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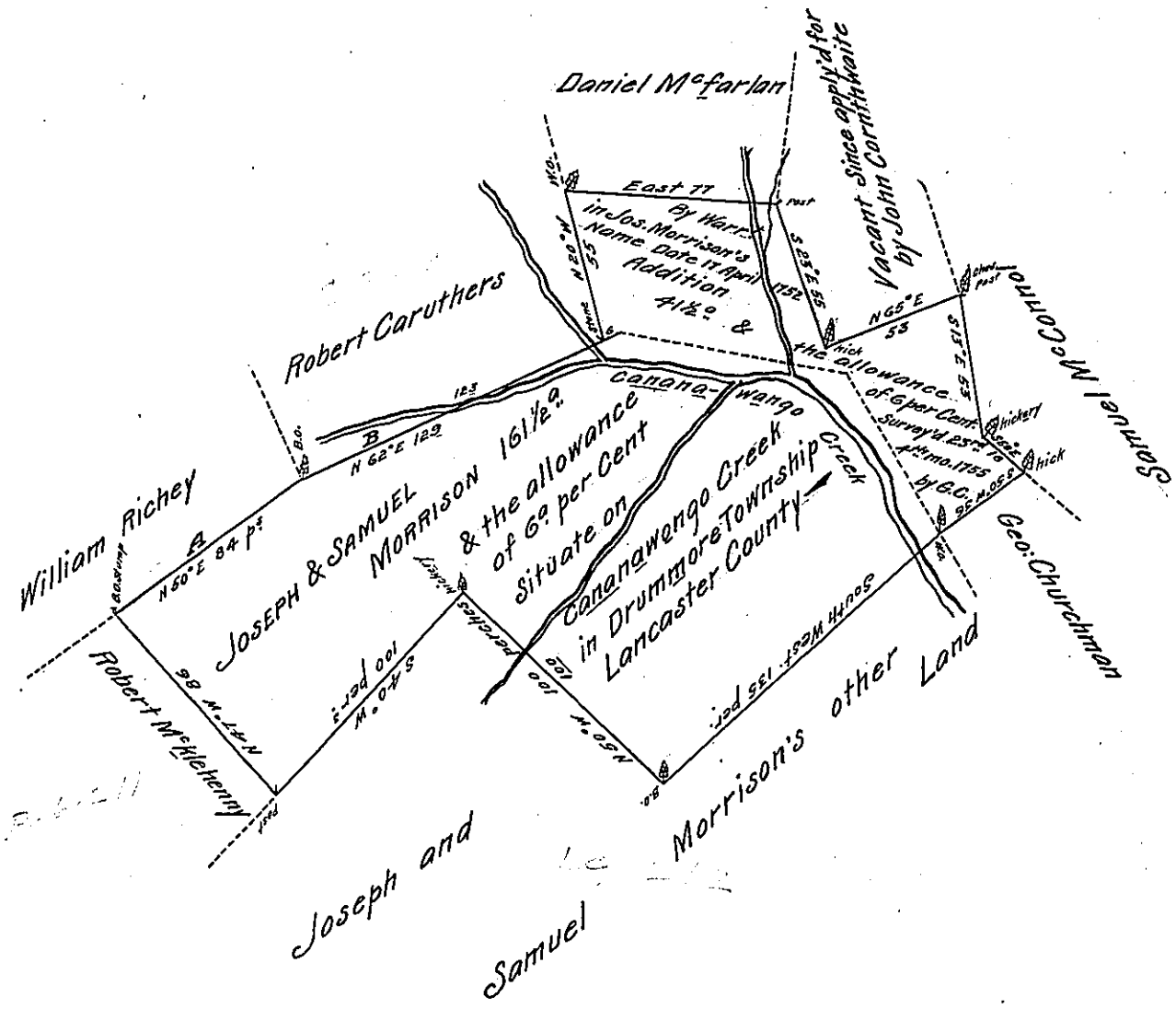

The above Draught of 161½a describes a Tract of Land in Possession of Joseph & Samuel Morrison, as purchased by them from Daniel McConnell who had Purchased a Part from William Steel, which appears by their Respective Bill of Sale; It was Survey'd the 11th of the first month (Old Stile) 1746/7, as Land in Dispute between the said McConnel & Steel by my Father; the Latter had a Warrt for 50a Dated 12th October 1745; McConnel had a Warrant Dated the 22nd of the same month; sd Steel lived on the Premises, made Improvements, & endeavour'd to Claim & hold the Whole; William Rickey also had obtain'd a Warrant for 25a adjoining his Plantation bearing Date the 19th April 1744, by which he then laid Claim to a part of this Tract, & wanted it to be executed to take in Meadow Ground on Cannawango Creek; — On Perusing my Father's Papers I find that in the Summer following the Survey of this Tract, he sent a Draught of the Land, with a Representation of the Case to the Land Office for a Decision; The Secretaries Judgment thereupon Dated the 17th of June 1747, was, that Wm Rickey's Warrant should be laid upon that part of the Land adjoining him; after which my Father says he went to the Spot, when William Rickey refused to take the Land at the Place assign'd him, & said he would rather drop his Warrant than take it there, the Ground was so poor: during all this, William Steel kept his Possession until Daniel McConnel Purchased him out as above mention'd; thereby as (I believe) expecting he had the whole clear of any further Disputes of any Person whatever, and so sold it with his other Land to the said Morrisons, who have held it now near 14 years, and I expected that William Rickey, as he let it pass over in that manner had now no colour to renew my further Dispute about it, as I since by a latter Warrant, made the additional Survey of 41½a for the said Morrison's as above described, and also last year at their Request, proved & renew'd the Lines A & B. William Rickey & his Son being present & Consenting.

Certify'd the 20th 6 mo. 1767
By Geo: Churchman

IN TESTIMONY that the above is a copy of the original remaining on file in the Department of Internal Affairs of Pennsylvania, made conformably to an Act of Assembly approved the 16th day of February, 1833, I have hereunto set my Hand and caused the Seal of said Department to be affixed at Harrisburg, this seventeenth day of February 1906.

Lyman D. Prevost
Secretary of Internal Affairs.