

Land Tax Records for James Primm

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Summary of all information for James Primm:

Land Owner	Purchased From	Tax Year	# Ac	Value per Ac	Land Value			Tax on Land			Page
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James Primm		1782	120	10/				0	9	0	7
James Primm		1783	120	9/2	55	0	0	0	16	6	17
James Primm	Charles Carter	1787	142	12/10	91	2	4	1	7	2	23
James Primm		1787	120	9/2	55	0	0	0	16	6	30
James Primm	Charles Carter	1788	142	12/10	91	2	4	1	7	2	35
James Primm		1788	120	9/2	55	0	0	0	16	6	41
James Primm	Isaac Green	1788	136	8/6	67	18	0	0	17	3	41
James Primm		1789	120	9/2	55	0	0	0	16	6	48
James Primm	Isaac Green	1789	136	8/6	57	16	0	0	17	3	48
James Primm		1789	142	12/10	91	2	4	1	7	2	53
James Primm		1790	120	9/2	55	0	0	0	16	6	61
James Primm	Isaac Green	1790	136	8/6	57	16	0	0	17	3	61
James Primm		1790	142	12/10	91	2	4	1	7	2	66
Thomas Mountjoy	James Primm	1791	262	8/6	111	7	0	1	13	0	73

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James Primm		1791	50	9/2	22	18	4	0	6	9	73
Thomas Mountjoy	James Primm	1792	262	8/6	111	7	0	1	13	0	81
James Primm		1792	50	9/2	22	18	4	0	6	9	81
James Primm		1792	142	12/10	91	2	4	1	7	4	87

By 1789 James owned three parcels of land totaling 398 acres. It appears that he sold 262 acres (two of the parcels) to Thomas Mountjoy by 1791 but the 1792 tax records show some confusion on the 142 acre parcel with taxes being paid by both Thomas Mountjoy and James. Without the sale or purchase deeds it's hard to understand who owned what by 1792. As a reference point James purchased 136 acres from Isaac Green in September of 1786 but the tax records don't reflect a change of ownership until 1788, two years later. It's possible that Thomas Mountjoy purchased James's land as early as 1790 based on this delay in reporting tax records.

It's possible that this sale of land is also tied to the reduction of James's property (see tithables list for James) observed in 1788. Could James have had financial problems in the late 1780s causing both the reduction in property and the need for sale of some of his land? Could he have been preparing to move to Maryland as early as 1790? We don't know quite when he did move but it was after 1792 and before 1815 – what brought on the move?

Need to look for Green name on earlier property and look for Mountjoy entries to tie down some of the sale dates