

1668 mention of land on which Hale-Byrnes is located.

A Confirmation granted unto Sergeant Thomas Wollaston, John Ogle, John Hendrick, and Hermann Johnston, for a certain parcel of land in White Clay kill in Delaware River

Richard Nicholls, Esqr. &c Whereas there is a certain piece or parcel of land lying and being in White Clay kill near unto Christeen kill in Delaware River bounded to the E. with Hans Bones Plantation to the South with James Crawford's, to the North and West by a fresh creek or Run of water at the head of Bread and Cheese Island containing about (blank) acres of woodland, as also a piece of valley or meadow ground known by the name of Muscle Cripple running up the kill about (blank) of a mile which said piece or parcel of land was by the officers of Delaware who were empowered by my commission to dispose of implanted land there for the best advantage of the inhabitants granted unto Sergeant Thomas Wollaston, John Ogle, John Hendrick, and Herman Johnson, the said grant bearing date (blank) day of February 1666. Now for a confirmation unto them the said Thomas Wollaston, John Ogle, John Hendrick, and Herman Johnston, in their possession and enjoyment of the premises. Know yee that by virtue of the commission and authority to me given, I have given ratified confirmed and granted unto the said Thomas Wollaston &c. the afore recited parcels of land and premises, &c., yielding and paying therefore yearly and every year unto his Majesties use eight bushels of Wheat as a Quit Rent when it shall be demanded, by such person or persons in authority as his majesty shall please to establish and empower in Delaware River and the parts and plantations adjacent. Given under my hand and seal, at Fort James, in New York, on the Island Manhattan, the first day of August, in the 20th year of his Majesty's reign, Anno Domini, 1668."

The land as platted for Ogle was a long rectangle, lying between the north side of the Christiana Creek and the south side of the White Clay Creek. It encompasses the area currently encompassing the town of Christiana, the Christiana Mall, and the Christiana Hospital Center Complex. It was bounded on the east by Hans Bones, the south by James Crawford, and the southeast by Sergeant John Erskine. North and west were undeveloped land due to the fact that they were above the head of navigation on the streams.

<http://xtinahs.org/Digitaltour/JohnOgleGrave.html>