  
It's a forward,forwarded message!  
Steve asked the original question and Carolyn JETT responded and Steve  
forwarded it to me!

And I think Carolyn did a good job!!

Lonnie

> Quoting Steve!  
Lonnie:  
Hope this answer helps in your research. It certainly seems  
thorough. Good luck.  
Steve Marshall

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Date: Tue, 28 Oct 1997 00:39:22 -0500  
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Subject: Re: Albemarle Co. - HELP - Land records Question

Steve,

At 02:26 AM 10/27/97 -0500, you wrote:  
>I would  
>like to trace the ownership of one parcel of land - is this  
>possible??

Yes, it can be done, but it takes time (and practice in deciding  
where to look). (I traced each piece of property in a small village  
back to the original land grants made in the 1600s. I tell you this  
so you will know that I am giving you valid information.)

In Ontario we have "Abstract Indexes" which list all the  
>transactions for one piece of property - is there something similar  
>in VA?

Sorry, but no.

>The parcel of land I am trying to trace ownership is in BUCK ISLAND  
>CREEK, ALBEMARLE CO. and described in 1809 as "containing 25 acres be  
>the same more or less on the waters of Buck Island Creek...

First, get yourself a U. S. Geological Survey topographical map of  
the quadrangle/s in Albemarle that contains Buck Island Creek. This  
will help you decide whether you are on the right track.

> and in the  
>county of Albemarle being PART OF A LARGER TRACT THAT FELL TO

>MARY BISHOP BY HER FATHER'S DEATH".

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>Charles LIVELY who married Elizabeth BISHOP (probably Mary's sister, a  
>daughter of a Francis BISHOP), bought the property from Mary in 1809.

Do you have that deed? Does it give general metes and bounds, or does  
it give compass bearings with distances in chains, poles, etc.? If the  
latter, then you need to reproduce the parcel, to scale to fit on the  
topo map, then cut out the reproduction so that you can fit it onto  
the map when you have enough information to do so.

The

>land was bounded by the CHISHOLM, HUDSON, LIVELY and KIRBY families.

Save those names, because you might have to trace their land to locate  
your parcel.

>In 1852, Reuben BISHOP, son-in-law of Charles LIVELY, purchased from  
>Barbara BISHOP 63 acres on Buck Island Creek "BEING PART OF THE LAND  
>INHERITED BY SAID BARBARY BISHOP FROM HER FATHER, AND KNOWN IN THE  
>DIVISION OF LAND OF THE FATHER OF SAID BARBARY AS LOT NO. 1". The  
>property was bounded by CHISHOLM, KIRBY and MAYO. It would appear to  
>have been a portion of the same property, or land adjacent to the  
>property described in the 1809 deed.

Prove whether it is the same land by tracing the deeds of Hudson and  
Lively to see what happened to their land adjoining that of Bishop. DID  
THEY SELL TO MAYO?

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>I think Barbara and Mary were probably sisters and they do not appear  
>to have married. They were probably daughters of Francis BISHOP of  
>Buck Island Creek (listed in the 1787 assessment).

How much land did Francis Bishop have? Check the Real Property Tax  
Lists, beginning in 1782, until his death. Then check to see how his  
land was divided.

>My question is - How do I find the original document that divided the  
>property?? There is no record in the land indexes of Albemarle  
>County for this division. Is there another source I should be  
>checking??

Yes. Check the Fiduciary or Estates index to see if the estate or  
record book shows a division of land plat. If not, check the chancery  
order book for Bishop to see if a "friendly suit" was filed to obtain  
an order to divide the land. Follow up on any subsequent court proceedings  
and look for a reference to a plat. If you find a case, then ask permission  
from the Clerk of Court to search the loose court papers, or chancery  
papers. (I have found some beautiful plats this way.)

If you can't find the plat, then the real property tax records, year by  
year, is the way to go. If you can follow the property through the years  
up to the present time, then the modern tax records and maps will show  
you exactly where on Buck Island Creek the land is located. Then, by  
checking backward on adjacent parcels, you will be able to establish what  
area the original purchase contained.

This probably sounds more difficult than it is - if you are willing to  
work hard, make no assumptions, and learn as you go. Keep a log of book,  
page # and date of each document you look at. Then abstract the vital  
info from that document, and arrange your abstracts chronologically when  
you put them into the computer.

Good luck with your search. It is well worth the trouble to be able to  
stand on your ancestor's land.

Carolyn H. Jett

ANY help or advice would be greatly appreciated.

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>Thanks.

>Steve Marshall

>Orillia, Ontario, Canada

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