Know all men by these presents that I Robert Smith of the County of Cabarrus and State of North Carolina late Captain in the Continental line of this State during the Revolutionary War, for and in consideration of the sum of ninety dollars to me in hand paid by General Thomas Boude of the State of Pennsylvania late member of Congress from said State the receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge have bargained and sold and by these presents do bargain and sale to the said General Thomas Boude all the land which I and entitled to have from the United States for my Military Services during the war aforesaid lying North West of the River Ohio and I do by these presents authorized and empowered the proper officers to issue a patent for the Land aforesaid to the said General Thomas Boude his Heirs and Assigns. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Seal this 8th day of June Anno Domini one thousand Eight hundred and three (1803)

[attested by James Harris and Charles Harris, two JPs of Cabarrus County, NC]

1 BOUDE, Thomas, a Representative from Pennsylvania; born in Lancaster, Pa., May 17, 1752; attended private schools; during the Revolutionary War served as a lieutenant under Gen. Anthony Wayne with the Second, Fourth, and Fifth Pennsylvania Battalions from January 5, 1776, to November 3, 1783, and was promoted to captain and brevet major; engaged in business as a lumber dealer in Columbia, Lancaster County, Pa.; member and one of the organizers of the Society of the Cincinnati; member of the State house of representatives 1794-1796; elected as a Federalist to the Seventh Congress (March 4, 1801-March 3, 1803); unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1802 to the Eighth Congress; resumed his former business as a lumber dealer; died in Columbia, Pa., October 24, 1822; interment in that part of Mount Bethel Cemetery known as the “Brick Graveyard.”