

THE APPLICATIONS OF 1769, SHOWING SOME OF THE TRAILS OR PATHS

These applications were the first method of obtaining lands in Western Pennsylvania. They would read similarly to the following:

“No. 2,390. – George Brown hath made application for Three Hundred Acres of Land, on Black Lick, to the left hand of the old Indian Path leading from Ligonier to Kittanning.”

Dated at Philadelphia, this third day of April, 1769.

To J. Elder, Deputy Surveyor:

You are to survey the land mentioned in this Application, and make Return thereof into the Surveyor-General's Office within Six Months from the above Date.

And thereof fail not.

JNO, LUKENS, S. G.”

OTHER APPLICATIONS.

April 3d, 1769 – George McConnell. On a run on the West side of Black Lick creek, below where the path leading from the Kittanning to Ligonier crosses said creek.

April 3d, 1769 – George Fendler. Near Wipsey's cabin, near Connemaugh river.

April 3d, 1769 – Wm. Longane. At or near the mouth of the Connemach, or Yow Lick Creek, near Kiskometas.*

April 7th, 1769 – Benjamin Austin. On the Kiskometas creek, including Warren's sleeping place, about fifteen miles below Blacklegs Town,† Cumberland county.

14th April, 1769. – Moses Moore, son of John Moore.† Between crooked creek and Plumb creek, on Kitanny Road.

3d April, 1769 – Robert Smith, Jr. On crooked creek, about two miles below the old Kittanian town, on Allegheny, joining or near Sam Findley.

3d April, 1769 – James Dunn. On crooked creek, about two miles below the old Kittontinien town, beginning at the mouth of said creek, where it empties itself into the Allegheny, or above the mouth of it and running up said crooked creek.

6th April, 1769 – Aeneas McCallaster. On the Allegheny Mountain, on both sides of Buffalo run, bounded on the northeast by Michael Higgins' land, Cumberland county.

3d April, 1769 – George Franklin. On the south side of Allegheny river, near the mouth of Kiskaminites.

7th April, 1769 – James Campbell. On the Allegheny Mountain, on both sides of Buffalo run, bounded on the northeast by Oliver Ormsby's land, Cumberland county.

3d April, 1769 – Francis Silvers – On the north side of Kiskiminites, including, or near Warns' sleeping ground, about or near three miles from Kiskiminites' old town.

3d April, 1769 – George Campbell, Att'y. Upon Plumb creek, known by the name of Jaems Litart's town, an Indian.

3d April, 1769 – Jeremiah Warden, Jr. At Black lick, on black lick creek, between Ligonier and Kittanning.

3d April, 1769 – John Gottor.‡ On the waters of Connemach, on the west side of the hill.

3d April, 1769 – Rev. J. Elder. Near the Two Licks.

* Evidently an error in names. Probable location was near the site of Leechburg, Armstrong county. † Near site of Saltsburg.

† “The applicant described the land he wished to be surveyed, and paid one dollar for the order of survey; and within six months after the survey was returned to the Surveyor General, the owner or applicant was to pay the rate of five pounds per hundred acres and procure his patent; which sum was subsequently increased to ten pounds, payable on application for a warrant.” – (McCabe.)

“In the course of 1769, several thousand locations were applied for at the Land Office, and the settlements were rapidly extended from the Monongahela northward, unto what is now Indiana County.” – (Row.)

‡ Up to the applications noted, one was addressed to T. Smith, D. S., one to R. McCrea, D. S., and the remainder to J. Elder, D. S.

7th April, 1769 – Thomas Austin. Joining and below his brother Benjamin Austin, of Kiskiminities' creek, Cumberland county.

3d April, 1769 – Susannah Knox. North side of Black Lick, adjoining Samuel Dickison on the north side, and Joseph Dickison on the northeast.

3d April, 1769 – Jane Silvers. On Kiskiomeanity creek, and near Warren's Sleeping Groves.

26th May, 1769 – David Hall. Adjoining on the southside to a survey made on Kiskaminetas river, at Warren's sleeping place on the south side, Cumberland county.

3d April, 1769 – William Roberts. On the south side of Crooked creek, near Allegheny River.