

Text of the 1749 deed for Pittsburgh and surrounding land

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To all people to whom these ~

Presents shall come Greeting Know ye That we Abraham a

Mohawk Cheif [sic] Sennghors an Oneida Cheif [sic] Sagnariser a ~

Tuscarora Chief, Chenaugheata an Onondaga Cheif Tagaaia

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1749 deed shows Native Americans sold Pittsburgh for tobacco, blankets, knives and gunpowder

A Cayuga Cheif and Gaustrax a Seneca Cheif, Cheifs [sic] & Sachems
of the six united nations and being and Effectually representing
all the Tribes of the said six united Nations send Greeting
Whereas Johonerissa Scaroyadia Cosswentanicea Cheifs [sic] or
Sachems of the said six united nations did by their deed duely
executed bearing date the second day of August in the year of our
Lord one thousand seven hundred and forty nine for and in
Consideration of the following Goods and Marchandise [sic] being
paid and delivered to them at a full Council of the said six
united nations Delawares and Shawnesse held at Logs
Towne on the river Ohio on this Second day of August one
Thousand seven hundred and forty nine That is to say two ~
hundred and forty Strouds four hundred Duffield Blanketts [sic]
four hundred and Sixty Pair half thicks [sic] Stockings two hundred
shirts twenty Pieces of Callicoe twenty pieces of Callimancoe
twenty Pieces of Embossed Serge fifty Pounds of Vermillion
fifty Grosse of Gartering fifty pieces of Ribbon fifty dozen of
Knives five hundred Pounds of Gun Powder ten hundred of
Barr Lead Thre [sic] thousand Gun flints fifty pounds of brass
Kittle four pounds of Thread one thousand Needles ten dozen
Jews Harps twenty dozen Tobacco Tongs and six hundred ~
Pounds of Tobacco Grant Bargain and Sell unto George

Croghan of the Province of Pennsylvania Esquire in fee
Certain tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being
on the [Southerly?] side of the river Monongehela Beginning
at the mouth of a run nearby Opposite to Turtle Creek
and then down The river Monongehela to its Junction with
the river Ohio [Computet?] to be ten Miles then runing [sic] down
the Eastern bank and sides of and unto thesaid River Ohio to where
[Racoon?] Creek emptys [sic] itself into the said River [illegible] up
[illegible] Creek te [illegible] and from thence on a strait [illegible]
[illegible] Place of Beginning on the aforesaid River

[written in the left margin of page 1:

(illegible) and

Delivered to

(illegible) (Calbertson?)

June 1779

(illegible) Order]

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Monongehela Containing [illegible] Estimation one hundred ~

Thousand Acres of Land be the same more or less And ~

Whereas the said Johonerissa Scaroyadia & Coswentanicea

Chiefs or Sachems as aforesaid for the Consideration herein after
mentioned to them in full Council as aforesaid paid and delivered

that is to say one hundred and forty Strouds two hundred & forty

Duffield Blanketts [sic] two Hundred and seventy pair of half

thick Stockings one hundred and Twenty Shirts twelve pieces

of Callicoe twelve pieces of Callimancoe twelve pieces of Embossed
Serge thirty pounds Vermillion thirty Groce of Gartering
thirty pieces of Ribbon thirty dozen of Knives three hundred
Pounds of Gun Powder Six hundred of Barr Lead one
thousand Gun Flints thirty Pounds of Brass Kettles four
Pounds of Thread five hundred Needles six dozen of Jews harps
six dozen Tobacco Tongs and fifty Pounds of Tobacco did by one
other deed bearing date the same day and year last aforesaid
Grant bargain and sell unto the said George Croghan in fee
one other tract or Parcel of Land situate lying and being on the
River Yoxhiogeni Including the Indian Villiage [sic] called the
Seurckly old Town the same tract or Parcel of land Containing
fifteen Miles in length on the said River and ten Miles in
breadth and Including the Lands on both sides of the said
river Yoxhiogeni which fifteen Miles in length and ten
Miles in breadth the said George Croghan has liberty
to Locate either up or down the said River Yoxhiogeni but
nevertheless in such manner so as to Include and locate all
the said Indian Villiage [sic] and land Called (the) Seurckly old
Town which said Tract or Parcel of land [illegible]
Estimation Sixty Thousand acres be the same More or less
And Whereas The said Johonerissa [illegible]
And [Coswentanicea?] did by one other deed bearing date the
day and year last aforesaid for the Consideration herein
Mentioned to them in full Council paid and delivered as

aforesaid that is to say for Ninety six Strouds one hundred
and Sixty Duffield Blanketts [sic] one hundred and eighty four
pair of half thick Stockings eighty Shirts eight pieces of
Callicoe eight pieces of embossed serge twenty pounds of
Vermillion twenty Groce [sic] of Gartering twenty [pieces?] of Ribbon
twenty dozen of knives two hundred pounds (of) gun powder

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Four hundred of Barr Lead one Thousand Gun flints twenty
Pounds of brass Kettles two Pounds of Thread five hundred
Needles four dozen of Jews Harps four dozen of Tobacco Tongs
fifty Pounds Tobacco Grand bargain and Sell unto the said
George Croghan in fee one other tract or Parcel of land
Situat lying being and Beginning on the East side
of the River Ohio to the northward of an Old Indian Village
Called Shanopinstown at the mouth of a Run Called the
two Mile run then up the said two Mile run to where it
interlocks with the heads of the two Mile spring which
empties into the river Monongehela then down the said
two Mile spring to the Several courses thereof unto thes [sic].
River Monongehela then up thesaid River Monongehela
to where Turtle Creek empties itself into the same river there
up the said Turtle Creek to the first forks thereof then up the
north or Northerly branch of the said Creek to the head of the
same thence a north or northerly Course until it strikes
Plum Creek then down the said Plum Creek until it

empties itself into the river Ohio and then down the said
River Ohio to the Place of Beginning where as [aforesaid?]
The two Mile run discharges itself into the said river Ohio ~
Containing by Estimation Forty Thousand Acres be the same
more or less which said several Grants bargains and Sales
duely [sic] made and Executed by thisame last Mentioned Cheifs [sic]
or Sachems in Pursuance of Certain Powers & Authorities
delegated to and Vested in them for the Purposes aforesaid
by the Cheifs [sic] or Sachems of the Onondaga Council in [full?]
Council Assembled And Whereas the said first
Mentioned Cheifs [sic] or Sachems of the said six united Nations
Parties to these Presents are not only truely [sic] Sensible & [illegible]
that the said George Croghan hath faithfully and Justly paid
And delivered unto Johonerissa Scaroyadia and ~
Coswentanicea Chiefs or Sachems as aforesaid all and [illegible]
the Goods and Marchandize herein Particularly recited &
Mentioned but of the great Justice and Integrity of the said
George Croghan used and exersised [sic] by him towards the Six
nations and their Allies in all his Publick & Private [illegible]
and transactions wherein [they?] have been Concerned

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Now know ye therefore that we the said Chiefs or
Sachems of the said Six united nations in full Council Assembles
at Fort Stanwix for and in Consideration of the sum of five
Shillings to them in hand paid by the said George Croghan the

receipt [sic] whereof they do hereby Acknowledge and for and in ~
Consideration of the Aforesaid Goods and Merchandise paid &
delivered by him unto Johonerissa Scaroyadia and ~
Coswentanicea Chiefs as aforesaid, Have granted bargained
sold A liened released enfeoffed ratified and fully Confirmed
and by these Presents Do grand bargain sell release
enfeoffe [sic] ratifie [sic] and fully Confirm unto his most Sacred
Majesty George the third King of great Britain [sic] France
and Ireland Defender of the faith and so forth his heirs
And Succissors [sic] for the use benefit and behoof of the said
George Croghan his heirs and Assigns all those the above described
or mentioned tracts or Parcels of Land Granted or Intended
to be granted by the said several recited deeds as aforesaid and also
all Mines Minerals [Ores?] Trees Woods Underwoods waters
water Courses Profits Commodities Advantages rights ~
Liberties Priviledges [sic] hereditaments and Appurtenances ~
whatsoever to the said several tracts or Parcels of land belonging
or in any [wise?] Appertaining and also the reversion and
reversions remainder and remainders rents Issues and
Profits thereof and of every part and Parcel thereof and all
the Estate right title Interisperce [sic] Property Possession Claim
and demand of them the said Abraham Sennghors ~
Sagnariseria Chenaugheata Tagaia Gaustrax Chiefs or
Sachems aforesaid and of all and every other Person and Persons
whatsoever for belonging to the said Nations of into and it

of the Premises is and every Partand [sic] Parcel thereof To
have and To hold the said several tracts or Parcels of
Land and all and Singular the said Granted or bargained
Premises with the Appurtenaners [sic] unto his said Majesty
his heirs and Successors to and for the only use benefit and
[behoof?] of the said George Croghan his heirs and Assigns for [illegible]
and the said Abraham Sennhors Sagnariser China [illegible]
Tagaia and Gaustrax for themselves and for the six

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Nations and all and every other Nation and Nations Tributaries
and defendants on the said six united nations and their
and every of their Posteritys [sic] the said several tracts of Land
and Premises and every Part thereof againt [sic] them the said
Abraham Sennghors Sagnariser Chenaugheata Tagaia
And Gausteax and against the said six United Nations &
their Tributaries and dependants [sic] and all and every of their
Posteritys [sic] unto his said Majesty his heirs and Successors
to and for the only use benefit and benefit of the said
George Croghan his heirs and Assigns shall and wile
warrant and forever defend by these Presents Provided
always [sic] Nevertheless [sic] and it is the true Intent &
meaning of these Presents and the said Abraham
Sennghor Sagnariser Chenaugheata Tagaia and
Gaustrax do hereby Covenant and agree to and with his
said Majesty and his heirs and Successors to and for the

only use benefit and behoof of the said George Croghan his heirs and Assigns that if any or all of the said several Tracts of land or any part thereof shall here after be found to be within the Bounds and limits of a Certain Grant bearing date the fourth day of March in the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and Eighty one made by Charles the Second king of Great Britain [sic] & to William Penn Esquire for the tract of Country Called and known by the name of Pennsylvania that then and in such case his said Majesty his heirs & Successors to & for thereby use benefit and behalf of this aid George Croghan his heirs and Assigns shall be permitted and shall have and enjoy full right power and Authority to survey and Locate the said Several Quantities [sic] of one ~ hundred thousand Acres Sixty Thousand and forty Thousand Acres of land be the same more or less as Contained within the Limits and bounds of the said several and respective tracts or Parcels of Land mentioned and described as aforesaid in such Quantities & in such Parts and Places of in and within the [illegible] or Grant of Land or Territory which shall be Ceded and [written in the left margin of page 5: 1871]

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Granted at the Conference Aforesaid to the said King of Great Britain by the Chiefs or Sachems of the said six

united nations any thing herein Contained to the Contrary
thereof in any wise notwithstanding In Witness
whereof we the said Chiefs and Sachems in behalf of
our selves respectively and in behalf of the whole six
united nations Aforesaid have hereunto set our hands
and Seals in the Presence of the Persons Subscribing as
Witnesses hereunto at a Congress held at Fort
[Stanwix?] [illegible] this the fourth day of November
in the Ninth year of his Majestys [sic] reign and in the year of
our Lord one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Eight

The mark of his Nation

Abraham or [Tyahanesera?] a Chief of [symbol] [initial] LS the Mohocks [sic]
the Steel

The mark of his nation

William or Sennghor a Chief of the [symbol] [initial] LS Oneidas
the Stone

The mark of his Nation

Hendrick or Sagnariser a Chief of the [symbol] [initial] LS Tuscoraras [sic]
the Cross

The mark of his Nation

Bunt or Chenaugheata a Chief of the [symbol] [initial] LS Onondagas
The Mountain

The mark of his Nation

Tagaara a Chief of the [symbol] [initial] LS Cayugas

The Pipe

The Mark of his Nation

Gaustrax a Chief of the [symbol] [initial] LS Senecas

The high Hill

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Sealed and Delivered

in the Presence of us }

The word “Croghan” being first written on [Razures?]

Eleven times and the Words “and, or down [sic], Tract” being
first Interlined

} Sealed and Delivered in the Presence of us all

the foregoing Interlinations [sic] [Razures?] and Writings

On [Razures?] being first made

Wm Franklin Governor of New-Jersey

F[N?]: Smyth Cheif Justice of New-Jersey

Thomas Walker Commissioner for Virginia

Richard Peters } [of the Council of Pennsylvania]

James Tilghman } [of the Council of Pennsylvania]

John Skinner Capt. in the 70th Rugment [sic]

Joseph Chin of Connecticut [sic]

John Weatherhead of New York

John Walker of Virginia

[Fitch?] of Connecticut [sic]

Thomas Walker Junior Virginia

John Butler Inturperter [sic] for the Crowne

On the Seventh day of January in the year of our Lord

one thousand seven hundred and Sixty Nine before [illegible]
Isaac Jones Esquire Mayor of the City of Philidelphia [sic]
came the Reverend M Richard Peters Rector of the
two united Churches of Christ Church and Saint Peter
In Philidelphia [sic] one of the Subscribing [sic] Witnesses to
within written deed and made Oath on the Holy Evanga [illegible]
of Almighty God that [was?] present and did [scithe?]
within named Abraham or Tyahanesera a Chief of the
Mohocks William or Sennghois a Chief of the Oneidas
Hendrick or Sagnariser a Cheif of the Tuscoraras
Bunt or Chenaugheata a Cheif of the Onondagas ~
Tagaara a Cheif of the Cayuga and Gaustrax

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Cheif of the Senecas make the several Marks in the within
written deed against their respective names Placed as the
Particular Mark of each nation and did also see the said
Abraham or Tyahanesera William or Sennghois Hendrick
or Sagnariser a Bunt or Chenaugheata Tagaara and
Gaustrax respectively seal and as their Act and deed
deliver in behalf of Themselves and the several nations
which they Effectually represented the within written deed
Poll and that the name Richard Peters Subscribed thereto
as a Witness of thesame is of this own hand Writing [sic] &
also that the said Richard Peters saw W Franklin ~
Governor of New Jersey Free Smyth Chief Justice of New

Jersey Thomas Walker Commissioner for Virginia
James Tilghman of the Council of Pennsylvania John
Skinner Capt. of the 70th Rugment [sic] Joseph Chew of ~
Connecticut [sic] John Walker of Virginia Fitch of Connecticut [sic]
Thomas Walker Junior of Virginia John Butler Interpreter [sic]
for the Crown Subscribe their names as Witnesses likewise
to the signing sealing and Delivery of the within written
deed Poll Witness my hand and Seal the day & year
Above said

H: Jones [initials] LS
[initials] LS Recorded in the Office for recording
of deeds for the City and County of Philadelphia
in Book I Vol. 5 Page 239 &
Certified under my hand and Seal of Office Aforesaid this
12th January 1769
Will Parr [Recdr?]-~

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[Macourt?] Continued and held for Augusta County at
Pittsburg September the 23^d. 1775
This deed of Bargain & Sale from the Sachems
Of the Six united Nations of the Indians to George Croghan
Esq. was Proved by Thomas Walker & John Walker
Gentlemen two of the Witnesses thereto & Ordered to be
Certified

[Macourt?] held for Augusta County by Authority of the

Commonwealth of Virginia at Staunton Aug^t. 19th 1777

This deed of Bargain and Sale from the Sachems
of the Six united nations of Indians to George Croghan
Esquire being formerly Proved by the Oaths of Thomas
and John Walker Gentlemen two of the Witnesses thereto
Subscribed at a Court held at Pittsburg was this day further
Proved by the Oath of Thomas Walker Jun. another
of the Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be
Recorded

Lest.

John Madison

This Indenture made the Eighth
day of August in the year of our lord one thousand seven hundred
and Seventy Seven between Joseph Love and Mary his Wife
of the County of Montgomery and Commonwealth of Virginia
of the one Part and Richard Payne of the Country of Augusta
of the other Part Witnesseth that the said Joseph and
Mary Love for and in Consideration of five Schillings
Current Money of Virginia to them in hand Paid by the
Richard Payne at or before the Sealing and delivery of these
Presents the receipt of which is hereby Acknowledged hath
Granted bargained & sold And by these these Presents doth
Grant bargained and sell unto the said Richard Payne & his
heirs for ever a Certain tract or Parcel of land Contour
by Estimation three hundred and thirteen be the same

more or Less and bounded by several tracts to with John
Jasperson the south William Armstrong & Williams
Rutledges on the West Thomas Rutledges & David Henderson
on the North and John Huntonson the East the March
Trees of which bounds may more fully appear by deed
made to the said Joseph Love by
and all houses buildings Orchards ways waters water
Courses Profits Commodities Hereditaments & [Appurtenance?]
whatsoever to the said Premises hereby Granted or any
Part thereof belonging or in any wise Appertaining & the
Other pages may be missing.