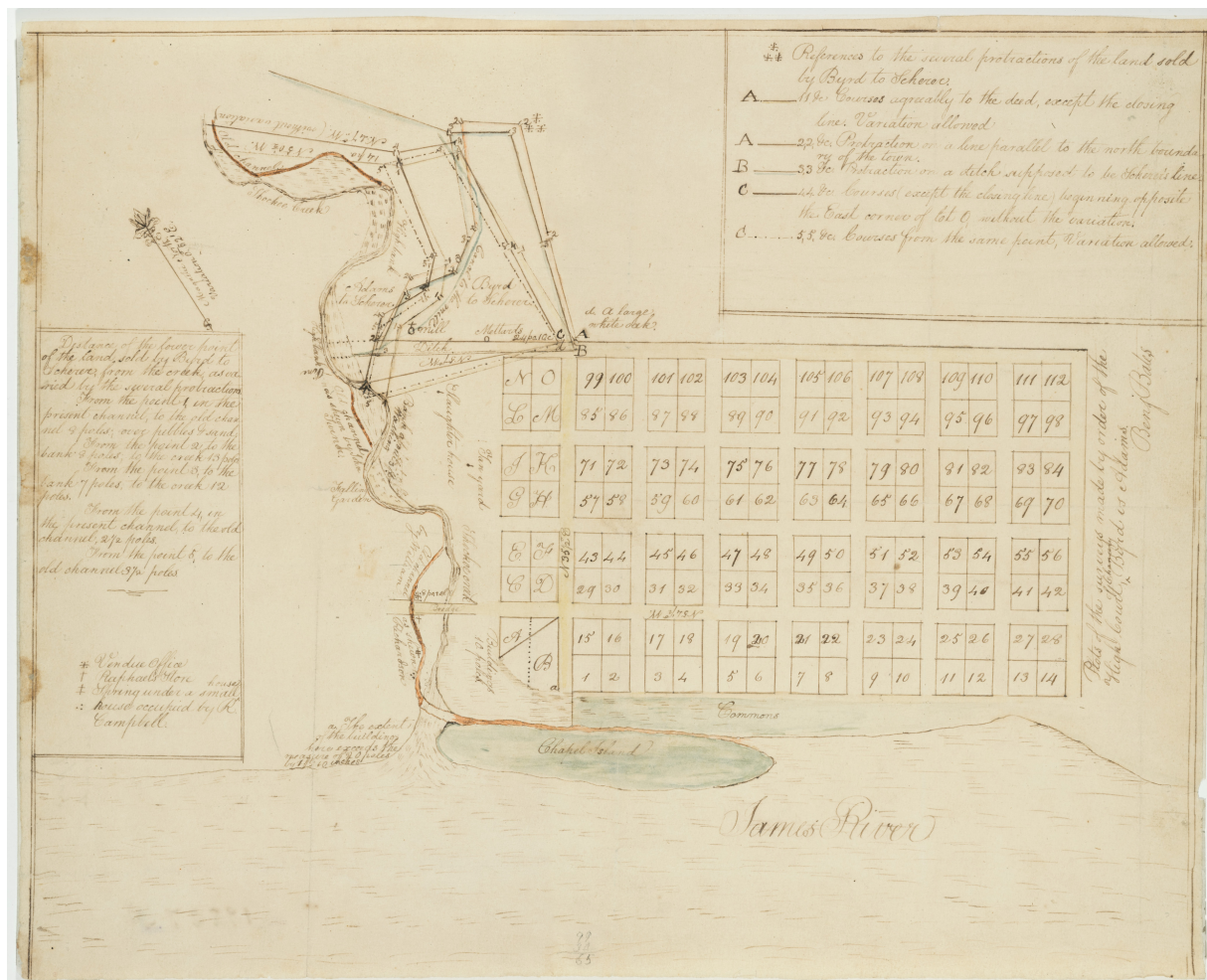


COLLECTIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

William Mayo's Map of Richmond, 1737



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INFORMATION

Mayo, William,
Map of Richmond,
1737, Courtesy of
Library of Virginia.

ESSENTIAL QUESTIONS

1. Can you identify the James River on this map?
2. Look closely. What else do you notice?
3. How long do you think it took to walk across Richmond at the time that this map was created?
4. Who do you think lived here before the English colonists?

CONTEXT

William Byrd II hired William Mayo to survey and develop a plan for the town of Richmond because it reminded him of the English shire Richmond on the Thames. Beginning as a small informal village that popped up around one of Byrd's tobacco warehouses, Richmond soon grew to be a city of trade where goods from the European continent were imported and enslaved individuals, tobacco and cotton were exported.

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Distance of the fence from the canal, sold by 24 ft 10 in to Belcher, from the creek, as was stated by the several proprietors. From the fence 4 are the present channel, to the old channel and 9 feet, were pulled down, from the fence to the bank 8 feet, to the creek 18 feet from the fence to the bank 7 feet, to the creek 12 feet. From the fence to the present channel to the old channel 8 1/2 feet. From the fence to the old channel 5 to the old channel 3 1/2 feet.

90 Rods Office,
 † Parkhead where road
 ‡ 5/16th of a mile in small
 :: Road acquired by Mr
 Campbell



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Reference to the several partitions of the land sold by Boyd to Belcher.
 A — 59. 9/16 acres equally to the dead, except the string line. 90 variation allowed.
 A — 22 3/4 Acres Partitioned on a line parallel to the north boundary of the town.
 B — 53 3/4 Acres Partitioned on a slight angle to be defined line
 C — 44 1/2 Acres Partitioned except the clearing line beginning off from the end corner of lot D without the variation.
 D — 55 8/16 Acres from the same fence, variation allowed.

Plots of the surveys made by order of the High Court of Chancery, Boyd vs Adams.
 Benj Bates

James Ritten

