

**Deed, DE, Kent, THOMAS MCKEAN to JOHN SHEPHERD 1763**

THIS INDENTURE May 23rd day of November in the year of Our Lord 1763 and in the fourth year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third by the grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King defender of the faith & c.

BETWEEN **THOMAS MCKEAN** of the Town in Town and County of Newcastle upon Delaware, Esquire, attorney at law, and **MARY [MCKEAN]** his wife of the one part and **JOHN SHEPHERD** of Mill Creek hundred in the county of Newcastle, Miller, of the other part.

WITNESSETH that the said **THOMAS MCKEAN** and **MARY** his wife for and in consideration of the sum of 240 pounds lawful money of the government of the county of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex upon Delaware to them in hand well and truly paid by the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** at or before the end ceiling of and delivery of these presents the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and there has the said **THOMAS** and **MARY** to acquit, release, and discharge the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** is executory and administrators Forever by these presents have granted, bargained, sold, a lien, released, and Fiat, and confirmed and by these presents do Grant, bargain, sell, a lien, release, and the off and confirm unto the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** his heirs and assigns forever all that tenement, Plantation, or tract of land Scituate, lying and being in Christiana hundred on Red Clay Creek near New Port Ayre in the said County of Newcastle being part of a larger tract of land called Red Clay Point containing 248 Acres.

Beginning at a corner white oak by a corner of the land now or lately occupied by a certain **CORNELIUS ROBINSON**; and running thence south 1 degrees west 18 perches to a Black Oak; thence south 19½ degrees and a half west 40 perches to a stake stake standing in the land late of **RICHARD ROBINSON**, deceased; and south 63½ degrees East 87.6 perches to Herring Branch being a line of the aforesaid tract called Red Clay's point; thence along the line of the aforesaid track bounding on the side branch or run north 4 degrees east 102 perches north 3 degrees west 36.3 perches to a stake near a corner White Oak in **JOHN GARRETSON's** land; thence south 89 degrees west 16.7 perches to a stake; thence north 1 degrees west to a corner Black Oak standing where two roads intersect each other; thence south 35½ degrees west 30 perches north 71 degrees east to perches to a stake across the road; thence along the said road south 46 degrees west 46 perches to a corner Black Oak; thence south 15 degrees west 6 perches to the first mentioned Corner White Oak and place of beginning.

Containing 50 acres be at more or less.

And also all that messuage which were tenement piece or parcel of land situated in the hundred and County of War said adjoining the above-described tract of 50 acres and being also a part of Red Clay's point.

Beginning at a stake by a large Black Oak near a road; and running thence north 57 degrees west 28 perches and 5 feet down to Red Clay Creek; thence of the said Creek north 6½ degrees east 6 perches and 11 feet; north 1 degrees east 22 perches; north 32 degrees west 12 perches and 5 feet to a new marked corner White Oak standing on the said Creek side all along binding with the waters of the said Creek; thence running south 71 degrees east 64 perches through part of an old field to a corner stake at the side of a road, being a line of the tract of land above described;

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thence running down the said road south 46 degrees west 46½ perches to the first mention stake and place of beginning.

Containing with these bones 10 acres and 1/2 be the same more or less

TOGETHER WITH all and singular the woods, under woods, waters, water courses, roads, pastures, ways, rights, members, and appurtenances thereunto belonging or to the said two tracts of land belonging in any wise appertaining and the reversion and reversions, remainder and remainders, rents, issues, and profits thereof.

ALL WHICH premises now heretofore the estate of **EDWARD ROBINSON**, deceased, and by him leased unto his son **RICHARD ROBINSON** for the term of 99 years, and sold by **JOHN MCKINLEY**, Sheriff of New Castle County, for the debts of the said **RICHARD** and also by the said **EDWARD ROBINSON** as administrator of the said **RICHARD** and also in his own right onto him the said **THOMAS MCKEAN** party to these presents.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said mess uh, land, and premises unto the said **JOHN SHEPHERD**, his heirs and assigns, to the only proper use and behoove of the said **JOHN SHEPHERD**, his heirs and assigns, forever under the chief Lord or Lords of the fee thereof by the rents and services now therefore do and Hereafter to become due and of right accustomed.

AND THE SAID **THOMAS MCKEAN** for himself and his heirs and for the said **MARY** his wife doth Covenant, promise, and agree to and with the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** his heirs and assigns that he the said **THOMAS MCKEAN** and **MARY** his wife and their heirs the hereby bargained premises with the appurtenances and every part and parcel thereof unto him the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** his heirs and assigns from and against them the said **THOMAS MCKEAN** and **MARY** his wife and their heirs and all and every other person and persons claiming or to Claim by, from, or under them, or any of them, shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents.

AND FURTHER that if any person or persons whatsoever shall or do at any time or times here after within the space of 20 years and due and illegal manner eject, expel, or remove him the said **JOHN SHEPHERD** or his heirs or assigns of and from the said premises or any part thereof that then and in such case the said **THOMAS MCKEAN** his executors and administrators shall and will pay or caused to be paid to him the so **JOHN SHEPHERD** his heirs and assigns the sum of £3.10 for every acre of the said premises of, from, or out of which he, the said **JOHN SHEPHERD**, his heirs or assigns shall be so ejected and expelled or removed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the said parties do these presents have interchangeably put their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

**THOMAS MCKEAN**  
**MARY MCKEAN**

Sealed and delivered in presence of

**DAVID THOMPSON**  
**JOHN SILSBEE**

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Received November 23rd 1763 from Mr. **JOHN SHEPHERD** £240, the consideration money mentioned in the above can be convinced, for the perches of the 60½ acres of land therein described.

**THOMAS MCKEAN**

New Castle County

Acknowledged in open Court of Common Pleas held at Newcastle for the county of Newcastle in May term 1773.

**THEODORE MAURICE**, prothonotary

Recorded June 23rd 1773

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