COLONIAL LAND RECORDS

State-Land states granted their own lands with various surveying methods (New England Town Surveys, Southern Metes and Bounds Surveys, and transitional surveys).

Husband's Full Name: ID:

Spelling Variations:

Wife's Full Name: ID:

County: State: Total Acres: Value or Consideration:

Book No.: Volume No.: Page No.: Document No:

Document Date: Recording Date / Time:

Grantor (Seller): Grantee (Buyer):

Legal Land Description:

The Colonial Lands Methods of land measurement survey is the **Metes and Bounds Method**. This method made use of the natural physical and topographical features in conjunction with measurements and artificially designated objects or places.

Metes: Refers to the measuring of direction in degrees, minutes and seconds, plus the measurement of distance.

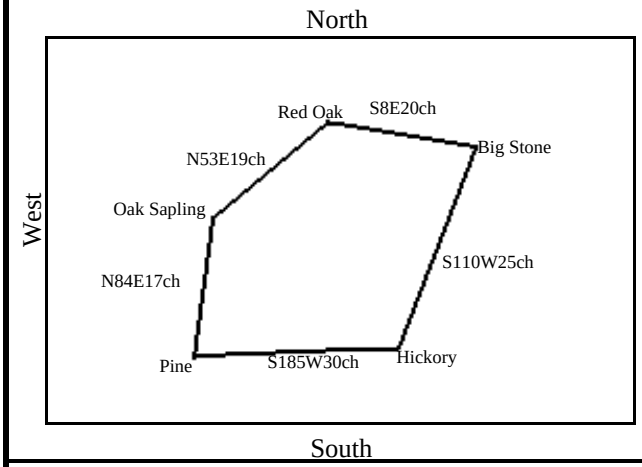
Mile = 5,280 feet Chain = 100 links /66 feet Rod, Pole, or Perch = 16½ feet Foot = 12 in. Link = 7.92 in.

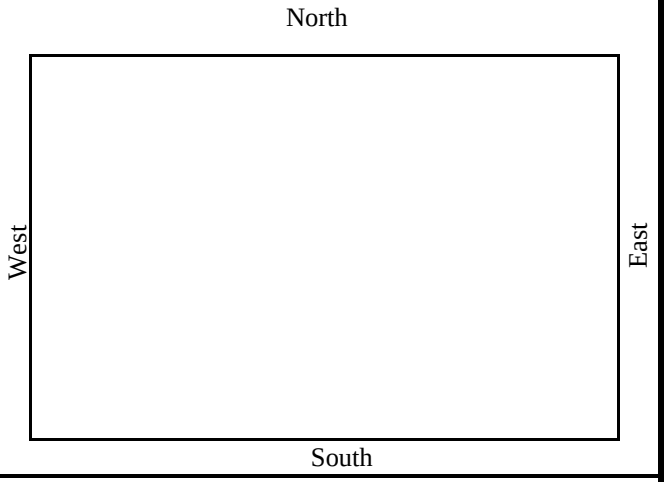
Bounds: Refers to natural, man-made, or artificial physical features of the land. Rivers, streams, trees, roads, rocks etc.

PLOTTING YOUR LAND

A **protractor** (a half circle with 180 degrees marked) is needed to plat land using the **Metes and Bounds Method** of land measurement. When plotting the land, place the protractor's straight edge in a true North-South direction at each setting. The center point of the straight edge should be over the beginning point of the first boundary line established and each subsequent end point. The half circle side should be placed east or west in accordance with the specified descriptions.

SAMPLE LAND DESCRIPTION: Beginning at **pine** corner between said land of William Graves & the said James Bullifant, running N84 degrees E17 chains 2 poles 10 links to **oak sapling**, thence N53 degrees E19 chains 30 links to **red oak**, thence S8 degrees E20 chains 10 links to **big stone**, thence S110 degrees W25 chains 2 poles to **hickory**, thence S185 degrees W30 chains 1 pole 5 links to **pine** where began.





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