

Page 107 and "Draft" of 500 acres on the "Skoolkill" Schuylkill River, next to Germantown and Liberty Lands, and includes land on both sides of the Wissahickon Creek. Survey recorded as "Returned the 19th 4^{Mo} 84" (1684) "TH" (Thomas Holmes)

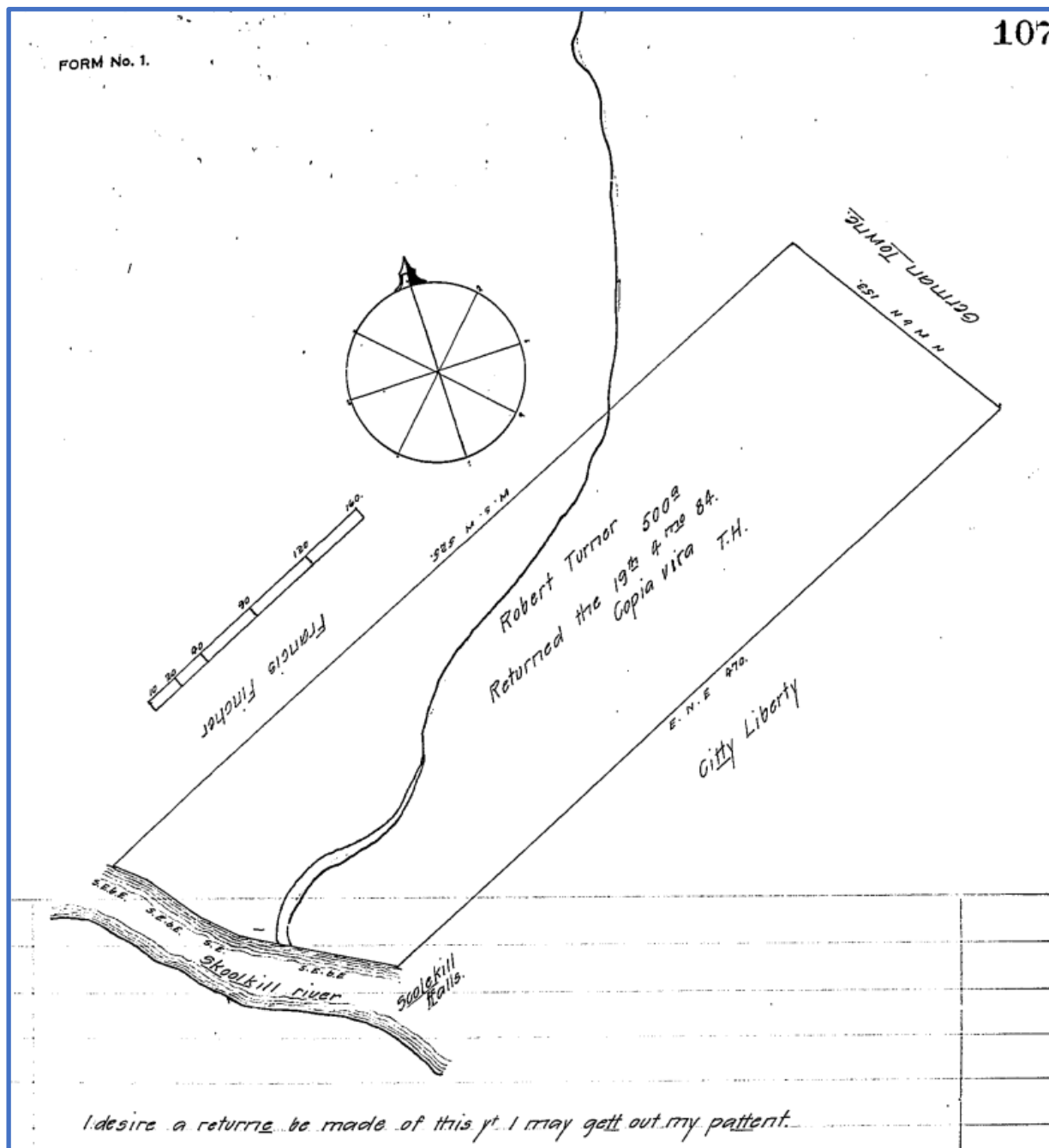
Transcription made 18 Nov 1909 – Pg 107
CTRL-CLCK: [Book D-75 pg 213.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

Of interest, it would seem that the original 'draft' (not found) may have been penned by Robert Turner himself as the bottom line of its transcription says "I desire a returne (*sic*) be made of this yet I may get out my pattennt" (*sic*).

Of secondary interest, it appears that land to the west was to be surveyed by/for Francis Fincher (Book D 65-278 [Book D-65 pg 555.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)), but early maps record that this land went to Richard & Robert Vicaris. Perhaps: [Book D-75 pg 291.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)
The Patent Francis Fincher was ultimately given was four 'lots' farther west.

The western boundary was recorded as 525 perches, the eastern 470 perches, and the northern – Germantown as 153 perches and these are the same measurements in the Patent.

Lastly and spelling aside, it is interesting that the draft survey has on it a notation of the "Soolekill Falls" (*sic*) bottom center.



Survey Robert Turner 500 Acres #252 for the Warrant dated **20 Jan 1683** and recorded 19 Apr 1684.

N^o 252 T & V
Robert Turners
Return 500.⁴

Pennsylvania By Vertue of a Warrant from the Proprietaries and Governor Bearing date the 20th of the 1st month Last Directed to me, I have by Certificate into his Secretarys Office that I have Caused to be Surveyed and Set out unto Robert Turner Purchaser, the 30th of the Said month the quantity five hundred Acres of Land, Beginning at a Corner marked Spanish Oak Standing by the Schuylkill River from thence E. N. E. by Philadelphia Liberties 470 pches to a Corner marked White Oak from thence N. W. by the German Town one hundred fifty and three pches to a Corner Marked Stake from thence W. S. W. five hundred twenty and five pches to a corner Marked Butch Standing by the Schuylkill River from thence on Severall Courses down the Schuylkill River to the first mentioned Spanish oak and is accordingly Entered and recorded in My office at Philadelphia this 19th of the 4th month 1684. Tho: Holme Sur^t. Gen^l
By R. named Shoemaker Clarke

Robert Turner and William Penn: on March 5, 1681, the very next day after his Charter was signed granting Penn the land in America, he writes to his friend, Robert Turner, a Quaker of Dublin, stating that his province has been confirmed, and adds: "Thou mayest communicate my grant to friends, and expect shortly my proposals." [The Welsh Settlement at Gwynedd on JSTOR](#)

The 1681 warrant noted in another footnote has not been found. Article referenced is interesting as infers that Turner introduced to Penn the Welsh who settled in Gwynedd and perhaps in Merion.

* It was to Robert Turner, then a merchant in Dublin, that Penn wrote his interesting letter of March, 1681, announcing that "after many waitings, watchings, solicitings, and disputes in Council, this day my country was confirmed unto me . . . by the name of Pennsylvania." See *Memoirs Hist. Soc. of Penna.*, Vol. I.

¹ This partnership embraced three Irish business men, John Gee, Jacob Fuller, and Joseph Fuller. They received warrants for land from Penn at the same time Turner got his first warrant, in March, 1681. They were doubtless friends and associates of Turner.

Patent 24 Apr 1684 signed by William Penn the "final, official deed from the Penns or the Commonwealth, which conveys clear title and all rights to the private owner." Quoted from [Land Records Overview \(pa.gov\)](http://LandRecordsOverview(pa.gov))

Warrant referenced in text as granted 12 Jan 1683. Note that it was called "Shomack Park" and Patent was written in first person tense "...Warrant from my selfe..." (line 13) and "...fourth year of my Government" (last line), perhaps written as well as signed personally by William Penn.

William Penn by Providence of God & Kings Authority Proprietary
& Governour of the Province of Pennsylvania & Territories therunto belonging
To all to whom these presents shall come sendeth greeting Whereas there
is a certaine tract of land in the County of Philadelphia called Shomack Park
beginning at a corner marked Spanish Oak standing by the Schuylkill River
from thence East North East by Philadelphia Liberties four hundred
& Seventy Perches to a corner marked White Oak from thence North
West & North by the German Town one hundred fifty & Three Perches
to a corner marked Stake from thence West South West five hundred
Twenty & five Perches to a corner marked butch standing by the Schuylkill
River then down the said River on severall courses to the first mentioned
Spanish Oak containing five Hundred acres of Land granted by a
Warrant from my selfe bearing date the Twentieth day of the first Month
the Thousand six Hundred Eighty & Three & laid out by the Survey
Genl. the Thirtieth day of the said Month the year 1683 unto Robert Turner
Purchaser of the said Robert Turner recieving me to confirm the same by
his own Knowledge that I have given granted & confirmed & by these presents
do give grant & confirme unto the said Robert
Turner his Heirs & Assignes for ever the five Hundred acres of Land
to have hold & enjoy the said Land to the only use & behoof of the said Robert
Turner his Heirs & Assignes for ever To be holden of me my Heirs
& Successors Proprietaries of Pennsylvania & the Territories therunto
belonging as of our Mannor of Springetts Berry in the County of Bucks
in fee & common Socage by fealty only his Heirs & Assignes
same according to Regulation Yielding & paying therefor to me my Heirs
& Successors at or upon the first day of the first Month in every year at Phila
delphia one English Silver Shilling the value thereof in money paid by the
said Robert Turner or persons he shall be from time to time appointed for the same
whereof I have caused these my Letters to be made Patent Witness my hand
at Philadelphia the fourteenth day of the fourth Month the Thousand
six hundred Eighty & four being the fourth year of my Government
Wm Penn

Read and signed 1684

DATE OF PATENT			Page	PATENTEE	AREA		WARRANTEE	NAME OF TRACT	DATE OF WARRANT			COUNTY
Day	Month	Year			Acres	Frs.			Day	Month	Year	
A - No 1 - Dec - 1683 - Nov - 1691												
20	April	1683	11	Turner, Robert		City Lot	Robert Turner		14	April	1683	Phila
19	"	"	12	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"	"
24	"	1684	13	"	"	500 -	"	"	20	July	"	"
"	"	"	14	"	"	500 -	"	"	1	July	1682	"
5	June	"	25	"	"	City Lot	"	"	5	June	1684	"

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OLD RIGHTS, *Philadelphia* COUNTY.

Number	NAME OF PURCHASER	Kind of Paper	Acres	Date of Warrant	Date of Survey	NAME OF PATENTEE	PATENT RECORDS			SURVEY RECORD		
							Bk.	Vol.	Pg.	Bk.	Vol.	Pg.
76	Turner Robert	Return	7120 Acres		December 2, 1694				B	22	77	
77	Turner Robert	Levy	116		December 14, 1683				20	75	114	
78	Turner Robert	Return	1721	"	December 11, 1683				20	75	124	
79	Turner Robert	Draft	3020	"	March 5, 1689				B	22	79	
80	Turner Robert	Warrant	500		January 20, 1683				20	75	109	
81	Turner Robert & Co	"	5600	"	December 14, 1683				20	75	110	
82	Turner Robert	"	Liberty Land		April 14, 1683				20	75	108	
83	Turner Robert	Draft	500 Acres		April 19, 1684				20	75	107	

Small bit of confusion: Page 109 in the "Old Right" for **20 Jan 1683/84** – above says **500 acres**, but transcription in below entry (18 Nov 1909) says 200 acres: [Book D-75 pg 217.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

It seems to be same 500 acres as in/on page 107 as next to last lines say "The Governor ordered me to lay it out next to ye City Liberties above the Skoolkill Falls."

Other: Page 108 gave Turner 100 acres "within ye bounds thereof **on Tekony**" (sic) being now the Tookany Creek, which now becomes/flows into the Frankford Creek. Tekony found elsewhere in this context "...by ye Bristoll Friends up Tekony" [William Frampton in Philadelphia : 1683 - 1686. MIXED GENES.](#)

The Tookany Creek connection is of some interest as the "Wall House" built in 1682 still exists and is next to the Tookany Creek where an early mill was erected. [Richard Wall house - Wikipedia](#)

William Penn Proprietary & Govern^r of ye Province of Pennsylvania & ye Territories thereunto belonging.

At ye request of Robert Turner yt I would grant him to take up two hundred acres of land in part of his Purchase, in ye County of Philadelphia. These are to will & require thee forthwth to survey or cause to be surveyd unto him ye s^d number of acres in ye aforementioned County, where not already taken up, according to ye method of Townships appointed by me, & make returns thereof into my Secretarys office.

Given at Philadelphia, ye 20th of ye 1st mo. 1683^{1/4}

For Thomas Holmes *W^m Penn*

Survey^r Generall

The Govern^r ordered me to lay it out next to ye City Liberties above the Skoolkill Falls.

30th orderd T.F. to lay it out in any townshipp of ye County of Philadelphia where not already taken up.

City Lots and other

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							Bk.	Vol.	Pg.	Bk.	Vol.	Pg.
16	Tellsen Jacob	Warrant	2995 Acres	September 1655					20	75	94	
17	Turner Robert	"	Bank Lot	January 29, 1689					20	75	96	
18	Turner Robert	"	Bank Lot	July 4, 1684					20	83	120	
19	Turner Richard	"	Bank Lot	January 1689					20	75	149	
20	Turner Robert	"	Bank Lot	December 15, 1689					20	75	147	
21	Turner Robert	"	Friend Lot	April 11, 1683					20	75	93	
22	Turner Robert	"	City Lot	April 11, 1683					20	75	92	
23	Turner Robert	"	City Lot	May 31, 1682					20	75	141	

[r17-79OldRightsIndexPhila 187.pdf \(state.pa.us\)](#)

11	Turner Robert	Warrant	11	September 26, 1652					20	75	145
12	Turner Robert	"	Swamp	November 12, 1689					20	75	99
13	Turner Robert	Return	95 Acres	Had Date					20	75	119