

STATE OF GEORGIA

By the Honorable George Walton Esquire,
 Captain-General, Governor, and Commander in Chief,
 in and over the said State
 To all to whom these presents shall come
 Greeting:

KNOW YE, that, in pursuance of the act for opening the land office, and by virtue of the powers in me vested, I have by and with the advice and consent of the Honorable the executive Council, given and granted, and, by these presents, in the name and behalf of the said state, do give and grant unto William Sims his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract or parcel of land containing sixty five acres situate, lying and being, in the County of Richmond, in the same State, and butting and bounding Northeast by the estate of Parris, Southeast by land granted Thomas Red, Southwest by land granted S. Wright and

Northwest by land granted Cook &c, having such shape, form and marks as appear by a plat of the same hereunto annexed: together with all and singular the Rights members and appurtenances thereof whatsoever, to the said tract or parcel of land belonging or in anywise appertaining; and also all the estate, Right, Title, Interest, Claim, and demand of the State aforesaid, of, in, to, or out of, the Same; To have and to hold the said tract or parcel of land, and all and singular the premises aforesaid, with their and every of their Rights, members and appurtenances unto the said William Sims his heirs and assigns to his and their own proper use and behoof forever, in fee simple.
 Given under my hand in Council, and the great Seal of the said State, this sixteenth day of February in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred and eighty-nine, and in the thirteenth year of American Independence.

Richmond County

Warrant dated November 5th 1787
 Surveyed November 6th 1788 for
 William Sims, who lives in this state, a tract of
 sixty five acres of land--bounded N.E. by the
 estate of Parris. S.E. by land granted Thomas Red.
 S.W. by land granted S. Wright. and N.W. by land
 granted Crook & Co. which survey the above plat
 represents. By William Sims D. Surveyer.

Certified by W. Walton Pro:C.S.
 T. M. Call L.Gen^l

This plat drawn to accompany a Report of a Survey made for George Walker on a 1791 Warrant was found not in a deed book, but in loose papers in the Richmond County Probate Office. Note that those owning adjoining lands are shown. The late Mr. S. Herbert Elliott, Sr., of Augusta, once remarked that so many young people in early America chose mates from eligibles living on adjacent farms because a horse could only travel 25 miles a day, so courting was usually done within a 12 1/2 mile radius of one's homeplace. Whatever the reason, it is true that when one finds a plat with names of adjoining farms' owners, he is often looking at the name of more than one ancestor. It is interesting that sworn chain bearers are listed on the certification at right. One of them, Ambrose Gordon, is also owner of the land to Mr. Walker's north and west; frequently chain bearers were close friends or relatives of the grantee for whom the land was being surveyed. A chain is a unit of measurement set at 22 yards.

—Plat courtesy of Lois Plunkett,
 Richmond County Probate Office



State of Georgia } Warrant asked the 15th day of April
 Richmond County } 1791 to George Walker who resides
 in this State for 500 Acres of Land was Surveyed the 2^d day
 of April 1793. and is as the above plat Represents

Certified by William Sims D.S.
 Ambrose Gordon } Sworn Chain Bearer
 Mann Sims }