

On this the 18 day of October, 1943, before me Norman Molyneaux, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Clarence A. Gourley, an unmarried man, known to me (or satisfactorily proven) to be serving in or with the armed forces of the United States and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purpose therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer of the rank stated below and is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States.

N. Molyneaux
Signature of Officer

Lt (jg) USNR USS LCI (L) 28
Rank of Officer and command to which attached

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SWAIN COUNTY

The foregoing certificate of N. Molyneaux a Lt (jg) USNR - USS LCI (L) 28 attested by his official seal, is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument, and the certificate, be registered.

Witness my hand this 6th day of November, A.D., 1943.

H. J. Truett, Clerk Superior Court

Filed for Registration at 9:30 o'clock A. M., Nov. 6th, 1943 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina, in Book 68, Page 194, 6 November 1943.

D. R. Welch, Deputy Register of Deeds
Compared and found correctly recorded and properly indexed in Swain County, N. C., Date 11/6/43
James M. Davison, Jr. Abstracter.

On this the 1 day of Feb., 1944, before me Robert G. Schofield, the undersigned officer, personally appeared Clarence A. Gourley, an unmarried man, known to me (or satisfactorily proved) to be serving in or with the armed forces of the United States and to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same for the purpose therein contained. And the undersigned does further certify that he is at the date of this certificate a commissioned officer of the rank stated below and is in the active service of the armed forces of the United States.

Robert G. Schofield
Signature of Officer

Lieutenant E-V(s) USNR
Rank of Officer and command to which attached

Staff L. C. I. (L) Flotilla Seven
Staff LCI (L) Flotilla Seven

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, SWAIN COUNTY

The foregoing certificate of Robert G. Schofield a Lieutenant E-V(s) USNR Staff L.C.I. (L) Flotilla Seven is adjudged to be correct. Let the instrument and the certificate be registered.

Witness my hand this 8 day of March 1944.

Annie Mae Truett
Deputy Clerk Superior Court

Filed for Registration at 2:25 o'clock P. M. March 8, 1944 and registered in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina, in Book 68, Page 497, 9 March, 1944.

D. R. Welch

D. R. Welch, Deputy Register of Deeds,
Swain County, N. C.

Tract No. FR-1155
Map No. 33 R.2

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

SWAIN COUNTY

This deed, Made this 8 day of February, 1944, by and between Mollie A. Gourley, a widow; Ida Belle Gourley Lane, as Guardian of Harrison Gourley, J. C. Gourley, and Carl Gourley, minor orphans of George Gourley, deceased; and Ida Belle Gourley Lane and Arnold Lane, her husband; all of the county of Swain and State of North Carolina, as parties of the first part, and the United States of America as party of the second part:

Witnesseth, that the said parties of the first part, in consideration of the sum of Two Thousand Two Hundred Fifteen and 50/100 Dollars (\$2,215.50) to them paid by the party of the second part, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, have bargained and sold, and by these presents do grant, bargain, sell and convey unto the United States of America, its successors and assigns, a certain tract or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in Swain County, State of North Carolina, and more particularly described as follows, to-wit:

A tract of land lying in Forneys Creek Township of Swain County, State of North Carolina, on the right side of Hazel Creek, approximately $3\frac{1}{4}$ mile northwest of its confluence with Proctor's Mill Creek, and more particularly described as follows:

BEGINNING at a fallen pine tree at the top of Spring Ridge, a corner of the lands of the P. F. Myres Heirs, and the J. E. Coburn Heirs, and the most northwesterly point of the tract herein described; thence with the J. E. Coburn Heirs' line N. $54^{\circ} 00' E.$, 385 feet to a locust stump; thence S. $82^{\circ} 00' E.$, 65 feet to a point at the top of a ridge; thence with the top of the ridge as it meanders approximately along a bearing and distance of S. $73^{\circ} 00' E.$, 750 feet to a stake, a corner of the lands of the J. E. Coburn Heirs, and G. W. Hughes; thence with G. W. Hughes', and Ed Cable's line and the top of a ridge as it meanders approximately along the following bearings and distances: S. $30^{\circ} 00' E.$, 180 feet to a 20 inch hickory tree, S. $48^{\circ} 00' W.$, 1020 feet to a rock, S. $56^{\circ} 00' W.$, 195 feet to a pine stump at the top of Spring Ridge, a corner of the lands of Ed Cable, and the P. F. Myres Heirs; thence with the P. F. Myres Heirs' line and the top of the ridge as it meanders in a northerly direction approximately 1030 feet to the point of beginning, and containing 19. acres, more or less.

It is understood and agreed that the bearings given in the above description are based on the North Carolina State Coordinate System, Lambert Projection, as established by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic Survey. The central meridian for this coordinate system is located at Longitude $79^{\circ} 00' W.$

An undivided $\frac{5}{6}$ interest in the above described tract of land was acquired by Mollie A. Gourley by virtue of a deed from the surviving heirs at law of David L. Gourley, deceased, which deed appears of record in Deed Book 68, Page 194, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina. An undivided $\frac{1}{6}$ interest in the said above described land was acquired by Harrison Gourley, J. C. Gourley, and Carl Gourley by virtue of intestate succession as the sole surviving heirs at law of George Gourley, deceased.

It is understood and agreed that the parties of the first part grant and convey the above described tract of land subject to such right, title, and interest in and to the minerals as may be outstanding in third parties by virtue of the reservations contained in the deed from J. W. Welch and wife, Catherine Welch, to James Proctor, dated December 21, 1885, recorded in Deed Book 10, page 372, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina, and in the deed from Wm. Proctor to James Proctor, dated October 7, 1875, recorded in Deed Book 10, page 488, in said Register's Office. And the parties of the first part, for the consideration herein set out, hereby convey any and all right, title, and interest which they may now have, or may hereafter have, in and to the minerals contained in the above described tract of land by way of reversion, remainder, adverse possession, prescription, or otherwise.

This deed is executed by Ida Belle Gourley Lane, as Guardian of Harrison Gourley, J. C. Gourley, and Carl Gourley, minor children of George Gourley, deceased, pursuant to the authority vested in her by virtue of Special Proceedings in the matter styled "Harrison Gourley, J. C. Gourley, and Carl Gourley, minors, by their guardian, Ida Belle Gourley Lane," before the Clerk of the Superior Court of Swain County, North Carolina, and Decree of Clerk entered therein, dated the 8 day of March, 1944, together with the confirmation of the Resident Judge of the 20th Judicial District of North Carolina, dated the 8 day of March, 1944, all of which are of record in Special Proceeding Docket No. 4, pages 550 and 552, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Swain County, North Carolina.

The undersigned, Glenn Woodard, as attorney in fact for Clarence A. Gourley, a single man, for a valuable consideration to him in hand paid, the receipt of which is hereby acknowledged, joins in the execution of this deed for the express purpose of ratifying and confirming the deed to Mollie A. Gourley, dated September 15, 1943, and recorded in Deed Book 68, page 194, in the office of the Register of Deeds for Swain County, North Carolina.

TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the aforesaid tract or parcel of land and all privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, to the United States of America, its successors and assigns, to its own use and behoof forever.

And the said parties of the first part, for themselves, their heirs, successors, administrators and assigns, covenant with the said party of the second part, its successors and assigns that they are seized of said land and premises in fee, and have right to convey the same in fee simple; that the same are free and clear from all encumbrances and that they will warrant and defend the title to same against the lawful claims of all persons whomsoever.