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## Descriptive Summary

### Unit ID

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### Unit Date

1788

### Language

The materials in the collection are in English.

### Abstract

Bond in which John Ballenger, of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, promises to pay the sum of 140 pounds to Andrew McMahan of Amherst County, unless Ballenger provides McMahan with lawful right to a tract of land in Pittsylvania County.

**Creator**

Ballenger, John

**Extent**

0.1 Cubic Feet 1 folder

**Repository**

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## Biographical Note

John Ballenger was a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia in 1788. This may be the same John Ballinger who married Lithe Lester on March 1, 1789, in Pittsylvania County, and the John Ballanger of Pittsylvania listed as head of a household of eight, including one enslaved person, in the 1820 census.

Sources:

- "John Ballinger" entry, Virginia, U.S., Compiled Marriages, 1660-1800, Ancestry.com, <https://search-ancestrylibrary-com.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/cgi-bin/sse.dll?indiv=1&dbid=3002&h=31570&tid=&pid=&queryId=fb80e447b4dac836cf46afea8f955dce&usePUB=true>
- "John Ballanger" entry, 1820 United States Federal Census, Ancestry.com, <https://www-ancestrylibrary-com.ezproxy.lib.vt.edu/discoveryui-content/view/1122382:7734>

## Scope and Content

This collection contains a bond issued by John Ballenger, a resident of Pittsylvania County, Virginia, to Andrew McMahan, of Amherst County, Virginia. Ballenger promises to pay McMahan a sum of 140 pounds unless he provides McMahan with "a good & Lawful Right To one hundred & sixty Eakers of Land more or less lyind on the Waters of Straitstone [Straightstone Creek, Pittsylvania County]." The bond specifies the boundaries of the tract. Ballinger makes his mark at the bottom of the document, which is also signed by John L. Shackelford, perhaps as witness.

## Keywords

Legal instruments (Legal documents)

Local/Regional History and Appalachian South

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## General

This item had been originally accessioned and cataloged as the John Ballenger Promissory Note, but during processing it was determined that John Ballenger Bond would be a more accurate title.

## Description of Subordinate Components

**Bond**

**Unit Date** 1788

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