## Up A Creek



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## How Do I Get From This

- Beginning at a Pine in Matthias Manning's line and running to \& along Creekmure's line East 440 poles to a Pine in Pridgen Manning's line, thence North 100 poles to a Blk Oak in Persons Rackley's line, thence along his line South $70^{d}$ West 44 po$^{\circ}$ to a corner Read Oak, thence along his other line North $20^{\mathrm{d}}$ East 180 pol to a Pine, thence North $50^{d}$ West 68 poles to a Gum in Sikes Branch, thence up the said Branch North 85d West 100 $p^{0}$ to a Gum in Math Manning's line, thence along his line South 138 poles to a Hickory, thence along his other line West to Jos Bachelor's, and along his line West 287 pole to a Gum Math Manning's corner, thence along his line South to the beginning.


## To This



## Then To This



## Required Resources

- Word processing software
- Internet access
- Deeds that are boundary descriptive
- Protractor
- Ruler divided into tenths of an inch
- Calculator


## How do I acquire a map?

- Access the internet
- Type in www.mapquest.com
- When the homepage loads type in the name of the town close to the area you are interested in. Type in State
- Left click on "Search" or press "enter" on the keyboard


## How do I acquire a map?

- When the map appears on screen, left click on the blue button beside the left border labeled "City"
- The map now shows names of roads and streams
- Note the top scale bar in the upper right hand corner of the map is given as one mile


## How do I acquire a map

- Left click on the blue border to find the location you want.
- With the pointer in the map, right click, move down to "Save Picture As..." and left click.
- Type in where you want to save the map and type in a name for the file.


## Insert the map

- Open your word processing software
- Left click on insert
- Move the pointer down to "Picture" and then move pointer to "From File" and left click
- Select the directory where you saved the map and left click on the file name you gave the map


## Format the Map

- After the map have been inserted left click on "File" and move the pointer down to "Page Setup..." and left click
- Change all margins to at least .5 inches
- Change from "Portrait" to "Landscape"
- Place pointer at lower right hand corner and drag the map until the enlargement reaches the scale of 1 inch equals 1 mile


## Format the Map

- Place pointer over "View" and left click
- Move pointer down to "Toolbars", then down to "drawing" and left click
- Drawing toolbars should appear, usually at the bottom of your screen
- Name and save your file


## Deed Distance Conversion

- Distance in deeds was usually specified as poles or chains
- Conversion factors
- One pole = 16.5 feet
- One chain $=4$ poles $=16.5$ feet $X 4=66$ feet
- One out $=10$ chains $=66 \mathrm{ft} \mathrm{X} 10=660$ feet
- One mile $=5280$ feet


## Deed Distance

- In the deed the first distance given is 440 poles East
- Conversion from 440 poles to feet is 440 times 16.5 or 7260 feet
- Conversion from 7260 feet to miles is 7260 divided by 5280 or approximately 1.4 miles


## Begin to plat the deed

- Since the beginning point in the deed does not give a natural landmark, look to see if one is stated
- One of the boundaries stated is "up the said Branch North $85^{\mathrm{d}}$ West 100 po"
- Place protractor at Sikes Branch to find the area where it runs the specified angle
- Draw the boundary line running up the branch North $85^{d}$ West 100 poles [. 3 mile]


## Plat the deed

- The next boundary line given is "South 138 poles"
- Draw a line South 138 poles [. 4 mile]
- Continue until the plat is complete


## From Words to a Picture

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## Things To Consider

- Waterways/streams may have been known by more than one name or changed name over a period of time
- A corner post oak may be a corner white oak/corner red oak/oak stump, etc in another deed
- Distance may vary from deed to deed
- Some deeds did not get recorded


