

The CHARLOTTE MUSEUM *of* HISTORY

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In 1767 three future Charlotteans purchased 300 acres for £90 pounds. These 300 acres became the center of a new town the people of Mecklenburg County decided to name Charlotte in honor of their Queen. Remember, in 1767 this was the Colony, not the State of North Carolina!

Directions:

Circle all the natural landmarks that George Selwyn, Abraham Alexander, Thomas Polk, and John Frohock used to determine the boundaries of the city of Charlotte.

Underline all the towns, counties, or other locations mentioned in the Land Grant.

Put a square around all the units of measure used to outline boundaries.

Land Grant for the creation of the City of Charlotte, 1767

To all whom these presents shall come I George Augustus Selwyn of Matson in the County of Gloucester and Kingdom of Great Britain Esquire Send Greetings. Know Ye that I the Said George Augustus Selwyn for ... the Sum of Ninety Pounds ... Grant, Bargain, Sell, Entrust, and Confirm unto Abraham Alexander and Thomas Polk of Mecklenburg County in the Province of North Carolina Esquires and John Frohock of Rowan County ... All that Piece Parcel or Tract of land lying in Mecklenburg County aforesaid on the waters of Neale's and Garrisons Creeks ... and bounded as follows to wit:

Beginning at a White Oak about 150 yards from Thomas Polk's line Running thence North 40 Deg. West 240 poles to a Pine thence South 40 Deg. West 240 poles to a hickory thence South 40 Deg. East 240 to a black oak sapling thence to the beginning Including the Cross Roads & Containing by Survey three hundred and Sixty Acres of Land.

What did you learn?
