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Interesting. I'd never heard of a Crown grant in PA.

Basics of the law is that a "regular" deed in PA may say you own the streambed, but national law also says that navigable waterways are public property. So in the case of a navigable waterway and a landowner claiming ownership, it's an ownership dispute with both sides having legitimate claims to be the rightful owner.

In such a case, whoever was granted ownership FIRST wins. And in most cases, deeds were given out after the Declaration of Independence, so, the public wins.

In the case of a Crown Grant, well, that grant predates the U.S. becoming a country. Hence the Crown Grant wins.