

Transcription of Land Patent for Donald Munro of the Seventy Seventh Regiment of Foot, May
13th 1765 with notes

PROVINANCE: This document was recovered from the home of James Leonard Munro (b. 6, January, 1849—d. 23 June, 1935) in Novi., Michigan, November 2019, possibly from his great grandfather Solomon Munro's desk (b. 22, Feb., 1772—d. 12, January, 1845) as identified in “A Genealogy of the Munro Family in the United States, Canada, and Nova Scotia, With Historical Introduction, etc.” by Via Adella Munro

[PRINT] GEORGE The Third, by the Grace of GOD, of Great-Britain, France, and Ireland; KING, Defender of the Faith, and so forth: To all whom these Presents shall come, Greeting; Know ye, That of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We have Given, Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed and DO by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs and Successors, Give, Grant, Ratify, and Confirm, unto [SCRIPT] Our loving Subject Donald Munro, being a disbanded non Commission Officer having [served] in North America during the late War and belonging to our Seventy Seventh Regiment of Foot: All that [certain] Tractor Parcel of Land situated lying and being on [...] side of Hudson’s River in the [...] within our Province of New York: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land Surveyed for William Fraser¹ [...] in the Seventy eight Regiment, and runs thence West Sixty Chains and Seventeen Links; then South thirty five chains then West Sixty Chains and Seventeen Links [...] North Sixty five Chains to the Place where the Tract first began, containing two hundred Acres of Land and the [usual] Allowance for Highways.²

¹ *Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts* lists a survey for “Wm. Frasier, late serjeant in the 78th regiment” on the same date of November 6th, 1764 as the survey for “Donald Munro”. *Calendar of N.Y. Colonial Manuscripts Indorced Land Papers in the Office of the Secretary of State of New York, 1643-1803* (Albany: Weed, Parsons & Co., 1864) 352

² Where the script text was illegible, a transcribed word choice was inserted, indicated with a bracket “[]” based on a transcription from a similar land patent dated July, 30th, 1765. Mrs. Catharina V.R. Bonney, *A Legacy of Historical Gleanings. Compiled and Arranged by Mrs. Catharina V.R. Bonney with Illustrations and Autographs, In Two Volumes. Volume I.* (Albany, N.Y.: J. Munsell 82 State Street, 1875) 36-37

"George The Third, by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland; King, Defender of the faith, and so forth: To all whom these Presents shall come Greeting: Know Ye, That of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, We, have Given, Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed; and Do by these Presents, for Us, our Heirs, and Successors, Give, Grant, Ratify, and Confirm unto Our loving Subject Christain Stadle being a disbanded non Commission Officer having serven in North America during the late War and last belonging to our Fifty-fifth Regiment of Foot: All that certain Tractor parcel of Land situate lying and being in the County of Albany on the East-side of Hudsons River within our Province of New York: Beginning at the Southwest Corner of a Tract of Land Surveyed for John McDonald and runs thence East Sixty Chains and sixteen Links; Then South Thirtyfive Chains; Then West Sixty Chains and Sixteen Links and then North thirty-five Chains to the place where this Tract first began Containing Two hundred acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways."

[PRINT] TOGETHER with all and singular Tenements Hereditaments, Emoluments, and Appurtenances thereunto belonging or appertaining: And also, ALL Our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim, and Demand whatsoever of, in, and to the same, and every Part and Parcel thereof. And the Reversion and Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents, Issues, and Profits thereof, and of every Part and Parcel thereof; Except, and always reserved out of this Our present Grant unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors for ever, ALL MINES OF GOLD AND SILVER; AND ALSO, ALL WHITE or other Sort of PINE-TREES fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty-four Inches Diameter and upwards, at Twelve Inches from the Earth for Masts for the Royal Navy of Us, Our Heirs and Successors. To have and to hold the said Tract of Land, Tenements, Hereditaments, by these Presents Granted, Ratified, and Confirmed, and every Part and Parcel thereof, with their, and every of their Appurtenances, (except as is herein before excepted) unto the said [SCRIPT] Donald Munro [PRINT] HIS Heirs and Assigns, To the only proper Use and Behoof of him the said [SCRIPT] Donald Munro for ever; to be holden of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in free and common Socage, as of Our Manor of East Greenwich, in Our County of Kent, within Our Kingdom of Great Britain, free, clear, and exempted of and from all Quit-Rent to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, until the full End and Term of Ten Years from the Date of these Presents; And after the Expiration of the said Ten Years, then Yielding, Rendering, and Paying therefore yearly, for every year thereafter, unto Us, Our Heirs and Successors, at Our Custom-House, in Our City of New-York, unto Our or their Collector, or Receiver General there for the Time being, on the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day³, the yearly Rent of Two Shillings and Six-pence, Sterling, for each and every hundred Acres of the above granted Lands, and so in Proportion for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and excepting such Parts allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties, and Demands whatsoever, for the hereby granted lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. PROVIDED Always, and upon Condition nevertheless, That if the said [SCRIPT] Donald Munro [PRINT] his Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them, shall within Three Years next ensuing the Date hereof, settle as [SCRIPT] ^ one [PRINT] ~~many~~ Families on the Tract of Land hereby granted ~~as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres thereof~~:⁴ Or if he the said [SCRIPT] Donald Munro [PRINT] his Heirs or Assigns, or some or one of them shall not also within Three Years as aforesaid, plant and effectually cultivate, at theleast Three Acres for every Fifty Acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation: Or if the said [SCRIPT] Donald Munro [PRINT] his Heirs or Assigns, or any other Person or Persons [...] is, their, or any of the Privity, Consent, or Procurement, shall fell, cut down, or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these Presents reserved to Us, Our Heirs and Successors, or hereby intended so to be, without the Royal License of Us, Our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained: Or of this Our present Grant shall not be registered, and entered on Record within Six Months from the Date hereof in Our Secretary's Office, in Our City of New-York, in Our said Province, in one of the Books of Patents there remaining, and a Docquet thereof be also entered in Our Auditor's Office there for Our said Province; that then and in any of these Cases, this Our

³ "Lady Day [April 6th], also known as the Feast of the Annunciation, had been used as the start of the legal year." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lady_Day#Non-religious_significance

⁴ Parts of the print text was obliterated with pen and interlined with the word "one". These changes are noted in script at the end of the document.

present Grant, and every Thing therein contained shall cease, be absolutely void, and of no Effect; and the Lands and Premises hereby granted, shall revert to, and vest in Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as if this Our present Grant had not been made; any Thing herein before contained to the contrary in any wise notwithstanding. And We DO moreover, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and meer Motion, consent and agree, that Our present Grant, being regifted, recorded, and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Law, to all Intents, Constructions, and Purposes, whatsoever, against Us, Our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding any Miscrediting, Misbouding, Misnaming, or other Imperfection or Omission of, in, or any wise concerning the above granted Lands and Premises, or any Part thereof. In Testimony whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to made Patent, and the Great Seal of Our said Province be hereunto affixed. Witness Our Trusty and Well-beloved [SCRIPT] Cadwallader Coldon Esquire and Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America⁵

[PRINT] (In Pursuance of Our Royal Proclamation of the Seventh Day of October, in the Third Year of Our Reign,)⁶ at Our Fort, in Our City of New York, the [SCRIPT] thirteenth [PRINT] Day of [SCRIPT] May [PRINT] One Thousand Seven Hundred and [SCRIPT] Sixty five [PRINT] in the [SCRIPT] fifth [PRINT] Year of Our Rein [SCRIPT] [...] the word one interlined and three several Obliterations made in that and the following line - Clarke⁷

⁵ "Cadwallader Colden (7 February 1688-28 September 1776) was a physician, natural scientist, a lieutenant governor and acting Governor for the Province of New York." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cadwallader_Colden

⁶ "The Royal Proclamation of 1763 was issued by King George III on October 7, 1763, following Great Britain's acquisition of French territory in North America after the end of the Seven Years' War." https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Royal_Proclamation_of_1763

⁷ "Clarke" may be the signature of George Clarke junior who is listed in the New York assembly from 1738-1776. *Civil List and Forms of Government of the Colony and State of New York: Containing Notes on the Various Governmental Organizations; Lists of the Principal Colonial, State and County Officers, and the Congressional Delegations and Presidential Electors, with the Votes of the Electoral Colleges. The Whole Arranged in Constitutional Periods.* (Albany: Weed, Parsons and Company, 1870) 22-25. A separate source identifies George Clarke as secretary of the New York colony from 1738-1778, "excepting two years." *Our County and Its People a Descriptive Work on Oneida County New York*, edited by Daniel E. Wager (The Boston History Company, 1896) 96