

This is the full transcription of the petition to and grant from King George III of the Van Corlaer-Lake Patent. The original image is from FamilySearch, Patents of state of New York, 1640-1912 (<https://www.familysearch.org/en/search/catalog/629503>), Volume 13, pages 451 (petition), 452-455 (grant). Names of persons are highlighted in bold, which is not in the original. The land description and date underlining is not original.

Presented unto the said Honourable **Cadwallader Colden**, then President of his Majesty's Council and Commander in Chief of the said Province, in Council, on the seventeenth Day of June now last past, humbly pray his Majesty's Letters Patent, for the Quantity of five Thousand Acres of a certain Parcel of Lands vested in the Crown, lying on the East Side of Hudson's River in the County of Albany, on both sides of a Brook or Rivulet called by the Indians Tightikillijagtikook, and by the white People the South Branch of Batten Kill, bounded on the South by the Patent of Wallumschack, on the East and West by Sawyers's and Sansnghis Purchase, on the North by Batten Kill, and on the East the High Mountains. Which Petition having been then and there read, His Majesty's Council did afterwards on the Twenty second Day of the same Month of June, humbly advise the said Honourable **Cadwallader Colden**, then President and Commander in Chief as aforesaid to grant to the said Petitioners their Heirs and Assigns His Majesty's Letters Patent for the Quantity of five Thousand Acres of the Tract of Land aforesaid, Under the said Rent, Provisoos, Limitations and Restrictions directed and appointed in his late Majesty's Instructions. Wherefore in Obedience to his said Majesty's Instructions We do hereby certify that we have set out for them the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake**. All that our certain Tract or Parcel of Land situate, lying and being in the County of Albany on the East Side of Hudson's River; Beginning at the most westerly Corner of a certain Tract of Land formerly granted to **Edward Collins, James DeLancey** and others, commonly called and known by the Name of Wallumschack, and runs from the said most westerly Corner, along the East Bounds of a certain Tract of Thirty one Thousand five Hundred Acres of Land, lately granted to **Isaac Sawyer, John R. Bleecker** and others North one Hundred and twenty Chains, then North sixty Degrees East, two Hundred and ninety four Chains, then South seventy six Degrees West, two Hundred Chains, then South nineteen Degrees and thirty Minutes West, two Hundred and sixty Chains, to the aforesaid Tract of Land, called Wallumschack, then along the Bounds thereof North, thirty one Degrees and forty Minutes West, two Hundred and forty seven Chains, South seventy seven Degrees West, ninety Chains, and South forty Degrees and fifteen Minutes West, Two Hundred and Twenty Chains, to the place where this Tract began, containing five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual Allowance for Highways. And in setting out the said Tract of

Land, we have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable Acres and have taken care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Banks of any River, otherwise than is conformable to his late Majesty's Instructions. Given under our Hands in the City of New York the Third Day of September One Thousand seven Hundred and sixty one, in the first Year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lorg George the Third by the Grace of God of Great Britain France and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth

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George the third by the Grace of God of Great Britain, France, and Ireland King Defender of the Faith and so forth To all to whom these Presents shall come Greeting WHEREAS our loving Subjects **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake** did by their Petition presented on the Seventeenth Day of June now Last past, unto our trusty and well beloved **Cadwallader Colden** Esquire then our President of our Council and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, in Council humbly pray our Letters Patent for the Quantity of five Thousand Acres of a certain parcel of land vested in the Crown lying on the East side of Hudson's River in the County of Albany on both sides of a Brook or Riverlet called by the Indians Tightikillyaghkook and by the white People the south branch of Batten Kill, bounded on the South by the Patent of Wallumshack, on the East West by Sawyers and Sausimgh's Purchases, on the North by Batten Kill on the East the high Mountains, Which Petition having been then and there read, our and said Council did afterward on the Twenty second Day of the same month of June humbly advise our said Governor to grant to the said petitioners their Heirs and Assignes our Letters Patent for the Quantity of five Thousand acres of the grant of said land aforesaid, under the Quit Rent Provisoos Limitations and Restrictions Specified and appointed in the instructions of our late Royal Grandfather, WHEREFORE in Obedience to the said Instructions, the Commissioners thereby appointed for the setting out of all Lands to be granted within our said Province have set out for them the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake, Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake** ALL THAT certain Grant or Parcel of Land situate lying and being in the county of Albany on the East side of Hudson's River BEGINNING at the most westerly corner of a certain Grant of Land or formerly granted to Edward Collins, James De Sautey and others, commonly called and known by the name Wallumshack, and runs from the said most westerly corner, along the East Bounds of a certain Grant of Thirty one Thousand five Hundred Acres of Land lately granted to Isaac Sawyer, John R. Bleeker and others, North One Hundred and twenty Chains, North Sixty Degrees East, two Hundred and ninety four Chains, then South Seventy six Degrees East-two Hundred Chains, then South nineteen Degrees and thirty Minutes West, two Hundred Sixty Chains to the aforesaid Grant of Lands called Wallumshack, Then along the Bounds thereof North thirty one Degrees and forty Minutes West two hundred and forty seven Chains South Seventy seven degrees West, Ninety Chains, and South, forty Degrees and fifteen Minutes West, two hundred and twenty chains to the Place where this Grant began containing five Thousand Acres of Land and the usual allowance for the highways, And in setting out thereof the said Commissioners have had Regard to the profitable and unprofitable acres, and have taken Care that the Length thereof doth not extend along the Bank of any River otherwise then if set conformable to the said Instructions as by a Certificate thereof under their Lands bearing Date the third Day of September now last past, and entered on Record in our Secretary's Office in our City of New York may more fully appear. WHICH said Grant of Land so set out according to the said Instructions We being willing to grant to them the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake** their Heirs and Assignes forever. KNOW YE therefore that of our special Grace and certain Knowledge and mere Motion We have given granted ratified and confirmed and do by these Present for us our Heirs and Successors give grant ratify and confirm unto them the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas**

Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake their Heirs and Assignes forever.

ALL THAT the aforesaid grant or Part or Parts of Land set out abutted bounded and described in manner and form as above mentioned together with all and singular Tenements Documents Emoluments and Appurtenances thereunto belonging then or appertaining And also all of our Estate, Right, Title, Interest, Possession, Claim and Demand whatsoever of in and to the same Lands and Premises, 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 forever all Mines of Gold and Silver, And also all white or other sort of Pine Trees fit for Masts of the Growth of Twenty for Inches Diameter and upwards at twelve Inches from the Earth for the Masts for the Royal Navy of our Heirs and Successors, TO HAVE AND TO HOLD one full and equal fifth part of (the whole into five equal parts to be divided) of and in the said Tract or Parcel of Land, Tenements—and Premises by these Presents granted ratified and confirmed and every part and parcel thereof, with their and every their Appurtenances (Except as is herein before accepted) unto each of them the **said Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake** their Heirs and Assigns respectively To the only proper use and Behoff of them the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas and John Lake** respectively their respective Heirs and Assignes forever, as Tenants in Common, and not as joint tenants TO BEHOLDEN of us our Heirs and Successors in free and common Socage of our Manor of East Greenwich in our County of Kent within our Kingdom of Great Britain Yielding rendering and paying therefore yearly and every year forever, unto our Heirs and Successors, at our Custom House in our City of New York, unto our or their Collector or Receiver General therefore the Time being on the Feast of the Annunciation of the blessed Virgin Mary, commonly called Lady Day, the yearly Rent of two Shillings and six pence Sterling, for each and every hundred acres of the above granted Land, and so in Proportion

for any lesser Quantity thereof, saving and except for such part of the said Lands allowed for Highways as above mentioned, in Lieu and Stead of all other Rents, Services, Dues, Duties and Demands and whatsoever for the hereby granted Land and Premises or any part thereof PROVIDED always and upon Condition nevertheless, that if the said **Arent Van Corlaer, Nicholas Lake Junior, James Lake, Thomas Lake and John Lake** their Heirs and Assignes, or some or one of them, shall not within three Years Next after the Conclusion of our present War with France settle on the said Grant of Land hereby Granted so many Families as shall amount to one Family for every Thousand Acres of the same Grant or if they our said Grantees or one of them, their or one of their Heirs or Assignes shall not also within three years, be computed as of aforesaid plant and effectually cultivate at least three acres thereof for every fifty acres of such of the hereby granted Lands as are capable of Cultivation, or if they Our said Grantees or any of them or any of their Heirs or Assignes or any other Person or Persons by they or any or all their Priority consent or Pronouncement, shall fell cut down or otherwise destroy any of the Pine Trees by these presents reserved to us our Heirs and Successors, or hereby unto as so it be, without the Royal License of us or our Heirs or Successors for so doing first had and obtained, that them or any of these cases this our present Grant and every Thing herein obtained shall

cease and be absolutely void, 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 AnyThing herein before outlined to the Contrary in anywise notwithstanding PROVIDED further and upon Condition also nevertheless and not so hereby for us our Heirs and Successors Seized and Appoint, that this our present Grant shall be registered and entered of 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 that a Docquet thereof shall be also entered in our Auditors Office therefore our said Province, and that in Default thereof this our present Grant shall be void and of none Effect, and any Thing before in these Presents claimed to the contrary thereof in anywise not withstanding THIS WE do moreover of our own especial Grace certain Knowledge mere Motion consent and agree, that this our present Grant being registered, recorded and a Docquet thereof made as before directed and appointed, shall be good and effectual in the Laws to all Intents Constructions and Purposes whatsoever against us our Heirs and Successors, notwithstanding and Miswriting, Misbounding, Misnaming or other Imperfection or Ommission of in or anywise concerning the above Grant or hereby mentioned or intended to be granted Lands Tenements Hereditaments and Premises, or any part thereof.

IN TESTIMONY whereof we have caused these our Letters to be made Patent, and the Great Seal of our said Province to be hereunto to be affixed WITNESS our trusty and well beloved **Cadwallader Colden** Esquire our Lieutenant Governor and Commander in Chief of our Province of New York and the Territories depending thereon in America, at our Fort in our City of New York the Twenty first Day of November in the Year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and sixty one and of our Reign the second.

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