

Dennis Barnes 100-acre grant (eventually the Moseley-King farm)

Excerpt

Source: Warrant #1746, Mountain District Land Grants, Roll 128, Book C, p. 483, North Carolina and Tennessee, Early Land Records, 1753-1931

Tennessee Land Grant #1746 to Dennis Barnes, recorded with the Franklin County entry taker on 13 February 1826; surveyed 31 January 1828 and described as lying on the waters of Crow Creek on the side of the Mountain in Franklin County; Granted by Tennessee Governor William Carroll on 17 May 1830.

As a consequence “of the sum of one cent per acre paid into the office of the Entry Taker of Franklin County, and entered on the 13th day of February 1826,” the state conveyed 100 acres to Dennis Barnes “lying in said county on the waters of Boiling Fork of Elk River and bounded as follows: Beginning at a black oak standing on the top bluff of the Mountain fifty-four poles west of the southwest corner of said Barnes’s five acres, on which he formerly lived. Running north one hundred twenty-six and a half poles to a chestnut oak. Thence east one hundred twenty-six and a half poles to a white oak and hickory. Thence south one hundred twenty-six and a half poles to a stake under the bluff. And west to the beginning, including said Barnes’s old place.”

Note: This is the original deed language for the property that became the Ruef land, then the Moseley farm, then (a portion of it) the King farm. Charles Barney’s description of the unrecorded deed from Dennis Barnes matches this description exactly. Dennis Barnes received another 100-acre grant, but it was southeast of this spot and non-contiguous (possibly near today’s St. Mary’s Lane).