

Appendix 1: The John Ball Patent

The Right Honorable Thomas Lord Fairfax Baron of Cameron in that part of great Brittain called Scotland, Proprietor of the northern neck of Virginia. To all to whom this present writing shall come sends Greeting. Know ye that for good causes for & in consideration of the composition for my use paid, And for the annual rent hereafter reserved, I have given granted & confirmed, And by these presents for me my heirs & assigns, Do give grant & confirm unto John Ball of the County of Fairfax, one certain tract of waste Land in this County, Bounded according to a survey thereof made by Mr. George Byrn as followeth, Beginning at a white oak in the fork of four mile run called the long branch & running No[rth] 88° W[e]st Three hundred thirty eight poles to the Line of Capt[ai]n Pearson, then with the line of Pearson No[rth] 84° E[ast] One hundred Eighty eight poles to a Gum on the So[uth]W[e]st side the run corner to Pearsons red oak & chestnut Land, then down the run & binding therewith So[uth] 54° E[ast] two hundred & ninety poles to the beginning, Containing One hundred Sixty six acres, Together with all rights members & appurtenances thereunto belonging, Royal mines Excepted, And a full third part of all Lead, Copper, Tinn, Coals, Iron mines, & Iron ore that shall be found thereon: To have & to hold the s[ai]d One hundred & sixty six Acres of Land, Together with all rights profits & benefits to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining, Except before Excepted, To him the s[ai]d John Ball his heirs and assigns forever; He the s[ai]d John Ball his heirs and assigns therefore Yielding & Paying unto me my heirs and assigns or to my certain Attorney or Attorneys Agent or Agents or to the certain Attorney or Attorneys of my heirs & assigns Proprietors of the s[ai]d northern neck yearly & every year on the feast Day of St Michael the Archangel [September 29] the fee rent of one Shilling sterling money for every fifty acres of Land hereby granted and so proportionably for a great or lesser quantity, Provided That if he the s[ai]d John Ball his heirs & assigns shall not pay the before reserved annual rent so that the same or any part thereof shall be behind or unpaid by the space of two whole years after the same shall become due if Lawfully demanded That then it shall & may be lawful for me my heirs or assigns, Proprietor as afores[ai]d my or their certain Attorney Attorneys Agents or Agents into the above granted premises to Reenter & hold the same so as if this grant had never Passed. Given at my Office in the County of Fairfax within my s[ai]d Proprietary under my Seal. (Witness) my Agent & Attorney fully authoriz'd thereto. Dated the fifteenth day of January

in the Sixteenth year of the Reign of our sovereign Lord George the Second by
grace of God of great Brittain France & Ireland King Defender of the Faith etc
A...One thousand seven hundred & forty two.

W. Fairfax [Agent]

John Ball's Deed
for 166 Acres of Land
In Fairfax County