

DOC Search Instructions: Secretary of State Land Grants

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There are several different ways to find “Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records,” the series referred to by many researchers and archivists as “the land grants.” Please note: the land grants in this series are not the only land grants in the State Archives of North Carolina’s holdings, but they are the only materials we will focus on in these instructions.

Question 1: How can I search for land grants by county? (Title Search version)

1. Go to <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc/search-doc>
2. Click on the link for “Show advanced search options”.

» [Search Catalog](#) » Search DOC

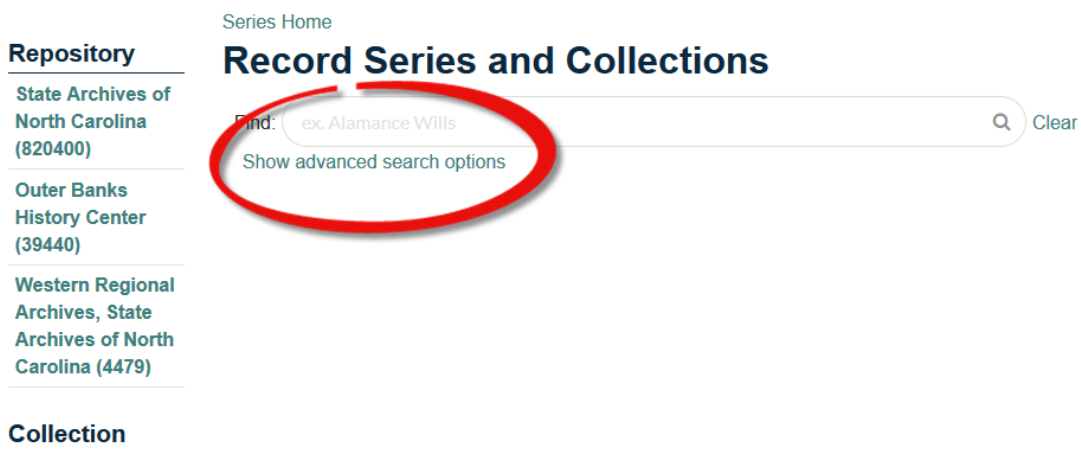


Figure 1 - A screenshot of DOC’s basic search screen with a red circle around “Show advanced search option.”

3. Type “land warrants” into the Title search field.
4. Click the search button or press enter.

Outer Banks History Center (1)

Collection

State Records (12)

Audiovisual Materials (1)

Foreign Archives (1)

OBHC Published Materials (1)

Creator Type

State Government (13)

Foreign Government (1)

Other (1)

Person (1)

Record Begin Date

1600 - 1699 (1)

1700 - 1799 (11)

Hide advanced search options

To redo a search, be sure to click the Clear button first, or your query may not find hits.

Search

Reset

Record ID: (Search for Exact Match ID)

Title: land warrants

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Creator:

Format:

Records between dates: From through

16 results Sort: View:

1 2 Next

Lists of Land Warrants Returned 1778 - 1846

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: SR.12.9.1

Lists of land warrants returned.

Parent Records:

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(State\)](#) | [Land Entries, Warrants, and Surveys](#)

Figure 2 - Screenshot of the advanced search fields with "land warrants" in the title field search.

5. Scroll down until you see "Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records."

Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records 1679 - 1959

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: SR.12.7.3

Warrants, plats of survey, and receipts for land purchases, which provide supporting documentation for the issuance of land grants. All Tennessee and North Carolina counties have been processed and microfilmed. Indexing was completed July ...

128 child records

Parent Records:

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#)

No Date. Land Warrants issued to certain persons therein mentioned 1795

Creator Entity: General Assembly

Record ID: 66.8.79.12.1

Warrants issued by David Miller, entry officer of claims for Rutherford County, to surveyor of the said county directing said person to survey the land of James Greenlee Lewis Beard and William Frwin

Figure 3 - Screenshot of the series "Land Warrants..." with a red arrow pointing to it. Below, a red circle surrounds the listing of 128 child records.

- Click on “128 child records” to view the counties with land grants.
- Scroll through to find a county you want to search or search for it by typing the county name in the search bar and either clicking on the magnifying glass or hitting Enter on your keyboard.

Series Home | Parent Record Level ID: subseries-7045

Record Series and Collections

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina (5)

Collection: State Records (5)

Creator Type: State Government (5)

Record Begin Date: 1700 - 1799 (2), 1800 - 1899 (2)

Record End

Find: Buncombe Clear

Show advanced search options

5 results **1** Sort: by Relevance View: Detail View

Buncombe County 1766 - 1957

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State
Record ID: 12.14.35

Buncombe County was formed in 1791 from Burke and Rutherford counties. It was named in honor of Revolutionary Colonel Edward Buncombe. For further information see: THE FORMATION OF THE NORTH CAROLINA COUNTIES, 1663-1943, by David Leroy ...

6532 child records
 Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records

Figure 4 - Screenshot of a search for Buncombe County with the 6532 child records link circled in red.

- Click on the link for the child records.

Series Home | Parent Record Level ID: Folder-251057

Record Series and Collections

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina (6532)

Collection: State Records (6532)

Creator Type: State Government (6532)

Record Begin Date: 1700 - 1799 (2263), 1800 - 1899 (4237), 1900 - 1999 (25)

Record End

Find: ex. Alamance Wills Clear

Show advanced search options

6532 results **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 436 Next Sort: by Relevance View: Detail View

File No. 37, Robert Love 1792 - 1794

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State
Record ID: 12.14.35.37

Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Buncombe County

File No. 48, James Boys [Boyes] 1794 - 1795

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State
Record ID: 12.14.35.48

Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Buncombe County

Figure 5 - Screenshot of the child records under Buncombe County.

- Now you have a list of the individual land grants for this county. You can browse this list to select an item; or you can search either by a person's name or a land grant file number, if you have that information. Type whatever you want to search by in the search bar and either click on the magnifying glass or hit enter.

Series Home | Parent Record Level ID: Folder-251057

Record Series and Collections

Repository

State Archives of North Carolina (56)

Collection

State Records (56)

Creator Type

State Government (56)

Record Begin Date

1700 - 1799 (15)

1800 - 1899 (41)

Record End Date

1700 - 1799 (13)

1800 - 1899 (43)

Find: Q Clear

Show advanced search options

56 results Sort: by Relevance

1 2 3 4 Next View: Detail View

File No. 582, Samuel Smith, John [Smith] and Charles Lane 1795 - 1798

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.35.711

Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Buncombe County

File No. 4257, W. D. Smith and R. S. [Smith], Assignees 1881

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.35.4430

Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Buncombe County

File No. 1713, Lewis Smith 1794 - 1808

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.35.1792

Parent Records:
 Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of

Figure 6 - Screenshot of a search for Smith.

- Click on the title of the file you want to see. The land grant fields will be listed near the bottom of the record.

File No. 1713, Lewis Smith, 1794, 1808

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) > [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) > [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#) > [Buncombe County](#) > File No. 1713, Lewis Smith

Record ID: 12.14.35.1792

Date Expression: 1794, 1808

From Date: 1794

Thru Date: 1808

Creator: [Office of Secretary of State](#)

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina

Land Grant:

Acres: 400

Grant No.: 1723

Issued: Dec. 17, 1808

Entry No.: 8

Entered: Apr. 17, 1794

Book: 123

Page: 421

Location: Beg. at a white oak on point of a rocky ridge running up bothsides of Richland Creek

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Figure 7 - Screenshot of the information for "File No. 1713, Lewis Smith, 1794, 1808."

Question 2: How can I search for the land grants by county? (Record ID version)

1. Go to <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc/search-doc>
2. Click on the link for "Show advanced search options".
3. In the Record ID field, type "SR.12.7.3" without quotation marks.

Series Home

Record Series and Collections

Repository

- State Archives of North Carolina (822534)
- Outer Banks History Center (39606)
- Western Regional Archives, State Archives of North Carolina (4479)

Collection

- State Records (431127)
- Audiovisual

Find:

To redo a search, be sure to click the Clear button first, or your query may not find hits.

Record ID: (Search for Exact Match ID)

Title:

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Figure 8 - Screenshot of "SR.12.7.3" typed into the Record ID field of the advanced search screen.

- Click the Search button or hit Enter on your keyboard.
- The series "Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records" will be the only result. Click on the link for the "128 child records".

Date

- 1600 - 1699 (1)

Record End Date

- 1900 - 1999 (1)

Level

- Subseries (1)

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Creator:

Format:

Records between dates: From through

1 results **1** Sort: View:

Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records 1679 - 1959

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: SR.12.7.3

Warrants, plats of survey, and receipts for land purchases, which provide supporting documentation for the issuance of land grants. All Tennessee and North Carolina counties have been processed and microfilmed. Indexing was completed July ...

128 child records

Parent Records:

Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State)

Figure 9 - Screenshot of a search result for "Land Warrants..." with the number of child records circled in red.

- You should now see a list the counties with land grants. You can scroll through to select a county or search for a county by typing it in the search bar and either clicking on the magnifying glass or clicking on enter on your keyboard.
- Once you have selected a county, click on the link for the county's child records.

128 results 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 Next Sort: View:

Tennessee, Greene County 1778 - 1803

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.6

Greene County (formed in 1783 from Washington County, Tennessee) was named for General Nathaniel Greene, as was Greeneville, the county seat. Portions of Greene County became Jefferson and Knox counties in 1792. For further information see: THE ...

[1936 child records](#)

Parent Records:

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) | [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#)

Tennessee, Grainger County 1783 - 1807

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.7

Grainger County (formed in 1796 from Hawkins and Knox counties, Tennessee) was named in honor of William Blount's wife, Mary Grainger Blount. The county seat of Rutledge was named after George Rutledge. The courthouse was erected in ...

Figure 10 - Screenshot of the county list with the number of child records for "Tennessee, Greene County," circled in red.

- Now you have a list of the individual land grants for this county. You can browse this list to select an item; or you can search either by a person's name or land grant file number, if you have that information. Type whatever you want to search by in the search bar and either click on the magnifying glass or hit enter.

RepositoryState Archives of
North Carolina (3)**Record Series and Collections**

Find: 287

Q Clear

Show advanced search options

Collection

State Records (3)

3 results

1

Sort: by Relevance

View: Detail View

Creator TypeState Government
(3)**File No. 287, John Shores (Warrant No. 252)****Creator Entity:** Office of Secretary of State

1783 - 1787

Record ID: 12.14.6.287**Parent Records:**

Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Tennessee, Greene County

Record Begin Date

1700 - 1799 (3)

File No. 063, Ben Holland (Warrant No. 287)**Creator Entity:** Office of Secretary of State

1783

Record ID: 12.14.6.1833**Parent Records:**

Secretary of State Record Group | Land Office (Colonial and State) | Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records | Tennessee, Greene County

Record End Date

1700 - 1799 (3)

File No. 0139, Stockley Donelson (8 Warrants)**Creator Entity:** Office of Secretary of State

1780

Figure 11 - Screenshot of a search for "287" and the resulting land grants with that number in their data.

9. Click on the title of the land grant you want to see. The land grant fields will be listed near the bottom of the record.

Question 3: How do I search for land grants across all counties?

This method uses facets. Facets are the links on the left side of DOC that you can use to limit searches by certain types of information, like where the materials are located or what types of materials they are (State Agency, County Records, etc.). This method of searching may return more than just land grants, but it does allow you to search for a full name earlier in the process.

1. Go to <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc/search-doc>
2. On the left side of the screen, click on "State Archive of North Carolina." Doing that limits the materials you're searching to just those at the State Archives in Raleigh, N.C.

Series Home

Record Series and Collections

Repository

- State Archives of North Carolina (822533)**
- Outer Banks History Center (39606)
- Western Regional Archives, State Archives of North Carolina (4479)

Collection

- State Records (431119)
- Audiovisual Materials (207081)
- County Records (101903)

Find: Clear

Show advanced search options

Figure 12 - Screenshot of the DOC search screen with the "State Archives of North Carolina" link circled under the Repository facet.

- Next, click on "State Government" under the facet heading "Collection." This limits your search to just the state government materials available at the State Archives.

Series Home | Repository: "State Archives of North Carolina"

Record Series and Collections

Repository

- "State Archives of North Carolina"

Collection

- State Records (431119)**
- Audiovisual Materials (200984)
- County Records (101903)
- Foreign Archives (34748)
- Map Collection (5232)
- More...

Find: Clear

Show advanced search options

822533 results **1** 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 ... 54836 Next

Sort: View:

Yancey County, North Carolina (Highway maintenance map)
Creator Entity: State Highway Commission. Planning and Research Dept 1968
Record ID: MC.107.1968nm2
 Insets: Micaville, Burnsville and vicinity. Scale: .5 mi. to 1 in.
 Symbols designate locations of churches, schools, cemeteries.
 Also designated is the Flat Top Mountain Wildlife Management Area, and portions of the Mt. Mitchell ...
Parent Records:
[North Carolina Maps](#) | [North Carolina County Maps](#) | [Yancey County Maps](#)

Ocracoke Inlet, N.C. Wallace's Channel.
Creator Entity: United States. Army. Corps of Engineers 1891
Record ID: MC.167.021.1891u

Figure 13 - Screenshot with the "State Records" facet circled in red.

- Click on the "Show advanced search options" link under the search bar.

5. Enter the name you want to search for in the Title field and either click on the Search button or hit enter on your keyboard. Be sure to enter the name in the form "Firstname Lastname,".

Figure 14 - Screenshot of a title search for "Edward Smith" within State Records held by the State Archives.

To redo a search, be sure to click the Clear button first, or your query may not find hits.

Reset Search

Record ID: (Search for Exact Match ID)

Title:

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Creator:

Format:

Records between dates: From through

Sort: View:

17 results 1 2 Next

File No. 5841, Edward Smith 1803 - 1805

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.27.5832

Parent Records:
[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) | [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#) | [Anson County](#)

Figure 14 - Screenshot of a title search for "Edward Smith" within State Records held by the State Archives.

6. Scroll down through the results. Select a land grant to view by clicking on the title.

Question 4: How can I search specific land grant fields?

This method searches the information in the land grant fields (i.e. acres, grant no., issued, entry no., entered, book, page, and location). This method can be combined with any of the previous methods.

1. Go to <https://archives.ncdcr.gov/doc/search-doc>
2. Click on the link for "Show advanced search options".
3. Type the land grant information you know or want to search for in the Land Grant field. Do not enter any names of people in the Land Grant field as that is unlikely to turn up any results.

[hide advanced search options](#)

To redo a search, be sure to click the Clear button first, or your query may not find hits.

Collection

[State Records \(102\)](#)

Creator Type

[State Government \(102\)](#)

Record Begin Date

[1700 - 1799 \(62\)](#)

[1800 - 1899 \(37\)](#)

[1900 - 1999 \(3\)](#)

Record End Date

[1700 - 1799 \(58\)](#)

[1800 - 1899 \(40\)](#)

[1900 - 1999 \(4\)](#)

Record ID: (Search for Exact Match ID)

Title:

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Creator:

Format:

Records between dates: From through

102 results Sort: View:

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 Next

File No. 071, Thomas Chancy 1805

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.33.8530

Parent Records:

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) | [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#) | [Bladen County](#)

Figure 15 - Screenshot with "1048" typed in the Land Grants field of the advanced search.

4. If your results are more than you want to browse through, you can use other methods, such as searching for names by typing them in the Title field. If you do type both a first and last name in the Title field, remember to type them in "firstname lastname" order. Click on the Search button or hit Enter on your keyboard to begin your search with this new information.

Collection
[State Records \(1\)](#)

[Hide advanced search options](#)

Creator Type
[State Government \(1\)](#)

Record Begin Date
[1700 - 1799 \(1\)](#)

Record End Date
[1700 - 1799 \(1\)](#)

To redo a search, be sure to click the Clear button first, or your query may not find hits.

Reset

Search

Record ID: (Search for Exact Match ID)

Title:

Subjects:

Land Grants:

Creator:

Format:

Records between dates: From through



1 results

1

Sort:
View:

[File No. 3944, Samuel Yandle](#) 1788 - 1792

Creator Entity: Office of Secretary of State

Record ID: 12.14.87.3931

Parent Records:
[Secretary of State Record Group](#) | [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) | [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#) | [Mecklenburg County](#)

Figure 16 - Screenshot with "Yandle" in the Title field and "1048" in the Land Grants field.

- Click on the title of the land grant item to see the information about it.

File No. 3944, Samuel Yandle, 1788, 1792

[Secretary of State Record Group](#) > [Land Office \(Colonial and State\)](#) > [Land Warrants, Plats of Survey, and Related Land Grant Records](#) > [Mecklenburg County](#) > File No. 3944, Samuel Yandle

Record ID: 12.14.87.3931

Date Expression: 1788, 1792

From Date: 1788

Thru Date: 1792

Creator: [Office of Secretary of State](#)

Repository: State Archives of North Carolina

Land Grant:

Acres: 10

Grant No.: 1048

Issued: Nov. 28, 1792

Entry No.: 1248

Entered: Sept. 12, 1788

Book: 79

Page: 482

Location: On waters of McAlpins Creek

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Figure 17 - Screenshot of land grant information for File No. 3944 with the last name "Yandle" and the Grant No. "1048" circled in red.