

MERCER COUNTY DEEDS OF BOOHERS/BOOKERS

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These are transcriptions of the deeds found in the Mercer County Courthouse pertaining to land of the Boohers/Bookers. These all deal with the same tract or parcel of land. They number from Page 10 thru 17. These are found on microfilm #P-1. Then you find the film that has the correct numbers. The one film did include all of the needed numbers.

This land was designated "Donations Lands". At the time of the transactions, it was in Mercer County. The same piece of land would now be in Lawrence Co., which was not formed until 1849.

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Deed

John Ashley This Indenture made the fourteenth day of January
 To in the year of our Lord one thousand eight
Caspar & Elizabeth hundred and thirty between John Ashley of
Booher the city of Philadelphia, merchant and Sarah
his wife of the one part and Caspar Booher of Huntingdon County and
state of Pennsylvania, farmer and Elizabeth Booher of Mercer County
and State aforesaid widow of the other part witnesseth that the said
John Ashley and Sarah his wife for and in consideration of the sum of one
Thousand and fifty dollars lawful money of the United States to them paid
by the said Caspar Booher and Elizabeth Booher at the time of the
execution hereof the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted,
bargained, sold, released and confirmed and by these presents do grant
bargain, sell, release and confirm unto the said Caspar Booher and Eliz-
abeth Booher their heirs and assigns as tenants in common all that
certain tract or parcel of land lying in the County of Mercer in the State of
Pennsylvania on the west side of the Allegheny River in the second
district of donation lands bounded and described as followeth to
wit. Beginning at a post and Hickory the numbered corner then
running south by Lot # 1807 two hundred and sixty one perches and a
half of a perch to a White Oak. Thence East by Lot # 1815 one hundred and
thirty perches to a White Oak. Thence North by Lot # 1812 two hundred and
sixty one perches to a post and Hickory. Thence West by Lot # 1818 one hun-
dred and thirty perches to the place of beginning – containing two hundred
acres and the usual allowance of six percent for roads etc. & numbered a-
mong other lots in the said district 1811. (Being the same premises which
Daniel St. Clair and wife by Indenture dated the seventh day of April A.D.
One thousand eight hundred and six recorded in the office for recording of
Deeds etc. & for the county of Mercer in deed Book B page 129. etc. & granted and

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conveyed unto the said John Ashley in fee as in and by the said recited Indenture will more fully appear together with all and singular the improvements ways woods, waters, water courses rights liberties privileges immunities hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever unto the said hereby granted premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions remainders rents issues and profits thereof and all the estate, right, title, interest, property claims and demand whatsoever of them the said John Ashley and Sarah his wife as well at law as in Equity of in to and out of the same. To have and to hold the said described tract or parcel of land hereditaments and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said Caspar Booher and Elizabeth Booher their heirs and assigns as tenants in common to and for the only proper use and behoof of the said Caspar Booher and Elizabeth Booher their heirs and assigns forever as tenants in common and not as joint tenants.

And the said John Ashley and his heirs all and singular the hereditaments and premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said Caspar Booher and Elizabeth Booher their heirs and assigns as tenants in common. against him the said John Ashley and his heirs and against all and every other person and persons whomsoever lawfully claiming or to claim by from or under him them or any of them shall and will warrant and forever defend by these presents. In witness whereof the said parties have interchangeably set their hands and seals hereunto

Year first above written
Sealed and delivered in presence of us
Sarah E. Ashley R. Witting Jun

Dated the day and
John Ashley {Seal}
Sarah Ashley {Seal}

Received the day of the date of the above written Indenture of the above Named Caspar Booher and Elizabeth Booher the sum of one thousand and fifty dollars being the full consideration money above mentioned.

Witness at signing Sarah E. Ashley John Ashley
R. Witting Jn Sarah Ashley

The fourteenth day of January A.D. 1830 before me one of the alderman of the city of Philadelphia, came the above named John Ashley and Sarah his wife and acknowledged the above written indenture to be their act and deed and desired the same may be recorded as such. The said Sarah being of full age and by me examined apart from her husband declared that she executed the said Indenture voluntarily and of her own free will and accord without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband and the full contents thereof being by me first made known to her. Witness my hand and seal the day and year aforesaid.

R. Witting {Seal}
Recorded January 26th 1837 Alder.

Release To all people to whom these presents shall come we
Henry Roberts et.al. Henry Roberts and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth
& Booher, Samuel Booher, Jacob Booher, James Linn and
John Booher Nancy his wife late Nancy Booher all of the county of
Huntingdon and commonwealth of Pennsylvania and Henry Booher
of Beaver County and commonwealth aforesaid all heirs and legal repre-
sentatives of Caspar Booher late of Shirly township in the county of Hunting-

don aforesaid deceased send greeting. Whereas a certain John Ashley of the city of Philadelphia merchant and Sarah his wife by Indenture under their hands and seals duly executed bearing date the fourteenth day of January eighteen hundred and thirty for the consideration therein mentioned

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did grant and convey unto the above named Caspar Booher deceased in his life time and to a certain Elizabeth Booher of Mercer County and State aforesaid their heirs and assigns as tenants in common all that certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Mahoning township and county of Mercer aforesaid on the west side of the Allegheny River in the second district of donation lands bounded and described as follows to wit beginning at a post and Hickory the numbered corner. Thence running South by Lot No. 1807 two hundred and sixty one and a half perches to a White Oak thence East by Lot No. 1815 one hundred and thirty perches to a White Oak. Thence North by Lot No. 1812 two hundred and sixty one perches to a post and Hickory. Thence West by Lot No. 1818 one hundred and thirty perches to the place of beginning containing two hundred acres and the usual allowance of six percent for roads etc. numbered among other lots in the said District 1811. (Being the same premises which Daniel St. Clair & wife by Indenture dated the seventh day of April A.D. 1806 recorded in the office for recording of deeds for the county of Mercer in Deed Book B page 129 etc. & granted and conveyed unto the said John Ashley in fee. Now know ye that all the said Henry Roberts and Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Booher, Samuel Booher, Jacob Booher, James Linn and Nancy his wife late Nancy Booher and Henry Booher all children and heirs & legal representatives of the aforesaid Caspar Booher dec'd for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar lawful Money of the United States to us in hand paid by John Booher of Huntingdon County & State aforesaid also one of the heirs of the said Caspar Booher dec'd as well as for other good and valuable considerations moving us thereto have and by these presents do remise release and forever quit claim unto the said John Booher and to his heirs and assigns all our right, title, interest and estate whatsoever of in to or out of the above and within described tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances together with all and singular the ways woods water waters courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining and the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof. To have and to hold all our right, title interest and estate whatsoever of in to or out of the above and within described tract or parcel of land with the appurtenances unto the said John Booher and his heirs and assigns to & for the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said John Booher his heirs and assigns forever. In testimony whereof we have hereunto set our hands and seals the twentieth day of October A.D. eighteen hundred and thirty two sealed and delivered in presence of

William Harvey John Harvey

Henry Roberts {Seal}
Elizabeth (her mark) Roberts {Seal}
Samuel Booher {Seal}

Jacob Booher {Seal}
James Linn {Seal}
Nancy Linn {Seal}
Henry Booher {Seal}

Received on the day of the date of the above & forgoing release of John
Booher one dollar the consideration therein mentioned Henry Roberts
Test William Harvey

Samuel Booher
Jacob Booher
James Linn

State of Pennsylvania Huntingdon County ss {Seal} Before me the

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Subscriber one of the justices of the peace in & for said County personally came Henry
Roberts and Elizabeth his wife, Samuel Booher, Jacob Booher & James Linn
& Nancy his wife & severally & respectively acknowledged the within release to be
Their act and deed & desired that it might be recorded as such the said Eliz-
abeth & Nancy being examined by me separate & apart from their said husbands
& the full contents of said release being first fully made known unto them. They
upon such separate examination did declare and say that they did voluntari-
ly & of their own free will and accord seal and as their acts & deeds
did deliver said release without any coercion or compulsion of their said
husbands. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the
twentieth day of October A.D. 1832 William Harvey

Huntingdon County ss {Seal} Before me the subscriber one of the justices
of the peace in & for the County of aforesaid personally came Henry Booher
and acknowledged the within release to be his act & deed and desired that it
might be recorded as such. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand
and seal the twentieth Day of October AD 1832. William Harvey

Recorded January 26, 1837

Deed of Release

Simon Snyder

To

Elizabeth Booher

Know all men by these presents that we Simon Snyder &
Elizabeth his wife late Elizabeth Beatty who was a daughter
of Catharine Beatty who was a daughter of Caspar Booher
late of Shirley township in the county of Huntingdon de-
ceased for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar lawful money of the
United States to us in hand paid by Elizabeth Booher widow & relict of Dan-
iel Booher dec'd of the county of Mercer and State of Pennsylvania as well
as for other good and valuable considerations us thereunto moving we
the said Simon Snyder & Elizabeth his wife have and by these presents
do remise release & forever quit claim unto the said Elizabeth Booher all
our right, title, interest and estate of in to or out of all that certain tract
of land situate in the County of Mercer aforesaid in the second dis-
trict of Donation land. Beginning at a post and Hickory the numbered
corner then running south by Lot No. 1807 two hundred and sixty one
perches & a half to a White Oak. Thence East by Lot No. 1815 one hundred
and thirty perches to a White Oak thence North by Lot. No. 1812 two hun-

dred and sixty one perches to a post & Hickory. Thence West by Lot No. 1818 one hundred and thirty perches to the place of beginning containing two hundred acres & the usual allowance for roads etc.. (Being the same tract of land which the commonwealth of Pennsylvania by patent granted unto Daniel St. Clair and which by sundry conveyances & assurances in the law became vested in the said Caspar Booher dec'd & Elizabeth Booher as tenants in common) Together with all & singular the buildings, improvements, rights liberties privileges hereditaments & appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining & the reversions and remainders rents issues and profits thereof. To have and to hold all our right, title, interest & estate of in & to said tract of land unto the said Elizabeth Booher her heirs & assigns for and during the natural life of her the said Elizabeth Booher and in trust for the heirs & legal representatives of the said Daniel Booher dec'd after the decease of her the said Elizabeth Booher and their heirs & assigns forever in testimony whereof we have here unto set our hands and seals the fourteenth day of October A.D. 1833. Simon Snyder {Seal} Elizabeth X Snyder {Seal} her mark

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sealed and delivered in presence of us William Harvey John Long
 Received one dollar the consideration money within mentioned
 Test. William Harvey John Long Simon Snyder
 Huntingdon County ss {Seal} Before me the subscriber one of the justices
 of the peace in & for said county personally came Simon Snyder & Elizabeth
 his wife & acknowledged the above & within release to be their act and deed
 & desired that it might be recorded as such. The said Elizabeth being by
 me examined separate & apart from her said husband and the full contents
 of said release being first fully made known to her she upon such separate
 examination did declare & say that she did voluntarily & of her own
 free will & accord seal & as her act & deed did deliver said release
 without any coercion or compulsion of her said husband. In testimony
 whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the fourteenth day of October
 A.D. 1833. Recorded January 26th A.D. 1837 William Harvey

Release To all people to whom these presents shall come
 Barbara Booher Exrix I Barbara Booher the relict and sole executrix
 & of the last will & testament of John Booher
 Elizabeth Booher in trust late of Shirley Township in the County of Hunting-
 don and State of Pennsylvania deceased send greeting. Whereas the said
 John Booher in his lifetime and the said Barbara his wife by their
 deed of release duly executed and acknowledged. Bearing date the twentieth
 day of October A.D. Eighteen hundred and thirty two did remise and release
 unto Elizabeth Booher of Mercer County and State aforesaid widow &
 relict of Daniel Booher late of the County of Huntingdon aforesaid dec'd
 all their right, title, interest and estate whatsoever of in to and out of all that
 certain tract or parcel of land situate lying and being in Mahoning Town-
 ship and County of Mercer aforesaid on the west side of the Allegheny

river in the second district of donation lands bounded and described as follows to wit: Beginning at a post and Hickory the numbered corner. Thence running south by Lot No. 1807 two hundred and sixty one & a half perches to a White Oak. Thence East by Lot No. 1815 one hundred and thirty perches to a White Oak. Thence North by Lot No. 1812 two hundred and sixty one perches to a post and Hickory. Thence West by Lot No. 1818 one hundred and thirty perches to the place of beginning containing two hundred acres and the usual allowance of six percent for roads. Etc. (Being the same tract of land which a certain John Ashley & wife by deed dated 14th January 1830 granted & conveyed unto Caspar Booher (now deceased) & the aforesaid Elizabeth Booher as tenants in common and the same tract which the heirs of Caspar Booher dec'd by deed of release granted and conveyed unto the said John Booher (party hereto) their right & interest therein as heirs & legal representatives of the said Caspar Booher deceased) and whereas the said release from the said John Booher & Barbara his wife was not delivered to the said Elizabeth Booher before the death of the said John and whereas an application to the legislature of Pennsylvania an Act was passed on the first day of April AD 1836 and approved by the Governor in and by which Barbara Booher the relict & sole executrix aforesaid of the said John Booher deceased was authorized to execute a release to the said Elizabeth Booher for the within described tract of land now know all men by these presents that I Barbara Booher the

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relict and sole executrix of the said John Booher deceased for and in consideration of the sum of one dollar to me in hand paid by the said Elizabeth Booher the receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged and also pursuant to the powers and authorities to me given in and by the before recited act of assembly have and by these presents do remise release and forever quit claim unto the said Elizabeth Booher her heirs and assigns all the right, title, interest and estate whatsoever which the said John Booher in his lifetime and I the said Barbara his wife had and held in the within described tract of land and premises and particularly such interest (and no other) in the same tract of land and premises than would have been conveyed by the said John Booher in his lifetime & the said Barbara Booher his wife by Their Deed of release before recited together with all & singular the buildings, improvements, rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances whatsoever thereunto belonging or in any wise appertaining & the reversions & remainders rents issues and profits thereof to Have and to hold the same tract of land & premises with the appurtenances (under the limitations & restrictions mentioned in the said recited Act of Assembly) unto the said Elizabeth Booher for and during her natural life and in trust for the use and benefit of the heirs & legal representatives of the said Daniel Booher deceased after the decease of her the said Eliz-

abeth agreeably to the last will and testament of the said Daniel Booher dec'd duly proved and Registered in the Registers office of the County of Huntingdon aforesaid to and for the only proper use benefit and behoof of the said Elizabeth Booher & the heirs and legal representatives of the said Daniel Booher deceased agreeably to the last will and testament of the said deceased their heirs and assigns for ever and it is hereby expressly declared & understood that this release is not to bear or affect any right, interest or claim which she the said Barbara Booher may or of right ought to have in the real estate of the said Daniel Booher dec'd in her own right as one of the daughters and heirs of the said deceased. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of October A.D. 1836. Barbara Booher seal sealed and delivered in presence of Relict & sole executrix of John Booher deceased us Solomon Dunkle John Harvey William Harvey

Rec'd on the day of the date of the above & foregoing release of Elizabeth Booher one dollar the consideration money therein mentioned.

Test Solomon Dunkle Barbara Booher relict & sole executrix
John Harvey William Harvey of John Booher dec'd

State of Pennsylvania Huntingdon County ss {Seal} Before me the subscriber one of the justices of the peace in & for said County of Huntingdon personally came Barbara Booher relict & sole executrix of John Booher dec'd & acknowledged the within deed of release to be her act and deed & desired that it might be recorded as such. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and seal the fifteenth day of October A.D. 1836 (Recorded January 26h 1837) William Harvey

Mortgage This Indenture made the sixteenth day of January in the
E. Booher et. al. year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and thirty
To seven between Elizabeth Booher surviving executrix of
Robt. Walker the estate of Daniel Booher late of Huntingdon county

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deceased & Henry Booher & Daniel Booher her sons & Barbary Booher, Nancy Booher, Pheby Booher, Elizabeth Snider intermarried John Snider, Susana Bell intermarried to John Bell & David Stevens & Polly Booher intermarried to Jacob Booher of the first part & Robert Wallace of Mahoning township in the county of Mercer State of Penn. Of the second part witnesseth that whereas the said Elizabeth Booher, Henry Booher, Daniel Booher, Elizabeth Snider, Barbary Booher, Nancy Booher, Susana Bell, Polly Booher, Pheby Booher & David Stevens in and by a certain agreement bearing date the Tenth day of December 1836 doth stand bound unto the said Robert Wallace in the sum of four hundred and fifty dollars lawful money of the State of Penn & conditioned for the payment of said four hundred & fifty dollars on the tenth day of December 1837 or conditioned by said verbal agreement now this Indenture witnesseth that the said Elizabeth, Henry Booher, Daniel Booher, Barbary Booher, Nancy Booher, Pheby Booher, Elizabeth Snider, Polly Booher, Susana Bell & David Stevens as well for and in

Consideration of the aforesaid sum of four hundred fifty dollars and for the better securing the payment thereof unto the said Robert Wallace his executors administrators and assigns in charge by the said verbal agreement as of the further sum of one dollar to them in hand paid by the said Robert Wallace at the time of the execution hereof the receipt hereof is where of is hereby acknowledged hath granted, bargained, sold, released and confirmed unto the said Robert Wallace his executors administrators & assigns all that tract or parcel of land situate in Mahoning Township in the County of Mercer. Beginning at a post and Hickory thence south by land of Whitings 105 100/87 perches to a post. Thence east by other lands of Booher 87-3- to a post. Thence north 35 100/87 to a post . Thence east 46 7-to a post and thence west 70 perches to the place of beginning containing seventy three & one half acres with allowance of six percent for roads. It being part of Donation Lot of two hundred acres in the second district of Donation lands and marked on the general draft by No. 1811. Being the same lot of land conveyed by John Ashley & wife to Caspar Booher & Elizabeth Booher as tenants in common and conveyed by the heirs of Caspar Booher by releases to Elizabeth Booher & her heirs and now Conveyed by this Indenture by Elizabeth Booher, Henry Booher, Daniel Booher, Barbary Booher, Nancy Booher, Elizabeth Snider, Polly Booher & Susana Bell & Pheby Booher & David Stevens son in law Relecht & heirs of Daniel Booher late of Huntingdon County PA deceased to Procure money to pay the debts against said estate Reference to the last will and testament of Daniel Booher will more fully show together with all and singular the buildings, improvements ways waters water courses rights liberties privileges hereditaments and appurtenances unto the said. Hereby granted premises belonging or in any wise appertaining and the reversions and remainders thereof. To have and to hold the said described property with the appurtenances to the said Robert Wallace his heirs executors administrators or assigns forever. Provided always nevertheless that of the said Elizabeth or any of the above mentioned heirs or their executors or administrators or assigns. Shall and do will and truly pay or cause to be paid to the said Robert Wallace or his assigns the aforesaid debt or sum of four hundred and fifty dollars at the time herein before mentioned and appointed. Then as well this present Indenture and the estate hereby granted as the said recited _____

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agreement shall become void and of none effect anything herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. In witness whereof the said partys have hereunto set their hands and seals _____ on the day and year first above written thus dated at the time of signing. Elizabeth (X) Booher

Signed and delivered in presence of

Alexr Miller

Alexr Miller, Jr.

Henry (X) Booher

Nancy (X) Booher

Pheby (X) Booher

Received on the day of the date of the within deed of mortgage of and from Robert Wallace one dollar the consideration therein mentioned.

Elizabeth (X) Booher, Henry Booher, Nancy (X) Booher , Pheby (X) Booher
State of Pennsylvania Mercer County ss {Seal}. Before the subscriber
one of the justices of the peace in and for said County of Mercer personally
came Elizabeth Booher, Henry Booher, Nancy Booher, Pheby Booher
and acknowledged the within deed of Mortgage to be their act and deed
and desired the might be recorded as such. Given under my hand
and seal this 16th day of January A.D. 1837. Alexr Miller justice of the peace
Recorded January 26th 1837