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EDITORIAL

The world is getting smaller. We hear that all the time on the television and read about it in the newspaper. We read about telecommuting, Internet and the "Information Superhighway." Many of us in genealogy have tended to think that these things are great for current information and data, but they can not help us find out anything about our great-great grandfather Charles, for instance. Well, it's time we stopped thinking that way and use these tools to our benefit.

Here in the Richmond, Virginia, area, we have a new tool which is already showing that the "Information Superhighway" can be used to our advantage. That tool is the Central Virginia Free-Net. It costs nothing to establish an account. Then, with your computer and a modem, a local call gives access to the Internet. Free-Net is operated by Virginia Commonwealth University for the benefit of the public. It carries many topics dealing with academic, public, and civic matters of the Central Virginia area.

You may say, "This is all well and good, but what has that got to do with genealogy." Well, shortly after logging onto the Free-Net for the first time, we were "surfing" (that's the current term for browsing) around the various topics, and discovered that we had access to the National Archives in Washington, DC. After going through several screens, trying to figure out what was available, we noticed a topic called "Genealogy."

You can well imagine the excitement that seeing that word brings. Our excitement was somewhat abated when we discovered that the microfilm indexes to the various US censuses and immigrations and passenger lists is the primary information available from the National Archives. But, we noticed another topic on that screen, "Genealogical Information Available From Other Sources." We quickly advanced to that screen and found three entries. (1) "Public Domain Land Sales in Illinois During the Early Part of the 19th Century," (2) University of Michigan, (3) psu.ftp (not much to describe that).

The first entry, Public Domain Land Sales in Illinois, connects you with the University of Chicago, and is an on-line database allowing searches. Our ancestors had lived in Central Illinois beginning around 1800, and therefore we had done much research in this area of the country. We had previously researched the Public Domain Land Sales records and had gotten much information from it, so we could check-out this on-line database to see if we could extract information we knew to be in the original records. Sure enough, we could pull up information about our second great grandfather's purchases.

Now, this was really exciting. Of course we already had the information, but the true potential of this tool was becoming more visible.

We back-tracked to the menu screen and quickly tried the other two topics. Both of these bring you to screens which either allow you to branch to other genealogical resources on the Internet or allow you to view files of various information placed there by other family researchers. Many of these files are what are called "Tiny-tafels" which are listings of surnames, places and dates that the person placing the file is researching. These are in essence "mini-queries." If you are researching that surname in the place and during the times listed, you can contact the person placing the file for additional information. There are also numerous informational files on specific families.

The "other genealogical resources" mentioned above are too numerous to mention here, but include such locations as Brigham Young University, University of Alabama, Everton Publishers, and even some overseas resources in the United Kingdom. Unfortunately, to date, we have not run across any other on-line searchable databases such as the Public Domain Land Sales from Illinois. We are hoping that the success of this venture will encourage access to other databases.

Although the specific information available on the Internet is somewhat limited at present, the potential for this becoming a major tool for genealogists is immense. For those in the Central Virginia area, you may contact the Free-Net for additional information at (804) 560-8129. For those outside of Virginia, try contacting your local university or community college. We have found that similar Free-Nets are popping up all around the country.

By the way, when you are out there cruising down the Information Superhighway, if you pull up behind us, just beep twice, we'll move over and let you pass.

Chris Hooper
Publication Manager



BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following books may be ordered from Virginia Genealogical Society, 5001 West Broad St., Ste. 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023.

Dennis Hudgins, editor, *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Volume IV: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1732-1741* xxxviii, 355 pp; index; Smyth-sewn; cloth (6x9); 1994. \$30.00 (\$24.00 to VGS members) plus \$2.50 shipping. Virginia residents add 4½% sales tax. See above for ordering information. Nell Marion Nugent made a tremendous contribution to genealogical research when, in the 1930's, she abstracted the first patent books of Virginia, which span the years 1623-1732. These were published by the Library of Virginia in three volumes. The Virginia Genealogical Society (VGS) has now picked up the torch and is publishing the remaining patent books. Having previously published the patent books through No. 33 in their quarterly magazine, *The Magazine of Virginia Genealogy*, the VGS has now decided to concentrate on publishing them in compiled volumes. *Volume IV* is the first of these, and encompasses *Patent Books 15-19*

These patents continue in the style of Nugent, and include the name of the patentee, the acreage, the county in which the land lay, geographical features, adjacent landowners (many of whom were not the original patentees), the cost, the date issued, and the page number from the original patent book. Orange and Brunswick counties were formed during this period, and the first patents for land west of the Blue Ridge Mountains were issued. A detailed "Introduction" by Daphne Gentry, compiler of the Library of Virginia's publication *Virginia Land Office Inventory* (Richmond, 1981) provides an excellent study of the patent system. A lengthy "Explanation" gives transcriptions of the standard forms which were used for various types of land patented — part old, part new land; new land; old land; part old, part new land (abbrev. form); new land (resurveyed); lapsed land; escheat land; marsh land or swamp land; and Sherrando land. The everyname index also includes place names, and a patentee's name is differentiated from other by the use of all capital letters. A "Note to the User" provides tips on using the index to the best advantage.

The Virginia Genealogical Society is to be congratulated for their continuing efforts to make these and many other extremely important documents available to both genealogical and historical researchers. It is impossible to estimate the value of these abstractions to the research community.

Dennis Hudgins, editor, *Cavaliers and Pioneers, Volume V: Abstracts of Virginia Land Patents and Grants, 1741-1749* xii, 477 pp; index; Smyth-

sewn; cloth (6x9); 1994. \$30.00 (\$24.00 to VGS members) plus \$3 shipping. Virginia residents add 4½ % sales tax. *Volume V* is the most recent of the Virginia Genealogical Society publications and picks up where *Volume IV* leaves off. *Volume V* consists of *Patent Books 20-28* (1741-1749).

Albemarle (from Goochland), Lunenburg (from Brunswick), and Augusta (from Orange) were frontier counties formed during the period encompassed by the patents in this volume. Augusta County lay west of the Blue Ridge Mountains and extended to the very limits of the British Empire. Thus, in this period of rapid westward growth, the paths of many early settlers passed through the region. This migration highlights the increasing population of the east which resulted in the formation of Louisa (from Hanover), Cumberland (from Goochland), Southampton (from Isle of Wight), and Chesterfield (from Henrico) counties. See the above review for details of the abstractions and index.

The Virginia Genealogical Society is already at work on the next volume in this series. Those of us who must rely on the diligence of others to make these documents available to us, anxiously await its release, and applaud their contribution.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE VIRGINIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY will hold its 1995 Spring Conference in Charlottesville, VA, April 7-8, 1995 at the Omni Hotel, 235 W. Main St. This year's theme will be "Early Virginia: From Tidewater to the Valley and Beyond." Featured speakers will be: Virginia Lee Hutcheson Davis, Eric Hamner Grundset, Peggy Shomo Joyner, Mary B. Kegley. For more information please write **The Virginia Genealogical Society Spring Conference, 5001 W. Broad St., Suite 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023.**

THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, INC. will hold its 26th Annual Jamboree April 8 & 9, 1995, 9:00 am to 5:00 pm at the **Exhibition Building, The Pasadena Center, 300 E. Green Street, Pasadena, California.**

THE FAUQUIER HISTORICAL SOCIETY issues an invitation for new members. For more information please write to the Society at **PO Box 675, Warrenton, VA, 22186.**

THE FEDERATION OF GENEALOGICAL SOCIETIES will hold its 15th Annual Conference, "A Conference for the Nation's Genealogists," September 20-23, 1995, in Seattle, WA. This FGS Conference will be hosted by The Seattle Genealogical Society and the theme will be "From Sea to Shining Sea." A sample of events: over 50 excellent speakers from around the US, more than

130 lectures geared to every skill level — beginning to advanced. For more information please contact the FGS, PO Box 3385, Salt Lake City, UT 84110-3385. The Seattle Genealogical Society may be reached at (206) 368-8393, 8511 15th Ave. NE, Seattle, WA 98115. FAX: (206) 365-6302.

T.L.C. GENEALOGY PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369. announces publication of the following:

Mecklenburg County, Virginia Deeds, 1777-1779. This publication contains detailed abstracts of all 454 documents that were recorded in Mecklenburg County *Deed Book No. 5*. This is a large deed book with a great deal of information about the settlers of Mecklenburg as well as many other counties. There is a full index, with place names entered under the appropriate headings, such as county, church, parish, river. There is also an index of surnames keyed to the soundex code. 117p, map, 8½x11, spiral bound, \$15 postpaid.

Orange County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1734-1741: An Every-Name Index. Orange County, Virginia, Order Books for 1734-1741, contained in Order Books #1 and #2, are large and loaded with information about families in Orange and surrounding counties. Some of these families were soon to move west or south. This volume provides a page number for every mention of a full name, surname, or slave name, and for many geographic locations. 116p, index, 8½ x 11, spiral bound, \$20 postpaid.

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS BY VIRGINIA KENDRICK which may be of interest to Southside researchers may be ordered from **Central United Methodist Church, 801 S. Hayne St., Monroe, NC 28112.**

The Heritage of Union County, North Carolina, 1842-1992, This book contains 875 family histories, 80 churches, 31 clubs and organizations, a general history, local history articles, pictures. 512p, indexes, \$55 postpaid (\$3 tax for NC residents).

Acts 29: The First 150 Years of Central Methodist Church, Monroe, NC, 1844-1994. Contains lists of preachers, veterans, present officers, present members and pictures, old and new. 192p, index, \$23 postpaid.

THE EAST TENNESSEE HERITAGE FOUNDATION, announces that its publication *East Tennessee Roots Genealogical/Historical Quarterly,* containing approximately 200 pages annually is available for a yearly subscription of \$20. For more information please write **East Tennessee Roots, 1345 Oak Ridge Tpke. #318, Oak Ridge, TN 37830.**

Bedford County

Court Records

Bedford County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

*Bedford County Court Order Book 1A - 1754-1758, continued from Volume XII
No. 4, pp 150-159.*

[p.14] George Walton Petitioner against John Vance Defendant on a Petition This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the Defendant failing to appear the Petitioner Proved his Account for £3.S1.d10½ Current Money Whereupon it is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant the said sum of £3.S1.d10½ and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended.

Jeremiah Rust Plaintiff against Pharoh Riley Defendant In Deed

The Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his suit the same is Dismissed.

The Petition of William Bumpass against William Mead for a Debt therein said to be Due for Reasons appearing to the Court in Order to be Dismissed.

The Petition of David Dalton against William Lawson for a Debt therein said to be due for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismissed.

John Vance Plaintiff against Charles McLaughlen Defendant in Case

This day came the Defendant by his Attorney and the said Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff be non suit and that the said Defendant Recover against the said Plaintiff 5 Shillings according to Law and his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended.

[p.15] William Carr being Summon'd to appear at this Court to Answer the Complaint of James Ayrse a Constable on Hearing the Parties it is Considered by the Court that the said Carr be Discharged he Paying Costs.

Jonathan Burlison being Summoned to appear at this Court to answer this Complaint of James Ayres a Constable and being Solemnly call'd and not Appearing it is Considered by the Court that for his Contempt he pay the sum of 20 Shillings and the Costs and that he may be Taken &c.

An Account of William Mead against the Estate of John Mead Decd for £34.S8.d5 Curt. Money and Ordered to be Certified.

William Callaway Gentl. agrees with this Court to build a Prison immediately on his Land near the main Road 20 feet by 12 with square timber the sides and Upper and under Flouers with a Partition 7 feet and a half Pitch upon his Proper Costs if the Court of this County should After being [held] at that Place be Removed and Part of Albemarle on the south side of James River be added to this County and in Case the said Courthouse should be established on the said Callaways Land he shall be paid by the Court for Building the said Prison and the said Callaway agrees to give the County 100 Acres of Land at the forks of the Road Whereon the Prison and Courthouse are to be built, 50 Acres Part thereof the said Callaway agrees to a Deed in fee simple to the said County when Required and the Other 50 when he shall Obtain a Patent therefor and the said Callaway doth agree to find a Rough Courthouse to Hold Court in till the same shall be Established, Ordered that the Courthouse be Established on the said Callaways Land of that Part of Albemarle added to this County.

[p.16] Ordered that the next Court for this County be Held at the House of William Callaway on the Road below his Mill Creek.

Ordered that the Court be Adjourned 'till Court in Co[u]rse

Signed, John Phelps

[p.16 continued]

Memorandum at the house of William Callaway on Monday the 23rd day of September 1754 and in the 28th year of the reign of our sovereign Lord King George the second.

A New Commission of the Peace a Dedimus Potestatiom for this County Directed to Matthew Talbot and Other Gent. was Produced and Read and thereoup Pursuant to the Dedimus the said John Phelps took the Usual Oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and took and Subscribed the Abjuration and also Subscribed the *Teste* and Likewise took the oath of a Justice of Peace and of a Justice of the County Court in Chancery all which Oaths were administred to him by William Callaway and Richard Callaway Gent. then the said John Phelps Gentl. adminstred all the aforesaid Oaths to the said William Callaway Richard Callaway Robert Baber, John Sutton Zachariah Isbel & Robert Ewings Gent. who Took the same and Subscribed the said Abjuration Oath and *Teste*.

At a Court held for Beford County at the house of William Callaway Gent. the 23rd day of September 1754 and in the 28th year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lorg King George the second.

Present John Phelps
William Callaway

Robert Baber
Richd. Callaway
Zach. Isbel
John Sutton
& Robert Ewing Gent.

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A Commission from the President and Masters of William and Mary Coledge at Williamsburgh Direcyed to Buckner Stith Gent. to be Surveyor of this County was Produced in Court by the said Buckner Stith and Read and then the said Buckner Stith having first taken the Oaths of Alegiance and Supremicy and Taken and Subscribed the Abjuration Oath and Repeated and Subscribed the *Teste*; was Sworn accordingly he having first entered into Bond with Security and Acknowledged the same according to Law.

A Commission from the Presedent and Masters of William and Mary Coledge at Williamsburgh Directed to Richd. Stith Gent. to be Assistance Surveyor of this County was Produced in Court by Richard Stith and Read and then the said Richard Stith having first Taken the oaths appointed by Act of Parliment to be Taken insted of the Oaths of Alegiance and Supremacy and Taken and Subscribed the Abjuration Oath and Subscribed the *Teste* was Sworn According[ly] he having first entered into bond and acknowledged the same with Security according to Law.

Zachariah Isbel Gent. Produced a Commission from the Honble. the Governor and Commander in Cheif of this Colony and Dominion Constituting him one of the Coroners of this County took the Usual Oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and Repeated and Subscribed the *Teste* and had the Oath of a Corner adminstred unto him.

Benjamin Wade having first Taken the Usual Oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and Repeated and Subscribed the *Teste* was on the Motion of Joseph Ray Gent. sherif of this County sworn unto the office of Deputy sheriff.

[p.18] An Indenture of Feoffment Between George Walton of the one Part and John Sutton of the other Part Together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen thereon Indorsed were Proved by the oaths of Richard Callaway, Robert Ewings & Joseph Ray Witnesses thereto Subscribed and Ordered to be Recorded.

Richard Callaway is appointed Surveyor of the Raod from the foot of Johnson Mountain into Callaways Road and it is Ordered that he Together with all the male Labouring Tithables Convenient do forthwith Clear and Keek the same in Repair according to Law.

Ordered that the sheriff of this County summon 24 able free holders to appear at November Court Next as a Jury of Inquest for the Body of this County.

Nicholas Welch is appointed Surveyor of the Road in the Room of John Mills & it is Ordered that he Together with all the hands that Assisted the said Mills on the said do forth with Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

John Welch is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Ewings to the ford of Otter River in the Room of John Vance & it is Ordered that he Together with the Hand that Assisted the said Vance on the said Road and all Other Hands Convenient do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

An Entry mady by Richard Stith Assistant Surveyor Return to Court and on his Motion is Ordered to be Recorded.

Peter Holland is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Goose Creek to Falling Mountain and it is Ordered that he Together With all the Hands Convenient do Forthwith Lay open [Clerk/Clear] and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

[p.19] William Stone is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Falling Mountain into Mobberlys Road it is Ordered that he Together with all the hands Convenient do forth Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Anthony Pate is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Goose Creek to the County Line and it is Ordered that he Together with all the hand Convenient do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

On the Petition of Thomas Wood and Others Ordered that a road be Clear'd from the South Fork of Otter River to the south side of Johnsons Mountain and Wm. Boyd is appointed Surveyor threof And it is Ordered that he Together with all the Hands Convenient do forth with Lay Open Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

John Haynes is appointed Surveyor in the room of John Eckols on the road whereof he was Late Surveyor and it is Ordered that he together with all the male Labouring Tithables who assisted the said Eckols on the said Road do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

On the Motion of John Eckols for Leave to build a Mill on the south fork of Little Otter River Ordered that the sheriff [of] this County Summon a Jury to Value an Acres of Land belonging to Matthew Talbot Junr. on the north side the said Creek adjoining the said Eckols's Land & it is Ordered that they make Report thereof to the Next Court.

Clement Read Assignee of John Richardson Plaintiff against William Vaden Defend. in Debt This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the

[p.20] Defend. being again solemnly Call'd Came not but made Default Therefore is is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff Recover against the Defendant and Augustine Leftwich his Common Bil. £20 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

But the Judgment is to be Discharged by the Payment of £10 together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per centum per Annum from the 1st day of March last past to the time of Payment and the Costs.

Ordered that Licence be granted to William Callaway Gent. to Keep Ordinary at the Courthouse of this County for the space of one year he having Complied with what the Law requires in this Case.

James Johnson & Saml. Hairston Petioners against Ambross Bryant Defendant on a Petition This day came [tho] well the Petitioners by their Attorney as the Defendant in his Proper Person & the said Defend. saith he cannot gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand for £3.S2.d9½ Therefore it is Considered by the Court the said Petitioners recover against the said Defendant the said £3.S2.d9½ and the Costs by them about their suit in this Behalf Expended and 7 Shillings 6 pence a Lawyers fee and the Petitioners agree to Stay Execution of this Judgment 2 Months.

Clement Read Assignee of Benjamin Harris Plaintiff against Thomas Hunt & Michel Poor Defendants in Debt. The Parties having agreed the Defence [difference] Between them Subsisting this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

[p.21] Abraham Venable Plaintiff against Edward Watts Senr. Defend. In Debt. This day came the Parties (and John Sutton Edward Watts Junr. & William Watts of this County Comes into Court and undertakes for the Defendant that in Case he shall be Cast in this Suit he shall satisfie and Pay the Condemnation of this Court or Render his Body to Prison in Execution for the same or that they the said John Sutton, Edward Watts Junr. & William Watts will do it for him) and the said Defendant saith nothing to Carr or obstruct the Action of the Plaintiff. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Plaintf. Recover against the said Defendant £27.S9.d10 the debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and Defendant in Mercy &c.

But this Judgment Except as to the Costs is to be Discharged by payment £13.S14.d11 with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per

Centum per Annum from the 1st day of July 1752 'till the time of Payment and the Costs.

Matthew Talbot Gent. Plaintiff against William Watkins & John Sutton Defendant In Debt. This [day] Came well the the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the Defendant in his Proper Person (and Joseph Ray of this County comes into Court and Undertakes for the Defendant that in case he shall be cast in this suit he shall satisfie and Pay the Condemnation of this Court or Render his Body to Prison in Execution for the same or that he the said Ray will do it for him) and the Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs action Therefor it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover

[p.22] against the said Defendant £7.S5 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned & his Costs by him about his Suit in that Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c But this Judement is to be Discharged by payment of £.S10.d6 together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 15 day of May last Past to the time of Payment and the Costs.

Matthew Talbot Gent. Plt. against William Mead Defendnt. in Debt. This Day came the Parties as well the said Plaintiff. by his Attorney as the said Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs Action Therefore it is Considered that the said Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant 2 Shillings and 4 Pence Current Monty and his Costs by him in that Behalf Expen[d]ed and the said Defendant in Mercy &c.

Matthew Talbot Gent. Administrator of the Goods Chattles &c of Nicholas Haile Decd. Plaintiff against Isaac Frizzel Junr. Defendant on a Petition This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and Defendant being Solemnly Called and not appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand it is Considered by the Court that the Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £4.S10 and his Costs by him in that Behalf Expended.

The Petition of Timothy Dalton against George Walton for a Debt there in said to be Due for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismissed

[p.23] Matthew Talbot Gent. Plaintiff against William Morgan Defendant In Case For Reasons appearing to the Court this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed

Charles McGlouglin Plaintiff agaist John Brown Defendant In Case The Parties having agreed the Deference Between them Subsisting the suit is Ordered to be Dismissed

Alexr. Mackie & Compy. Petitioners against Thos. Gaddie Defendant On a Petition This Day came the Petitioners by their Attorney and the Defendant failing to appear to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand it is

Considered by the Court that the said Petitioners recover against the said Defendant £3.S11.d6 and their Costs by them about their sut in this behalf Expended & a Lawyers fee.

William McDonald Petitioner against Methias Mounts & John Sutton Defendant On a Petition This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney & the Defendt. failing to appear to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioner Demand it is Considered by the Court that the said Pentioner Recover against the said Defendant £1.S18 and his costs by him about this suit in this Behalf Expended.

John Pyborn [Jno. Pyburn] is appointed Constable in the fork Betweenk Stanton River and Blackwater River and the said

[p.24] John Pyborn took the oath of a Constable and all the oaths appointed by act of Assembly.

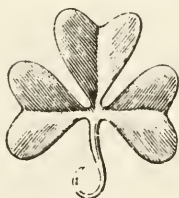
John Ray Gent. sherif this County comes into Court and Protest against the Prison now Building by William Callaway by Reason of the Unsufficiency thereof.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till Court in Course.

Signed John Phelps

concluded

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City of Petersburg

Preservation

A Look at Graveyards Helps Us See the Past, So be Sure to Preserve Them for the Future

by *Jim Berry*, *Richmond Times-Dispatch*

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How a culture buries its dead speaks volumes about its people. A graveyard is a chronicle of the past and when a burial ground like historic Blandford Church is the case in point, it documents virtually the entire history of our nation. Preserving these sites with their elaborate stone markers, obelisks and ornate ironwork isn't easy and it sure is expensive.

The folks at Blandford invited an expert to look over the grounds last week to bring them up to speed on needs and techniques involved in the continuing restoration work. Lynette Strangstad of Charleston, S.C., is a specialist in the restoration of stonework. She's originally from Wisconsin, went south to work on a project in Charleston, got hooked and stayed. Today she has her own firm called Stone Faces. She travels wherever her expertise is needed, mostly in the eastern part of the country.

She was mighty impressed with Blandford, which was established in 1735. Among what she found was some extraordinary ironwork that she hadn't seen anywhere else in her travels. Standing under a huge old oak in Blandford last week Strangstad waxed philosophical about the business of caring for such antiquities. She cringed while telling about some midwestern towns that are pulling down older structures to make way for new development. It's a case of some people not realizing that their history really is important.

Blandford, she said, is a "wonderful historic resource, a cultural resource and I think that what's most often overlooked is the cultural resource that's found in cemeteries. We're getting to the point of recognizing the social history that's here. We can learn a lot about how individual ethnic groups may have come to a region or simply the way cultural attitudes have developed over 150 years."

That is reflected in the types of markers found in cemeteries around the country as well as the plantings and the ironwork enclosures. All of these represent cultural changes, Strangstad said. And that makes it important to save cemeteries. At Blandford, Strangstad said she found "a wonderful array of 19th century funerary architecture." That makes the cemetery important not only locally but regionally as well. "There's just too much here not to pay attention to."

As a conservator, Strangstad said, her role basically is "to retard the deterioration. there's no way you can stop it. There's no way that any of this will last forever any more than we will." One simply does the best one can to slow down the process so that future generations will have a resource to appreciate.

There are a lot of techniques involved, some more complicated than others. Simply cleaning the stones is one of them. But it is a process done carefully with a soft brush and plain water. The next level involves adding only a little diluted ammonia to the water. She was horrified one day to see a well-meaning family member scrubbing away at a headstone with an abrasive household cleaner and a scrub brush. The experts use special polyester resins to reassemble broken stones. Pins are used to repair sculptural elements. To deal with deteriorated ironwork, the experts sometimes replace sections with cast aluminum. There's even a special substance that can be applied like paint. As it dries it darkens to resemble the original metal.

Strangstad knows that the old cemeteries are losing stones faster than modern science can come up with new techniques for preserving them. Acid rain isn't helping matters either. The bottom line, she said, is that "you don't want to lose anything you can possibly save."

Roxanne Groff, president of the Historic Blandford Cemetery Foundation, would be happy if a big dome could be placed over the entire hillside occupied by Blandford. She would be happier still if the foundation succeeds in its application for \$190,000 in federal and local grants to repair the entire section of brick wall bordering on Crater Road and Rochelle Lane, which runs in front of the visitor center. The application has cleared the local level and has been forwarded to the Department of Transportation, which administers the grant money. A decision should be made sometime next month.

A section of the wall at the corner of Crater Road and Rochelle Lane collapsed more than a year ago. Groff said the Rochelle Lane section could collapse anytime. There are places with no mortar between the bricks. The only thing holding it together is prayer, Groff said.

Sussex and Prince George counties

Court Records

Sussex County Chancery Suit, 1806-1817

Harrison's Executor, etc. v. Harrison's Executor, et als

Submitted by Gary M. Williams, Clerk of the Circuit Court of Sussex County

Submitter's Note: The suit is filed among the Loose Court Papers of Sussex County, Virginia, 1754-1870, in File #1817-52. It is hoped that these records, which have been closed by court order pending the completion of an index, will ultimately be available to researchers on microfilm. The indexing phase of this project is expected to be completed in 1998. Records have been indexed through 1820.

The crucial document in a chancery proceeding is the pleading, called the bill of complaint. This is the instrument which identifies the heirs of a decedent and the nature of their kinship. The above named suit was filed in the old Sussex County Court in January 1806 by William Harrison (who was the executor and son of William Harrison who died testate in Sussex County in 1804) and which suit was dismissed in the said court in March 1817. The bill in this suit is particularly significant in that it identifies the daughters of one Richard Harrison of Prince George County, who, although he left a will (dated 27 March 1781 and probated 11 October 1791) which is among the scant surviving pre-1865 records of that county, it is a will which named only his wife, Rebecca, and seven sons: William, Alexander, Shadrack, Theodorick, Charles, Ishmael and Peyton. The bill filed in this suit provides considerable genealogical data on his daughters and their descendants.

The essential pleading of William Harrison argued that Alexander Harrison, his father's brother and co-executor of the estate of his grandfather, had failed to administer that estate properly. The will, which left specific devisals of real estate to the testator's sons, called for a division of the residue, which included all of Richard Harrison's heirs-at-law.

There were six daughters of this Richard Harrison and three of them were living in 1806; Ann Hobbs, Mary Hartwell and Eliza Bailey, the last named of whom married Richard Bailey, according to the bill of complaint. The report of the master commissioner in chancery filed among the papers of the suit identifies Nathaniel Hobbs as Ann's husband and Paul Hartwell as Mary's husband. The three deceased daughters were Mason Avriss (who married John Avriss, according to the master commissioner's report). Joanna Gary and Eve Clark (who married John Clark, who died testate in Sussex County in or about 1778).

The bill identifies Mason Avriss' three children: William Avriss; Lucy, who married John Carsley; and Rebecca, who married William Duell. The record also shows that Joanna Gary had seven children: her sons, William Gary, Richard Gary, John Gary, Ben Gary, and James Gary; and her two daughters, Nancy Underhill (who married Howell Underhill, according to a 1784 marriage record in Sussex) and Didyme Cotton. Estate records in Sussex prove that Didyme Cotton (also spelled as "Diadamia") married Harris Cotton, who died intestate around 1796, and that she subsequently married Richard Cook in 1797. Her children are shown in the bill to have been Richard Cotton, Frederick Cotton and Betsy Cook (who married John Cook, according to Sussex marriage records, in 1802). Four children of Eve Clark are named: Thomas Clark, Richard Clark, Littleberry Clark and Betsy Hobbs (who, as Elizabeth Clark of Sussex in 1789, married Isham Hobbs).

The will of William Harrison, Richard's son, which, as noted above, was filed in Sussex in 1804, recorded in Will Book F at page 411, notes additional grandchildren: the above William Harrison, who filed the suit, Richard Harrison, John Harrison, Josiah Harrison, Joseph Harrison, Henry Harrison, Rebeckah Harrison, Mary Ogburn and Nancy Cotton.

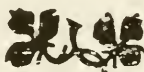
The Bill of Complaint

To the worshipful court of Sussex County, sitting in chancery —

Humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships, your orator William Harrison, executor of William Harrison, deceased, that Richard Harrison, formerly of Prince George County, father of your orator's testator, departed this life after having made his last will & testament, of which an attested copy is hereto annexed as part of this bill, in which after disposing of his lands, he directs that all the rest of his estate shall be equally divided amongst all his former and latter children, and whatsoever any of his children had received before from him is to return to his estate in order to an equal distribution; only with the reserve that his sons Ishmael and Charles were to have one thousand pounds each for their deficiency in the value of lands. These thousand pounds the testator evidently intended to be paper money liable now to the scale of depreciation, as his will is dated in March of the year one thousand seven hundred and eighty-one. Of this will the said Richard appointed your orator's testator and Alexander Harrison the executors, who both qualified as such. That at the sale of the said Richard's personal estate, many of the legatees purchased more than their proportions — some of whose bonds your orator as the representative of his testator still holds. One of them, however, Theodoric, got possession of his bond under a promise to pay a debt due John P. Cocke of thirteen pounds, out of it — and to account for the surplus of it. But he has never done the one or the other. Owing to the circumstances, the dispersed situation of the legatees and the death of some of them, your orator finds it impossible to settle his testator's executorial account of his transactions on the

said [Richard Harr]ison's estate without the aid of this court. Your orator will further [state he] has cause to fear that the said Alexander Harrison mismanaged and [not invested] a part of his testator's assets. But he is advised that his testator [is] not answerable to legatees for the waste or misconduct of the said Alexander and therefore he is extremely solicitous that an account be taken of the acts and responsibility of each executor. To the end therefore that the said Alexander Harrison, and that Theodorick, Ishmael, Shadrack and Charles Harrison, brothers of your orator's testator, Ann Hobbs, Mary Hartwell and Richard Bailey and Eliza, his wife, which said Ann, Mary and Eliza are sisters of that testator, William Gary, Richard Gary, John Gary, Ben Gary and James Gary, sons of Joanna Gary, deceased, who was also a sister of that testator, Nancy Underhill, a daughter of the said Joanna, Richard Cotton, Frederic Cotton, John Cook and Betsy, his wife, which said Richard, Frederic and Betsy are children of Didyme Cotton, afterwards Didyme Cook, deceased, who was also a daughter of the said Joanna, Thomas Clarke, Richard Clark, Littleberry Clark and Betsy Hobbs, children of Eve Clark, another of that said testator's sisters now deceased, William Avriss, John Kearsley [Carsley] and Lucy, his wife, and William Duell and Rebecca, his wife, which said William, Lucy and Rebecca are children of Mason Avriss, deceased, another sister of that testator, may on their respective oaths full true and perfect answers make to the premises. That your worships may direct your commissioner to ascertain and report how far the said Alexander Harrison that exclusively acted in the management of his testator's affairs and may decree that is far as he has acted exclusively therein, the estate of your orator's testator may be shielded from all responsibility; and that the same commissioner may take to state an account between the other defendants — how much some of them are indebted to, and how much others of them are creditors of the said estate of Richard Harrison, deceased — that the creditors among them may be decreed to look for compensation in the first place to the bonds of the debtors, whose bonds (or what may be found due thereon) your orator has ready to assign or distribute as to your worships may seem proper — and may secondly look for compensation to the said Alexander Harrison far as he may be found delinquent — and may thirdly look to the estate of your orator's testator only for any surplus that may afterwards remain unsatisfied — And that your worships may grant to your orator such other and further relief in the premises as equity may dictate. May it please, etc.

[George Keith] Taylor for complainant



Lunenburg and Brunswick counties

Bible Records

The John Robert Jones Family Bible

Transcribed by Jane P. Cunningham

John Robert Jones lived and owned property in Lunenburg and Brunswick counties. This Bible is currently in the possession of Sadie Haskins Hawthorne, a great great granddaughter, who lives in Brunswick County on the old Haskins farm.

Owner's Note: "This Bible was given to me by Stanley Jones, eldest son of Benjamin S. and Stella Jones. Said Benjamin S. Jones, b. 2 September 1867, was the youngest son of J. Robert Jones (b. 1 October 1822) and wife, Ann E. Manson (b. 21 October 1828) to whom the Bible was presented by his uncle, John C. Blackwell."

The inscription in the front of the book says "Presented to J. Robert Jones By his uncle Jno. C. Blackwell, 1858." The Bible was printed by the American Bible Society in New York, 1853.

MARRIAGES

J. Robert Jones and Ann E. Manson were united in holy wedlock on the
23rd June 1846

John Blackwell Jones and Gertrude Lee Harris were married Dec 20th 1876

John Robert Shell and Anna Jones were married Nov 11th 1879

Jefferson Porterfield Haskins and Lucy Emily Jones were married April 25,
1883

Clarence Porter Jones & Marinda Rucker married Nov 16th 1904

Ann Elizabeth Jones and Lee Edwin Barrow Dec 19th 1900

BIRTHS

J. Robert Jones was born October 1st 1822

Ann E. Manson was born October 21st 1828

Anna Jones was born July 16th 1847

Susan Jones was born April 22nd 1850

Jno Blackwell Jones was born January 11th 1853

Robert Jones Apl 11th 1856

Reps Jones Apl 4th 1859
Lucy E. Jones May 1st 1862
Richard Baxter Jones December 24, 1864
Benjamin S. Jones September 2nd 1867
Thomas E. Jones was born March 2nd 1870
Clarence P. Jones was born April 7, 1874
Lena Watkins Jones Nov 12, 1877
Ashton Crenshaw Jones July 9, 1879
Mary Shell Jan 2, 1881
Ann Elizabeth Jones July 4, 1881
William Robert Jones Nov 12, 1883
Gray Shell Apr 24, 1884
Elizabeth and Gertrude Barrow were born May 18, 1906
James Porterfield Haskins Feb. 1, 1885
Ella Manson Jones Aug 30, 1885
Robert Reps Haskins Jan 10 [1887]
Martha Harris Jones Oct 23, 1887
Edward Brodnax Haskins [Dec. 10, 1888]
Anna Shell Jones born Aug 26, 189_
Susie Lee Jones Dec. 21, 1892
Laura Gertrude Jones Apr. 18, 1894
Blanche Katharine Jones Feb. 3, 1896
Ashton C. Jones, jr. July 20, 1909
Clarence Porter Jones, jr. Aug 10, 1909
James A.(?) Jones June 9, 1912

DEATHS

R. Baxter Jones 15 September 1889
Thos. Edward Jones Jan 28, 1898
Jno. Robt Jones Feb. 24th 1907
Anna Jones Shell Dec. 23, 1912
Ann C. Jones April 4, 1913
Reps Jones Feb. 16, 1915
Susie M. Jones July 19, 1915
Lucy E. Haskins May 16, 1919
Robert S. Jones Mar. 17, 1938
Benjamin S. Jones Dec 1955

Greensville County

Wills

Will of Thomas Harwell - 1825

Submitted by Albert L. Harwell

Editor's Note: The following is the transcript of a will which may be found in Will Book 3, pp. 423-424, Greensville County, Virginia, and was submitted for publication by Mr. Albert L. Harwell of Chicago, Illinois.

I, Thomas Harwell of Greenville Co. do make and ordain this to be my last will and testament in manner and form following. To wit: 1st: It is my will and desire that my beloved wife, Cherry, take an equal share or child's part of my estate both real and personal, to hold the same for and during the term of her natural life. And it is my further will and intention that my said wife's part or share be so laid off as to give her my dwelling house with all its appurtenances. 2nd: I give and devise unto my two sons, William Thomas and James Harwell, the whole of the land which I am at this time seized and possessed of to be equally divided between them. To them and their heirs and assigns forever. 3rd: I give and bequeath the whole of my negroes to be so divided between my beloved wife Cherry, and my two sons, William Thomas and James and my daughter, Harriet, as that my said daughter's share shall be made equal in negroes and money to my sons (they having the land). 4th: Should the child which my wife is now pregnant with be a son, It is my will and desire and I give and divide to such son, an equal share of my lands with my other sons—and also an equal share of negroes with the rest of my children, to him and his heirs forever — But should said child be a daughter, it is my will and desire that she shall take such part of my estate as my daughter Harriet may take, to her and her heirs forever. 5th: And whereas I have sold and rec'd payment for some land in the County of Southampton, now held by Mrs. Araminta Gilliam— It is my will and desire that my Excutors or such of them as may qualify as such do make and execute a good and sufficient title to the same, whenever they may be called upon to do so. 6th: I lend unto my beloved wife the whole of my household furniture during her natural life. 7th: I give and bequeath unto my two sons, William and James, my watch and rifle. 8th: It is my will and desire

that old Mingo, the blacksmith shall have the house he at present lives and four acres of land attached thereto during his natural life and should he by old age and infirmity, be indeed unable to support himself, It is my will and desire that he be maintained out of my estate. And, lastly I constitute and appoint my beloved wife Cherry Harwell and my friend Absolom P. Smith executrix and Excecutor of this my last will and testament, hereby revoking and annulling all other wills heretofore made by me. As witness my hand and seal this 16th July 1825.

Signed: *Thomas Harwell*

Signed, sealed, published and declared to be the last will and testament of the within named Thomas Harwell in presence of us:

James Turner, Thomas B. Turner, George Smith and G. Avery.



Southampton County

Historical Research

Parson and Local Man of Affairs: George Gurley

Submitted by Otto Lohrenz, professor of history (emeritus), The University of Nebraska at Kearney

Continued from Vol. XII No. 4, pp. 174-179. See the article "Gurley-Little Family Bible" on p. 31 of this issue.

When the British enacted the objectionable legislation leading to the Revolution, George Gurley no doubt joined his fellow countians in protesting. Very likely he supported the boycotting of British goods in the county in the early 1770s. That he endorsed the Continental Association, an intercolonial boycott of British commerce organized by the Continental Congress in late 1774, can clearly be inferred. Gurley surely supported the patriot cause from the pulpit, especially on the fast days called for by the Virginia whigs on June 1, 1774 and by the Continental Congress on July 20, 1775.⁵ On July 5, 1776 the Fifth Virginia Convention altered the liturgy in the *Book of Common Prayer*, ruling that henceforth rectors pray for the magistrates of Virginia rather than, as formerly, for the British monarch and royal family. Gurley obviously utilized the new prayer, thereby gravely compromising his ordination vow to the king.¹ In 1777 the new Virginia state legislature stipulated that each free, adult male renounce his allegiance to the king and swear true fidelity to the Commonwealth. The records show that Gurley, as well as Henry John Burgess,

⁵ John Pendleton Kennedy, ed., *Journals of the House of Burgesses of Virginia, 1773-1776, Including the Records of the Committee of Correspondence* (Richmond, 1905), pp. xv, 124; Worthington C. Ford et al., eds., *Journals of the Continental Congress, 1774-1789*, 34 vols., rpt. ed. (New York, 1968), I, 79, II, 81, 87-88.

¹ Five conventions met between August 1774 and July 1776; they were extralegal legislative assemblies called by the patriots to promote the Revolutionary cause and to assume the reins of government. Their proceedings, related source material, and helpful editorial notes can conveniently be found in William J. Van Schreevan et al., eds., *Revolutionary Virginia, The Road to Independence*, 7 vols. in 8 (Charlottesville, Virginia, 1973-83); for the revised liturgy, see *ibid.*, VII, 708.

rector of Nottoway parish, subscribed to the new oath on December 11, 1777. ^u

Gurley gave his most visible support of the Revolution by serving on the Southampton County committee of safety in 1775-1776. As noted above, the First Continental Congress formed the Continental Association in October 1774. The voters in each unit of local government in the several colonies were to choose committees of safety to execute the Association within their respective jurisdictions. ^v The freeholders met in early 1775 and elected nineteen Southamptonians for that purpose; eighteen, including Gurley, agreed to serve. Congress had not fixed the number of members to constitute a local committee, and in Virginia the membership ranged from thirteen to an unwieldy seventy. In August 1775 the Third Convention decreed that "twenty one of the most discreet, fit and able men" would comprise each committee in Virginia. ^w Soon the voters of Southampton reconstituted their committee by retaining seventeen former committeemen, including Gurley, and by adding four new individuals. A major portion of the Southampton committee's journal has survived and has appeared in print. ^x

The extant journal, which covers the period from March 9, 1775 to September 20, 1776, reveals that the Southampton committee was dedicated, active, but temperate; it punished no one. If an accused acknowledged his offense, expressed regret, and vowed not to repeat it, he escaped with only an admonition. Other committees in Virginia publicly held up individuals as inimical to American liberty, thereby inviting their ostracism by patriots. As requested by the provincial authorities, the committee investigated, but absolved, one merchant accused of violating the nonimportation provision of the Association. It also regulated trade in the county; collected contributions for the Bostonians; gathered endorsements for the Association; corresponded and cooperated with committees of neighboring counties and the provincial

^u Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large*, IX, 281-83; Southampton County Minute Book (1775-1778), December 11, 1777, n. p., reel 32, VSL.

^v Ford et al., eds., *Journals of Continental Congress*, I, 75-81.

^w Hening, ed., *Statutes at Large*, IX, 57. For a discussion of the Virginia committees, see Larry Bowman, "The Virginia County Committees of Safety, 1774-1776," *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, 79 (1971), 322-37.

^x Henry R. McIlwaine, ed., "Proceedings of the Committees of Safety of Caroline and Southampton counties, Virginia, 1774-1776," Virginia State Library, *Bulletin*, 17 (1929), 141-64. Henry Briggs declined to serve; the eighteen who accepted the first call were Edwin Gray, James Ridley, Richard Kello, Thomas Edmunds, Thomas Blunt, John Thomas Blow, Benjamin Ruffin, Sr., Benjamin Ruffin, Jr., Albridgton Jones, plus Benjamin Lewis, John Rogers, John Simmons, and Benjamin Blunt comprised the second committee.

committee of safety; accepted assessments and donations to make salt, buy powder and lead, and send Virginia's delegates to the Continental Congress; raised military manpower, appointed officers, administered oaths, and reviewed companies; conducted elections; took a census of the county; and enforced the eighth article of the Association against gaming. Twice, when income was deficient, the committee assessed each member with a moderate quota of money to support important projects. On one of those occasions they "most cheerfully" agreed to provide £10 each for powder and lead.^y

Although Gurley attended only twelve of the committee's seventeen sessions, he was, nevertheless, a diligent and responsible member, accepting a variety of tasks assigned to him.

After each election his colleagues named him to a five-member committee of correspondence; its duty was that of coordinating activities with the five other counties in Southampton's district and with the provincial leadership. Several times the committeemen appointed Gurley as the first alternate delegate to attend the general committee of the six-county district. Gurley collected donations for the citizens of Boston and signatures in support of the Association. In February 1776 the committee asked Gurley and three additional members to review the newly-formed company of regulars from Southampton County. Gurley also participated in conducting a census of the county, taking a count of both white and black inhabitants in one of the county's subdivisions. On February 9, 1775 his fellow members asked Gurley to fill the chair in the absence of Chairman Edwin Gray, delegate to the Virginia Convention and a former Burgess; on three occasions Gurley presided and signed the minutes of the meetings.^z

Gurley's election to the Southampton committee itself shows that he was a member of the upper stratum of local society. The ruling gentry, according to historians, controlled the elections, limiting membership to those belonging to "the traditional power structure of the counties."^{aa} Gurley's record of service as committeeman underscores his social position. According to an analysis of the journal by one scholar, the committee established fifteen

^y *Ibid.* For a version of the minutes of April 8, 1775, see Dixon and Hunter's *Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg), May 6, 1776, and for the minutes of January 11, 1776, see Purdie's *Virginia Gazette* (Williamsburg), February 2, 1776.

^z McIlwaine, ed., "Proceedings," *Virginia State Library, Bulletin*, 17 (1929), 141-64.

^{aa} Dale Edward Benson, "Wealth and Power in Virginia, 1774-1776; A Study of the Organization of Revolt" (Ph. D. diss., University of Maine, 1970), pp. 104-05, 112; Allan Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves: The Development of Southern Cultures in the Chesapeake, 1680-1800*, pkb. ed. (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1986), p. 307.

subcommittees involving fifty-four nominations. Seven committeemen received forty nominations, he found, while five were never nominated, six were nominated only once, and four only twice. The second committee gave Gurley six special, including important, assignments.^{bb} These observations permit the conclusion that Gurley was among the dominant political figures of Southampton.

Gurley's local stature did not spring from his wealth. In 1782, the first year for which there are records, he owned only 478 acres of land and nine slaves. Since he possessed a life tenure in his glebe, he had a modest seven hundred acres at his disposal for agricultural production. Only three Southampton committeemen are known to have owned less land and only one fewer slaves than Gurley. Yet, as one scholar notes, most Virginia committeemen and justices "were not that rich." A typical committeeman, as well as justice, he continues, owned from seven hundred to eighteen hundred acres of land and from eleven to fifteen slaves.^{cc} Thus, from the position of property holder, Gurley was not quite a typical local public servant. Apparently at least a portion of his local prominence stemmed from the dignity of his clerical office and from his excellent human qualities which his exponents mentioned in support of his ordination.

Kinship connections have also been termed very important for the Virginian "who would rise in politics," and they may have been a factor in Gurley's political ascent.^{dd} There were Gurleys in Southampton who were his contemporaries, but none of them are known to have been local leaders; later his son, who was also named George, was a magistrate for many years. Perhaps Parson Gurley was related to other dominant figures in Southampton and neighboring counties through his mother or wife, whose family identities are not clear.

The committees of safety in Virginia became defunct about mid-1776 when the county courts, under the jurisdiction of the new state government, assumed their functions. But Gurley soon reentered the public arena. At a Southampton court held on January 11, 1781, the court appointed Gurley "a commissioner in the room of Joshua Nicolson who is discharged from that office." One month later,

^{bb} Benson, "Wealth and Power," pp. 114-15; McIlwaine, ed., "Proceedings," Virginia State Library, *Bulletin*, 17 (1929), 148-57.

^{cc} Benson, "Wealth and Power," table 2, pp. 401-02; Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves*, p. 302.

^{dd} Charles Sydnor, *American Revolutionaries in the Making*, pbk. ed. (New York, 1967), pp. 75-76; Benson, "Wealth and Power," pp. 16-17, 23, 104, 108-32.

however, the minutes of the court state that "William Blunt is by the court appointed a commissioner in the room of George Gurley clergyman who was judged incapable of serving being rector of the parish of St. Luke." ^{ee} The position in question may have been that of a commissioner assigned the duty of purchasing various military supplies. Evidently it required traveling about the county which interfered with Gurley's parochial functions.

Gurley further revealed his patriotic spirit by providing goods and services for public use during the Revolution. In 1780 he supplied a barrel of brandy, containing thirty-one gallons, for which he was later compensated. The next year he gave 675 pounds of beef and furnished a cart, two horses, and a driver for five days to promote the public interest; for these contributions he received remuneration. Apparently Gurley had a relatively large orchard, probably apple, and produced brandy for the market from his own distillery. One Southamptonian, identified as a commissioner, purchased forty-eight barrels of brandy from sixteen individuals in the fall of 1780 for public use. ^{ff} Fruit and brandy production evidently was an important element of the local economy.

About the same time Thomas Jefferson's correspondence also reveals that Gurley was a man of local affairs. Jefferson in 1784 was in Paris as the American minister and was gathering material for his *Notes on the State of Virginia*. William Short, his secretary, who would soon report for duty in Paris, informed Jefferson from Richmond that he had received information, which he would bring with him, about the Nottoway Indians from Mr. Kello, Samuel Kello, the county clerk, and Parson Gurley. Eventually Jefferson utilized five sentences in his *Notes* to identify and discuss the Nottoways in Southampton. It seems probable that Kello and Gurley were two of the trustees, who, in Jefferson's words, were to watch over the interests of the Nottoways and "guard them from insult and injury." ^{gg}

In April 1781 the governor and Council added Gurley to the commission of peace for Southampton County, thereby again identifying him as one of the leading social and public figures in the county. "Only gentlemen commanded enough respect to deserve appointment to the bench," according to a recent

^{ee} January 11, 1781 and February 8, 1781, Southampton County Order Book (1778-1784), pp. 138, 143, reel 27, VSL.

^{ff} Public Service Claims, Southampton County Court Booklet, photocopy, VSL.

^{gg} Short to Jefferson, July 28, 1784, Julian P. Boyd *et al.*, eds., *The Papers of Thomas Jefferson*, 25 vols. to date (Princeton, New Jersey, 1950-), VII, 386, 386n; Jefferson, *Notes on the State of Virginia*, pbk. ed. (New York, 1964), p. 92. See also *Dictionary of American Biography*, s.v. "Short, William."

social history of eighteenth-century Chesapeake.^{hh} The Southampton County Order and Minute Books, however, do not identify Gurley as justice in 1781-1782. His name first appears on May 13, 1784 when "George Gurley, Gentleman, took the oaths prescribed as a justice of the peace for this county." For the next six years Gurley attended the monthly meetings of the justices regularly. Quite often he was the presiding justice and signed the minutes of the monthly sessions.ⁱⁱ The justices were the chief magistrates of the county and had a wide variety of judicial and administrative duties. The time and work involved could become burdensome, in the words of one scholar, but "no Virginia gentleman would have thought of shirking his civil duties." For his labor and pains Gurley received his expenses and the satisfaction that he had done his duty as a gentleman.^{jj}

The Southampton court utilized Gurley's services on special occasions. On October 14, 1784, it "ordered that George Gurley (clerk) lay off the lands formerly granted to this county for the purpose of building a courthouse to make report to this Court." It seems possible that Gurley had surveying equipment and experience.^{kk}

(to be continued)



^{hh} McIlwaine *et al.*, eds., *Journals Council of State*, III, 78; Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves*, p. 421.

ⁱⁱ Southampton County Order Book (1778-1784), p. 388, reel 27, VSL; *ibid.*, (1784-1789), pp. 1-321; Southampton County Minute Book (1786-1790), n. p., reel 32, VSL.

^{jj} Richard L. Morton, *Colonial Virginia*, 2 vols. (Chapel Hill, North Carolina, 1960), I, 129; Louis B. Wright, *The First Gentlemen of Virginia: Intellectual Qualities of the Early Colonial Ruling Class*, rpt. ed. (Charlottesville, Virginia, 1970), p. 65; Jack P. Greene, *Landon Carter: An Inquiry into the Personal Values and Social Imperatives of the Eighteenth-Century Virginia Gentry* (Charlottesville, Virginia, 1965), pp. 33-35, 40.

^{kk} Entry for October 14, 1784, Southampton County Order Book (1778-1784), p. 501, reel 27, VSL.

Prince Edward County

Historic Buildings

Owen Home — c.1765

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Christine F. Fansler, Prospect, Virginia, November 5, 1937

Subject: Owen Home

Location: 10.9 miles south of Farmville, Virginia on Route #15; thence 7 miles east (left) on Route #630; thence 1 mile north (left) on Route #632; thence .9 mile north (left) on Route #628. House on west (left) side of road.

Date: About 1765

Owners: 1762 - Deed Book 2 page 118 William Owen to Brackett Owen 192 acres for 100 pounds in current money. 1772 Deed Book 4 page 235 Brackett Owen to Jesse Owen, 192 acres for 200 pounds in current money. 1825 Will Book 6 page 249 Ann Owen wife of Jesse Owen to William Jack Owen. 1885 Deed Book 36 Page 338 Sallie Marshall Owen, widow of William Jack Owen to Ann M. Ewing. This property is still owned by the Ewing family. (1937)

Description:

This quaint little story and a half frame house is located on a high hill, where a great distance can be seen in every direction. The cedar and locust trees surrounding the house are very large, and show plainly the signs of great age. The building is of the plainest material, wide plain weather-boarding, and the doors are of wide planks nailed together. The floors are wide and uneven, and the stairway is very plain, with hand made railing and newel post, partly enclosed. The old house has several interesting features, among them, the immense chimney with its racks for hanging cooking vessels, and an oven in the upper part for baking. In the floor at the south door are markings place there to serve the purpose of a sun dial.

Historical Significance:

Brackett Owen, born 1733 moved to Prince Edward County in 1761 married Elizabeth Wooten and at this date is supposed to have built this house. The home passed on to William Jack Owen who married Sallie Marshall. Henry Ewing who served Prince Edward County for several years as Treasurer, was a son of Ann and Thomas Ewing. There are other descendants of this family now living in Prince Edward County, and in this and other states.

Ann Owen was a granddaughter of Captain Jesse Owen, her sons W. M. and John Ewing played a conspicuous part in Prince Edward politics during the reconstruction and afterwards.

Sources of Information:

Informants: Mrs. W. S. Morton, Farmville, Virginia.

Mr. H. M. Ewing, Meherrin, Virginia.

Court Records, Clerk's Office, Prince Edward County, Farmville, Virginia.

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Prince George, Sussex, and Southampton counties
Bible Records

The Gurley-Little Family Bible

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: See the article "Parson and Local Man of Affairs: George Gurley on p. 23 of this issue. The cover of the bible states: [Collins's Stereotype Edition.] The Holy Bible: Containing The Old and New Testaments, (New York, 1818), printed and sold by Collins and Co.

FAMILY RECORD

MARRIAGES

[page 1]

January 4th 1816

Henry Gurley And Rebecca B. Finn Were Joined under the dictates of this Book
On the 4 July 1816.

Licence Granted by the Clerk of Prince George County under the Certificate of
Rich^d Williams, who was Guardian to R. B. Finn.

Sermony Performed by Austin Heath

who was a minister of the Methodist Church of Crist

Jno. W. Gurley & Rebecca G. Little were married in Southampton County 16
Oct 1851

Jno. W. Gurley & Anna E. Little were married in Southampton 27th Sept 1855

Jesse Little & Fanny Jones were married in Sussex county 15th March 1816

Jesse Little & Mrs. Susan Kelly were Married in Sussex county 8 Aug 1832

Jesse Little & Mrs. E. A. Pettway were married in Southampton county 21 Oct
1846

G. G. Little & Fanny L. Basham(?) were married 12 Sept 1860 in Southampton
County

D. W. Cobb & M. Jane Cobb were married 22 June 1842 in Southampton
County

Daniel B. Finn & Priscilla Daughtry were married [no date or place]

E. M. [Little] & Georgie W. Gurley were married in [illegible] April 19th 1882
by [illegible]

BIRTHS

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Mary Willis(?) Daughter of Henry and Rebecca B. Gurley Was Born the 5th
March 1817

William Daniel (As above) Was Born, 12th March 1819

Richard Henry Gurley Was Born 29th Sept 1820

George Thomas Gurley Was Born 15th April 1822
Nathaniel Addison Gurley Was Born 17th Sept 1823
John Willis Gurley Was Born Decr. 10th 1824

BIRTHS & Deaths [handwritten]

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Rebecca G. Little was born in Southampton County 27 Aug^t 1835 & departed this life 1 Oct 1852
W^m G. Little was born in Southampton County 17 Oct. 1820 & departed this life 5 July 1854
Nancy Little was born in Sussex 29 June 1822
E. [~~strike-through~~] M. Little was born 23rd March 1840 in Soampton County & departed this life 15 Sept. 1866
Henry G. Little was born 22 April 1842 in Southampton & departed this life 31 Aug^t 1848
Jesse G. Little the father of above children, was born in Sussex 5th May 1794 & departed this life 14 July 1862
Asbury Cobb son of D. W. Cobb & Jane Little was born in Southampton 18 Sept. 1843 & died from wound during rebellion 8th April 1865.
Susan M. Little 2nd consort of Jesse Little & mother of above Little children departed this life in Southampton 29 Aug^t 1841(?).
Anna E. Little was born in Southampton 10 July 1838
Thos G Little was born in Soampton County 7 Sept 1833
Sally Crowder Gurley 2nd child of J. W. Gurley & Anna E. Gurley was born in Prince George 19 June 1858
Georgianna Willis Gurley 3rd child of J. W. Gurley & Anna E. Gurley was born in Prince George 25th June 1859
Henry Little Gurley 4th child of J. W. Gurley & Anna E. Gurley was born in Prince George 14th Oct 1861
Daniel Baugh Fenn Gurley 6th child of J. W. Gurley & Anna E. Gurley was born in Southampton County 16th Aug^t 1864
Anna Eliza Gurley 8th child of J. W. Gurley & [*illegible*] Gurley was [*illegible*] 14 Jay 1868 and departed this life 3rd March 1869.
Anna Eliza Gurley ninth child of same was born 22nd Nov. in Petersburg *Anno Domini* 1869
[*illegible*] Gurley 10 child was born in P. George Feb 15th 1871.
[*illegible*] Gurley 11 child was born 14th of May 1872 & died the following day

DEATHS

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Mary Willis Daughter of Henry and Rebecca Gurley Departed this life on the 29th April 1817 And was Intered in the Grave Yard of Capt. Jn^o. Criehton (Jerusalem)

Nath Addison (son) as above departed this life Sept 27th 1824 about 5 oclock PM and was Intered in the Old family grave yard of his Grand Father Geo. Gurley —

[illegible name] Gurley

Henry Gurley Departed this life December 26th 1825 one oclock in the morning

George T. Gurley Departed this life December 31st 1832

Daniel B. Finn departed this life in Prince George county 24 May 1856

Richard H. Gurley departed this life December 26th 1836 at ½ past 4 oclock

Junius S. Butts departed this life August 16th 1837 half past one oclock in the evening

Rebecca B. Butts, departed this life February 6th 1841 at ¼ past eleven a.m. formerly Mrs. Lty. Gurley - at the time of her decease the consort of Capt. E. Butts.

Anna R. Butts daughter of R. B. and Capt. E. Butts departed this life the 11th of August 1841 between the hours of 12 Oclock A.M. & one Oclock P.M.

DEATHS

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Carrie Gurley 10th child of Dr. Jno. W. & Anna E. Gurley departed this life Feb. 24, 1886 — in Norfolk City, Va.

Dr. Jno. W. Gurley son of Henry & Rebecca Gurley departed this life in Norfolk City, Va. on Dec. 19, 1888. Buried Norfolk.

Georgie Willis Bell wife of E. M. Bell, & daughter of J. W. & Anna Gurley departed this life Aug. 14 1914 at Blue Ridge Summit, Md.

Mrs. Anna Eliza Gurley wife of Dr. Jno. W. Gurley daughter of Jesse & Susan Little of Southampton Co., departed this life in Charlottesville, Va., Feb. 15-1920. Buried in Norfolk, Va.

Sallie Crowder Gurley daughter of Dr. Jno. W. & Anna E. Gurley, departed this life Apr. 8 - 1921 Charlottesville, Va. - Buried in Norfolk, Va.

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Charlotte, Norfolk, and Princess Anne counties

Bible Records

After Six Decades, Charlotte Co., Moseley Controversy Continues!

By Warren L. Forsythe

In 1931, Judge Redmond S. Cole of Tulsa, Oklahoma, set out to resolve an inconsistency in some family bibles. Little did he realize that the mystery would grow and grow, no matter how deeply he dug into it. Not only did he fail to resolve the controversy in his lifetime, but modern information sources and indexing have not lessened the mystery appreciably!

As Judge Cole contacted cousins, he began to realize that the various descendants in his region claimed two different origins for the Edward Moseley who left a will in Charlotte County, Virginia, in 1808. The Benagh family, descendants of Edward's daughter Amy (Mrs. Joseph Collier) told a story now called the D.A.R. Bible version.^{a b} They said that the Edward of Charlotte County was the one born 4 May 1718, son of Edward Moseley, b. 1687, and Jenette Cocke, b. 1696, who are said to have married 25 May 1717 in Norfolk County. Their bible also has a unique origin for his wife Amey ?, b. 9 February 1728, daughter of Hillery and Susannah Moseley who were apparently of Princess Anne County.

A February 22, 1934, letter to Judge Cole from Miss Dru Moseley of Trinity, Alabama, told a very different story. Her bible records from Morgan County, Alabama, have since been published.^{c d} She said her grandmother Temperance Vaughan Moseley (1783-1864) had told her mother the names of the children that grew up in Charlotte County. The names of the children are very similar to those of the D.A.R. Bible. But, the Morgan County, Alabama, Bible tradition says that the mother's (Amey's) maiden name was Green and that her youngest son William was born 3 June 1776. That clashes with the D.A.R. story which has a William b. 6 November 1762; although the oldest child in the D.A.R. bible was born in 1747, and so presumably some could have had their own children by 1776.

^a Arkansas D.A.R., *Volume 3* (February 1929) p. 39-40.

^b Moseley Family Bible Records, D.A.R. Library, Washington, D.C.

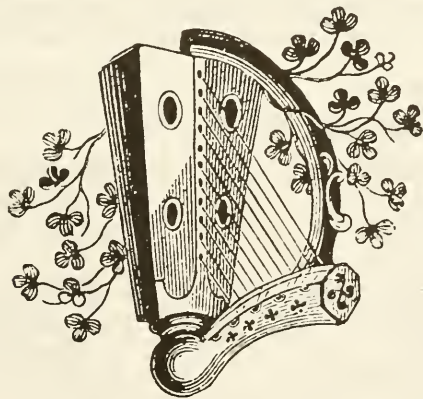
^c Virginia Vital Records from the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, *The William and Mary Quarterly*, and *Tylers Quarterly*. Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore, MD, 1982. pp. 712-715.

^d *Old Southern Bible Records*, Volume 6. Compiled by Memory Aldridge Lester. Chapel Hill, NC, Nov 1960.

What has kept the controversy between the “family bible” versions alive for so many decades? Both bibles have a remarkable degree of both internal consistency and external confirmation with certain public records. For instance, the person who claimed that Amey (Green) Moseley bore her last son in 1776 was probably not in a position to know that later research would reveal that Amey Green was born about Dec. 1735, so that she would have been about age 40 at birth of her youngest son. ^e It is still conceivable that the D.A.R. Bible is fraudulent, but it wasn't fabricated casually. It convinced turn of the century genealogists of its authenticity. ^f And, even today with computer indexed sources at our fingertips, confirmation tests still haven't revealed any significant pattern of deviation from events recorded in the public sources!

Today the research continues, but the mystery is a long way from being solved. If you have any clues, the author would be very glad to hear from you!

Submitted by Warren L. Forsythe, Box 1299, Ellensburg, WA 98926.



^e Amelia County, Virginia, *Order Book 2*, p. 121 and 245.

^f Letter from Stella Pickett Hardy to Alyce Jones Cole of Wilson, Arkansas, 14 July 1939.

Buckingham County

Cemetery Records

Some Cemeteries of Buckingham County

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

The Scott Cemetery

Subject: Scott Cemetery

Location: 1.8 miles east of Howardsville, Virginia on Route #602; thence .5 of a mile north on private road leading to cemetery.

Date: 1857, date of oldest grave.

Owners: Scotts and their descendants. Property surrounding cemetery owned by Miss Mary Scott.

Description:

Cemetery has fence around it, and is kept in good condition. There are many graves but only a few with markers that have names or dates on them.

Historical Significance:

Inscriptions on tombstones:

William Elex Scott
Born 1803
Died 1857

Sallie Powell Scott
Born 1879
Died 1880

Sallie Floyd Scott
Born 1808
Died 1888

Annie Elizabeth Scott
Born 1822
Died 1915

Samuel Scott
Born 1808
Died 1892

Robert W. Brady
Born 1859
Died 1885

Sources of Information:

Informant: C. H. Agee, Dillwyn, Virginia, old resident.
Tombstone inscriptions
Visit by worker

The preceding transcription was found in the Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory, Buckingham County, 1937, Film 509, Reel 5, No. 221.

The Seldon Graveyard

Research performed by Elizabeth McCraw, Andersonville, Virginia, February 9, 1937.

Subject: The Seldon Graveyard

Location: 3.9 miles east of Sheppards, Virginia, on Route #15, thence 200 yards south.

Date: 1857. The oldest grave.

Owners: Jim Carter, the present owner.

Description:

This old graveyard where the Seldon and Lacklands are buried, is on the estate of Jim Carter, and is in sight of the Main highway. Though enclosed by an iron fence, it is overgrown with briars, honeysuckle and small cotton wood trees. All the large trees have died or have been cut down. There are a number of unmarked graves in the yard.

Historical Significance:

The following inscriptions are on upright head stones:

Richard Anderson Booker
Born Dec. 20, 1786
Died Dec. 22, 1867

Eliza Davis Booker
Wife of R. A. Booker
Born Oct. 22, 1786
Died Aug. 14, 1869

In Memory of
Amanda M.
1st Wife of
John J. Lackland
and daughter of
John L. and Judith Cobbs
Born June 30, 1833
Died Jan. 27, 1859

In Memory of
Fannie M.
2nd Wife of John J. Lackland
and daughter of
Hobson and Martha J. Gilliam
Born June 14, 1839
Died June 25, 1862
"Thy Will be Done"

Blessed are the dead, which die in
the Lord.

In Memory of my darling boy
Thomas H. son of
John J. and Amanda M. Lackland
Born May 21, 1858
Died Oct. 26, 1862
My lovely baby farewell
Sleep on in peaceful rest
Thy little head is pillowed now
on thy Redeemer's breast.

In Memory of
Ann C. daughter of
John and Amanda M. Lackland
Born Oct. 15, 1856
Died Sept. 4, 1857
Dearest Ann thou hast left us
Here thy loss we deeply feel
But 'tis God that hath bereft us
He can all our sorrows heal.

Sources of Information:

"Tombstone Inscriptions"

The above transcription was found in the Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory, Buckingham County, 1937, Film 509, Reel 5, No. 319.

The Morris Graveyard

Research performed by Elizabeth McCraw, Andersonville, Virginia, February 5, 1937.

Subject: The Morris Graveyard

Location: One and one quarter miles east of Curdsville, Virginia, on Route #633, thence north 1.5 miles on Fitzpatrick Road, thence east 1 mile on private road.

Date: 1813. Oldest grave.

Owners: L. A. Fitzpatrick, the present owner.

Description:

All of the tombstones anti-date 1845. The headstones are all the upright kind, and are made of hewed rock, very beautifully and plainly inscribed. They are all moss grown and weathered. The plot of ground is a tangled mass of honeysuckle, briars and periwinkle. There are no large trees here.

Historical Significance:

One of the most interesting, historically, and the second largest family burying ground with marked graves found in Buckingham, is the one of the old Nathaniel Morris estate now owned by L. A. Fitzpatrick.

A copy of the tombstone inscriptions follow:

Sacred
To the Memory of
Nath. Morris
Who died Jan. 21, 1813
Aged 68 years

Sacred
To the Memory of
Ann B. Morris
Who died June 26, 1843
Aged 46 years

H. G. Whitworth
Born March 8, 1844
Died June 4, 1845

Sacred
To the Memory of
Annie Morris
Who died Jan. 21, 1833
Aged 78 years

Sacred
To the Memory of
Mary A. Morris
Who died July 30, 1821
In the 2nd Year of her age

Ellen W. Whitworth
Born Dec. 7, 1841
Died Oct. 9, 1842

The Whitworth children are the third or fourth generation of the Morris family.

Sources of Information:

“Tombstone Inscriptions”

The above transcription was found in the Works Progress Administration of Virginia Historical Inventory, Buckingham County, 1937, Film 509, Reel 5, No. 310.

The Chambers Cemetery

Research performed by Garnett Agee Williams, Dillwyn, Virginia, September 22, 1936.

Subject: Chambers Cemetery

Location: 2.75 miles west of Ransons, Virginia on Route #659; thence 20 yards north of Route #659.

Date: 1805, date of oldest grave.

Description: This is a very old cemetery in the midst of a corn field. It is kept in fair condition by the owner of the old Chambers homestead.

Historical Significance:

Inscriptions on tombstones:

Irene daughter of J. Walter &
Pattie Henson
Born Sept. 28th. 1860
Died Oct. 26th. 1862

I am going to my home in Heaven

Susan H. Chambers
Born 1830
Died 1837

Martha Chambers
Born 1763
Died 1805

Elizabeth Chambers
Born 1805
Died 1838

John Chambers
Born 1760
Died 1815

The stone for Irene Henson is a small marble slab and in good condition. The last four stones are very small, made of marble.

Sources of Information:

Tombstone inscriptions
Visit by worker

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FEREBEE, SAVAGE, PUGH, HARMANSON, ROBINS: Mrs FereBee Savage Pugh 1722 Northampton Co, dau of Capt Thomas Savage and Elisha Harmanson of Northampton Co. What is her FereBee family connection? Her grandparents were: Capt John Savage; Mary Robins (dau of Col Obedience Robins); Lt Thomas Harmanson; and who? **J.A.L. Locke Miller, Jr. 2810-K Carriage Dr., Winston-Salem, NC 27106-5328.**

MAJOR: Edward Major and wife Elizabeth found in Dinwiddie and Brunswick cos 1771-1778. Seek info if he is brother to Bernard, James and John Major of Charles City Co, and father of William Major who moved to OH. William's wife was Susannah. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

EDMUNDS, GREEN, JONES, HARRISON: Seek ancs of Sterling H. Edmunds (c1809-1850) and family who came from Brunswick Co, VA to TN c1845. Mother, Lucy, b 1782. Sarah Green Edmunds, wife of Robert Gray Harrison, who settled in MS, also child of Lucy. Sterling's youngest ch Lucy Jones Edmunds. **Carolyn Smotherman, PO Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046.**

DAVIDSON, HUMPHRIES: Seek info regarding the parents of Nancy Davidson by whatever spelling. She was wife of Jesse Humphries Jr; marriage took place in Rutherford Co, NC on 15 October 1836 according to that co's records. **Shirley Wagstaff, PO Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

EASLEY: Easleys in your background? I have *Our Easley Family and Their Relatives*, written by my uncle, Kirby Easley Johnson, for sale. \$25.00 postpaid. Allied lines are Johnson, Fulton, Jones, Deatherage, Fry, and McGee. These are all VA families. **Blanche Lane Tompkins, 360 W. Twentieth St., San Bernadino, CA 92405.**

BILLINGSLEY, TURNER: Clement Billingsley (b 1753 Stafford Co; d 1841 Autauga Co, AL) VA Militia soldier Rev War. M/1 Cynthia Turner (1760-c1799) 1781 Stafford Co; M/2 Rebecca ?_ c1800 VA. Was w/1 Cynthia Rebecca Turner? Seek wives' parents/sibs. Clement moved family to Autauga Co, AL 1823/24. **Robert S. Coleman, 18 Westover Rd., Newport News, VA 23601-3928. (804) 596-3064.**

WRIGHT, DOSS: Seek further info on George Wright who m Agnes Doss 8 March 1802 in Campbell Co, VA. Agnes b c1766 Pittsylvania Co, VA, the dau of James and Anne Doss. **Mrs. Barbara Doss McKinlay, 2740 La Cuesta Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.**

BUTTS, CLAIBORNE, HARRISON: Elizabeth Claiborne Butts, dau of John and Mary Ann (Claiborne) Butts, m Benjamin Henry Harrison (c1775-c1810) of Pr Geo Co, son of Col Charles and Mary Herbert (Claiborne) Harrison of Charles City Co. When did Elizabeth die? Did Benjamin Henry have a w/2? **Irene Marks Rupp, 132 Burroughs Dr., Snyder, NY 14226.**

SPAIN, LEONARD: Hamlin Epps Spain (c1790-1870). Elizabeth "Betsy" Leonard. Ch: Condrew, Albert, George, Armstead, Martha P., Augustus, William D., Henry and Hamlin Jr. They lived primarily in Dinwiddie Co but also in Nottoway and Chesterfield. Hamlin Epps Spain Jr my first gr-grfather. **Michael Hamlin Morgan, 505 8th St., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. (408) 373-5476.**

PEMBERTON: Seek parents of Richard Pemberton b c1798 in SE VA. Enlisted in VA Militia in 1813 in Norfolk Co; m Sarah Bondurant 1823 in Henry Co. In 1830 Washington Co Census. **James H. Pemberton, PO Box 1538, Belton, TX 76513.**

Exchange: These families in VA in early 1700s and 1600s. **ADDISON, MIMS, KIMBERLIN, WELDY, MARSHALL, FARMER, WORSHAM, RAINEY, BELL, DURHAM, SMOOT, FURLONG.** Barbara Moore, Rt 12, Box 378, New Braunfels, TX 78132-1602. (210) 885-2194

PRIDEMORE, FAIRBANKS: Seek parents of Jonathan Pridemore and Charlotte Fairbanks, lived Scott Co, VA, m c1820. Son, James Madison

Pridemore b 24 March 1827 Scott Co, VA. Moved to Grundy Co, MO c1870. Marge Eckert, 2118 County Rd. N, Platte City, MO 64079.

MOORE: Researching: c1635 probably Nansemond, could be William Moore. Perquimans/Pasquotank cos, NC, Quakers - Samuel, John, Aaron, William Moore. Old Pendleton Dist, SC c1790-1820 Aaron Moore; son, Jonathan b 1811. Jonathan m Mary Ann "Polly" King (b 1812), m 1830 TN, moved AL c1836-38. **Jan MacCartney, 4001 SE 26th Ct. Rd., Ocala, FL 34480-7278.**

ENGLISH, PATTERSON: William English b 1755 VA, m c1780 Catherine Patterson, dau of Robert. Ch: Matthew, Elizabeth, Polly and Jane. William served Rev, killed by Indians 1787 Hawkins Co, TN. Wife and ch taken captive. Catherine m/2 John Harbeson of KY. Interested hearing from descs of this family. **Modell Burt, 1016 Audubon Parkway, Louisville, KY 40213.**

HOSKINS: Seek proof of parents of Dolly (d 1808), wife of William Hoskins (d 1781), of Halifax Co. Ch: Samuel m Susanna Watkins; Mary m Joshua Stone; William; James; Dolly m John Stone; Thomas Coleman m Betsey Ellington Marshall; John; Jane m James S. McDaniel; Nancy m John Bruce. Exchange. **Mrs. N. O. Wright, Jr., 514 Drexel Ct., El Dorado, AR 71730-2961.**

DILLARD: Fielding Dillard (1770-1818) moved 1804 Halifax Co to Oglethorpe Co, GA. Dau, Sarah Ann Dillard m 1830 Cornelius Furcron (d 1837). Dau, Juriah Hepsibah Dillard m 1831 William Furcron (d 1833), Cornelius' brother. Neighbor Lorenzo D. Ferguson made guardian for Wm's minor orphan. Seek parents of Furcrons. **Carlton M. Dillard, 714 Gary Dr., Augusta, GA 30904. (706) 736-9594.**

AMIS: John Amis 46, Catherine his wife 37, with ch: Joanna 20, Nancy 17, Elmira 14 and Frances 13 appear in 1860 Census of Granville Co, NC. Who were Catherine's parents? Any info on this family appreciated. **Maxine C. Allen, c/o Dr. Ellsworth Allen, 2202 Arroyo Dr., Riverside, CA 92506.**



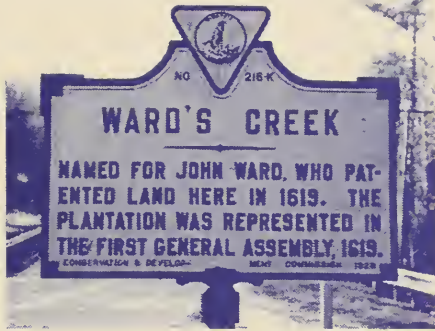
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EDITORIAL

Imagine moving into a new community and having to do without a phone book or *Yellow Pages*. It would be extremely difficult to locate the services or products needed for your new residence or to take care of your day-to-day activities. You would have to wait until you could ask someone who carries a product you need or where a garage to service your car is located.

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We have been surprised at the number of longtime family researchers with whom we have talked, who have not been aware of the *Genealogical Helper*. We had always just assumed that it was the “Bible” for all genealogists. Apparently it is not as widely known as we had thought, even though it reaches thousands of people every other month, and is carried by many libraries.

The *Genealogical Helper* is national in scope although articles of regional significance are carried from time to time. The major thrust of the publication is in its queries, book reviews and advertisements. This is where you may be able to make connections with people who are researching, or have researched, lines with which you are working. A few years ago, we read a review of a new book on a surname we were researching, and discovered from the review that it covered our family line. We excitedly telephoned the author and ordered the book. Upon its arrival, we were overwhelmed to find that not only were we related to all of the several thousand individuals listed in the book, but that it extended our line back at least three generations.

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Chris Hooper, Publication Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The following two books may be ordered from Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687. Include \$3.50 postage for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 4%.

Gaius Marcus Brumbaugh, *Revolutionary War Records — Virginia, Virginia Army and Navy Forces with Bounty Land Warrants for Virginia Military District of Ohio, and Virginia Military Scrip, from Federal and State Archives*, xiii, 707 pp; illus; index; smyth-sewn; cloth (6x9); 1936, rpt. 1995. \$45.00. This is a reprint of an important research source for the immediate post-Revolutionary period in Virginia. Section I contains a listing of ships of the Virginia Navy, a list of officers of the Virginia State Navy and State Marines, a list of non-commissioned officers, seamen, and marines, and pension abstracts from Virginia sea service. Section II has lists of officers and non-commissioned soldiers and sailors who did and did not receive bounty lands. Section III lists US Land Office Records of Virginia Military Land Warrants in the Military District of Ohio. Section IV provides lists of Virginia State Troops of the Virginia State Line, which includes Virginia and other Half Pay Claims, the "Bird-Samuels Papers" (original records from Old Dunmore County), and persons who entered and located lands in the Virginia Military District in Ohio on continental establishment. If the warrant was assigned to another party, the lists also include the name of that person. This work is quite comprehensive and includes many sources to compile its most thorough listings of the Revolutionary period. The extensive every-name index is a necessity for a book of this magnitude, but Mr. Brumbaugh warns that "names were often phonetically recorded and some readers may think some of the variants might have been omitted." This is a common occurrence for records of this time period and the researcher must check all possible spellings of a surname to increase their chances of success. **See above for ordering information.**

Elizabeth Petty Bentley, *The Genealogist's Address Book, Third Edition* x, 653 pp; index; perfect-bound; soft-cover (8½x11); 1995. \$34.95. The author has gone to a great deal of effort to update this third edition of her work. Questionnaires were sent to organizations and agencies throughout the US. The accuracy of the information contained in the *Address Book* depends greatly on those responses. The author states that she assumed that information contained in the previous edition was correct for those not returning the questionnaire. Where questionnaires were returned, Ms. Bentley has placed an asterisk by the name in the index. The book is broken into four parts; national, state, ethnic/religious organizations, and special resources. Part 1 contains National Archives, government

agencies, vital records offices, libraries, historical & genealogical societies, and independent publications. Part 2 covers state, regional, county, city, and local archives, libraries, and historical & genealogical societies; and independent publications and miscellany (also included is a section on American Trust territories). Part 3 deals with ethnic and religious organizations and research centers. Part 4 covers special resources which include lineage and heritage societies, surname & adoption registries, immigration research centers, computer interest groups, genealogical computer software, publishers, booksellers, and lending libraries. The index is broken into two parts; an index of periodicals and newsletters, and a general index. A "Yellow Pages" directory of advertisers is included at the rear of the book. Ms. Bentley makes a special effort to ask that anyone requesting information from any agency or organization include a SASE and a donation to cover the costs involved. We whole-heartedly agree. With ever decreasing budgets and increased demands for services, we must all be considerate when making requests for information. **See above for ordering information.**

Herman W. Ferguson, *Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, Minutes of the Court of Common Pleas and Quarter Session, 1780-1800* x, 276 pp; map; index; perfect-bound; soft-cover (8½x11); 1995. \$27.50 postpaid, NC residents add 6% sales tax. As with his two previous works on Mecklenburg County, NC, (see reviews July-Sept 1992 and July-Sept 1993) Mr. Ferguson's present work includes a foreword by noted author and lecturer Jo White Linn. This book continues in his tradition of presenting the resource material in a manner which is most usable by the reader. The court minutes for the first twelve years of the counties existence have been lost, and the late Doris Futch Briscoe transcribed the earliest minutes (July 1774 to April 1780) in a now out-of-print book published in 1966. The current book picks up where Ms. Briscoe left off. Mr. Ferguson has included many aids to the researcher, such as a map of Mecklenburg Co. (c1790), a list of commonly used abbreviations, and a list of legal terms. The transcriber has switched to a more readable typeface, which has allowed for more material to be placed on a given page (This book covers some 1230 pages of original court minutes). The minutes are transcribed "as written," with explanatory notes included in brackets within the text. The index is quite complete with over 32,000 entries, and the index entries are keyed to the volume and page number of the original minutes, which makes location significantly easier. In his cover letter asking us to review this book, Mr. Ferguson states "I do think the present book will be the best 'people finder' for Mecklenburg for the time period covered. Just about every man was assigned to work on the roads, serve on a jury, or was hailed into court to serve as a witness." Court minutes are an often overlooked tool in placing individuals in a locale. With this work, Mr. Ferguson has another

“winner” for anyone researching a family in this area of North Carolina. Purchase from the author at **600 Chad Dr., Rocky Mount, NC 27803-1512. (919) 443-2258.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LUCILLE PAYNE ANNOUNCES that she has published *Pittsylvania County, Virginia Inventories and Accounts, 1770-1797*, which encompasses the county's first two account books. The entries deal with persons who died intestate, divisions of land and personal property, guardianship accounts, store inventories, relinquishment of dowers, and items owned at the time of death. Many occupations are given and relationships are often stated, including some persons who bought articles at estate sales. This hardcover volume, priced at \$24.95 plus \$2.00 postage, contains a glossary of unusual terms and separate indices for persons and geographical features, negroes, and animals. Order from the author at **Rt. 2, Box 419, Axton, VA 24054.**

THE HENRICUS FOUNDATION is seeking approximately six research papers on any aspect of Virginia history, 1600-1625, with emphasis on the “Citie of Henricus” and its environs for presentation during its February 24, 1996, conference in Richmond, Virginia. Potential speakers and other interested parties may obtain additional information from **Robert E. Wagenknecht, Conference Chairman, (804) 748-1766**, or from **The Henricus Foundation, PO Box 523, Chesterfield, VA 23832.**

THE CHESTERFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY has recently begun publication of *The Journal of the Chesterfield Historical Society*. This annual publication is provided as a benefit of membership in the society. Articles in the first issue include “Archaeology and History at Bermuda Hundred,” “Bermuda Hundred Village During the Civil War,” and “Chesterfield County Courthouse as cited in the County Court Order Books.” A full-name index is included. Those interested in membership may contact the **Chesterfield Historical Society, PO Box 40, Chesterfield, VA 23832.**

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS MAY BE ORDERED FROM IBERIAN PUBLISHING CO., 548 Cedar Creek Dr., Athens, GA 30605-3408. (706) 546-6740. Shipping is based on total order costs: \$0 to \$10 - \$2, \$10 - \$25 - \$3, \$25 to \$50 - \$4, \$50 plus - \$5.

Buckingham County, Virginia Natives Who Died Elsewhere, 1853-96 by Roger G. Ward, x, 133 pp.; full-name index; softcover, perfect-bound; 1994. \$14.95.

Preliminary Inventory of the War Department Collection of Confederate Records (Record Group 109) by Elizabeth Bethel with Craig R. Scott, viii, 135 pp.; perfect-bound; softcover; full-name index; 1995. \$28.00.

THE FOLLOWING BOOKS MAY BE ORDERED FROM RUSSELL D. EARNEST ASSOCIATES, PO Box 490, Damascus, MD 20872. Please include \$2.00 shipping per book. MD residents add 5% sales Tax.

Indexing Genealogy Publications by Josh Reeder, 48 pp.; illus.; p index; stapled; softcover, 1995. \$13.90.

The What Shall I Write Handbook for Editors of Family and Genealogy Society Newsletters by Corinne Earnest, iv, 76 pp.; illus; stapled; softcover; 1992. \$16.00.

OREGON GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY OFFERS OREGON TRAIL CERTIFICATE. The Oregon Trail Project is issuing special certificates to anyone whose ancestors came west via the Oregon Trail between the years 1811 and 1911. "This is a tribute to those hardy pioneers who came overland by wagon, handcart or foot along the Oregon Trail," said Jane Walls Golden. "Entire families, with all their worldly possessions in tow, left homes and loved ones to follow an inner voice that promised a better life 'out west'." To qualify for an Oregon Trail certificate, Golden said applicants must prove direct descent from a person who traveled any part of the Oregon Trail between 1811 and 1911. To receive an application or more information, write to the **Oregon Trail Project, 4620 Overland Rd., #206, Boise, ID 83705.** Please enclose a SASE.

THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY celebrates its Sesquicentennial Anniversary in 1995 and you are invited to become a member. Its collection includes materials from regions where large numbers of New Englanders originated and places to which they migrated. Vast amounts of material have been accumulated to help the family history researcher. For more information please write the **Society, 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3087,** or call (617) 536-5740.



Bedford County

Court Records

Bedford County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

*Bedford County Court Order Book 1A - 1754-1758, continued from Volume XIII
No. 1, pp 7-13.*

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 28th
day of October 1754 and in the XVIIIth year of the Reign of our Sovereign
Lord King George the second.

Present Robert Baber

Richd. Callaway

John Sutton

Zach. Isbel

& Robert Ewings Gent.

Matthew Talbot Charles Talbot & Mark Cole Gent. named in the Commission of the Peace for this County took the usual Oaths to be Majesties Person and Gover[n]ment and took and Subscribed the abjuration Oath & Subscribed the Teste and also took the oath of a Justices of Peace and of the County Court in Chancery.

[p.25] Present Matthew Talbot, Charles Talbot & Mark Cole Gent.

Benjamin Harris Gent. having Produced in Court under the hands and Seals of Certain Examiners Licence to Practice as Attorney in the County Court which being read & having took & Subscribed the usual oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and also Subscribed the Teste took the oaths appointed to be Taken by Attorneys Practicing in the County Court.

Absent Robert Baber Gent.

On the Motion of Matthew Talbot Gent. that this Court had no Right to sit to hold Court at this Place Aledging that they had not Obtained a Writ of Adjournment according to Law. which was Overruled by the Court, to which the said Matthew Talbot Charles Talbot & Mark Court [*sic.* = *Cole*] Desired to have their Decent [*dissent*] thereto Recorded.

Absent Matthew Talbot, Charles Talbot & Mark Cole Gent.

Abraham Biker Assignee of Robert Ewings who was Assignee of Charles McLaghlin Plaintiff against John Nance Deft.

This day came well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the Defendant in his Proper Person and the Defendant acknowledges those Plaintiffs Action, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £11 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him abo[u]t his suit in that Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca But this Judgment Except as to the Costs to be Levied with Interest thereon from the 15th day of November last Past to be Computed after the rate of 5 Pter Centum Pt Annum till the time of Payment and the said Plaintiff agrees to Stay Ex[ecution]n. of this Judgment one Month.

[p.26] Thomas Pullin and Adam Beard are appointed to Lay of the Prison Bounds and Make Report this day to the Court thereof.

Benjamin Orrick Plaintiff against Thomas Balland Defendant In Debt.

This day came as well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs Action Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff Recover against the said Defendant £60 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expen[d]ed & the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. But his Judgment is to be Discharged by Payment of £30 together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the Last day of June Last Past 'till the time of Payment and Costs.

Matthew Talbot Gent. Petitioner against John Marley Defendant On a Petition.

This day came the Parties by their Attornies & their Arguments heard on both sides, It is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recovered against the said Defendant £2.S6.d3 and his Costs by him suit in that Behalf Expended.

Robert Baber Gent. returned an Entry of Richard Stith for 400 Acres of Land on Such [Luck?] Creek which is Ordered to be Record.

[p.27] The Petition of John Mcfaul against Anthony Pate for a Debt therein said to be due for Reasons appearing to the Court to be Dismissed.

Mathew Talbot Gent. Administrator of Nicholas Haile Decd. Plaintiff against Asibe Roberts Defendant On a Petition.

This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the said Defendant failing to appear to Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant for £1.S13 and his Costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended.

Matthew Talbot Amr. of the Estate of Nicholas Haile Gent. Dec'd. Plaintiff against William Ditto Defend. On a Petition.

This day Came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the Defend. being Solemnly Call'd and not appearing to Gainsay the Justness of Petitioners Demand

Therefore therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £2.S10.d3 and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended.

Matthew Talbot Gent. Administrator of Nicholas Haile Gent. Decd. Plaintiff against Thomas Wright Defendant In Debt.

The Defendant failing to find Special Bail and the Attachment awarded at the Last Court against his Estate being

[p.28] returned Executed on one Bowle on the Motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney, It is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff Recover against the Defendant £13.d1 Current Money the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. But this Judgment Except as to the Costs is to be Discharged by payment of £8.S19 Current Money together with Interest for the same from the 8th day of January 1745 'till payment to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum. and it is Ordered that the sherif sell the Attached Effects according to Law and Apply the Money arrising from such Sale towards Satisfying this Judgment unto the Plaintiff and that he also Return an Account of the sale to the Court.

Adam Beard is appointed a Constable in this County and the said Adam Beard took the oath of Constable and all the oaths appointed by act of Assembly.

William Bumpass having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of Glidwell Orrill & the sherif having Returned that he had Executed the same on the Estate of said Orrill in the hands of William Carr the said Orrill being Solemnly Call'd and Not appearing Therefore on the Motion of the said William Bumpass by his Attorney It is Considered by the Court that the said William Bumpass Recover against the said Glidwell Orrill £3.S3.d5½ and his costs by him in that Behalf Expended. and it is Ordered that the said William Carr (who made oath he had Suff[icie]nt of Defendants

[p.29] Estate in his Hand) Pay this Judgment & Costs.

Joseph Richardson Plaintiff. against Catharine Johnson Defendant In Case.

This day came the Defendant by her Attorney and the Plaintiff being solemnly called came not neither is his suit further Prosecuted Therefore on the Motion of the Defendant it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff be now Suited and together with their Pledge &ca be in Mercy, &ca and that the said Defendant go thereof without d[e]lay and Recover agn. the said Plaintiff 5 Shillings Damages According to Law & her Costs by her about her Defence in this Behalf Expended.

Ordered that this Court be adjourned 'till Tomorrow morning 10 'O Clock.

Sign'd Rd. Callaway

At a Court Continued and held for Bedford County at Courthouse on Tuesday the 29th day of October 1754 and in the XVIII year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second.

Present Richd. Callaway
John Sutton
Zachs. Isbel
& Robert Ewing Gent.

On the Motion of John Talbot at Witness for Daniel Landers [*Sanders?*] [p.30] in his Suit against John Phelps Gentleman. It is Ordered that the said Landers pay him for 2 Days Attendance according to Law.

George Walton Plaintiff against John Partree Birks Defendant in Debt.

This day came as well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the Defendant in his Proper Person. (and Ambros Mills came into Court and Undertook for the said Defendant that in Case he shall be cast in this Suit that he shall Satisfie and Pay the Condemnation of the Court or Render his Body to Prison in Execution for the same or that the the said Mills will Do it for him) and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs action, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £7.S18.d9 the Debt in the Declarationed Mentioned and his costs by him in that Behalf Expended & the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. But Judgment is to be Discharged by the payment of £3.S9.d4½ Current Money together with Interest for the same to be computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 1st day of March 1754 'till the time of Payment and the Costs. and the Plaintiff agrees to Stay Execution of this Judgment one Month.

Alexr. Mckie & Co. Plaintiff against James Harvey Defendant on a Petition.

this day came the Petitioners by their Attorneys & the Defendant tho Solely Called and not appearing to Gainsay the Justness of the Plaintiffs Demand Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Petitioners Recover against the said Defendant £1.S17.d9

[p.31] and Costs by them about their suit in this Behalf Expended and a Sawyer [*Lawyer*] fee.

Peter Johnson Assignee of David Bell Plaintiff against Jonathan Burlison Defendant In Debt.

The Court failing to appear to Prosecute his suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

George Moore Assignee of Field Jefferson Sheriff of Lunenburgh Plaintiff against John Richardson & James Standifer Defender In Debt.

This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the Common Bail for the Defendant Sandifer, who motioned that they mighthenter themselves Special Bail and Stead to Issue which the Plaintiff Opposed which the Court Overruled.

From which Order the Plaintiff Prayed an appeal to the 8th day of the next General Court which is allowed he giving Bond and Security according to Law at Next Court.

Phillip Matthews having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of James Johnson for Reason appearing to the Court it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Charles McLaughlin Assignee of John Nance Petitioner against John Brown Defendant On a Petition.

This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney & the sheriff having returned the Process Executed the Defendant was Solemnly called and not appearing to Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover Against the said Defendant £3.S15 and his Costs by him about his suit in this behalf Expended.

[p.32] Thomas Hurt Assignee of Jeremiah Rust Petitioner against William Watkins Defendant On a Petition.

This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the sheriff have made Return that he had Executed the Process and the Defendant failing to appear to gainsay the Justness of the Petioners Demand, It is Considered by the Court that the Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £1.S3 and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended.

James Hunt Gent. Petitioner against Richard Prewit Defendant On a Petition.

This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and that sheif having Returned the Process Executed & the Defendant failing to appear to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioner Demand It is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recover gaist. the said Defendant £4.S11 and his Costs by him about the suit in this Behalf Expended. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by payment of £2.S5.d7 together with Interest for the same to be Cumputed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 13th day of June last Past 'till payment & Costs.

James Patton Assignee of Jacob Harman Plaintiff against John Nance Defendant In Debt.

This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the Defendant being again Solemnly Call'd came Not But makes Default Therefor it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff

[p.33] recover against the said Defendant & John Welch & Andrew Jones his Common Bail £40 Current Money the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about this Suit in this Bahalf Expended & the sd Defedant in Mercy &ca. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by payment of £20 current Money together with I[n]terest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5

per Centum per Annum from the 20th day of January 1761 'till the time of Payment & the Costs.

William Irvine Complainant against James Johnson Defendant On an Atta. For Reasons appearing to the Court it is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

The Persons yesterday appointed to Lay of the Prison bound returned their Report in these Words, to wit "Bedford [*fcr.*] In persuant to an Order of Court made the 28th of October 1754 Ordered that Thomas Pullin & Addam Beard be appointed to Lay of the Prison bounds for this County which we have done

(A) Beginning at a White Oake at the Spring
and runing NEXE 28 poles to
(B) a red Oake from thence Making a Corner and runing NWxN 24 poles
(C) from thence Making a Corner runing WNW 20 poles to
(D) a Spanish Oak form thence making a Corner
and runing S52 poles to the Place Began at
including 9 Acres more or less pr. Thomas Pullins Adam Beard") which is Ordered to be Recorded.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till Court in Course.

Sign'd Rd: Callaway

[p.34] At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse at the House of Matthew Talbot on Monday the 25th day of November 1754 and in the XXVIIIrd year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second.

Prent. Matthew Talbot

John Phelps

Robert Baber

& Marke Cole Gent. Justices

Be it Remembered that on this day his Majesties Write [*close*] bearing date the 29th day of October in the 28 year of our Reign Directed to the Justices of this County or any 4 or More of them was Produced in Court and Silence being Commanded the said Writ was read in the words to wit, "George the second by the grace of God of great Britain France and Ireland Kind Defender of the faith &ca. To our Justices of our County of Bedford or any 4 more of them Greeting for Certain Urgent Readin[g]s Concerning us and the Welfare of our said County we have Ordered that all Pleas Writs Bills Process Precepts and Other the Matters whatsoever which before you in the said County at the house of Matthew Talbot Gent in the said County on the 4th Monday in November next ought to be Pleaded Prosecuted Heard have Day or be Returned or had day or were Continued from the Court held for the said County on the 4th Monday on this Instant to the said 4th Monday in November Next & then to be heard and Determined be adjourned before you in our Court at the Courthouse lately erected in the said County Therefore we Command you that all the said Pleas

Writs Bills Proseses Precepts and Other the remises without Delay you adjourn or cause to be adjourned before you in your County Court at the Courthouse

[p.35] aforesaid and that you Assign the Parties to the said Plea's, Writs, Bills, Processes, Precepts and Other the Premises to be Prosecuted and Defend the same there before you. Moreover Commanding the sherif and other our Officers & Ministers of our sd County that they all and Singular, the Writs, Bills, Processses, Precepts and Other the Premises returnable in the several Custodies retain and return the same before you there and that you Proceed or Cause process to Issue on the said Writs, Bills, Process's, Precepts and other the Premices so returned as of the said Writts, Bills, Processes precepts & other the Premises had been returned or Returnable on the 4th Monday in November Next before you There without any adjournment whatsoever Witness Robert Dinwiddie Esq. our Lieutenant Governor at Williamsburgh the 29th day of October in the 28 year of our Reign Robert Dinwiddie" By Virtue of which Writ all the said Plea's, Writs, Bills Process, Precepts and Other the Premises in the said Writ Mentioned are adjourned before the said Justices in the Court of the said County at the house of William Callaway aforesaid and the Parties to the said Plea's, Writs, Bills, Processes, Precepts and Other the Premises are Assigned to Prosecute and Defend the same there before the said Justices. It is also Commanded the sherif and Other the Kings Officers & Ministers of the said County that they all and Singular, the Writs, Bills, Processes, Precept & other the Premises is Returnable in their Several Custodys retain & return the same before the sadi Justices there so that the said Justices may Proceed or Cause Process to Issue on the said Writs, Bills, Processes, Precepts & Otherthe Premises so Returnable if the said Writs, Bills, Processes, Precepts and Other the Premises had been Returnable on the 4th Monday of November before the said Justices there without any adjournment

[p.36] Whatsoever &c.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned to the Court house at William Callaways 'til tomorrow Morning 10 'O Clock.

Signed Matthew Talbot

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse (by adjournment from the House of Matthew Talbot Gent.) on Tuesday the 26th day of November 1754 and in the XXVIIIrd year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord King George the second.

Present Matthew Talbot

John Phelps

William Callaway

Richard Callaway

Zachs. Isbel

& Mark Cole Gent. Justices

A New Commission of the Peace and Dedimus for this County Directed to Matthew Talbot & Others Gent. were produced and Read and there upon Pursuant to the said Dedimus the said Matthew Talbot took the usual Oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and took and

[p.37] Subscribed the abjuration Oath and also Subscribed the Teste & Likewise took of a Justice of Peace and a Justice of the County Court in Chancery all which oaths were administred to him by Richard Callaway and Zachariah Sbel and then the Matthew Talbot administred the All the aforesaid oaths to John Phelps, William Callaway, Richard Callaway, Zachariah Isbell, Mark Cole & Samuel Hairstone Gent. who took the same and Subscribed the Abjurable Oath & Teste.

Presents. Matthew Talbot John Phelps William Callaway Richard Callaway Zachs. Isbel Mark Cole & Saml. Hairstone Gent. Justices

A Grand Jury to wit, George Walton foreman Thomas Gaddie, Edmond Mannion, Augustine Leftwich, William Stone, William Boyd, John Partree Birks, James Tilly, William Bryant, Edward Mobberly, Edward Watts Senr, James Walker, Thomas Walker, William Wyley & William Irvine who being Elected tryed and Sworn a Jury of Inquest for the Body of this County retired to Consult of thier Presentments.

On the Petition of Richard Phillips and Others for a Road.

Ordered that a road be clear'd the Best and most convenient way from Bedford Courthouse Into Blackwater Road and Samuel Hairstone Gent. is appointed Surveyor thereof and it is Ordered that he together with all the Male Labouring Tithable from John Cawdles down Black water Creek (Including Col. Bowling and John Harveys Tithables) do forthwith Lay open Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Jno. Beard Surveyor of the Road from the Poplar Spring to the Lower end of the County and it is Ordered that he Together with all the Hand Convenient thereto do forthwith Clear and keep the same in Repair according to Law.

[p.38] Mark Cole, Thomas Morgan & William Morgan are appointed to View a way Petition[ed] for from Rebola Hails to Thomas Wrights and make Report to the Next Court the Conveniences or Inconvenience thereof.

William Rentfro is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Gills Creek to Stanton River & it is Ordered that he together with all the hands Convenient doth forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair According to Law.

John Greer is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Stanton River to Goose Creek & it is Ordered that he Together with all the Hands Convenient doth forthwith Clear and keep the same in Repair according to Law.

On the Petition of John Anthony Leave is granted him to Build a Water Grist Mill on Anthonys Mill Creek, above his Plantation, it appearing to the Court that it will not effect any other Person.

The Grand Jury returned and made Several Presentments in these words to wit, "We of the Grand Jury Present the several Surveyors of the Roads from John Vances to this Courthouse also the several Surveyors of the Road from Flatt Creek by Irvines to the Poplar Spring Likewise the Several Surveyors of the Road from the fish dam on Otter River to the head of Beaver Creek also of the Road from Otter River by Mobberlys across the Church Road. George Walton foreman" and then Having Nothing further to Present are Discharged.

Ordered that Processes Issue against the several Persons this day Presented.

[p.39] John Ward is appointed Surveyor of the Road in the room of Edward Mobberly & it is Ordered that he together with all the hands Who Afsifsted the said Road do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

A Deposition of Robert Baber's was Presented in Court by William Cockerham & Ordered to be Recorded.

A Report of the Persons appointed to View the Road from Stanton River near the Mouth of Blackwerter River to Otter River this day return'd their Report and Timothy Dalton is appointed Surveyor of the sd Road from Stanton River to Goose Creek & it is Ordered that he together with all the Hands Convenient doth forthwith Clear and keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Augustine Leftwich is appointed Surveyor of the said Road from Goose Creek to Otter River & it is Ordered that he together with all the Hands Convenient do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair According to Law.

George Walton Complainant against John Harvey Defendant in Chancery. The Parties having agreed the Diference Between them Subsisting this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Feild Jefferson Gent. Plaintiff against Charles Merryman Defendant In Debt. The Parties having agreed the Difirence Between Between them Subsisting the Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

The Petition of John Foy against John Woodson a Debt therein

[p.40] said to be Due for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismissed.

The Petition of Henry Fuller against Darby Henly for a Debt there in said to be Due for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismissed and the Defendant agrees to Pay the Petitioner his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended.

John Miller Plaintiff against Patrick Johnson Defendant in Case. The Defendant failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Thomas Pitman Plaintiff against Joseph Ray Sherif of this County Defendant in Debt. The Parties having agreed the Difference Between them Subsisting this Suit is Ordered to be dismissed.

Archibald Buchanan John Boman & Co. Petitioners against Thomas Franklin Defendant On a Petition. The day came the Petitioners by their Attorney and the Defendant being solemnly Called and not appearing & the Defendant having made return that he had Execute the Process. It is Considered by the Court that the Petitioners recover against the said Defendant £1.S13.d4 and their Costs by them in this Behalf Expended & a Lawyers fee.

George Walton Plaintiff against John Haynes Defendant In Debt. This Day came the Plaintiff by his

[p.41] Attorney and the said Defendant in his Proper Person (and John Phelps Gent. of this County comes into Court and is taken for the Defendant that in Case he shall be Cast in this Suit he shall Satisfie & pay the Condemnation of the Court or Render his Body to Prison in Execution for the same or that the said John Phelps will do it for him) and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintifs Action. Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff Recover against the said Defendant £15.S4 the Debt on the Deed Mentioned and the Costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c. But this Judgment Except as to the Costs to be Discharged by payment of £7.S12 Together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the first day of November 1753 'till the time of Payment.

On the Motion of John Talbot a Witness for Daniel Landers in his Suit against John Phelps Gent. It is Ordered that the said Landers pay him for 2 Days Attendance & for once Coming &c Returning 55 Miles, according to Law.

On the Motion of James Hancock a Witness for Daniel Landers in his Suit against John Phelps Gent. It is Ordered that the said Landers pay him for 2 Days Attendance according to Law.

James Hancock is appointed a Constable of this County & the said Hancock took the Oath of Constable and all other Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly.

James Bounds is appointed a Constable of this County & the said Bounds took the oath of Constable and all the oaths appointed by Act of Assembly.

[p.42] Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till tomorrow morning 10 'O clock.

Sign'd Matthew Talbot

At a Court Continued and held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 27th day of November 1754 & in the XXVIIIth year of the reigh of our sovereign Lord King George the second.

Present Mathew Talbot

John Phelps

Richard Callaway

& Mark Cole Gent. Justices

On the Motion of John Merchant & for Reason appearing to the Court he is Excempted from paying Levies for the future.

Francis Luck Plaintiff against William Heath Defendant in Case. The Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his Suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

William Heath Plaintiff agaist Francis Luck Defendant In Case. The Plaintiff failing to Prosecute

[p.43] his suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

James Orrick Assignee of John Orrick Plaintiff against William Watkins Defendant in Debt. The Plaintiff failing to Prosecute this suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Danail Rains Complainant against George Thomas Defendant On an Attachment. The parties having agreed the Difference Between them Subsisting this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

James Gibson Plaintiff against John Dunahoe Defendant in Case. The Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

The Petition of John Dunnahoe against James Gibson for a debt therein said to be due this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

William Irvine Complainant against James Johnson Defendant on an Attachment. This Suit for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismissed.

William Callaway Gent. having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of John Williams & the sherif having Return'd that he had Executed the same on the Estate of the said John Williams in the Hands of Joseph Miller & the said Williams

[p.44] was Solemnly Called and not appearing. On the Motion of the said William Callaway by his Attorney it is Considered by the Court that the said William Callaway recover against the said John Williams £25 Current Money & his costs by him about his Suit on this Behalf Expended & it is Ordered that the sherif sell a Parcel of Corn in the hands of Joseph Miller and Apply the amount thereof towards Satisfying this Judgment and Costs & that James Ayres pay the said Complainant 11 Shillings & 6 Pence which he has in his hands of Defendants Estate.

John Phelps Joseph Ray & Robert Baber Gent. are appointed and Desired to Veiw the Prison Lately Built by William Callaway Gent. make Report to the next Court the Value thereof.

Matthew Talbot & Richard Callaway Gent. are appointed and Desired to employ some Person to Build a Double Chimney to the Prison for which the undertaker is to be Alowed at Laying of Next Levy.

[p.45] A Slate of the County Levy

<u>Bedford County</u>	<u>Dr.</u>	<u>Lbs. Tobo.</u>
To Mr Secretary Nelson his Acco.		581
To the Clerk for Ex offices Services		1248
To the Sherif for Ex offices Services & his Other Account		2693
To the Clerkhis Accout for Sundrey Services		699
to Benjamin Howard for William Hunter for Record Books &ca		1091
To Matthew Talbot his Account for Dieting Sundrey Prisoners		1200
To James Wilson his Account for Guard over Timo. Shaw		585
To George Thomas his Acco. for do. over Jno. Mcfaul/Mcsaul		260
To Danl. Rains for his Acco. for do. over Jas. Hancock		450
To John Talbot his acco. for do. over do.		200
To Joseph Ray as Goaler his Acco. for Dieting Edward Watts		200

<u>for Wolves Heads</u>	<u>by whom Cert. granted</u>	<u>Dr</u>
To Giles Williams for Old Wolfs head June 26 1753	Zachariah Isbell	100
To Richard Callaway Assignee of Ambs. Bryan for 1 do. 13 Novr. 1754	Richard Callaway	100
To Mark Cole assignee of Thomas Rentfro for 1. do. 10th Novr. 1754	Mark Cole	100
To Wm. Irvine Asse. of Wm Goings for 1 do. 29 Aug 1754	Zachs. Isbel	100
To do. asse. of Henry Taylor for 1 do. 17 Aug 1754	Zach. Isbel	100

To do. assignee of Meth. Mounes for 6 young do 3 July 1754	Zachs. Isbel	100
To do. assignee of John Phil. Weaver for 2 old do. 7 Sepr 1754	Zachs. Isbell	200
To Matthew Talbot Assignee of Jacob Hindrickson for 1 do. 25 Sepr 1754	John Phelps	100
To the Sherif his Commission for Colecting at 6 per Centum		<u>619</u>
Carried Over		10926

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Brought Over		10926
To Deposition to be Accounted for Next year		<u>2574</u>
1754 Bedford County	Cr.	13500
By 500 tithables at 27 lb. of Tobacco per Poll		<u>13500</u>

Ordered that the sherif Colect from each Tithable Person in the County 27 Pounds of Tobo. to Defray the above Levy

Ordered that the Court be adjourned till Court in Corse

Signed Matthew Talbot

[p.47] At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 23rd day of December 1754 and in the XXVIIIth year of the Reign of our Soverign Lord King George the second.

Present John Phelps
William Callaway
Richd. Callaway
& Saml. Hairstone Gent. Just.

William Caldwell Petitioner against James Tilly Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney & the Defendant altho' solemnly Call'd did not appear Therefore it is Considered by the Court that that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £2.S4.d8 & his Costs by him in that Behalf Expended & a Lawyers fee. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by payment of £1.S2.d4 together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 24th day of June Last Past 'till the time of Payment & Costs. the Plaintiff acknowledges to have received of this Judgment £1.S2.d1½.

William Caldwell Petitioner against John Phillip Weaver Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney & the Defendant altho' solely call'd & not appearing to gainsay the justness of the Petitioners Demands Therefore it is Considered

[p.48] by the Court that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £1.S16.d8 & his costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee. But his Judgment Is to be Discharged by the payment of 18 shillings & 4 Pence together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per centum per Annum from the 24th day of June last Past 'till the time of Payment & Costs.

Clement Read Gent. Petitioner against Thomas Hunt Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney & the Defendant having been Duly Served with a Summons & Copy of the Petition & being solemnly Called & not appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioner It is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £1.S6 & his Costs by him about his Suit in that Behalf Expended & a La[w]yers fee.

An Indenture of Feoffment Between Obediah Woodson of the one Part and Henry Chiles of the Other Part together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen & Receipt thereon Indorsed were acknowledged by the said Obediah Woodson & Ordered to be Recorded.

Mathew Talbot Administrator of the Good &ce. of Nicholas Haile Dec'd. Plaintiff against William Hayse Defendant In Debt. The defendant failing to find

[p.49] Special Bail and the Attachment awarded at the Last Court against the Estate being returned Executed on one Gun Barril on the Motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £7.S10 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended & the said Defendant in Mercy &ce. & it is Ordered that the sherif make sale of one Gun Barril by him Attached according to Law and apply the same towards Satisfying this Judgment & Costs.

Archibald Buchanan, John Bowman & Comy. Plaintiffs against Andrew Mills Defendant In Debt. This Day came as well the Plaintiffs by their Attorney As the said Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiff's Plaintiffs Action threfore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiffs recover against the said Defendant £7 the debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his Suit in that Behalf Expended and the Defendant in Mercy &ca. But Judgment Except as to the Costs is to be Discharged by Payment of £3.S16 with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 3rd day of May 1753 'till the time of Payment & Costs.

William Kelly Plaintiff against Patrick Johnson Defendant In Case. The Pa[r]ties Having agreed the Differences Between them Su[b]sisting this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

[p.50] Joseph Richardson Plaintiff against Patrick Johnson & Chatharine his Wife Defendant in Case. For Reasons appearing to the Court this suit is

Ordered to be dismissed and it is Considered by the Court that the said Plaintiff Recover against the said Defendant his Costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended and the sd. Defendants in Mercy &ca.

Irvine Patterson Gent. having Obtained a Petition against John Greer which for Reasons appearing to this Court is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Robert Ewings Gent. named in the Commission of the Peaces for this County took the Usual O[a]ths to his Majesties Person & Government and took & Subscribed the Abjuration and Subscribed the Tests and also took the Oath of a Justice of Peace and of the County Court in Chancery.

Present Robert Edwings, Gent.

Christopher Irvine Plaintiff against Henry Bunch & Richard Callaway Defendant In Debt. This day came well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant Callaway in his Proper Person and the Defendant acknowle[dg]ed the Plaintifs Acts. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant Callaway £17.S2.d4 & his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended, and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by payment of £8.S11.d2 together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per centum

[p.51] for the same from the 23rd day of March 1754 'till the time of Payment & Costs and the Plaintiff failing to Prosecuted his suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed as to the Defendant Bunch, the Plaintiff acknowledges to have received of the above Judgment and £8.S11.d10 Curt. Money.

A Deed of Feoffment Between Richard Callaway of the one Part & James Tate of the other Part, together with a Memorandum of Livery of Seisen & receipt thereon Indorsed were adknolwedged by the said Richard Callaway and Ordered to be Recorded.

The Petition of James Fear against Robert Williamson a Debt therein said to be Due for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

Daniel Fuller Plaintiff's against John Partree Burks Defendant in Case. The Parties having agreed the Differences Between them Subsisting This suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Our Sovereign Lord the King Plaintiff against John Welch Defendant in a Presentment of the Grand Jury. For Reasons appearing to the Court this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

The Presentment of the Grand Jury against William Callaway, Nicholas Welch & George Rust, for Reasons appearing to the Court is Ordered to be Dismd. and the said William Callaway &c are Ordered to Pay the Costs of this Prosecution.

On the Motion of John Talbot a Witness for Danl. Landers in his suit against John Phelps, It is Ordered that the said Landers pay him for one Days Attendance & Travelling 55 Miles According to Law.

Moses Helm, William [Moore], Thomas Franklin, John Bollings Tiths

[p.52] Tyths William Rutherford, James Murphey, James Wheeler, John Golloway, Archibald Campbel, James McRunnals, Edward Phair, Nicholas Hayse, Lewis Franklin, Edmond Franklin, John Thompson, John Pleasants Tyths, Nathl. Patteson & John Carson are added to the hands that Work on the Road Whereof John Beard is Surveyor.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till Court in Course.

Signed John Phelps

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Sally Meade in N^o Carolina May 16th 1770
Richard E. Meade in Amelia Nov 21st 1778
Second Marying with Mary Ward relict of Benj^m Ward & Daughter of Joseph Eggleston Married on february 15th 1788
born to him from this marriage
Seth Hadejah[?] Meade on March 7th 1789
Mary Susanna Meade on Oct 1st 1791
Benj^m Lincoln Meade on December 17th 1793
Charles Gennet Meade on May 4th 1796

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Halifax County

Family Research

Goode Family Information,

Submitted by Dawn Watts Westfall

Editor's Note: The following article on the Goode family of Halifax County is presented here as an example of research documentation. The sources of information are indicated and where suppositions are made or additional documentation is needed, the author so states.

Although this account begins with William Goode, the pedigree of this family can be traced back to England during the 1600s. For information regarding those earlier branches of the family, it is suggested that the book *Virginia Cousins* by G. B. Goode (1887) be consulted. Although the book incorrectly identifies the John Goode of this family as accounted below, information on the earlier generations are thought to be fairly accurate.

William Goode was born 19 November 1743 in Culpeper, Halifax County, Virginia.^a He was the son of Daniel Goode and Miss Campbell, whose first name has been lost to those now researching the family.^b

William married Mary Glidewell, the daughter of Nash Glidewell.^c William is found in various records of Halifax County, Virginia, and apparently had land on Bluewing Creek on the south side of the county. He deeded 168½ acres of that land to his son John in 1813.^d

William died 16 April 1815 in Halifax County, Virginia,^e although no information regarding his estate can be found in the records there. It should be noted that in Halifax County, Virginia Plea Book 32, p. 272, a deed of gift from William Goode to Daniel and William Goode was ordered to be

^a Notes taken from DAR applications by Anna St. Clair (descendant of Daniel Campbell Goode).

^b G. B. Goode, *Virginia Cousins*, 1887, p. 45.

^c *Ibid*, p. 72.

^d Deed from William Goode, Sr. to John Goode, 24 October 1812 (recorded 25 January 1813), Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 24, p. 328. Microfilm of original from Church of Latter-day Saints Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, film No. 0031891.

^e DAR applications by Anna St. Clair.

recorded in September Court 1815. This deed may have been dated prior to William's death and only then recorded.

Children of William Goode and Mary Glidewell:

- + 1. John Goode, born c1760-70; m/1 possibly Lucinda Caveness, m/2 Elizabeth Cole, 18 April 1809; died 27 April 1814.
2. Daniel Campbell Goode, born 18 May 1768 in Culpeper, Halifax County, Virginia; married Mary/Polly Jones 19 April 1794; died 23 April 1842 in Campbell County, Georgia. ^f
3. William Goode, Jr., born c1775 Halifax Co., Virginia; married Agnes Cole 7 October 1803; died 1844. ^g
4. Elizabeth Goode, born c1777; married Edward Cole 8 December 1808. ^h

+ John Goode, son of William Goode and Mary Glidewell, was born circa 1760-70, probably in Halifax County, Virginia. No record of his first marriage can be found in Halifax County or any of the surrounding counties. Although we find a marriage record in Halifax County, Virginia in 1809 between John Goode and Elizabeth Cole, ⁱ we know that this must be a second marriage for him as per the dates of his children's births (see below).

Due to the fact that John's oldest daughter, Sarah, named her first daughter Lucinda Caveness Sizemore, ^j it is possible that his first wife was named Lucinda Cavaness. Further research needs to be done to prove or disprove this. This is the only clue the family has to the name of John's first wife, no other records have been found to indicate her name. The name of Cavaness shows up in Halifax County, Virginia and was also a name found in Mecklenburg County, Virginia.

^f St. Clair to Dawn Westfall. Information sent includes copies of family bible records showing date of birth and date of death. Halifax Co., Virginia Marriage Register shows date of marriage (microfilm of original from Church of Latter-day Saints Library in Salt Lake City, Utah).

^g G. B. Goode, *Virginia Cousins*, 1887, p. 137 shows birthplace, date of birth, wife's name and death date (written 1884 on p. 137 but state 1844 on p. 72). Halifax Co., Virginia Marriage Register shows date of marriage (microfilm).

^h Halifax Co., Virginia Marriage Register (microfilm), William Goode, Sr., father, signs consent for the marriage.

ⁱ Halifax County, Virginia Marriage Register.

^j Frances Sizemore to Dawn Westfall, June 1989. Family information sheet in possession of submitter.

John's second wife, Elizabeth Cole, appears to have been his second cousin. The marriage register states that Elizabeth's mother was Nancy Cole.^k Agnes Cole, who married John Goode's brother, William Jr., was the daughter of Thomas Cole and Nancy Glidewell. Nancy was cousin to John and William Jr.'s mother.^l Edward Cole who married their sister, Elizabeth Goode, was probably also a child of Thomas and Nancy Cole. Thomas Cole was a native of England and a teacher in Halifax County, Virginia.^m

The children of John Goode:

1. Sarah Goode, born 21 September 1795; married Anderson Sizemore 23 April 1811 in Person County, North Carolina; died 26 August 1846 in Trigg County, Kentucky.ⁿ
2. William H. Goode, born c1797; married Gincey Walker 1821 in Kentucky.^o
3. Jemima Goode, born 2 January 1800; married James Stewart 11 October 1821 in Halifax County, Virginia; died 4 October 1876 in Kentucky.^p
4. John Goode, married Eliza Goode 16 October 1821 in Kentucky.^q
5. Mary Goode. No further information.
6. Nancy Goode. No further information.
7. Susannah Goode, married Johnson Stewart 17 December 1827.^r

^k Halifax County, Virginia Marriage Register.

^l Goode, G. B., *Virginia Cousins*, 1887, p. 187.

^m *Ibid.*

ⁿ Frances Sizemore to Dawn Westfall. Mrs. Sizemore stated she had received a letter from Grace Tally of Illinois, a descendant of this family, with Sarah Goode's complete birth and death date. It is felt that Grace probably had access to family records with this information, but the question was never addressed in subsequent correspondence from her to Mrs. Sizemore, though she was asked by letter specifically. A photocopy of the marriage bond between Anderson Sizemore and Sarah was obtained from the North Carolina State Archives.

^o Suellen Johnston Hendricks and Joyce Davis Banister, submitters to "Goode Family," *Trigg County History, Cadiz, Kentucky, Vol. 2, 1987*, (Trigg Co. Historical and Preservation Society, Inc., Cadiz, Kentucky and Taylor Publishing Co., Dallas, Texas, 1987), pp. 131-132. Hereinafter, "Goode Family." Article shows marriage information.

^p William C. Stewart, "Stewarts," *Genealogies of Kentucky Families, Vol. O-Y*, (from the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society, 1981), pp. 350-352. Hereinafter, "Stewarts."

^q Hendricks and Banister, "Goode Family," pp. 131-132.

^r William C. Stewart, "Stewarts," pp. 350-352.

8. Lucinda Goode, born c1810-1811; married Ambrose Hudson. ^s

9. Daniel C. Goode, born c 1800-1814; married Mary _?. ^t

The children are listed in the order they appear in the records in Halifax County, Virginia, pertaining to John Goode's estate (identified as "infant" children) and is presumed to be the order of their birth. Both Lucy and Daniel C. Goode were appointed a different guardian than the others. ^u Lucinda's approximate birthdate indicates she was the child of John and his second wife Elizabeth, and Daniel may have been also, though records vary greatly on his year of birth. Both he and Lucinda each claimed half of Elizabeth's property. The other children were undoubtedly from John's first wife and all were underage at the time of John's death with the exception of Sarah. The fact that John and Elizabeth's daughter was named Lucinda would indicate that John's first wife was also Lucinda since it was a practice to name the next daughter in honor of the deceased wife.

Virginia Cousins by G. B. Goode (1887) states that John Goode, the son of William Goode and Mary Glidewell, died in Norfolk in 1804. All information gathered by this submitter leaves no doubt as to the error of that statement. Our John Goode was in fact a soldier in the War of 1812 and died in Norfolk on 27 August 1814. ^v

William Goode, Sr. deeded a gift of 168½ acres of land to John Goode in 1813. ^w The most probable explanation of their relationship is of father and son. This deed states in part "for and in consideration of his love and affection to the said John Goode ... bounded by the lands of Benj. Boxley Sr. and Benj. Boxley Jr., Boyd Pinson, Saml. Ward, and the tract called

^s Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 55, p. 693, names Ambrose Hudson and Lucinda his wife, formerly Lucinda Goode of Surry Co., North Carolina appointing Daniel C. Goode of Mecklenburg Co., Virginia as their attorney. 1850 U.S. Census, Surry Co., North Carolina p. 342, family No. 1067 shows Lucinda's age as 39. 1860 U.S. Census, Surry Co., North Carolina shows Lucinda's age as 50.

^t Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 55, p. 690 shows Daniel C. Goode as attorney for Ambrose Hudson and Lucinda his wife and also the said Daniel C. Goode and his wife Mary for himself selling their claims to a certain tract of land to Grief G. Tally. 1850 U.S. Census, Mecklenburg Co., Virginia shows Daniel C. age 42. 1860 US Census, Halifax Co., Virginia shows Daniel age 60. 1870 U.S. Census, Halifax Co., Virginia shows a Daniel Good age 56. This last census puts his birthdate c1814. This would place him younger than Lucinda and definitely John's son by his second wife.

^u Halifax Co., Virginia Plea Book 32, pp. 172, 278, 388; Plea Book 34, p. 30; Plea Book 36, p. 195. Transcript of records in submitter's possession.

^v Copies of original pension application from the National Archives.

^w Deed from William Goode, Sr. to John Goode, 24 October 1812 (recorded 25 January 1813), Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 24, p. 328. Microfilm of original from Church of Latter-day Saints Library in Salt Lake City, Utah, film No. 0031891.

Woodings...” When John’s estate was settled after he died, his widow Elizabeth received 72½ acres of his property situated on Bluewing Creek and Boxley Fork. ^x Anderson Sizemore bought 96 acres of John Goode’s land from the commissioners appointed to settle the lands of John’s estate. This land was bounded by Boxley, Ward, et. al. ^y Sizemore later sold this land to John Griffin, Sr. ^z This accounts for all the land John received from William Goode, Sr. in 1813.

This information and the fact of the close relationship between the Cole and Goode families leaves this submitter with little doubt that our John Goode was the son of William Goode, Sr., and would dismiss the statement made in *Virginia Cousins* that John of William died in 1804.

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^x Land Tax List of Halifax Co., Virginia 1817-1822, micro-reel #131.

^y Deed from Ingram Vaughan, Benjamin Boxley and Richard Tuck to Anderson Sizemore 15 November 1815 (recorded 22 April 1816), Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 26, p. 66.

^z Deed from Anderson Sizemore to John Griffin Sr., 26 October 1816 (recorded 1 November 1816), Halifax Co., Virginia Deed Book 26, p. 332.

Dinwiddie County

Historic Buildings

Burnt Quarter c.1700

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Dorothy G. Pilout, 1937

Subject: Burnt Quarter

Location: 3.1 miles south of Church Road, Virginia, on Route #627, thence .3 mile west on Route #613, thence .4 mile south by private road.

Date: Robert Coleman I, built this house early in 1700 on land granted him by the King of England.

Owners: Lititia Coleman, wife of Robert Coleman, willed the property (it being her dower) to her daughter Mary Coleman who married Col. Joseph Goodyn, and it was inherited by Mary Elizabeth Coleman Goodyn, daughter of Col. Joseph and Mary Coleman Goodyn, from her mother in 1812; she was their twentieth child. Mary E. C. Goodyn married John William Gilliam and died in 1884. Samuel Yates Gilliam, a son of M. E. C. Gilliam and Col. John W. Gilliam, inherited an interest in the property and secured the remaining part by purchase. It is now owned by Mrs. Martha Cox Wheeler, widow of Samuel Y. Gilliam, who inherited it by will in 1908. A court suit was necessary to construe the will of S. Y. Gilliam.

Description:

I stopped for a moment as I opened the big swinging gate of the white picket fence and wondered if it were all a dream, for homes such as this are seldom seen today. The old house standing so stately in the midst of gnarled old trees, is surrounded by grounds entirely in keeping with the home. Directly to the right as you pass up the broad walk are the flower and vegetable gardens which are enclosed by a white picket fence; these are laid off just as they were originally; there are long borders where only flowers are planted, and between these is a space for the vegetables. All of the very old shrubs and flowers are found growing here.

"Burnt Quarter" is a rambling and stately old plantation home of fifteen rooms, and is of frame construction. The center or main portion of the house is two stories with hip roof and is rectangular in shape; wings of a story and a half adjoin the main section on both sides, the one on the west side being larger than the one on the east side; both have gabled roofs. The

house has three porches, one on the west end and a small glassed in porch on the east end, and the front porch which is on the south side of the main section. The entire house was built of the very best grade colonial pine; the weatherboarding is the original and is beaded. There are four immense brick chimneys, two of which are inside, between the center portion and the wings, one on the north end of the main section, and the fourth one is on the end of the west wing.

One enters through the large six panel front door into a wide hall, at the right side of which the lovely hand carved stairway ascends to the second floor; at the north end are huge double doors by which you enter the spacious drawing room, and are immediately impressed by its beauty; the walls are plastered and painted in Colonial blue; the floors are of pine boards of varying widths. The immense fire place at the north end adds much charm. All furnishings in this room are in harmony with the setting, as they are throughout the house.

To the right, as you enter the front door, is a six panel door leading into the library, here you find rows of shelves filled with books by the best authors of the past and the present. The walls in this room are plastered and papered in a colonial design. There is wainscoting two and a half feet deep, and the pine floors are of rather wide boards. The huge fire place at the west end has a very high shelf above it; a small closet is on one side of this fire place. To the east of the library is the glassed in porch from which may be seen the beautiful gardens and the surrounding farm lands. On the other side of the hall, and opposite the library, is a big six panel door leading into the immense dining room with its beautiful hand carved furniture. The entire west end of this room is beautifully panelled. From the dining room you enter one of the most charming rooms of the house, the west bed room, which is beautiful in its furnishings of a huge four poster bed rising to the ceiling, and there are other pieces of old furniture equally as attractive. Directly back of this room is a small room, once used as the nursery. It is now furnished as a bed room, and is very attractive. The kitchen and pantry are just back of the dining room.

The second floor rooms are arranged similar to the first floor; all of these are furnished as bed rooms, only antique furniture being used.

Historical Significance:

“Burnt Quarter” has played an important part in both the Revolutionary War and the War Between the States.

It was when Tarleton, on his way to Yorktown, passed through this way that his men set fire to all of the slave quarters and other out buildings burning them to the ground; thus “Burnt Quarter” derived its name. Just why the main house was left has never been determined. It is thought that

maybe the British in their haste to reach Yorktown overlooked it, although this hardly seems probable. However, the beautiful home has remained to share in the making of the history of the state.

It was on this plantation that the main part of the battle of Five Forks was fought. The house was used as headquarters by Gen. Merritt, and as a hospital during this battle. During a part of the battle the house was in the line of fire, with the Confederates in the peach orchard at the back of the house and the Federals at the front in the field. It has been said by some members of the family who lived here at the time the fighting took place, that before the battle the peach orchard was in full bloom, and that immediately after it looked as if a severe frost had killed the beautiful blossoms. The house was used as a means of protection by both sides. At one time the front lawn was covered with soldiers wounded and dying; they were brought into the house and cared for by the beautiful and courageous women of the house.

As the Confederates were retreating, a sharp-shooter had edged his way around the corner of the house and was firing from behind a great tree at the Federals; very soon the Federals rushed towards him, but through a window one of the occupants of the home saw what was about to happen, and with a wonderful spirit of unselfishness, she dashed open the front door and beckoned the youth to run for safety. Mrs. Wheeler, the present owner of "Burnt Quarter" can show the path which the sharp-shooter pursued in reaching his line of safety.

Just before the Federals took possession of the house General W. H. F. Lee sent a note to Mrs. Gilliam offering to have the girls of the house escorted out before falling into the hands of the enemy; they left the home in an ambulance with the special escort sent by the General. Gen. Lee sent a scout, a Confederate soldier, clad in a Federal uniform to "Burnt Quarter" to tell Mrs. Gilliam her daughters were safe. The scout chatted for some time with Mrs. Gilliam without being suspected of being a Confederate soldier and brought back messages from Mrs. Gilliam who still remained safely at "Burnt Quarter."

The house and its handsome furnishings suffered great abuse during the fighting on the place. Today you can visit this home and view the bullet holes through the walls in several places. The huge brick chimney at the end of the drawing room was nearly demolished by a cannon ball which also splintered the mahogany mantel.

A beautiful harp which was a very much prized and valued possession of Albenia Gilliam was destroyed by Federal soldiers. She had hidden it in a big rock known as the "Heart Rock" but it was found by the soldiers. Some time after Miss Gilliam returned to her home she found a part of the harp with the name of a Northern regiment carved on it.

On all of the drawing room walls hang the family portraits, each of which were slashed by union swords; these have been pasted back in place but it can be plainly seen where each portrait was cut. Many years after this great destruction, General Hancock viewed the portraits saying such was not the work of his soldiers, and offered to have them restored but Mrs. Gilliam, the mistress of "Burnt Quarter" at that time refused, saying "let them stay as they are." Any one visiting the home may see these portraits just as they have been described.

It was on the fields of the plantation that General Warren, who had distinguished himself for valor in the battle of Gettysburg in the taking of the "Little Round Top," was relieved of his duties. He disobeyed orders of superior officers at which time it is thought he was acting upon advice from a Federal spy (a young woman) who was on the grounds at the time. Warren was later brought before a court of inquiry as to his conduct. Several distinguished officers and engineers visited the battle field, using "Burnt Quarter" as their headquarters, and it was in this house that maps were studied and the actions of General Warren reviewed. Some of the most valuable maps made during the war which were drawn by Northern engineers in regard to Warren's trial may be seen at this home today. A map of the battle of "Five Forks" hangs on the wall in the hall. There are other maps showing locations of both armies with details marked in the location of each division, and by whom it was commanded. These maps which relate to Gen. Warren's position at the time he was dismissed were left by those who conducted the court inquiry.

Many other things that throw much light on the happenings of that period have been carefully preserved and may be seen in this home. There are Confederate and Federal coats; many buttons, bayonets, swords, canteens, old knives, flint locks, and a Confederate cap which belonged to a member of the family, are among the numerous relics seen in the hall at "Burnt Quarter."

One of the second floor rooms in the east wing is supposed to be haunted, and the ghost is that of a woman. She has never brought harm to the home, but on very still nights, it is said, you can hear the rustle of her skirts as she ascends the enclosed stairway and enters the room and hovers around the bed. Once a male guest being entertained here was given that room; he could feel her presence in the room to such an extent that he sat up the entire night. On another occasion a woman guest was offered the room but flatly refused to occupy it. Mrs. Wheeler, hostess, and present owner of the home, has found it impossible to get a servant to remain in the house alone at any time after dark, as they are very much afraid of the ghost, even though she never attempts to harm them.

Some of the most prominent men of the state have lived in this home, and others have been entertained here at various times.

It is not necessary to mention the important part this place has had in the making of Dinwiddie County history, as well as the history of the state.

After leaving "Burnt Quarter" the visitor feels that they have had a glimpse into the lives of the aristocratic owners of this home so rich in historical lore. It would be almost impossible for an experienced writer to portray the beauty, the romance, the mystery, and the enchantment of this beautiful plantation home nestling so peacefully among the trees by the side of the winding lane.

Sources of Information:

Informants: Mrs. H. W. Wheeler, Church Road, Virginia.

Newspaper clipping from the Progress Index.

Dinwiddie County Court Records:

Will Book 5, page 335.

Will Book 10, page 184.

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Chesterfield County

Chancery Suit

Chancery Suit — Martin vs Ragsdale - 1768

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: This Chancery Suit has been transcribed from a photocopy of the original in the manner in which it was originally written.

Document 1 Title on Back

To The Worshipful Court of Chesterfield County

Martin
& Dep^o
Ragsdale

Deposition

By Virtue of the Commission hereunto annexed & to us and others directed; We have caused Tabitha Hill Caldwell one of the Witnesses in the said commission named to appear before us who being first sworn on the holy Evangelists of Almighty God the truth to say of and concurring a certain matter in dispute & difference between William Ragsdale [*illegible*] & John Martin Defendant. Depoeth & Saith.

That her Father John Baxter about ~~or between Sixty~~ & Sixty Six years ago last April was possessed in his own proper right of the Negro Woman Slave Bess who is one of the Negroes now in dispute and as this Deponant believes the original Stock from whom all the other disputed Slaves have issued, and that being so possessed [*of*] her this Deponants said father then or ab^t that time gave and delivered unto Christopher Martin his Son in Law in the presence of this Deponant the said Negro Bess then a small Girl. That in Consequence of the said Gift the said Christopher Martin (who was Grandfather of John Martin the Dfdtfs:) took Possession of the s^d Negro Girl Bess carried her home with him & remained in quiet Possession of her and her increase from that time to the time of his death and She this Deponant does not remember that her father ever after the said Gift pretended to have any Right to the said Negro Bess, but

throughout the whole family She was called & deemed the property of the said Christopher. And further this Deponant saith not.

Tabitha Hill Caldwell

Tabitha Hill Caldwell

Chesterfield

Taken before me at Pocahontas this 14th Jan^{ry} 1768.

Rob Kennon
David Holt

Document Title on Back

Ragsdale
vs Spa Cana
Martin

*Rob Kennon
David Holt*

Es^d

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July Time
Sept. D^o
1769 Apr Dism

Summons

George the third To the Sheriff of Chesterfield County greeting. We command you that you summon Jn^o Martin son & heir at law of Christopher Martin dc^d to appear before our Court of the said County on the first friday in December such to answer ~~W^m Ragsdale~~ [illegible strikethrough] a Bill in Chancery exhibited against him by W^m Ragsdale son & heir at law of Geoffrey Ragsdale dc^d and this he shall in no wise omit under the penalty of £100 and have then there this Writ Witness.

B Watkins Clk of our said Court the vi day of Nov. in the viii Year of our reign.
B. Watkins

Summons

George the third To Rob Kennon & David Holt Gent greeting Know ye that We trusting of your Fidelity and provident Circumspection in diligently Examining Tabitha Hill Caldwell & Butler witnesses on behalf of John Martin Deft. at suit of W^m Ragsdale Plt. command you on any two or more of

you to assemble yourselves and the Witnesses aforesaid before you you [sic] call and cause to come and diligently Examine on the Holy Evangelist of Almighty God and their Examination into our Court of Chesterfield County without Deelay you shall send enclosed sending also to us this Writ Witness B. Watkins Clerk of our said Court at the Court House the iv Day of Decem^b in this viii year of our reign.
B. Watkins

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New Surry County Prison House - 1679, submitted by Doris Y. Stone

Surry County Orders 1671-1691, p. 270 [copied verbatim]

Att a Cort held at Southwarke 8 br 8th: 1679

Prest: Lt. Coll^r Browne Mr: Allen Mr: Robt: Caufield Mr Lee Comrs

Whereas by an accident the County Prison was lately burnt, soe that there is at present noe Prison, the Cort takeing the same into theire Serious Considracon and findeing the little brick Roome next the Yard at the East End of the brick house now in the possession of Mr: Jno: Moring Guardian to Mary Marriott Orphan to be the most Convt: place for a Prison untell Such time as a new one can be built, have herefore agreed with the said Mr. Jno: Moring for ye said Rome for a Prison for this County for fivety pounds of tobo. p Month soe long as there shall be occation to make use of it, provided ye House remane in his Custody soe long, It is therefore Ordered that he be paid according to agreemt: in ye County Levy, And the said Rome is hereby declared to be ye County Prison.

The Prison howse of this County haveing beene lately burnt to ye ground, the Cort have agreed with Jno:Gray to build another, which said House is to be Sixteen foot long & noe longer, ye Posts to be Locusts the ground sells round ye House, to be good whiteoak, & mortized into the Posts, ye house to be lofted with good boards, the [illegible] to be lathed & filled in with loome to the topp, & a good Earthen back to the Chimney, a good planck doore wth: Sufficient Iron hinges, all wch the said Gray Ingageth to doe and to finde and bring in Place all manner of appurtenances thereto belonging for & in Consideration of ffowerteene hundred pounds of tobo. & Caske, which said tobo. is to be Levied as the Cort shall see the work goe forward, all wch: worke the said Gray hath Ingaged to have Sufficiently finished by the 25th day of Xbr: next upon the penalty of Forfeiting to the Cort for ye use of ye County two thousand Eight hundred pounds of tobo. & Caske.

Nansemond & Isle of Wight counties

Wills

Unrecorded Wills

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: The following wills have been transcribed from photocopies of the originals in the manner in which they were written.

The will of Henry Pruden — Nansemond County — 1792

In the name of God Amen I Henry Pruden
of Nansemond County being Weak in body but of Perfect mind & memory
thanks be to God do make and ordain this my last will & Testament in manner
& form following

I first Recommend my soul to God & my Body to be Decently Buried

My will & Desire is that my just & lawful Debts be be [sic] paid first out of my
Estate and the Remainder to Dispose of as follows

Item. I give and bequeath to my Mildred one Negro slave named Nan During
her life and at her death to be Equally Divided among my surviving
Children

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Nathaniel one Negro slave Named Silvy
to him and his Heirs lawfully Begotten for Ever

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Henry one Negro slave Named Mol to him
and his Heirs lawfully Begotten for Ever

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Willis Wills the first Sound well Born
Child that Each of the above Named Negroes Silvy and Mol shall Bear, and
if the said young ones lived their mothers shall keep them till they are Two
Years old also I give to him six silver Tea spoons to him and his heirs
lawfully Begotten for Ever

My will and Desire is that the Residue of my Estate be Equally Divided Between
[sic] my Wife and and [sic] all my surviving Children

And lastly I do hereby Constitute and appoint my friends Nathaniel Pruden and
Drury Phillips my Whole & sole Executors of this my last will & Testament

Revoking and making Void all other Wills legacies & Bequeaths by me before made acknowledging this to be my last will and Testament as witness my hand and seal this 9th day of January one Thousand Seven hundred and Ninety Two

Signed Sealed and
Delivered in
Presence of us
Pleasants Jordan
Joseph Everitt

Henry Pruden {seal}

The will of John Homes — Isle of Wight County — 1795

In the name of God Amen This third Day of April in the year of our Lord God one Thousand seven hundred and ninety five I John Homes of Isle of Wight County being weak in body but of perfect Mind Memory & mind do make & ordain this my last will and testament

I leave as much of Estate as sufficient to ~~depts~~ pay my depts [*debts*] after my depts is paid. the rest of my Estate I lend unto my beloved wife Pations [*Patience?*] During her life after her Death if any thing left two be Equal divided between my two Daughters

Hanner [*Hannah?*] the property of Capt fosters [*Pasters*] Dec^d
Prisillah [*Priscilla?*] the property of Benjamin Cock

Also I leave my beloved Wife Pations to be free a Greeable to the lawes of this Estate

I in like manner Constitute and make & ordain William Gay my holly an Sole Ext^{or} of this my Last will and testament.

his
John X Homes
marke

Everitt Gay
Edward Gay
Sarah Bell

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Cumberland County

Chancery Suit

Heirs of Sally Macon - Undated, (after 1824)

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Editor's Note: The following chancery action, though undated, provides relationships pertinent to numerous Cumberland County families, and is presented here for its genealogical value.

To the Worshipful Justices of the County Court of Cumberland sitting in Chancery humbly complaining sheweth unto your worships your orators & oratrixes — Charles Gallaway and Sally W. Gallaway formerly Sally W. Michaux daughter of Mary Michaux deceased. Peter Hamlin and Virginia A. his wife, formerly V. A. Michaux daughter of Mary Michaux deceased, W^m M. Michaux & Elizabeth Venable Michaux, infant children of said Mary dec^d by their guardian *ad litem* & next friend Peter Hamlin Joseph W. Michaux & Richard V. Michaux, Rebecca M. Redd, Jordan Woodson & Rebecca T. his wife formerly Rebecca T. Redd, Jane T. Redd, George W^m Redd, Robert H. Redd, Anderson Redd, Martha E. Redd, infants, by their guardian *ad litem* & next friend Rebecca M. Redd, Mary R. Woodson, Sally R. Woodson, infant children of Sally W. Woodson formerly Sally W. Redd, by their guardian *ad litem* & next friend Miller Woodson, Amanda M. M^cRoberts formerly Amanda M. Redd, Andrew M^cRoberts, Martha R. Faulkner, infant daughters of Elizabeth H. M. Faulkner, formerly Elizabeth H. M. Redd, by her guardian *ad litem* and next friend, Rebecca M. Redd, George T. Swann & Sally P. Swann, W^m Lam^l Swann, Fleming L. Swann, Jane E. Swann, Mary Angelina Swann, Tho^s T. Swann Jr. Tho. T. Swann and James E. Swann infant children of Thos. T. Swann & Sally his wife formerly Sally Macon by their guardian *ad litem* and next friend George T. Swann.

That sometime in the month of November 1824 Sally Macon relict of W^m Macon dec^d late of the County of Cumberland, departed this life, seized and possessed of a considerable estate, real and personal, all lying & being in the said County, having first made and published in due form her last will & testament, appointing Dan^l A. Wilson, Allen Wilson, John Miller, and Daniel A. Allen her executors, of whom Allen Wilson & Daniel A. Allen took upon

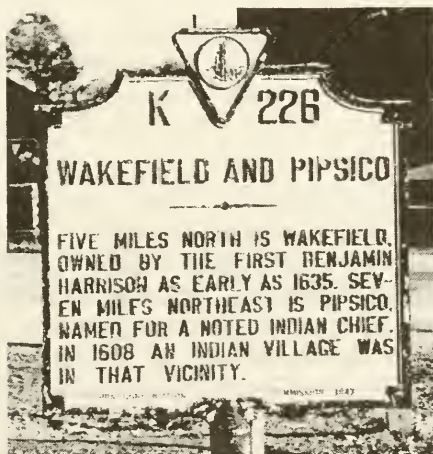
themselves the administration of her estate by giving security in due form: that the debts of their Testatrix were of considerable amount, and that they were discharged (excepting a balance of five or six hundred dollars) by a sale of a large amount of personal property, consisting of horses, cows, sheep, hogs, plantation utensils, household & kitchen furniture, [illegible] specifically bequeathed by their testatrix to Sally W. Swann, wife of Tho^s T. Swann, (who are hereby prayed to be made Defendants to this Bill) during her natural life and after her death to her children absolutely; and by the application of the proceeds of other property bequeathed to the said Sally Swann under a similar limitation: that there still remains, as your orators are informed & believe between five and six hundred dollars of debt due from the estate of their testatrix, to the discharge of which the proceeds of the property Thus bequeathed to the s^d Sally Swann, is pledged by the said Sally, or those acting for her: Your Complainants further represent that their testatrix, after making specific bequests of all her personal estate, proceeded by the 4th clause of her Will to dispose of her real estate, as follows, to wit — “I lend to each of my daughters Rebecca Redd and Sally Swann and give to the children of my deceased daughter Mary Michaux after the payment of all my just debts one equal third part of the residue of my estate real and personal not herein before disposed of: And I direct that no division of the said land take place till the expiration of the term during which the use of it is given under the 2nd clause of my will: And the property which I have lent to my daughters by this 4th clause of my will, I lend to each of them for & during her natural life, remainder over at the death of each, to the children respectively: It is also my will & desire, that in the division of my land, my daughter Sally Swann be permitted (if she chooses) to take the lot of land whereon the dwelling house Granary and other buildings thereabouts are situated: & that in laying off the respective lots or portions of land the buildings are to be disregarded and the land valued as if there were no buildings on it.”

Your Compl^{ts} represent that in consequences of the specific legacy to Sally Swann being thus entirely charged with the burden of the debts of their testatrix, a controversy arose, which at length terminated in an agreement (marked A) herewith filed & prayed to be taken as a part of this Bill, by which, the parties thereto, children and representatives of Sally Macon dec^d in consideration of the large amount of debt. paid as above mentioned, & assumed to be paid by the said Sally Swann, or those acting for her, out of the specific legacy to herself during her natural life, & afterwards to her children your compl^{ts} agreed to a division of the real estate of the said Sally Macon dec^d according to a survey & plats referred to & made part of that agreement: that is to say, the parties [section stricken through] for the consideration therein mentioned and being

[illegible] to reimburse the said Sally Swann "for the amount thus paid and assumed to be paid," did thereby agree, "that the two hundred and seventy five acres of land, laid off & surveyed as per platt & survey thereto annexed, be taken and held by the said Sally Swann and her children" as a compensation for that portion of her specific legacy thus applied "in addition to their equal third part of the residue of the real estate of the said Sally Macon dec^d amounting in the whole to six hundred & ninety one acres of land, in the same manner & under the same limitations & restrictions prescribed by the will of the said Sally Macon dec^d" that is to say, to be held by the said Sally Swann during her life, and after her death by her children y^r complts in fee simple: The said parties did further agree that "the portion of 416 acres of land laid off and surveyed to Rebecca M. Redd your compl^t by the same platt shall be held and taken by the said Rebecca and her children in the same manner and under the same limitations & restrictions prescribed by the s^d Sally Macon's Will" It was also agreed by the said parties that the portion of two hundred and forty two acres of land laid off and surveyed to the children of Mary Michaux deceased (two of whom [illegible] & Richard have disposed of their interests which are now held by y^r complt [illegible]) according to the same platt, shall be taken held & enjoyed under the same limitation prescribed by the s^d Sally Macon's will: And the parties aforesaid for themselves & their heirs, did "covenant & agree to & with each other that the aforesaid allotment of the said several portions of land, according to the said platt & survey, shall be deemed as taken and held as a final division and apportionment of their several portions of the real estate of the said Sally Macon dec^d and as a final adjustment of all difficulties & controversies relating to and concerning their rights and interests in and to the said land under the said will": And your complt^s further represent, that it was agreed that "a decree shall be made and entered up by the County Court of Cumberland, in conformity with this agreement & settlement of the parties, which decree shall be final and conclusive of their rights." Your orators would beg leave to represent that many of them are infants, interested in the allotment of land referred to in the agreement above mentioned, and consequently incompetent to become parties to that deed; and that they believe the provisions of that agreement to be most beneficial to them: In tender consideration whereof, and forasmuch as it is the province of a Court of Chancery to carry into full effect a contract of this character, where the rights of infants and remainder-men are concerned, your orators pray that this worshipful Court would enter a decree in conformity with said agreement and with the will of Sally Macon dec^d that is to say, that the two hundred & 75 acres of land laid off and surveyed as above mentioned in addition to her equal third part of the residue of the real estate of the said Sally Swann & her children according to the

provisions of said agreement and under the limitations prescribed by the will of the said Sally Macon, that is, by the said Sally Swann during her life, remainder over, after her death, to her children, your compts: that your worships would also decree that the other portions laid off by the same platt & survey to your oratrix Rebecca Redd & her children, and to your compts the children of Mary Michaux dec^d be held by them respectively or those claiming under them, [illegible] the limitations prescribed in the said 4th clause of Sally Macon's will: and that your worships would decree such other & further select in the premises as shall be consistent with equity & justice and your orators as in duty bound will ever pray of

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WAKEFIELD AND PIPSICO

The above Virginia Historical Marker numbered K-226 is located on State Route 10 in Surry County at Spring Grove. It states: "Five miles north is Wakefield, owned by the first Benjamin Harrison as early as 1635. Seven Miles northeast is Pipsico, named for a noted Indian chief. In 1608 an Indian village was in that vicinity."

Princess Anne County

Wills

Will of James Spratt - 1799

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James Spratts Will
proved Sep^t 1799
probated granted May Court 1800
Recorded & Grt^d

Teste,
E. H. Moseley Clk.

Document Text

In the Name of God Amen the Eighteenth day of May One Th[*torn*]
[*Thousand Seven Hundred*] And Ninety Nine I James Spratt of the
Commonwealth of Virginia and State [?] of Princess Anne Being sick and
weak in Body but of perfect mind and memory Thanks be Given Unto God
Therefore Calling Unto Mind the mortalaty of my Body and Knowing that
it is Appointed for All men Once to Die do make and Ordain this my last
will and Testament in the following manner And Form *Viz*

Imprimous I Give and Bequeath to Mary Spratt my Dearly Beloved wife
Fifty Acres of Bank land and Marsh Also one Negro Called Ned during
her Widowhood. and Afterwards the S^d Negro Ned I Give Unto my Son
Solomon Spratt to him And his heirs for Ever

Also I Give and Bequeath my Bank land and Marsh After my wifes
marriage Unto James Jackson Spratt and Solomon Spratt to be Equally
Divided to them and their Heirs for Ever

Also I Give Unto my Wife Mary as many hogs as Shall be Gudged
Necesery to support her and her family this present year and the year
Ensuing and if any left to be sold and the money Arising from s^d sail

to Be left in the hands of my Es^t to Educate my Six Youngest Children

Item I leave all the Money and Corn that Shall Arise from the Sale of a load of Cedar on Board Capt Samuel Green and an other load heir to Carry in the Hands of my Executors to pay my lawfull Debts. the s^d Money and Corn to be Delivered to my Es^t by Capt Malachi Jones

And if there Should be any money left after paying my Just Debts I leave it in hands of Executors to School all my Children and if there should not be Enough above Mentioned I leave as much of my Moveable property to be Sold for Nine Months Credit as my Executors shall think proper to Raise and School all my Children

Item I Give all my N[*illegible*] and Household Furniture that has not been Already Given away to be Sold and the money Arising from Sale to be Equally Divided Between my Wife Mary and my Nine Children to them and their heirs for Ever

Also I Give All my Negroes that has not been Given Away to be Equally Divided Between My Wife Mary and my Nine Children only my wife is to hold her Share no longer than Her Widowhood and Afterwards to be divided among my Nine Children to them and Their Heirs For Ever

Item I leave one Riding Chear [*chair*] that is in the possession of Thomas G Soward Unto my wife Mary During her Widowhood and afterwards to be sold and the money arising from sale to be Equally divided among my Nine Children to them and their heirs for Ever

I also leave my Wife Mary as much money [*illegible*] have of Thorough Braces and Buckles and brass Mounted Harness for the above Mentioned Chear.

Also a Note of hand of Eightenn Dollars Due the first day of January last Indorst to me by Jefry Barnet against Francis Diver principil Mark Dauge [?] Security I leave to be Equally Divided Between my Wife Mary and my nine Children to them and their heirs for Ever

I also leave Unto my Wife Mary and my nine Children one Silver Watch that is in the hands of Thomas Conner by paying the s^d Conner his Claim to them and their heirs for Ever

Item I Give Unto my Wife Mary Spratt One womans Saddle And One Umprilla (*umbrella*) to her and Her Heirs for Ever

Lastly I Constitute and Ordain my Beloved wife Mary Spratt; John Whitehead Senr & Joel Morse Whole and Sole Executors of this my last

will and Testament in witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the Day and year Above Written.

Signed Sealed and Declared
By the S^d James Spratt as his
last will and Testament in the
Presence of us the Subscribers
John Mitchell

James Spratt {seal}

his
Robert X Dudley Sen^r
mark
Robert Dudley Juner
John Williams

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 2^d day of September 1799
The above last Will and Testament of James Spratt dec^d was proved
according to Law by the Oath of John Mitchell and Robert Dudley Sen^r two
of the Witnesses to the same and is ordered to be Recorded.

Teste,
E. H. Moseley Clk

At a Court Held for Princess Anne County the 5th day of May 1800

On the Motion of John Whitehead one of the Executors named in the Will
of James Spratt dec^d who made Oath and gave Bond & Security according
to Law Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining Probate then in due form.

Teste,
E. H. Moseley Clk

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BOURNE, JONES, SYMES: William Bourne received land grant 1719 for 300 acres in New Kent Co, located in what became Hanover in 1721, which became Louisa Co 1742, now called Jones Creek. Nearby settlers include John Symes, John McQuerry. Seek what family of Jones lived there and when. **Blanche Tompkins, 360 W. 20th St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.**

MAJOR: James and John Major found in Court Orders of Henry Co., VA 1780-1786. Suspect them to be sons of James Major who d 1780 in Charles City Co. Seek info on and correspondence with descs. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

EDMUNDS, KIRKLAND: Sterling H. Edmonds m Martha Kirkland 21 Dec 1831 in Brunswick Co, VA. Marriage register says "widow." Sterling bought James Kirkland's share in the estate of Mark Kirkland who d 1836. Seek maiden name of Martha and name of her first husband. **Carolyn Smotherman, PO Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046.**

HEATHERINGTON: Elizabeth Heatherington was born "at sea" according to oral tradition, on 21 Dec 1821. Unable to locate any ship records to that affect. Her father was said to have been from Dublin, Ireland. Any info on this elusive

lady greatly appreciated, especially name of parents/sibs. **Shirley Wagstaff, PO Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

BILLINGSLEY, BURT: Katherine "Kittie" Billingsley (b 1797 VA, d c1878 Coosa Co, AL) m Stephen Richard Burt c1824 Autauga Co, AL. Stephen b 1795 Halifax Co, NC, d c1779 Coosa Co, AL. Seek to exchange proof of dates/locations of births/marriages/deaths of parents/sibs/wives/ch. **Robert S. Coleman, 18 Westover Rd., Newport News, VA 23601-3928.**

BANE, SHUMATE, PRIDEMORE, LOCKE: Seek parents of Robert Bane and Nancy Shumate who m c1850, lived Lee Co, VA. Son, Samuel George, b 27 Jan 1852, m Elizabeth Pridemore dau of James Madison Pridemore and Lavisia Locke. Samuel and Elizabeth lived Grundy & Livingston cos, MO. **Marge Eckert, 2118 County Road N, Platte City, MO 64079.**

SANFORD, O'BRIENT: Elizabeth Sanford, dau of Robert Sanford Sr, m William O'Brient Nov 1793 in Granville Co, NC. Their ch: Robert and Sarah. Who did these ch marry? **Maxine C. Allen, c/o Dr. Ellsworth Allen, 2202 Arroyo Dr., Riverside, CA 92506.**

WRIGHT, LANGFORD, MORGAN, RAINEY, WATSON, HOLMES, POOLE: Seek info on Anderson Wright who m Elizabeth Langford 1794 Mecklenburg Co, VA. Associated families were: Morgan, Rainey, Watson, Holmes and Poole. Also, Sampson West in Isle of Wight Co, VA until 1759; Williford, Lancaster in Southampton Co 18th century. **Carol T. York, 41 Four Winds Dr., Middletown, NJ 07748.**

Exchange: James **BELL** of South River, **LOVE, COLVARD, HOLBROOK, HOLLAND,** Thomas **DILLARD,** Stephen **HEARD,** Jonathan **PRICE,** **LUMSDEN,** Andrew **GOFF, BRASEWELL, BRYDELL, DENSON, ELEY, SMALL,** Mary **SMITH KEARNEY, DOBSON, FELLOWS, PASSMORE,** Peter **GILLUM,** Martin **MARTIN,** Burwell **REAVES.** All Southside VA 1650-1790. **Mrs. Joseph Mione, 1718 Ridgemont Dr., Wichita Falls, TX 76309.**

RHEA, MANGUM, MEDLEY, WHITLOCK, JORDAN: See parents: John Rhea b 1776 VA d 1839 Lincoln Co, TN; Samuel Mangum WP 1828 Sussex Co; Isaac Medley WR 1762 Lunenburg Co; Thomas Whitlock d 1779 Halifax Co; Edward Jordan d 1791 Halifax, wife Elizabeth ?_ WP 1795 Lunenburg; Peggy (Drumgold) Engledow m 1799. **Joanne Cullom Moore, Frenchman's Bayou, AR 72338-0127.**

MUSTIAN: John Mustian, called John Sr, b c1730 VA?, m c1750. Lived Mecklenburg Co, Rev War patriot, d 1782-1788 Mecklenburg Co, Great Creek. Was he a brother to the Thomas Mustian who was granted land by King George II? w/2 Elizabeth ?_. Seek help. **Olidene Harris, 8107 County Road 1240, West Plains, MO 65775.**

DOSS, VEST: Mary Doss b c1764 Pittsylvania Co, VA, dau of James Doss Sr and Anne. When did Mary m George Vest? Seek his parents. Did George and Mary have ch? They may have moved to Boone Co, KY. **Mrs. Barbara Doss McKinlay, 2740 La Cuesta Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.**

WOODALL, COVINGTON: Jacob Woodall b 10-Jul-1763 Goochland Cty S of Sampson; m Rebecca Covington of Halifax 20 Dec 1787. Believe as an adult lived in Charlotte or Campbell cos. Seek his ch. **Lucy Woodall Harris, 122 Quinlan St., Lynchburg, VA 24503.**

EPPELSON, TUCKER: William R. Epperson m 1830 Eliza Forrest, dau of Richard W. Forrest and Polly Forrest. Samuel Tucker m Nancy O. Clark 1833. Richard Tucker m Mary Ann Epperson 1856. Seek corresp on the Halifax families of Clark, Epperson, Forrest, Tucker. Especially the Epperson family. **Doris Fisher Irwin, 180 First Ave North, Naples, FL 33940.**

Researching: Sylvester **BLANKENSHIP** and other Blankenships of Chesterfield and Bedford cos c1790-1810. **Sandra Simpson, 5046 S. Lamon, Chicago, IL 60638.**

JORDAN: Seek solid proof on parents of Robert Jordan (1755-1816), m Elizabeth Church of Amelia, lived Halifax 1779-on. *History of Halifax* (Carrington, 1924) indicates Robert Jordan b 1717, m Susannah ?, sons: William, Henry, Granville, Robert. Robert took loyalty oath, speculated on tobacco 1776-83, died rich. **Stuart Jordan, 17113 Thorntondale Ct., Olney, MD 20832.**

TUCKER, EDWARDS: Four Isle of Wight records were included in Valentine (Pleasants Section) because Samuel Tucker's widow m John Pleasants of Henrico. All mention Samuel Tucker (of Bristol) and John Edwards, lately dec'd in VA. Did either live in Isle of Wight Co? Seek Samuel Tucker info. **Felix Earle Luck, 8 St. John's Ave., PO Box 506, Mt. Tabor, NJ 07878-0506.**

Exchange: Info on following families: **HARDY & CHEATHAM** of Pittsylvania Co; **BRIZENDINE, BRUMFIELD, CHAFFIN, CHEATHAM, McCRAW, OVERTON** of Charlotte Co; **CHAFFIN, CHEATHAM, GOODE, GLIDEWELL, NICHOLS, OWEN, RICHMAN, SIZEMORE, WATTS** of Halifax Co. **Dawn Watts Westfall, 27723 NW 174th Ave., High Springs, FL 32643.**

McCONNELL: Nancy Walker McConnell (1810-1852 VA) m 1834 Eldridge Braxton Land (1810-1871 VA). Her sister, Mary G. McConnell, m John J. Flood. Girls were orphans. Nancy ward of Alexander Patteson of Clover Hill, Predco. Mary ward of Dr. Joel Walker Flood of Clover Hill. Seek their parents. **Frank C. Pickard, 2000 Cambridge Ave., #344, Wyomissing, PA 19610-2738.**

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of Richmond, Virginia
died June 19, 1994

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of Falls Church, Virginia
died November 2, 1994

Dr. Benjamin Boisseau Weisiger III
of Richmond, Virginia
died February 6, 1995

The Virginia genealogical community has been saddened by the recent deaths of several of its most ardent researchers and authors, a listing of whose collective accomplishments would fill pages. They will be missed by those who had the opportunity to know them personally. Family researchers in other parts of the country, who knew them only through their works, will also feel their loss. These people were dedicated to the preservation and documentation of our records and history and attempted to instill this dedication in others.



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EDITORIAL

“NEWSPAPER!!! GET YOUR NEWSPAPER RIGHT HERE!!!” We don't often hear those words with our increasing detachment from the physical world. Of course the newspaper is still delivered to homes on a daily basis, but does it have the same local flavor of times past? In many small communities it does, but in large metropolitan areas it is more often filled with the happenings of the outside world.

Most genealogists and family researchers equate newspapers to present day life. In fact though, newspapers of bygone days were the main form of communication. They not only contained all of the “world” happenings, but most everything that went on in the community, from births and deaths to legal proceedings such as land transactions and civil or criminal trials. They might even contain the equivalent of our genealogical queries (see the review of Barbara K. Henritze's *Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers*, on page 104).

There are many reasons why old newspapers have not been utilized to their fullest potential by the researcher. First and foremost is the lack of any kind of index. Then of course, there is the problem of whether a paper even existed in the area of your interest. Then, if you knew that a paper, or papers, existed at the time of your interest, you would have to research to find if copies of the papers are still available. Imagine that you knew that your ancestor died in a major city in 1850 — no day known. If copies of the papers are still available you might have to look at every newspaper, and there might be two or three published, for every day of the year to find an obituary.

Fortunately, many genealogical and historical societies are recognizing the significance of these “recorders of our history,” and are indexing them or publishing books of specific records. One such group is the Virginia Genealogical Society. They have begun the task of publishing the marriages and deaths which were recorded in the obituaries of the various Richmond, Virginia, newspapers. For information on these publications, contact them at **5001 W. Broad St., Ste. 115, Richmond, VA 23230-3023, (804) 285-8954.**

Many newspapers are beginning to realize the historical value of their old publications. For instance, the Richmond *Times-Dispatch*, has just re-opened its research library (“morgue”) to the public. They have clipping files and microfilm, and will do database searches of over one-hundred years of Richmond and Virginia history, business, government, entertainment, crime, and politics. You may request information by writing **Richmond Times-Dispatch, Research Library, PO Box 85333, Richmond, VA 23293-0001, (804) 649-6224.** A cost estimate will be provided when service is requested.

Many local libraries have clipping files of area newspapers, which go back for many years. With our ever increasing use of computers, more and more sources such as newspapers will become available for the researcher. Newspapers may not have been the easiest documents to utilize in the past, but they are becoming a much more useful tool, and should not be overlooked. *Chris Hooper*, Publication Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

John A. Brayton. *The Complete Ancestry of Tennessee Williams*, xxxii, 490 pp; index; Smyth-sewn; cloth (6x9); 1993. \$35 postpaid. North Carolina residents add \$2.10 sales tax. This is a most thoroughly researched and documented work on the ancestry of a person renowned as one of the greatest playwrights of this century. Thomas Lanier "Tennessee" Williams, as stated in the forward of the book, was not born in, nor lived in for any appreciable time, the state of his adopted name. No origin for the nickname by which he was known throughout the world has been discovered. Mr. Brayton refutes much of the information concerning Williams' ancestry which was presented as "facts" in his autobiography, *Tennessee Williams: Memoirs*. Aside from the "royal" ancestry, Mr. Brayton's research reached a dead end in the 15th century (17 generations). The main body of the book is presented in *ahnentafel* format, which numbers ancestors consecutively back from the subject of the work. This is a most efficient manner for presenting research of this magnitude. Following the four chapters of the main body is a listing of the royal descents to Mr. Williams. Appendices containing biographical sketches of various related families are included at the rear of the book. The families covered are: Baker, Bellar, Bowker, Carnes, Clark, Cooke, Evans, Everedd, Greenleaf, Huddleston, Lanier, Lawson, Miller, Mortimer, Nickerson, Newport, Plume, Purcas, Salmon, Topham/Tappan/Toppan, White, Woodhouse. As one would expect, several branches of this ancestry passed through Virginia, with some significant periods including Southside counties. For instance, we find in the appendix on the Evans family, references to Prince George, Dinwiddie, Amelia, Lunenburg and Brunswick counties. The book states that this Evans family seems to descend from John Evans, Sr. and Mary (?) d. 1709/10, of Charles City and Prince George counties. There are also significant sections dealing with North Carolina ancestry. As with any book concerning a particular family, this work has limited value to those whose families are not included. This work is a fine model for those wishing to present their material in a concise, but thoroughly well-documented manner. The author states that an addendum is shortly forthcoming on the ancestry of General James Robertson of Tennessee, which goes back to the Robinson family of Colonial Henrico Co., VA. Mr. Brayton is to be commended for all of his efforts. To order, contact the author, 1001 S. Marshall St., Suite 53, Winston-Salem, NC 27101.

Merrill Hill Mosher, CG, *John Freeman of Norfolk County, Virginia — His Descendants in North Carolina and Virginia and other Colonial North Carolina Freeman Families*, xii, 236 pp; index; illus; maps; charts; paper (6x9); 1994. \$18.50 plus \$3.50 postage. Maryland residents add 5%

sales tax. The first identified records of John Freeman appear in Lower Norfolk in a 1673 court order. From this point forward, Ms. Mosher utilizes primary sources, where available, to document 6 generations of Freemans (341 individuals) in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama, Kentucky, and Georgia. The first portion of the book is spent disproving several published Freeman genealogies including one purporting *Mayflower* ancestry for the John Freeman family. Although Ms. Mosher's work primarily deals with the surname Freeman, information is included on some related families as well. Following the documentation of the subject individuals descendants, the author investigates other Freeman families in colonial North Carolina, and an appendix of references to Freemans in North Carolina Revolutionary War records is included. This work is extremely well documented and it should be explored by anyone having a Freeman in their early ancestry. Order from **Heritage Books, Inc., 1540-E Pointer Ridge Place, Bowie, MD 20716. (800) 398-7709, FAX (800) 276-1760 (24 hrs.).**

The following two books may be ordered from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897. (800) 296-6687.** Include \$3.50 postage for the first book and \$1.25 for each additional. Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 4%.

Barbara K. Henritze, *Bibliographic Checklist of African American Newspapers*, xxviii, 206 pp.; index, cloth (8½x11); 1995. \$35.00. As stated in our editorial in this issue, newspapers have been overlooked by many researchers because there is typically no index to their contents. There is also the question of whether newspapers were in print in the area of interest and if so whether copies still exist. This work goes a long way in answering the first of these last two questions. Ms. Henritze has compiled a checklist of 5539 newspapers which were either owned, published, edited, or read predominantly by African Americans. The listing includes newspapers from forty-four states and the District of Columbia and is sorted by state, city, and title. Also listed are the dates of publication, frequency of publication and the sources for the information in the listing. Unfortunately for the researcher, there is no way of knowing whether actual copies of these newspapers still exist without performing individual searches. To most people, these old newspapers would simply provide statistical information, such as births, deaths and marriages. For the African American researcher though, they represent a window into an era which is tremendously difficult to breach from a genealogical standpoint. Immediately following the Civil War, families of slaves with whom they had been separated by sale, escape or enlistment in the Army often placed "Information Wanted" advertisements in search of their loved ones. These advertisements might include names, physical descriptions, places of residence, and even the names of

slaveowners and their plantations. This work is a valuable resource for those searching African American ancestry and is an important tool for all who wish to understand the history of our country from every perspective. The introduction provides a most instructive guide to identifying and locating available newspapers and all researchers would benefit from its insight. **See ordering information above.**

Sarah Travers Lewis (Scott) Anderson, *Lewis, Meriwethers and Their Kin*, 652 pp; illus.; index; cloth (6x9); (1938 rpt. 1995); \$40.00. Sarah Anderson, the author of this work, was formerly the historian and genealogist for the Lewis Association of America. She states that this book resulted from the requests of many, that she organize and publish her collection of genealogical notes into an easily understood form. It is to the researcher's great benefit that she saw fit to complete that task. Because the Lewis families, with their Meriwether connections, were so prominent in early Virginia, the histories of the two are intertwined. This book deals with six Lewis families which settled in Virginia prior to 1740: Robert Lewis of Brecon, emigrated 1635 and from whom descended the "Meriwether Lewises" and the other lines of the "Warner Hall Lewises;" John Lewis of Hanover, emigrated 1640; John Lewis of Henrico, emigrated 1660; Zachary Lewis, emigrated 1694; John Lewis of Donegal, emigrated 1732; and John Lewis of Shenandoah, emigrated 1737. Included related families are: Taliaferro, Thornton, Walker, Fry, Willis, Washington, Cobbs, Thomson, Scott, Anderson, Harper, Wood, Price, Maury, Slaughter, Fontaine, Holladay, Littlepage, Smith, Overton, Tyrell, Poindexter, Fowke, Moncure, Brown, Conway, Travers, and Daniel. **See ordering information above.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DESCENDANTS OF VALENTINE HOLLINGSWORTH, SR. SOCIETY. The descendants and related families held their fourth reunion on July 15, 1995, in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. Anyone who believes that he/she is a descendant of Valentine, Sr., is eligible, and is encouraged to join with other members. Please send your check for \$12, payable to the "Society," to its treasurer, Mrs. **Rosemary S. Stout, 608 Cardamon Dr., Virginia Beach, VA 23464 (1-804-420-5818)** with full name, address and phone number.

The following are announcements of publications:

The Jacob Engelbrecht Death Ledger 1820-1890 ISBN 0-9642239-1-0. 8½x11 paper, 359 pp. Over 10,500 entries including the famous and infamous. Some of the information recorded; parents, siblings, in-laws, age and/or date of birth, occupations, religious affiliation, murderers and their victims, hangings, Civil

War fatalities, deaths caused by epidemic and accidents, railroad deaths, deaths of "colored friends," location of death and/or burial, and events that took place internationally and nationally as well as in Frederick County. It will have an every name, place, occupation and references to persons of color indexes. Price will be \$32.00 + \$3.00 shipping, MD residents add 5% sales tax. **This publication is a limited edition. Order from Paw Prints, Inc., PO Box 52, Monrovia, MD 21770.**

Dinwiddie County, Virginia, Surveyor's Platt Book (1755-1796) and Court Orders (1789-1791): An Every-Name Index ISBN 1-57445-015-8. (1995), 65 pages, soundex (variant spellings of surnames) index. \$10.00 ppd (FL residents add 6½% sales tax). This book is an every-name index to all 9,100 people and places mentioned in the earliest surviving records of Dinwiddie County, Virginia, namely, the beginning of the Surveyor's Platt Book, and Court Orders for 1789-1791. Of the 9100 people and places, 8278 are from the Order Book. Page numbers in this index correspond to those in the platt book and the order book, which have been microfilmed by the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints. The appropriate film number is given in the introductory material. Film may be rented or a photocopy of the page you wish may be ordered from Utah. Since Dinwiddie is a burned record county, this index constitutes one way of finding 18th century ancestry. Order from **T.L.C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369.**

Atkinson Ancestors and Allied Families by Robert W. Atkinson. This 263 page hard-cover book contains separate narratives on many additional allied families with a table of contents showing the number of generations and an approximate time-span represented for each. Principal geographic areas include parts of Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and the Virginia counties of Buckingham, Campbell, Franklin, New Kent, Pittsylvania and Prince Edward. The cost is \$43.00 (delivered) and may be ordered from the author, **185 Canyon Rd., Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.**

SOUTHERN HISTORICAL PRESS announces the long-awaited reprint of *History of Henry County, Virginia* by Judith Parks America Hill, Published 1925, Rprt 1995. 332 pp, plus a new index. Hard cover.. ISBN # 0-89308-616-9. Cost \$38.00 + \$3.00 shipping, SC residents add 5% sales tax. Henry County was formed in 1776 from Pittsylvania County. This book contains considerable amounts of data about the early colonial times, civil war, schools, churches, communities, etc. with biographical sketches of its most prominent citizens and Genealogical Histories of half a hundred of its oldest families. Also abstracts of Henry County Legislative Petition from 1779 to 1857 are given along with marriages from 1776-1800. Order from the **Southern Historical Press, Inc., PO Box 1267, Greenville, SC 29602-1267 or call 1-800-233-0152.**

Bedford County

Court Records

Bedford County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

*Bedford County Court Order Book 1A - 1754-1758, continued from Volume XIII
No. 2, pp 55-70.*

At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the
27th day of January 1755 & in the XXVIIIth year of the Reign of Our
soverign Lord George the second.

Present Matthew Talbot

Richard Callaway

Robert Ewings

& Saml. Hairstone Gent. Justices.

John Caffery is appointed Constable in this County and the said John Took [sic] took all the Oaths appointed by Act of Assembly.

Charles Talbot & William Mead Gent. Named in the Commission of the Peace for this County took the

[p.53] usual oath to his Majesties Person & Government & took and Subscribed the abjuration oath and Subscribed Teste and also took the Oath of a Justice of Peace of the County Court in Chancery.

Present Charles Talbot & William Mead, Gent.

Thomas Nash Gent. having Produced in Court Licence under the Hands & Seals of Certain Examiners to Practice as Attornies which being Read & having took & Subscribed the Usual Oaths to his Majesties Person & Government & also Subscribed the Test took the Oaths appointed to be Taken by Attornies Practicing in the County Courts.

A Deed of Bargain & Sale Between Sakfield Mehone of the one Part and Matthew Talbot of the other Part together with Memorandum of Livery of Seisen & Receipt thereon Indorsed were aproved by oaths of Bresse Parrish Abraham Chandler & Robert Allen & Ordered to be Recorded.

A Power of Attorney from Talbot to Talbot is acknowledged & Ordered to be Certified.

George Stoval is appointed Survey[or] of the Road from his House to the Extent of the County According to the former Order of Albemarle Court & it is Ordered that he Together With allthe Hands Convenient do forthwith Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

John Harvey William Rutherford & John Beard are appointed to View the way where a road is Petitioned for by Henry Bell & other's & it is Ordered that they make Report to the Next Court the Convenience or inconvenience thereof.

On the Motion Robert Davis leave is granted him to Clear a Bridleway from Opposite to Davis's Mill Creek Into Boyds Road.

Present Zachs. Isbel Gentl. Absent Matthew Talbot Gent.

[p.54] Mathew Talbot admr. of Nicholas Haile Dec'd Plaintiff against Augustine Hawkins Defendant In Case. This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and there upon a Jury to wit, Samuel Drake, David Irvine, James Turner, James Walker, Thomas Walker, Jeremiah Yarbrough, John Quarles, James Wilson, James Callaway, George Rust, Stephen Chinalt & William Boyd being sworn well & Truly to Enquire of Damages in the Suit upon their Oaths do day that the Plaintiff hath sustained Damages by Occasion of the Defendants breach of the Promise & assumption in the Declaration Mentioned to £14 besides his Costs, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recovered against the said Defendant his Damages aforesaid assessed and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca and it is Ordered that the sherif sell one Prayer Book by him Attachment and Apply the same towards Satisfying this Judgment & Costs & make return threof to the Court.

Present Matthew Talbot Gent.

Andrew Jones Plaintiff against Samuel Drake Defendant In Case. This day came the Parties by their Attornies and thereupon came also a Jury, to wit, Richard Turner, David Irvine, James Turner, James Walker, Thomas Walker, Jeremiah Yarbrough, John Quarles, James Wilson, James Callaway, George Rust, Stephen Chinalt

[p.55] and William Boyd who being Elected tryed and Sworn the truth to Speak upon the Issue Joined upon their Oaths do say that the Defendant did Assume upon himself in Manner and form aforesaid as the Plaintiff against him hath Declared and they do Assess the Plaintiffs Damages by Occation of the Defendants non Performance of that Assumption to £15.S3.d8 besides his Costs. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant his Damages aforesaid in form aforesaid Assessed & his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended and the Defendant in Mercy &ca.

John [Anthony] Plaintiff against Benjamin Arnold Defendant In Case. For reasons appearing to the Court his suit is Ordered to be Dismissed & it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended & the said Defendant in Mercy &ce.

A Dedimus postake Privy acknoweldgment of the right of Dower of Margerry Orrick in a Certain Tract of Land Conveyed by an Indenture by her said Husband to William Stone together with a receipt thereon Indorsed Ordred are to be Recorded.

Irvine Patteson Plaintiff against Arthur Duff Defendant In Debt. The Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till Court in Course.

Signed Richard Callaway

[p.56] At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 24th day of February 1755 and in the XX[V]IIIth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second.

Present Mathew Talbot

William Callaway

Zach. Isbel

& Saml. Hairston Gent.

Matthew Talbot & Charles Talbot are appointed Commissioners to Attend to the Surveyor of this County & the County of Lunenburgh on the 24th day of March Next in Runing the dividing Line Between this County Lunenburgh & Albemare agreeable to an Act of Assembly in that case made and Provided and that the Court of Albemarle have Notice of the time Appointed in Order for their appointing Commissioners to attend in runing the Line on their Part.

On the Motion of Joseph Ray Gent. for Leave to bui[l]d a Water Grist Mill on Otter River Ordered that the sherif Summon a Jury to Value an Acre of Land belonging to George White on the North side the said River adjoining the said Rays Land & it is Ordered that they make report thereof the next Court.

On the Motion of John Talbot a Witness for Daniel Landers in his suit against John Phelps it is Ordered that he Pay the said Talbot for two day[s] Attendance and for twice travelling 55 Miles According to Law.

William Arther is appointed Surveyor of the Road whereof Sackfield Mahone was late Surveyor & it is Ordered that he together with all the hands that Assisted the said Sacfield on the said Road do forth Clear & keep the same in Repair according to Law.

[p.57] Ordered that the Court be adjourned 'till tomorrow Morning 10 'O Clock.

Signed Mathew Talbot

At a Court Continued & held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Tuesday the 25th day of February 1755 and in the XXVIIIth year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second.

Present Matthew Talbot

William Callaway

Zachariah Isbel

& Samuel Hairstone Gent. Justices

Clement Read Plaintiff against John Richardson Defendant In Case. The Parties having agreed the Difference Between them Subsisting this Suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Richard Womack assignee of Benjamin Orrick who was assignee of Charles Talbot Plaintiff against William Hayse Defendant In Debt. The Defendant failing to [feild] Special Bail and the Attachment awarded at the Last Court against his Estate being returned Executed on one Iron Chain on the Motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover Against the said Defend. £37.S10 Current Money the Debt in the

[p.58] Declaration Mentioned & his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c. But this Judgment except as to the Costs is to be Discharged by the Payment of £18.S15 Current Money together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 1st day of November 1752 'till the time of Payment and the Costs. And it is Ordered the sherif make Sale of the Attached Chain according to Law and apply the Money arising from the said Sale towards satisfying this Judgment & Costs.

Bonds P[laintiff] against Anthony Defendant. The Plaintiff failing to appear to Prosecute his Suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

James Hewey Plaintiff against John Wallock Deft. on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the Defendant being solemnly Called & not appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Petitioner £2.S4.d3 and his Costs by him about his suit in this behalf Expended and a La[w]yers fee.

James Hughey assignee of Robert Tate Petitioner against John Welch Defendant on a Petition. This [day] came the Petitioner by his Attorney

[p.59] & the Defendant being solemnly Called & not appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand it is considered by the Court that the said

Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £2 & his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended & a Lawyers fee.

James Hewey Assignee of Robert Tate Petitioner against John Welch Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the Defendant being Solemnly call'd and not appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said Petition[er] Recover against the said Defendant the sum of £2 Current Money and his Costs by him about his Suit in that behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee.

Nathaniel Patterson Plaintiff agst. Thomas Jones Defendant in Case. The Sheriff having made Return the Defendant is no Inhab[it]ant of this County, it is Order'd that the suit abate.

Paul Chiles Assee. of James Johnson Petitioner agst. Micajah Terrel Defendant on a Petition. The Parties having agreed the Differences between tham Subsisting this suit is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

Ordered that Robert Baber, John Wilson, John Thomas, George Thomas, Francis Pollard and John Phelps and their Male Labouring Tithables be added to the Hands that Work on the Road from the fish dam on Otter River to the Dirt Bridge at the uper end of the Long Mountain.

Robert Baber Gent. is appointed Surveyor of the Road from Otter River to the Church and it is Ordered that all the Hands who were formerly appointed by [p.60] Lunenburgh Court do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

William Callaway Gent. is appointed Surveyor of the Road Leading from the Church to the Courthouse and it is Ordered that he Together with all the Hands formerly appointed by Lunenburgh Court to work on the said Road do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

William Callaway Gent. is appointed to imploy a Workman to Build a Pillory, Stocks and Whip[p]ing Post for this County for which he is to be Allowed at Laying the next Levie.

Robert Baber one of the Gentlemen Mentioned in the Comission of Peace for this County came into Court and took the Oaths appointed by Act of Parliament to be Taken instead of the Oaths of Allegiance and Supremisy and the Abjuration Oath and Repeated and Subscribed the Teste and then took the Oath of a Justice of the Peace and of the County Court in Chancery.

Present Robert Baber, Gent.

Ordered that the sheriff of this County Collect the Law Books belonging to the County from those Persons who were formerly in the Commission of the Peace for this County.

Messrs. Chiswell, Donald & Gist Plaintiff against John Anthony & James Wilson Deft. in Debt. This day came as well the Plaintiff's by their Attorney as the Defendant John Anthony in his Proper Person and the Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs action, Therefor it is Considered that the said Plaintiff Recover against the said Defendant £55.S4.d5 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and their Costs by them about their Suits in that Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &a. But his Judgment is to be Discharged by Payment of £27.S12.d2½

[p.61] Current Money Together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 11th day of June 1752 to the time of Payment and the Costs to the said Plaintiff by their Attorneys say they will not further Prosecute this suit against the Defendant James Wilson, therefore as to the said Wilson it is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

James Mitchell Plaintiff against Edward Watts Senr. & Edwards Junr. Defendants in Debt. This day came the Parties by their Attorney and thereupon came also a Jury, to wit. James Drake, Henry Bunch, David Dalton, John Quarles, Stephen Chinalt, Paul Chiles, Francis Callaway, William Verdeman, Benjamin Orrick, Jeremiah Yarbrough, James Wilson & David Watkins who being Elected Tryed and Sworn the truth to Speak, upon the Issue Joined upon their oaths do say that the said Defendt. doth owe the Plaintiff £10.S7.d2 Current Money Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant the said sum of £10.S7.d2 Current Money and His Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended & the said Defendants in Mercy &c.

On the Motion of Alexander Mackie, by Clement Read his Attorney Judgmt. is granted him against Joseph Ray Gent. sheriff of this County for £3.S11.d5 and 89 lbs. of Nett Tobacco; and 7 shillings & 6 pence or 75 lbs. Tobacco for the Amount of an Execution by him Levied for the said Mackie on Thomas Geddy, & Costs But the said Alexander Mackie acknowledges to have recived in Part of the said Execution £2.S15.d1.

On the Motion of David Caldwell by Clement Read his Attorney Judgment is granted against Joseph Ray Gent. sheriff of this County for 18 shillings and 4 Pence together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 24th day of June 1754 to the time of Payment

[p.62] and 112 lbs. of Nett Tobacco; and 7 shillings & 6 pence or 75 lbs. of Nett Tobacco for the Amount of an Execution Levied for the said William Caldwell on John Phillip Weaver and the Costs for this Motion. But the said

William Caldwell acknowledged to have Received of the said Execution the sum of 7 shillings & 6 pence. [It appears that 10 lbs. of Nett Tobacco was worth 1 Shilling or 200 lbs. Nett Tobacco was worth £1].

Edward Franklin Plaintiff against William Bumpass Defendant in Debt. The Defendant failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

John Orr Plaintiff against Jea Atkins Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the said Defendant being solemnly call'd and not Appearing to gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Petitioner Recover against the said Defendant the sum of £1.55 Current Money and his Costs by him about the suit in this Behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee.

John Anthony Plaintiff against Benjamin Orrick Defendant in Case. The Parties having agreed the Deference between them Subsisting this suit is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

William Cabell Plaintiff against Henry Cockerham Defendant in Debt. The Defendant failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

[p.63] Upon the Presentment of the Grand Jury against Sackville Mahone for not Keeping a Road in Repair whereof he is Surveyor his Excuse being heard it is Considered by the Court that he forfeit and Pay to the Church Wardens of Russel Parrish where the said Offence was Committed 15 shillings or 150 lbs. of Tobacco for the said Offence and that he pay the Costs of this Prosecution and may be Taken &ca.

Upon the Presentment of the grand Jury against Edward Mobberly for not Keeping a road in Repair whereof he is Surveyor his Excuse being heard it is Considered by the Court that he forfeit and Pay to the Church wardens of Russel Parish where the Offence was Comitted 15 shillings or 150 lbs. of Tobacco for the said Offence and that he Pay the costs of this Prosecution and may be Taken &ca.

John Peter Salling Petitioner against Thomas Pitman Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Parties by their Attornies and the Argument[s] heard on both sides, Whereupon it is Considered by the Court that the said Petition[er] recover against the said Defendant the sum of £2.518.d4 and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and Lawyers fee.

Joseph Ray Gent. sherif of Bedford County Plaintiff against Henry Smith Defendant in Case. This day came Plaintiff by his Attorney and there upon a Jury, to wit, Samuel Drake, Henry Bunch, David Dalton, John Quarles, Stephen Chinalt, Paul Chiles, Francis Callaway, William Verdiman, Benjamin Orrick, Jeremiah Yarbrough, James Wilson & David Watkins who being sworn Deligently to inquire of Damages in this suit upon there oaths do say that the Plaintiff has Sustain'd Damages by Occasion of the non Proformance

of the Assumption in the Declaration Specified to £9.S9.d1½ besides his Costs Therefore

[p.64] it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff Recover against the said Defendant and Wiliam Hayse who was Return'd Security for the Appearance of the said Defendant and his Damages aforesaid Assess's and his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca.

Joseph Ray Plaintiff against Pharoah Reyley, John Partree Burks, William Kerr & Henry Bunch Defendants in Case. This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and therupon a Jury, to wit, Samuel Drake, David Dalton, John Quarles, Stephen Chinalt, Paul Chiles, Francis Callaway, Benjamin Orrick, Jeremiah Yarbrough, James Wilson, David Watkins, John Richardson & John Turner who being Elected tryed and Sowrn well and Truly to enquire of Damages in this suit upon their Oaths do say that the Plaintiff has Sustained Damages by Occasion of the Defendant non Proformance a Certain Writings Obligatory on the Declaration Mentioned and they Assess the Plaintiffs Damages by Occation thereof to £2.S15.d4 besides his Costs. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant and John Sutton and Edward Watts who were Returned Security for the Appearance of the said Defendants his Damages aforesaid Assess's and his Costs by him about his suit in this behalf Expended and the said Defendnat in Mercy &ca.

Robert Baber Plaintiff against Thomas Snow & John Richardson Defendants in Debt. This [day] came the Plaintiff by his Attorney an[d] the Defendant Richardson in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs Action and the Defendant Snow failing to find Special Bond and the Attachment awarded at the Last Court

[p.65] Returned on a Clogg. On the Motion of the Plaintiff by his Attorney, it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant the sum of £26.S10 the Debt in the Declaration Mentioned and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defd. in Mercy &ca. But the Judgment is to be Discharged by the Payment of £13.S5 Current Money, together with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 1st day of May 1752 to the time of Payment and the Costs & it is Ordered that the sale of the Attached Clogg and Apply the Money arising from such Sale towards paying this Judgment and Costs and make return thereof to the Court and the Plaintiff acknowledges to have received of this Judgment on the 28th day of October 1754 the sum of £2.S17.d7.

Charles McLaughlin Assignee of John Thomson Petitioner against Richard Woodward Defendant on a Petition. The Petitioner failing to Appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

James Fear Petitioner against Thomas Hurt Defendant on a Petition. The Petitioner failing to appear to Prosecute his suit it is Order'd to be Dismiss'd.

George Rust Complainant against Lewis Atkins Defendant on an Attachment. The Plaintiff failing to Appear to Prosecute his Suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

On the Motion of George White his Ear Mark, to wit, a Swallow fork in the Left Ear and half Moon under it and a Slit in the Right Ear is Ordered to be Recorded.

[p.66] William Callaway Gent. Assignee of John Williams having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of William Miller and the sheriff having Returned that he had Executed the same on 6 Horses and the said William Miller was Solemnly call'd but did not Appear Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the said William Callaway recover against the said Defendant £20 and his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. and it is Ordered that the sherif sell the Defendants Estate by him Attached according to Law and Pay the Judgment and Costs and Return the Ballance (if any) to the said Miller and Make Return thereof to the Court.

On the Motion of Matthew Talbot Gent. his Ear mark (to wit) 2 Smooth Croops is Ordered to be Recorded.

On the Motion of William Callaway Gent. his Ear mark (to wit) a Crop and a Slit in Each Ear is Ordered to be Recorded.

Ordered that the Court be adjourn'd 'till Court in Course.

Sign'd Matthew Talbot

to be continued

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Prince Edward County

Family Research

Descendants of Joseph/Elizabeth Berry, 1750 to 1850

Submitted by Nell C. Hailey and Roger G. Ward

Joseph Berry, first found in Prince Edward records in the 1770's with a land purchase near the village of Jamestown, and Sailors (Saylers) Creek, in the northeastern part of the county, and his wife Elizabeth — identified in 1805 deed records — are known to have at least 10 children (4 sons, 6 daughters). Both of the authors descend from a daughter, Mary (who married Josiah Sharpe), whose son Thomas H. Sharpe moved to Buckingham County about 1815. Due to the scarcity of records in Buckingham, a “burned records” county, we have focused on adjacent counties to “piece together” the ancestral families. The senior author [*Roger G. Ward*], living in Fredericksburg, Virginia, has made many visits to courthouses, church cemeteries, and libraries in Amelia, Prince Edward, Cumberland and Goochland counties (as well as The Library of Virginia) to find “pieces of the puzzle;” the junior author [*Nell C. Hailey*], living in Chandler, Arizona, has enjoyed evaluation of the various materials uncovered and serving as both an “interpreter” and “devils advocate” in the process. The material presented below is to be considered a summary of research thus far, and by no means the “final word.” Since several of our conclusions have come from multiple documents, a list of sources is listed at the end of the article. Interested readers are encouraged to examine these same documents — should other interpretations be possible.

ANCESTRY OF JOSEPH AND ELIZABETH BERRY. Although the “convenient” parents of Joseph Berry would be found in Amelia County as early as the 1730's — being Thomas and Catherine Berry — no solid evidence exists. (In fact, Mrs. Dorothy A. Koenig of California, editor of *Berry Bulletin*, has concluded that “our” Joseph was not a son of Thomas Berry of Amelia County who died in Kentucky in 1824.) Although the International Genealogical Index (IGI) lists Elizabeth's maiden name as “Shaver” or “Sheaffer,” we have not been able to document this.

TWO GENERATIONS OF DESCENDANTS. Summarized below are each of the 10 children, and the information on their families we have collected thus far. Joseph Berry's will was written 22 December 1808, a codocil added 16 May 1812, and probated in Prince Edward County 19 May 1812 {*Prince Edward County Will Book, Volume 4, page.334*}; other resources included the Prince Edward Marriage Registers, Birth and Death Registers, Deed Books,

and Court Order Books. {When source material from counties other than Prince Edward is referred to, the county is identified}.

- 1: THOMAS BERRY. Married Mary (Bond) Hawkins, 18 April 1793. In 1837 living outside of Virginia.
- 2: ELIZABETH BERRY. Married Johnathon Mason, 9 February 1792. Apparently a widow by 1815. Married Joseph Gray in Henrico County, 17 June 1816. Living in Goochland County, 1837. Children included: A.) Sally Mason — m. Peter Walker in Goochland County, 16 January 1815; B.) Maria Mason — m. Daniel W. Carter in Goochland County, 22 December 1829.
- 3: SARAH/SALLY BERRY. Married Johnathon Cressey, 31 December 1795. Married Davis Green, 20 June 1814. Living in Prince Edward County in 1837. Son William Cressey mentioned in Joseph Berry will in 1808.
- 4: JOSEPH H. BERRY, Junior. Born about 1786, died 1866. Married Isabella Ellington, 27 April 1810. She was born about 1778, died 25 December 1853. Children included: A.) Mary A. Berry. Married William Hardaway, 11 November 1833. Their children included 1) Henrietta Hardaway — born 1844, died 10 January 1896 at Rodophil, Jetersville, Amelia County; m. James Brooken Enroughty; 2) Martha Alice Hardaway — born 2 September, 1842 and died 30 January 1893 at Rodophil, Jetersville, Amelia County; m. John W. Taylor in Amelia County, 20 April 1864; their children included Matthew James Taylor, Eva Ann Taylor, Henry Ashby Taylor, Lula (Mary Louisa?) Taylor, and Willis (William T.?) Taylor. B.) Joseph J. Berry. Born 1819; m. "E. F." before 1859. Children included Pattie E. Berry, born 1859, died after 1910, m. Sylvester Meador 18 February 1875; her children can be found in 1926 and 1927 Deed Book transactions.
5. PETER BERRY. Married Elizabeth Robins 4 January 1794. Later moved to Botetourt County; apparently living outside of Virginia in 1837. Children included: A) Joseph Hardy Berry — born 1803, m. Rebecca Deyerle 8 November 1831 in Montgomery County, died 1867 in Putnam County, Missouri; B) Pliny Berry, m. Mary Irby 29 October 1834 in Botetourt County; and C) Frances L/(O?) Berry, m. Samuel Neighbors 8 May 1817 in Charlotte County. {Provided by descendant Mrs. Dorothea Donnelly, 1509 Highland Road, Roswell, NM 88201.}
6. JOHN BERRY. Apparently never married. Enlisted in 10th Regiment of U.S. Army on 11 May 1812. Court Order Book of November Court, 1818 included testimony of his commanding officer, Captain Emmanuel J. Leigh that John Berry served under him as an orderly and good soldier until his death at or near Plattsburg (New York?) in service of the U.S.

7. MARY BERRY. Died after 1837 in Prince Edward County. Married Josiah Sharp, 16 May 1785. Children included: A.) Elizabeth Sharp, m. Francis D. Atwell 17 May 1813; B.) Sussanna Sharp — m. William Foster 31 December 1807; C.) Polly Sharp — m. Ambrose R. Wright 16 September 1816; D.) Thomas H. Sharp — m. Mary A. Mann 6 September 1815 — they moved to her father's (John Mann — d 1815) land in Buckingham County, having 10 children, including 1) Elizabeth Sharp, 2) John B. Sharp — m. Nancy Palmer Guthrie, 3) Rebecca Sharp, 4) George E. Sharp, 5) Nancy Sharp, 6) Margaret H. Sharp — m. Thomas R. Jimmerson/Jamison, 7) Virginia H. Sharp — m. Beverly Richard Jamison, 8) Susan Sharp — m. Bartlett Whitlow, 9) Josiah T. Sharp — m. Arriania F. Stinson, and 10) Martha Sharpe — m. Hays Whitlow; E.) Jane Sharp — m. Isaac W. Wade 8 December 1820; F.) Joseph Berry Sharp — m. Mary Alice Morton — they moved to Charlotte County, having sons 1) John Morton Sharp, and 2) Josiah Franklin Sharp; and G.) Rebecca Sharp — m. John D. Waddill 25 November 1831.
8. LUCY BERRY. Living in Prince Edward County in 1837. Married Thomas Berry 4 August 1800. Children included A.) Wingfield Berry.
9. JANE BERRY. Living in Prince Edward County in 1837. Married Pleasant Ellington 21 June 1807.
10. ANN BERRY. Died by 1797. Married John Pillow/Piller 29 November 1792. Children included: A.) John Piller, living at time of Joseph Berry will in 1808; and B.) Joseph B. Piller — m. Martha T. Smith 1817 in Amelia County, moved to Maury County, Tennessee, about 1820, d. Henry County, Tennessee, 1846. *{per letter in 1983 from J. D. Walker of Paris, Tennessee, to Mrs. D. Donnelly}*

SOURCES

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 Amelia County, VA, 1901 Will Book, Volume 23, p. 57.
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 Prince Edward County, VA, 1816 Will Book, Volume 4, p. 334.



Dinwiddie County

Bible Records

Two Family Bibles from WPA Inventory

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Hargrave-Pegram Bible

Research performed by Mamie Fraser, Route #2, Dinwiddie, Virginia, July 22, 1936.

Subject: Inscriptions in Bible owned by Mrs. Henrietta Boisseau.

Location: On the Court House Road 5 miles south of Dinwiddie Courthouse, Virginia.

Date: 1782

Owners: Owned by Mrs. Henrietta Boisseau.

Description: This is an old leather-bound Bible.

Historical Significance:

Robert Pegram was born December the 8th, 1782.

Mary Simmons Hardaway, wife of Robert Pegram, was born June 19th, 1786.

Isham Epps Hargrave was born January 23rd 1797.

Henrietta Pegram, wife of Isham E. Hargrave, was born April 27th 1807.

Names and births of the children of Isham Epps Hargrave and Henrietta Pegram, his wife:

Robert Epps Hargrave born September 1, 1822.

James Spooner Hargrave born July 1, 1825.

Mary Jane Epps Hargrave born October the 29th, 1827.

Thomas Edward Hargrave born Spetember 29, 1829.

Sarah Ann Hargrave born September 18, 1831.

Virginia Branch Hargrave born November 5, 1833.

Martha Eliza Hargrave born January 29, 1836.

William Epps Hargrave born May 1, 1838.

Indiana Hargrave born May 25, 1840.

Isham Epps Hargrave born September 11, 1842.

Emmett Pegram Hargrave born July 21, 1845.

Thomas Peterson Wilbur Prain Hargrave born August 25, 1847.

Deaths: Robert Pegram died April 16, 1824.
Mary Jane Winfree died August 1833.
Robert Eps Hargrave died October 9, 1822.
Sarah Ann Hargrave August 1833.
Thomas E. Hargrave August 1, 1830.
William Eps Hargrave March 18, 1839.
James S. Hargrave August 1, 1830.
Virginia Branch Hargrave September 26, 1843.
Indiana Hargrave May 27, 1845.
Henrietta Hargrave, wife of Isham E. Hargrave departed this life in peace
December 29, 1849.

Sources of Information:

Mrs. Henrietta Boisseau, Dinwiddie, Virginia.
Records themselves.

Eli Totty Genealogy

*Research performed by Gladys C. Branch, RFD #4, Petersburg, Virginia,
March 3, 1937.*

Subject: Eli Totty Genealogy

Location: About 60 feet west of Petersburg, Virginia on Route #460, on the
south side of the road.

Date: 1823.

Owners: Mr. George Winfield Brockwell.

Description: This material was taken from the remains of an old family Bible
which was in very bad condition.

Historical Significance:

Births.

George Mitchel Totty son of Eli Totty and Leonora his wife was born May
28th. 1850.

Elenora Totty daughter of Eli Totty and Leonora his wife was born on the
26th. August 1852.

Eli Totty was born January 1st. 1827.

Emma Jane Totty was born on the 7th. day of Feb. 1860.

Mary Elizabeth Totty Daughter of Ely & Leonora Totty Born June 20th.
1857.

Mary Heath Lee was born November 30th. 1837.

Leonora Frances Daughter of Eli & Leonora Totty was born November
28th. 1854.

Leonora Lee was born Decemebr 10th. 1823.

Deaths.

George M. Totty Son of Leonora Totty. Died Oc the 14, 1894 Aged 41 years.

Ellenoria Daughter of Eli Totty & Leonora his wife died July 21 1854.

Eli Totty Born the First day of January 1827. An died the 11 of October 1866.

Emma Jane Totty was born on the 7th. Day of February 1860. Died on the 22nd. of August 1860.

Leonora Totty wife of Eli Totty Died April the 7 1891. Aged 67.

Mary Ann Lee the wife of Richard Lee Aged 60 years died in the year 1861.

Mary Heath Lee Died July 21st. 1853.

Richard Lee Borne 1797. March 21st. Died 1860 Aug. 14.

Marriages.

Eli Totty and Leonora Lee was married December 28th. 1848.

W. B. Brockwell and Leonora F. Totty was Married April 9th., 1878.

Sources of Information:

Informant: George Winfield Brockwell, RFD #1, Petersburg, Virginia.

Exact copy of material as given above.

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Chesterfield, Cumberland, Dinwiddie, Mecklenburg,
Nottoway, Powhatan, Prince Edward, Surry, and
Sussex counties

Bible Records

The James Anderson Bible

Submitted by John Hale Stutesman

James Anderson, born 3 March 1803 in Chesterfield County, Virginia, died 14 July 1860 in Union Parish, Louisiana, wrote an extensive "Family Record" in his *Holy Bible*, which, he noted, had been "Given to James Anderson by his Father, Thomas." ^a

That record opened with a dramatic description:

"Great Grandfather of James Anderson on foregoing page an englishman, left school on account of scant diet & migrated to America"

That man, also a "James" Anderson, married Mary Jordan before July 1715 when "George Jordan Senr. & Mary his wife of Surry County, Virginia" conveyed land to "Mary Anderson, wife of James Anderson of Surry County." ^b He prospered there, married a second wife, Rebecca Cook ^c and signed his will there in January 1750/51. ^d

His great grandson takes up this tale:

"His sons 1st by Miss Jourdan:

Thomas (b)	lived in	Dinwiddie county Va.
Jourdan (c)	" "	Chesterfield " "
James (a)	" "	Savannah Geo.
John	" "	Notaway (Co.) Va.
Faith (married) Peleg Fergurson (lived)		Notaway " Va.
and by a 2nd wife:		
William ½ brother		Dinwiddie " Va.
& daughters Moss & sister		

^a Bible published New York "for the Methodist Episcopal Church" 1834, now in possession of Douglas Anderson, 1017 Hollyberry Court, Brandon, Florida, 33511.

^b Surry County, Virginia, *Deed Book 5*, p. 241

^c Surry County, Virginia, *Deeds, Wills 1738-1754*, p. 250

^d *Ibid* p. 772.

The chronicler then ran out those lines:

- (b) Thomas had (by 3 wives (1 Kehrenhappuck)
Robin & Jourdan both deaf and dumb who moved west.
Lucy Gibbs
Lucy by Harod had [?]
Lydia Elder [Jackson, Boon] [*lived in*] Monroe [county] Geo[r]gia
[*Editor's Note: Lydia was apparently married three times — to Elder,
Jackson, and Boon*]
Lydia by 1 [*Elder?*] had Robert, Neuman
- (c) Jourdans sons by Mary Watkins
1st Edward Anderson [*married*] . Susan Oliver
2nd Charles Ann Allen
3rd died in childhood
4th John Fergurson
5th James Susan Brown
6th David Lucy Horsley
7th Doctor unmarried died
8th Jourdan Margaret Easter
9th Thomas Elizabeth Owen
10th Nathan Mariana Mayo

The lives of Jordan and Mary (Watkins) Anderson, her lineage, and their childrens' lives are recounted in much detail in my book, *Some Watkins Families of Virginia and their Kin*... (Gateway Press, Baltimore, 1989) The accuracy of the Bible record is substantiated by the official records that Edward Anderson married Susannah Oliver in 1775 in Sussex County, Virginia; Charles Anderson made bond in Cumberland County, Virginia, in 1789 for his marriage to Anna Allen; James Anderson made bond in Charlotte County, Virginia, in 1785 for his marriage to Susannah Brown; David Anderson married Lucy Horsley in 1785 in Prince Edward County, Virginia; "Doctor" Anderson died unmarried in 1785 in Chesterfield County, Virginia; Jordan Anderson made bond in 1785 in Mecklenburg County, Virginia, for his marriage to Margaret Easter; Nathan Anderson made bond in Chesterfield County, Virginia, in 1785 for his marriage to Marianna Mayo.

The Bible record continues:

- (c) Jourdan [*Anderson*] his Wife [*was*] Mary Watkins daughter of Edward Watkins of Powhattan, Va. his [*Jordan's*] mother [*was*] his father's 1st wife [*who*] was a Miss Jourdan.

Only a brief and uncertain note fills the space in the "Family Record" for the descendants of James Anderson, third son of James and Mary (Jordan) Anderson:

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|----------------|---|----------|--|
| (a) sons | } | of James | |
| daughters | | | |
| grandson | | | Th. W. [Anderson] of Twiggs Cr |
| granddaughters | | | Sam Murvain Prince Williams Parish
Beaufort D[istrict] S.C. |

[Editor's Note: On another page of the bible is a listing for Thomas Washington Anderson, birth date illegible, who married Margaret A., born Sept. 12th 1847, on Nov. 11th 1863. His 9 children and their birth dates from 1864 through 1884 are listed, but many are illegible.]

- (d) John [Anderson, fourth son of James and Mary Jordan Anderson] had 3 sons and 9 daughters viz Armstead, William & Allen. Sylla Hawk, Polly Nichols, Katy Vaughn, Susan Vaughn, Sally Harp, Patsy May, Hannah, Lucy & Betsy Anderson

Faithy Fergurson [daughter of James and Mary Jordan Anderson] had children Mary, John, Delphy, Betsy, William, Lucy

The chronicler then turned to the grandchildren of Jordan and Mary (Watkins) Anderson:

1st son Edward had children

Oliver, unmarried		
Thomas	[married]	Brock & Bibb
Watkins	"	Branch
Nancy	"	Blankenship
Lucy	"	Maxy
Sally	"	Hughes
Betsy	"	Browder
Rebecca	"	Anderson

2nd Son Charles had children

Carey	[married]	Hamlet
Daniel		
Nancy	"	Hightower
Polly	"	Slaughter
Elizabeth	"	Hamblet
Sally	"	Hamner

4th son John had children

William	[married]	Rud
James, Jourdan, Lydia, Faithy, & 2 other daughters Betsy, Lucy		

5th son James had children

Charles, James, Richard,
Rebecca [married] Thompkins
Mary " Gorham
& others dead

6th son David had children

Tarleton [married] Sally Davenport
Ledbetter [?perhaps this is Tarleton's 1st wife?]
Thomas [married] Bradley
Catharine " Leigh
William, James & others

8th son Jourdan had children

Thomas [married] F. Shans [Shaw]
Matthew " B. Johns
Mary " Bailey
Betsy " Blankenship & Tucker

9th son T(h)omas Anderson & Elizabeth Owen had children viz:

James [married] P. N. Beall maiden, widow Gardner
Armelle
Daniel Beauford
Mary Harris
Eliza Paschall
Thomas Anna G. Allen

10th son (Nathan) had children

John [married] Davis
William " Anderson
Peyton
George " Row
Beverly " Sturdivant
Philip " S. Sparrow
Polly " Watkins
Martha " Woodfin
Maria " Williams
Lucena " Harrison

James Anderson returned to his own line:

[Father] Thomas Anderson Born April 1st 1762

[Mother] Elizabeth Anderson, daughter of John & Armelle Owen, born
June 1st 1776

James Anderson Born March 3^d 1803

[A handwritten note then states: This Book Given to James Anderson by his Father (Thomas)]

He then concentrated on his own family:

James & Priscilla Neal Anderson were married on thursday 7th Jany 1836
Priscilla N. Anderson, wife of J. A. [was] Born June 28th 1810

J & P. N. A.'s children

1st Mary Alethea Anderson was born (friday) December 9th 1836

2nd Thomas Watkins Anderson was born (wensday) September 19th 1838

3rd John Owen Anderson was born (thursday) July 23rd 1840

4th Grant James Anderson was born (thursday) November 3rd 1842

Amanda E. Anderson 2nd wife of James was born May 24th 1819

James & Amanda Elizabeth Anderson were married 9th Oct. 1857 on friday.

Dealing with the deaths, James Anderson recorded:

Elizabeth Anderson (maiden name Owen) died August 30th 1814

Thomas Anderson (son of Jourdan Anderson and Mary (Watkins) died (monday) May 13th 1840

John Owen Anderson died sunday 12th Sept. 1852

Priscilla Neal Anderson died monday 23rd Jany. 1854

Another hand inscribed:

James Anderson died saturday 14th July 1860
in Louisiana buried Friday 27th

Editor's Note: There are additional children and deaths recorded in the above Bible. These are notably: the children from the first marriage of P. N. Beall (widow Gardner), wife of James Anderson, and the death dates of several Anderson descendants following the death of James Anderson in 1860. Much of this is illegible.



Franklin County

Historic Buildings

“Coal Hill”

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Research performed by Essie W. Smith, Rocky Mount, Va., October 1, 1937.

Subject: Colonel Waddy T. James Place. “Coal Hill”.

Location: Go 14 miles west of Rocky Mount, Va., on route #40, thence 1 mile south on private road leading to the house.

Date: About 1802.

Owners: Jeremiah Ferguson willed to his son his place called “Coal Hill” in 1834. He speaks of his son as Jeremiah Ferguson, alias Jeremiah Thornton. Franklin County Court Records, Will Book 5, page 488. In 1846 Jeremiah Thornton, alias Jeremiah Ferguson, of Chester District, South Carolina, sold to Catlett James 200 acres containing residence known as “Coal Hill”, to pay a debt. Robert A. Scott, Commissioner, Deed Book 19, page 239. In 1863 Catlett James sold to his son, Waddy T. James, 200 acres, containing residence, “Coal Hill”, for natural love and affection. In 1878 Waddy T. James and his wife, Mary J., sold to Thomas S. Young, Deed Book 32, page 627. In 1883 Thomas S. Young sold to George O. Young, Deed Book 37, page 123. In 1935, the heirs of Young sold to John Werther Meador, Deed Book 86, page 474. Present owner. [1937]

Description: The road having been changed, the side of the house is now turned to the front gate. Large old trees decorate the lawn. A few scattered box bushes remain, and traces of the old flower garden can be seen at the right of the house. Also plainly discernible are the foundations of the old slave quarters situated at the back of the vegetable garden. The stables, carriage house, and other outbuildings are across the road from the house. The well house, latticed in, is situated in the side yard. A large orchard of many varieties is between the house and the nearby hills. The grave yard is a few hundred yards back of the house in the edge of the woods.

The house itself, built of logs, has been weather-boarded, and the front porch torn away. The side porch and the two story rooms in the “L” have

been removed and two smaller rooms, used as dining room and kitchen have been added, also, a cement porch on the side now facing the road. The doors at either side of what was originally the main hall, are double with "E" hinges, transom and side lights. The floor of the hall is wide oak plank. A handsome, carved stairway goes from this hall into the large room above. There is no entrance from this upper room to the other upstairs rooms. On either side of the hall are large rooms with rather low ceilings. Chair-rails decorate each room and the mantels are of hard-wood painted. From the room on the right of the hall a built-in stairway ascends to a room of the same size above. Part of the inside of the house is ceiled with very wide poplar plank. Other rooms are plastered. Steps lead from a small entry back of the living room to the basement which has been cemented and modernized, although the small six panel windows are unchanged. Very old iron latches are on the stairway door and the door to the basement. Although renovated and modernized in many particulars, quaint old fashioned touches have been left. The wide window sills and heavy thick door sills show plainly where the logs have been covered. The small brass door knobs on some of the doors, and the porcelain knobs on others, express the dates of their advent. It is altogether an interesting and unusual type of home.

Historical Significance:

In a deed from William Armstrong to James Calloway, dated 1802, "Coal House" is mentioned as a "Seat" on Storey Creek. Jeremiah Ferguson, the first mentioned owner, must have been a "Man of Property", as he willed to Sarah Scott, his daughter, wife of Sanford Scott, his place called "Foxye's Cabin"; to Rachel Akers, wife of Stephen Akers, he gave "Pole Powder" land on Storey Creek; to his son, Jeremiah Ferguson, alias Jeremiah Thornton, he gave "Coal Hill", his residence, and to Francis Thornton, Wiley Thornton, Margaret Thornton, and Charles Thornton, grandchildren, he left "Sulphur Springs". Jeremiah, of the many names, seems to have dissipated his fortune, and made his way to the District of Chester, in South Carolina.

Catlett James, who purchased "Coal Hill" from Jeremiah Ferguson, alias Thornton, was the father of several distinguished sons. Waddy T. James was a member of the Legislature from Franklin County. He commanded a regiment of Henry County soldiers in the War Between the States. His brother, Dr. Bruce James, was Superintendent of Schools of Franklin County. His nephew and namesake, Samuel Catlett James (son of his

brother, Pyrant James and his wife, Emma Ruth Woods) was a distinguished citizen of Kansas City, Missouri, Dean of University Medical College, Professor of Medicine at Scarratt Bible and Training School for Nurses, Twice President Missouri State Medical Association, Professor of Medicine at Woman's College, Kansas City, Member of the Staff of General Shelby, Commander Confederate Veterans of Mississippi, Surgeon General under General Bronaugh, Trustee University Medical College of Missouri, and prominent in civic affairs of Kansas City. Another nephew, Rorer A. James, was a Congressman from this District, and for many years editor of "The Danville Bee", which he owned at the time of his death. He married Annie Wilson, who inherited a vast estate from her Hairston relatives in Henry County, including the handsome home of Major Watt Hairston, called "Beaver Creek", which is located near Martinsville, Virginia.

The present owner of "Coal Hill", John Werther Meadors, married Bertha Mullins, whose mother was, before her marriage, Mollie Ruth Bolling. Mollie Bolling inherited many lovely pieces of old furniture from her family, including a rosewood piano, four poster bed, banquet table, which are now in the possession of Mrs. Meadors, and kept in this home. There is also a very old and unusual chair inherited from the Prillman ancestors preserved here.

Sources of Information:

Mrs. J. W. Meador, present owner, Rocky Mount, Va., RFD
Franklin County Court Records, Clerk's Office, Rocky Mount, Virginia.
Mrs. H. H. Hairston, Roanoke, Virginia, Cousin of Annie Wilson, wife of
Rorer A. James. Informant.

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Charlotte County

Family History

George W. Barksdale And His Family

Submitted by C. George Tulli, Jr.

Compiler's Notes: C. George Tulli, Jr. is the third generation grandson of George W. Barksdale. He gratefully acknowledges the valuable research assistance of Beatrice D. Glascock, second generation granddaughter of this forbearer who, in addition, maintains in her possession the family Bible of George W. Barksdale.

George W. Barksdale was a nineteenth century Charlotte County man. Early in this century, he was born and largely grew up there. By the middle of the 1800s, he was married, had begun raising his family and making his contribution there. And, since that century's twilight, his remains have enriched the soil of this historic county.

On August 7, 1823, George W. Barksdale was born in Charlotte County.^a While his father has not yet been identified, his mother was Elizabeth Barksdale.^b Called "Betsy,"^c she is believed to have been originally from Halifax County. It has also been documented that Thomas and Sally Barksdale of Charlotte County were his grandparents.^d

The records which might help us illuminate George W. Barksdale's early life are scant. Much circumstantial and some limited documented evidence suggests, however, that he was one of at least three children of Elizabeth.^e His older brother, John, was born on February 1, 1818 in

^a Family Bible of George W. Barksdale, King James Version, published by A. J. Holman and Company in 1888. It is in the possession of Beatrice D. Glascock of Drakes Branch, Virginia.

^b Bureau of Vital Records, Commonwealth of Virginia, *Deaths of Charlotte County, 1853-1899*, May 1871, line 3.

^c Charlotte County, Virginia, *Ninth Census of the United States, 1870* (Washington, D.C.: GPO, 1965), p. 176.

^d *Deaths of Charlotte County, 1853-1899*, May 1871, line 3.

^e Henry Barksdale, *Barksdale Family History*, Unpublished. July 18, 1987, in the possession of Beatrice D. Glascock of Drakes Branch, Virginia.

Charlotte County. ^f His younger sister, Martha, was born in 1828 also in Charlotte County. ^g

The household within which George W. Barksdale was raised is not fully known. From the records, it is clear that he was born in Charlotte County. ^h By 1830, however, he was apparently living with his mother, brother, and sister in Halifax County. ⁱ No father was identified with the family. Without a wage earner in the household, I would suggest that Elizabeth Barksdale was possibly returning to her home to be near family and financial support. She likely had limited financial means. While she and her family did return to Charlotte County prior to 1840, ^j it is unlikely that she would do so to receive financial assistance from the Thomas Barksdale estate. It is possible she returned to Charlotte County to assist an ailing Thomas Barksdale, ^k whom I believe was probably her father-in-law.

In his very earliest years, George W. Barksdale very possibly grew up in the home of Thomas and Sally Barksdale. If so, it would have also been a home of very modest means. Within the Charlotte County personal property tax records for the period from 1814-1827, it can be determined that Thomas had little property. ^l During this period, Thomas had few horses or cows and no slaves. At the very least, he was the poorest of the Barksdales listed in these Charlotte County tax records. It is very likely that he was older and as a consequence had limited abilities to make a living during the Fall of his life. Frequently assigned adjacent to his name in these tax records is the abbreviation "L F." According to the State Archivist, ^m this means "Levy Free." Thomas did not have to pay these taxes. One of the possible reasons given by the state archivist is that such

^f Family Bible of John L. Barksdale, King James Version, published by the American Bible Society in 1880, in the possession of C. O. Barksdale, Keysville, Virginia.

^g "In Memoriam" (to Martha Barksdale), *The Charlotte Gazette*, September 29, 1904.

^h Charlotte County, Virginia, *Eighth Census of the United States, 1860* (Washington, D.C: GPO, 1967), pp.30-31.; *Ninth Census of the United States, 1870*, p.49.

ⁱ Halifax County, Virginia, *Fifth Census of the United States, 1830* (Washington, D. C: GPO, 1946), p.371.

^j Charlotte County, Virginia, *Sixth Census of the United States, 1840* (Washington, D. C: GPO, 1967), p.141.

^k Charlotte County *Will Book #7*, pp. 96 & 102.

^l Charlotte County *Personal Property Tax Books 1814-1827*.

^m State Archivist to C. George Tulli, August 11, 1993, correspondence from Archives and Records Division, The Library of Virginia, Richmond, Virginia.

a person might be “old and infirm.”ⁿ Whatever the explanation, however, George W. Barksdale likely grew up a poor boy.

While he certainly did some farming,^o George W. Barksdale was, no doubt, a carpenter. He is identified with this trade on several different documents.^p He likely learned his trade from Benjamin Durell, a coach maker originally from New Jersey.^q George W. was listed in 1850 as a carpenter in Durell’s household.^r Since by 1840 George W. was no longer in Elizabeth Barksdale’s household,^s it may be that he was apprenticed to Durell as a young boy to learn his trade. Wherever he learned this trade, however, he is known to have built the gallows that hung the convicted murderer “Susan.”^t In 1854, he also built what was to become the J.B. Driskill house.^u While it has not been confirmed, it is believed that he also built for the County a “school for negroes” in about 1873. Even at his death, he is described as an “excellent mechanic in wood.”^v

During his twenty-seventh year, George W. Barksdale married and started his family. In Charlotte County, he wed Martha C. Driskill on December 24, 1850.^w She was the daughter of William B. Driskill presumably also from Charlotte County.^x It is known that they had four children born alive. All were born in Charlotte County and raised in the Walton Township near present day Drakes Branch, Virginia. Sarah Elizabeth was

ⁿ *Ibid.*

^o Charlotte County *Deed Book #30*, p.354.

^p Charlotte County, Virginia, *Eighth Census of United States, 1860; Ninth Census of the United States, 1870; Tenth Census of the United States, 1880* (Washington, D.C: Bureau of Census Micro Film Lab, Mach #101), p 36.; Joanne Lovelace Nance, *Charlotte County, Virginia-1850 Population Census and Mortality Schedule* (Charlottesville, VA: N.W. Lapin Press, 1989),p.32; "In Memoriam" (to George W. Barksdale), *The Charlotte Gazette*, October 12, 1899.

^q Nance, p.32.

^r *Ibid.*

^s Charlotte County, Virginia, *Sixth Census of the United States, 1840*, p.141.

^t Timothy S. Ailsworth, Ann P. Keller, Lura B. Nichols and Barbara R. Walker, *Charlotte County: Rich Indeed-A History from Prehistoric Times Through the Civil War* (Charlotte Courthouse, VA.: Charlotte County Board of Supervisors, 1979), p.219.

^u *Ibid.*, p.366.

^v "In Memoriam" (to George W. Barksdale), *The Charlotte Gazette*, October 12, 1899.

^w Charlotte County *Marriage Register #1*, p.86.

^x Joanne Lovelace Nance, *Marriage Bonds & Minister's Returns, Charlotte County, VA 1816-1850*, (Charlottesville, VA: N.W. Lapin Press, 1987), p.8.

born on February 5, 1852.^y Samuel L. was born on July 6, 1857.^z Georgia Anna was born on September 18, 1859.^{aa} And Louise Barksdale was born on June 24, 1864.^{bb}

During the next quarter of a century, George W. Barksdale lost at least three family members. His daughter Louise died of what was described as "brain fever" on June 9, 1865.^{cc} His wife, Martha C. "died of consumption" on July 20, 1867.^{dd} Finally, his only known son, Samuel, died on March 27, 1874 before he reached the age of seventeen years.^{ee} Possibly recognizing the need for maternal assistance for his two remaining daughters, Sarah Elizabeth and Georgia Anna, George W. invited his sister, Martha A. Barksdale thought to have been called "Pat," to join his family household.^{ff}

Sarah Elizabeth, George W. Barksdale's eldest daughter married Lumb Berryman Driskill. Their marriage took place on March 26, 1868 in Charlotte County. His parents were Joseph and Fanny Driskill, also of the County.^{gg} It is believed that this couple had fifteen children. Regrettably, only five survived. They were John Henry (b. April 4, 1869), Florence G. (b. June 3, 1877), Alonzo (b. October 7, 1881), George Frank (b. May 7, 1886) and Joseph Berryman Driskill (b. July 27, 1889).^{hh}

With her husband, Sarah Elizabeth Barksdale Driskill, or "Aunt Lovey" as she is believed to have been called, raised her family in a familiar environment. She brought up her children in her father's house. Just after turning sixty-two years of age, however, she passed away on March 24, 1917.ⁱⁱ

^y Family Bible of George W. Barksdale.

^z *Ibid.*; Charlotte County Register of Births, 1853, p.8.

^{aa} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale; Gravestone at Meherrin Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Meherrin, Virginia.

^{bb} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale.

^{cc} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale; Bureau of Vital Records, Commonwealth of Virginia, *Deaths of Charlotte County, 1853-1899*, p. 127, line 24.

^{dd} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale; Bureau of Vital Records, Commonwealth of Virginia, *Deaths of Charlotte County, 1853-1899*, p.153, line 17.

^{ee} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale; "Deaths", *The Charlotte Gazette*, April 9, 1874.

^{ff} Charlotte County, Virginia, *Tenth Census of the United States, 1880*, p. 36.

^{gg} Charlotte County *Marriage Register #3, 1853-1859*, p.18.

^{hh} Family Bible of George W. Barksdale.

ⁱⁱ "Mrs. Sarah E. Driskill", *The Charlotte Gazette*, March 1, 1917.

Lumb Berryman Driskill, husband to Sarah Elizabeth, is believed to have been called "Berry." He was a farmer and Civil War veteran. In the residence of his son, Joseph Berryman Driskill, Lumb died on March 1, 1927 in his eighty-fourth year. ^{jj}

Georgia Anna, George W. Barksdale's youngest surviving daughter, married John James Holt. They were wed on November 8, 1876 in Charlotte County. ^{kk} His parents, also of this County, were Richard J. Holt and the former Sarah A. Morton. ^{ll} It is believed that this couple had fifteen children. One child, who was thought to have been Bessie W. Holt (b. December 4, 1878), is believed to have died as an infant. ^{mmm} The surviving fourteen were George R. (b. August 11, 1877), Howard Samuel (b. March 9, 1880), Viola Garfield (b. January 25, 1882), Ethel Reed (b. October 1, 1884), Harry Gammon (b. September 20, 1885), Witt Atkins (b. December 26, 1888), Lewis Jackson (b. February 20, 1890), Schoolfield (b. May 12, 1892), James Bernard (b. July 19, 1893), Mattie Gaines (b. December 18, 1897), Carrie Thelma (b. April 27, 1898), Hallie Miller (b. August 20, 1899), Willie Gertrude (b. December 10, 1902) and Hugh Henry Holt (b. February 20, 1904). ⁿⁿ

Georgia Anna and John James Holt initially raised their family in Charlotte County. Later, however, Georgia Anna and her husband moved their family to Prince Edward County. While she raised the children, he "took active part in the political affairs of the (Prince Edward) County." ^{oo} When she was nearly eighty-six, Georgia Anna, believed to have often been called "Aunt Honey," died on June 17, 1945 ^{pp}. Her husband,

^{jj} "L.B. Driskill Dies", *The Charlotte Gazette*, March 3, 1927.

^{kk} Charlotte County *Marriage Register #3, 1853-1899*, p.45.

^{ll} *Ibid.*; Charlotte County *Marriage Bonds, 1816-1850*, p.1059.

^{mmm} Letter of February 15, 1995 from Katherine Wilkinson (granddaughter of Georgia Anna B. Holt) to C. George Tulli, Jr.

ⁿⁿ Letter of September 15, 1984 from Carrie Holt Kibler (daughter of Georgia Anna B. Holt) to C. George Tulli, Jr.; Gravestones at Meherrin Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Meherrin, Virginia; Charlotte County, Virginia, *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900* (Washington, D.C: Bureau of Census Micro Film Lab, Mach #101), p.6657.

^{oo} "Prominent Lunenburg Man Passes Away", *The Charlotte Gazette*, April 1, 1926.

^{pp} "Mrs. John J. Holt, 86, Dies at Meherrin," *The Farmville (Va) Herald*, June 22, 1945, p. 7; Gravestone at Meherrin Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Meherrin, Virginia.

“Johnnie,” as it is believed he was called, passed away nineteen years earlier on March 2, 1926 ⁹⁹.

George W. Barksdale was also a soldier. He joined up on April 24, 1861 at Charlotte Court House mustering in shortly thereafter in Richmond. He was placed in Company K of the 18th Regiment of Virginia Infantry called the “Charlotte Rifles.” By September of 1861, he had risen to the rank of First Corporal. Most possibly because of his skill as a carpenter, he was trained as a wheelwright with the 2nd Battalion of Virginia Volunteers at Hermitage Camp of Instruction in Richmond. By the middle of January 1862, however, he was on sick call. Sometime during July 1862, it appears that he was discharged from active service. At this point in his life, he was described as six feet tall with blue eyes, a dark complexion and light hair. ¹¹ After discharge, he was apparently placed in Company B of the First (Farinholt’s) Virginia Reserves. ⁵⁵

George W. Barksdale died on September 20, 1899 at his home near Drakes Branch. He was seventy-six years of age at passing. His death was apparently caused by complications resulting from heart disease. His funeral services were conducted by the St. John Lodge of Free Masons. Recognized for being “hones” “very industrious,” as well as “an affectionate and indulgent parent,” Lumb Berryman Driskill added, in referring to George W. Barksdale his father-in-law, that “I have lost my best friend.” ¹¹ He was survived by his two daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Driskill and Georgia Anna Holt, and was buried at the Village Presbyterian Church Cemetery at Charlotte Court House ¹¹¹.

The father of George W. Barksdale remains a mystery. Nevertheless, one might speculate as to who his father was. As indicated before, Elizabeth Barksdale was head of her household by 1830. ¹¹¹ It has also been

⁹⁹ Bureau of Vital Statistics, Commonwealth of Virginia, *Certificate of Death*, File #7759; Gravestone at Meherrin Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Meherrin, Virginia.

¹¹ *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served In Organizations From the State of Virginia, Eighteenth Infantry, A-Ba* (Washington, D.C: National Archives and Records Service, GSA, 1960).

⁵⁵ *Compiled Service Records of Confederate Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Virginia, First Virginia Reserves* (Washington, D.C: National Archives and Records Service, GSA, 1960).

¹¹ “In Memoriam” (to George W. Barksdale), *The Charlotte Gazette*, October 12, 1899.

¹¹¹ Gravestones, Village Presbyterian Church Cemetery, Charlotte Court House, Virginia.

¹¹¹ Halifax County, Virginia, *Fifth Census of the United States*, p.371.

previously mentioned that Thomas Barksdale of Charlotte County was George W. Barksdale's grandfather.^{ww} Added to these facts is the observation that a "Lewis" Barksdale shows up repeatedly in the Charlotte County personal property records from 1819 through the early 1820s.^{xx} Moreover, he is almost always listed just after Thomas Barksdale on these records. These facts suggest that Lewis was Thomas' son. The name Lewis may, in addition, have been a family name. Georgia Anna Holt, George W.'s daughter, had a son named Lewis Jackson Holt. Moreover, I would suggest the possibility that the letter "L" representing the middle name of John L. Barksdale and Samuel L. Barksdale, George W. Barksdale's brother and son, respectively; may have stood for the name Lewis. Lewis Barksdale, therefore, may have been George W.'s father. While the foundation on which this assertion is made is at best thin, it does at least justify further inquiry into this line of research.

The parentage of George W. Barksdale's grandfather, Thomas, also remains regrettably unclear. He is first mentioned in the Charlotte County Court Order Books in 1765 when he received a fee as a witness in a case.^{yy} On July 1, 1776, he is a witness to the Will of Collier Barksdale.^{zz} Only two other records have identified Thomas. One record relates to a debt he owed at his death.^{aaa} The other record was the inventory at his death of his small estate.^{bbb} None of these records identify his parentage. Captain John A. Barksdale has suggested the possibility that he was the son of Hickerson Barksdale of Buckingham County, Virginia.^{ccc} If this linkage could be established, George W. Barksdale's heritage could be traced, according to Captain Barksdale, back to William Barksdale of Cheshire, England, who arrived in Virginia about 1660 and well before that to King Edward III.^{ddd} There is much research ahead.

^{ww} *Deaths of Charlotte County, 1853-1899*, May 1871, line 3.

^{xx} *Charlotte County Personal Property Tax Records, 1814-1827*.

^{yy} Captain John A. Barksdale, *Barksdale Family History and Genealogy*, (Richmond, VA: William Byrd Press, 1940), p.92.

^{zz} *Charlotte County Will Book #1*, p.117.

^{aaa} *Charlotte County Order Book #28*, p.143.

^{bbb} *Charlotte County Will Book #7*, p.24.

^{ccc} Captain Barksdale, p 92.

^{ddd} *Ibid.*, pp. 12-29.

In sum, the contributions of George W. Barksdale are interwoven into the social fabric of Charlotte County. He was born, learned and used his trade, married, raised his family, returned to them after fighting a war, grieved for the loss of his loved ones, gave his daughters away, saw the arrival of many of his grandchildren, and died in this historic county. While research will continue in the effort to determine his father and Barksdale heritage, George W. Barksdale's true legacy is manifested throughout the generations from his daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Barksdale Driskill, and Georgia Anna Barksdale Holt.

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Appomattox County

Bible Records

Marshall Family Bible, 1784-1941

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

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The Bible citation states, "Coopertown, NY, 1841"

Family Record

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BIRTHS

Douglass H. Marshall was Born 29th day November 1815

Mary E. Marshall was Born 11th June 1819

Hunter Marshall was Born 19th day March 1841

John Williams Marshall was Born 20th day November 1842

Robert Elliot Marshall was born 6th March 1845

Thomas Edward Marshall was born the 27 August 1848

James Emmitt Marshall was born the 10th July 1832

William Benjamin Marshall was born the 17 day of November 1854

Douglass Haneveth(?) Marshall was born the 10th day July 1837

Mary Elizabeth Marshall was born the 14th day March 1863

Family Record

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BIRTHS

D.H.M. Sr. Brothers & Sisters [*handwritten at top of column*]

John M. Marshall was born 15th March 1814.

Sarah H. Marshall was born 30th January 1818.

Thomas H. Marshall was born 11 October 1819.

Henry W. Marshall was born 31 December 1825.

Clement J. Marshall was born 23 September 1828.

Nathan H. Marshall born 29th January 1832.

Mary E. Marshall born 4th June 1834.

Macca B. Marshall born 22nd March 1837

Father & Mother of D.H.M. Sr. [*handwritten at top of column*]

John W. Marshall was born the 20th day of November 1784

Mary Marshall was born the 17th October 1798

MARRIAGES

Douglass H. Marshall And Mary E. Hunter was married the 9th day of May 1839

John W. Marshall (Father of DHM) and Mary ~~Marshall~~ Haneveth(?) was married the 6th day of May 1813

Douglass H. Marshall And Martha E. Caldwell was Married the 31st Day of October 1872

Glover Benjamin Marshall and Addie Sarah Harvey was Married the 20th day of October 1917

William Benjamin Marshall and Geniveive Rush was married the 15th day November 1941

DEATHS

John W. Marshall died the 20th day of July 1854 being 69 years and 8 months old

Sarah H. Hunter died 14 Nov. 1860

Nathan H. Marshall died 7th April 1861

Mary Marshall died the 18th day Nov. 1871

Martha E. Marshall Died 6th day October 1886

Thomas E. Marshall died 1st June 1890

Benjamin Hunter died 20th November 1889

Elizabeth Hunter died the 17th day of April 1855

Benjamin Hunter died the day of June 1845

Mary E. Marshall Died the 15th of December 1870 Age 51 years and 6 months

D. H. Marshall Died the 19th of Dec. 1897

James E. Marshall Died October 10, 1910

Robert E. Marshall died 3/[illegible]

Thomas Edward Marshall " 4/[illegible]

Douglas H. Marshall Jr. 9/11 [illegible]

William B. Marshall died the 4th day of September 1932.

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Lynchburg, Virginia

Cemetery Records

The Presbyterian Cemetery

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Research performed by Susan Beardsworth, Lynchburg, Virginia, March 3, 1936.

Subject: The Presbyterian Cemetery

Location: #2400 Block of Grace Street. Between Globe and Ann Streets, Lynchburg, Virginia. The cemetery covers the whole #2400 block.

Date: About 1820

Owners: The Presbyterian Church

Historical Significance:

On a rather plain stone with a scroll top — about two feet wide by three feet high, this inscription appears:

Sacred to the memory of Maurice Langhorne Jr.

Died Feb. 21, 1865, aged 78 years.

Distinguished in life for those attributes which enoble human nature, he died trusting in Jesus Christ, in humble confidence of a resurrection with His Saints

On a marble slab three by six feet, lying flat on the ground— Sacred to the memory of Mrs. Elizabeth Langhorne, Wife of Col. Maurice Langhorne.

She was born 3rd. June 1787. Died 9th. Apl. 1843.

She lived the life of a Christian, and was conspicuous for all the domestic virtues, a most devoted wife, and affectionate mother. A kind mistress, a warm and generous friend. She has left behind her a memory respected by all, and precious to her family.

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord

Marble shaft about 10 feet high, mounted on 3½ feet base, with an earn [sic] deeped top, is this inscription on the base:

To my husband, William Hunter Meriwether.

Thou are gone, but not forgotten.

On the face of the shaft is an anchor with these words (about half way up)

At Rest.

To the left and right of this shaft respectively, are two small stones about 1½ ft. and there - a dove with a leaf in its beak and underneath

N. D. Meriwether, Died May 31, 1861, Age 16 Months.

The other has this:

J. N. Meriwether.

This little stone has a rosebud on it.

On a marble slab, placed flat on ground, about three by six feet.

Sacred to the memory of Major Colin Buckner, who departed this life, 28th. Feb'y 1836, aged that day 58 years.

He was for many years an officer in the U.S. Army; and in this station as in all the other varied moral, social and endearing relations of life which he sustained, such as husband, parent and master; he filled the measure of his duty in the most exemplary manner; He died as he had lived, with the most firm and unshaken faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. And with a perfect assurance of a bright and glorious immortality beyond the grave.

Enclosed in a blue fence, is this lone grave, with a plain marble headstone, three feet wide, two feet high; bearing this inscription:

Frances P. Wife Fielding L. Williams.

Died June 29th, 1833.

On an old weatherbeaten, cracked, flat marble slab three by six feet overgrown by boxwood and cedar, is this inscription:

John William N. Buckner

Born in Nottoway Co., Feb'y 21, 1820

Died in Lynchburg, Dec. 25, 1857

A Mother's affection prompts this memento to mark the last resting place of an affectionate and dutiful son.

Flat marble slab three by six feet contains this inscription:

Sacred to the memory of Joseph Edwin Royal, who departed this life the 3rd. of June 1836, in the 44 year of his age; an honest, upright man whose life was marked by the virtues of a christian, whose end was peaceful and happy.

A marble slab placed flat on the ground contains this inscription:

Sacred to the memory of Christopher Anthony

who departed this life on the 3rd. of September 1835, in the 59th. year of his age

He was a Lawyer of distinguished ability; To natural enderments of a high order, he united a profound knowledge of the human heart; with sincere though unpretending faith as a Christian, and was conspicuous for all domestic virtues, and a most devoted husband, an affectionate Father a kind master, a warm and generous friend.

He has left behind him a memory respected by all and preciously dear to his family.

Mark the perfect man, and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace.

A marble monument about 3 by 6 feet with square cut lines.

Erected in memory of Ammon Hancock Esq.

For many years a merchant and at different times Alderman and Mayor of the Corporation of Lynchburg.

He was born on the 10th. day of February 1788. Lived an active, honest and useful life.

And died on the 18th. day of May 1847. Carrying with him to the grave, the esteem of the rich, and the blessings of the poor.

And leaving no one behind him to say

“Here lies my enemy!”

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McABOY: Seek info on the parents/ch of Thomas McAboy who resided in Pr Wm Co, VA 1785; and any info regarding The Rev James McAboy who moved to Meigs Co, OH in 1818. **Mary V. Clark, 1914 Gum Tree Ln., Fallbrook, CA 92028-2524.**

HARDIN/HARDING: Elexius Hardin/Harding was in Henry Co. VA in 1777 and Bedford Co, VA in 1779; by 1787 was in Franklin Co, VA & 1794 in Knox Co, TN; then 1805 Adair Co, KY where he d 1812. Was he from MD? Seek wife/parents/sibs. **Shirley Langdon Wilcox, 1500 S. 23rd St., Arlington, VA 22202.**

Exchange: Info on all **BOOKER** and allied families originating from the English VA Booker line. If you have a Booker in your tree, perhaps we can help. "The Booker Connection" family newsletter: **Don L. Booker, PO Box 210, Dover, AR 72837.**

Exchange: **PRITCHETT, MACLIN, PAUP.** Seek parents/sibs of Elizabeth Pritchett who became w/3 of Joseph Maclin 1798 Brunswick Co. Ch: Lucy, Mary, Susan James, Martha M., Harriet, Joseph J., Tabitha, Charlotte, the latter two both m John Ward Paup, Tabitha 1820, Charlotte 1831, Brunswick Co. **Ellis O. Moore, 984 Esplande, Pelham Manor, NY 10803-2904.**

PATE, IVEY/IVY: Aaron Ivey (d 30 Nov 1805 Sussex Co, VA) m Elizabeth Pate. Ch: daus Eaday & Ramay; son, Thomas Simmons Ivey. Eaday m Eldridge Ivy. Who did Thomas S. Ivey marry? Where did he die? Where did any of them go? **Helen Pate Ross, 1801 Esic Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025.**

BLANKENSHIP, WILSON: Seek ancs of Sylvester Blankenship who was b c1779, m Ann Wilson 1810 Chesterfield Co; served in War of 1812, received Bounty Land and moved to IL; first stopping in TN for a few years. **Sandra Simpson, 5046 S. Lamon, Chicago, IL 60638.**

WHITEHURST, LAND: Seek name of the dau of Batson Whitehurst (Princess Anne Co, VA) who was w/1 of Jeremiah Land Sr, of Pr Anne Co. Jeremiah

m/2 Anna Woodhouse McCoy. **Gail Swain, Rt. 2, Box 45A, Aurora, NC 27806.**

JONES, GOOCH, SCOTT: Seek proof of parents of Robert Francis Paul Jones b 1793 VA. Were they Robert Jones and Mary Gooch who m. 27 Apr 1786? Surety: John Gooch, Amelia Co, VA. Info on Robert Jones who m Sarah Scott 16 June 1750. Surety: Thomas Nash, Amelia Co, VA. **Ethel Jones Stammer, 4511 Eagleville Pike, Chapel Hill, TN 37034.**

RICHARDSON, MARTIN: Seek info on ancs of Matthew Richardson b 1806 Halifax Co, VA; m Elizabeth Martin of Halifax Co in 1828. Ch: John G.; Garland; William; Charles; Matthew Jr; Martha. Births ranging from 1830 to 1844. Also, seek info on James Henry (son of James D.) m Emma May Midrloff. **Mrs. Gladys Ragsdale Rudder, 1602 Gordon St., Lynchburg, VA 24501.**

TRAYLOR, BROOKS: Researching all VA Traylor for the father of Elizabeth who m Rev. James Brooks 1782 in Caswell Co, NC. How was she related to William Traylor Sr who d 1791 GA? He "of Wilkes Co, GA" when sold his land in Halifax Co, VA 1787. **Linda Sparks Starr, 2642 Brentwood Dr., Norman, OK 73069-5010.**

DICKERSON, JOHNSON: Seek the parents of Sarah Dickerson b 17 May 1778, d 13 Aug 1855 Bedford Co; m Thomas Johnson 5 Nov 1795; Francis Dickerson Surety on marriage certificate, Bedford Co records. **A. Andrew Robertson, 559 Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23602.**

ROBERTSON/ROBINSON, PHENIX: Athanatious Robertson/Robinson appears in the freeholder, tax and voting lists in Brunswick Co, VA in the 1740s. He m Cordelia Phenix, dau of Abraham. Seek to identify the parents of Athanatious or some tie to other Robertsons. **Elton Edwards, 3815 Madison Ave., Greensboro, NC 27403.**

CASON: James Bartlett Cason Jr (1812-1893) Hanover Co was Adm. Estate William Cason (d 1852 Spotsylvania Co). William, son of Susanna Cason, dau-in-law of Edward Cason and Joanna Butcher. James' parents were James Bartlett Cason and Jane P. Dickinson. Was James Jr related to William and Edward? **Helen Cason Alexander, 1973 Lance Ct, Titusville, FL 32796-1036.**

JAMES: Who was James Edwin James? B c1835 Southampton Co, supposedly son of Sally Harrison James b 1821; and brother of Benjamin Allen James b 1843 Southampton Co (m Patty, dau of David and Malinda Turner) and Joshu Cummins James (m Arlene _?). Was James James member of this family? **Boice Burns, 14019 E. Cypress Forest, Houston, TX 77070.**

RICHARDSON, OUTLAND: Seek info: Richard Outland b 1816 NC; Susan Richardson Outland b 1820 Mecklenburg, VA. Census says her father was William Richardson. They were in Chesterfield, VA for the 1860 Census.

Seek their parents and where they originated. **Marian Spiers Lane, 2410 Cranbrook Rd., Richmond, VA 23229-3006.**

BAILISS, DOSS: William Doss b c1815 Pittsylvania Co, VA; m Martha Bailiss 3 Jan 1845 Pittsylvania Co. Martha b c1820. Seek death date/death place/burial place for both William and Martha. **Mrs. Barbara Doss McKinlay, 2740 La Cuesta Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.**

Seek to correspond with anyone researching the following Southside Virginia families: **WILLINGHAM/WINNINGHAM, BANNISTER, KING** (Joseph and Ransom). **Roger O. Willingham, 67 S. Wulff St., Cary, IL 60013-2525.**

George Washington Royston b 1817 SC, d 1897, m/1 Senia Brannon who d 1848, buried near Inman, SC, Spartanburg Co. Had two sons, one dau. George m/2 1850 Susan Ann Bishop (b 1817). They had four daus, one named Senia Ann after w/1. I find no record that Susan Ann Bishop was widow Bishop. Seek her surname/parents/sibs. Was she widow Bishop or was her maiden name Bishop? All letters answered, all my info shared freely. **Shirley P. Wagstaff, PO Box 1559, Bandon, OR 97411.**

BARDEN/BARDIN: Seek info on the sons of John Barden of Isle of Wight who migrated to Bertie Co, NC, d 1739, widow Elizabeth. Believe sons Simon, Jacob, John, Woodard, Jesse and William migrated to Dobbs Co 1761-1763. **John E. Cottle, 1915 Saturn Ct., Bartlesville, OK 74006.**

Seek info on these families, Isle of Wight, Southampton cos, VA; Northampton Co, NC area mid 1600s to mid 1800s: **HOBBS, FULGHUM, BARKER, MOODY, STEWART, KIRBY, CARR, VASSER, SCARBOROUGH.** Migrated from VA, NC through TN, settled western KY by 1850. Will pay copy cost and share info already collected. **Phyllis H. Greif, PO Box 782260, Wichita, KS 67278.**

STOKES: Josiah Stokes, prob son David and Margaret Dupree Stokes, m Mary Hanes 1786 Charlotte Co. In Amelia Co 1787; in Charlotte Co at John Hanes' 1816 estate sale; in Williamson Co, TN 1820 where he d before 1830. Son, John H. Stokes, apparently m in VA before 1812. Seek wife. **Carolyn Smotherman, PO Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046.**

PERRY, SANDERS: Seek parents of Kinchen Perry listed 1800 census Franklin Co, NC, d before 1845 Humphries Co, TN. Wife believed to be Margaret Sanders, dau of William Sanders Pendleton Dist, SC. A John Kinchen d c1765; and a William Kinchen mentioned in Claims of British Merchants. Any relation? **Blanche Lane Tompkins, 360 W. Twentieth St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.**

MAJOR: Bernard Major d 1777 in Charles City Co, VA. Leaves family well documented in Charles City Co records. Seek correspondence with descs. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

MOORE, ECHOLS, IRVINE: Seek info family of William Moore (c1710 VA-d 1787 Halifax Co). Wife's name and dates unknown. Will probated 1787 Halifax Co, named: son William; gr-son James Moore; gr-dau Prudence Irvine; son-in-law John Echols (husband of his dau Lucy Annah Moore. **Robert S. Coleman, 18 Westover Rd., Newport News, VA 23601-3928.**

DAVIE: Leucy/Lucy P. Davie m Thomas J. Sanford 1833 Person Co, NC. Ch: Mary E. b c1833; Emily c1835; Martha E. c1837. Thomas J. d before 1841. Lucy P. Sanford m/2 John Tuck 1841 Granville Co, NC, had ch. Wish to correspond with descs. **Maxine C. Allen, c/o Dr. Ellsworth M. Allen, 2202 Arroyo Dr., Riverside, CA 92506.**

WOODALL, RAMSEY: William (Harrison) Woodall was b c1805 Campbell Co, VA, m Marinda Grifey Ramsey 12 Feb 1831. Seek info on his parents and burial data. **Lucy Woodall Harris, 122 Quinlan St., Lynchburg, VA 24503.**

CAVINESS, GOODE: Seek info on a Lucinda Caviness (all spellings) b c1760/1770, d before 1809. Was possible w/1 of John Goode (1760/1770-1814). Any info on persons of that surname in Mecklenburg or Halifax cos is also appreciated. **Dawn Watts Westfall, 27723 NW 174th Ave., High Springs, FL 32643.**

ANDERSON: Ann Anderson (1787-after 1824) m 1806 in Buckingham Co to John Land (1779-1814 Peach Orchard Camp, Norfolk, VA). Ch: Charles Henry Land (1807-before 1836) Saline Co, MO; Eldridge Braxton Land (1808-1871) VA. Who were her parents? **Frank C. Pickard, #344 2000 Cambridge Ave., Wyomissing, PA 19610.**

Researching: **HUTCHESON** families of Mecklenburg Co, VA; Rev Charles Ogburn/Ogbourn. Another line: Rev. Devereaux Jarrott (Jarratt/Jarrett). Archerlaus Jarratt b ca 5 Jan 1725, New Kent, VA. William Batey (Batie/Batty/Beaty/Bate/Baetie). **CROCKETT** families in VA. **Ruth Anne Hutchinson Hutto, PO Box 421505, Del Rio, TX 78842-1505.**

Researching **YATES** in southern VA. Seek proper spouse of William Yates b c1770, m either Polly Sinkler 1802 Bedford Co or Milly Beard/Board 1798 Charlotte Co. Seek to know which marriage corresponds to my William Yates. My William Yates had ch: Callohill (Callen), Mary, Tilford, poss others. Seek help. **Paul D. Kidd, 3408 Princewood Ct., Arlington, TX 76016.**

ESTES: Seek parents of Hiram M. Estes b c1797 either Lunenburg or Halifax Co, VA. Removed to MO Territory c1818/1819 as he m Lucy Richardson 1819. Brother, maybe Elisha Estes who m Anne (Elizabeth) Richardson. Have much data on this line in TX where they eventually settled. **Lisa Kight, 227 Varsity Cir., Arlington, TX 76013-2429.**

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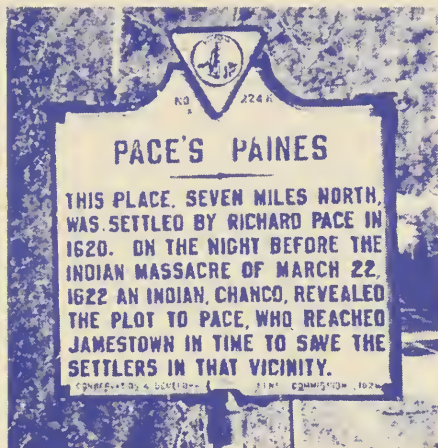
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EDITORIAL

Another year has come and gone, and with it the thirteenth year of publication of *The Southside Virginian*. Yes, that means it is **Renewal Time** again. Unfortunately, this year, with renewal time must come an increase in subscriptions rates. The yearly rate for *The Southside Virginian* has remained at \$20.00 since 1987. We have been proud that we have been able to maintain this rate for so long due to our improved format and the use of more efficient computerized methods. But, just like death and taxes, other costs have finally caught up with us and we must increase the rate to **\$22.00 per year**, effective immediately.

We will continue, as always, to pursue the most cost effective way to present the information to you in a quality manner. The increases we are faced with are those from printing and postage costs, which relates to the physical size of the publication. We could decrease the number of pages in the magazine, or decrease the print size, thereby putting more information on fewer pages. We do not think that these are effective solutions to the problem. We believe that you want more information, not less, and due to the ages of many of our readers, reducing the print size is not a viable option.

We also understand that many of our subscribers live on fixed incomes and that any increase is a serious matter, so believe us when we state that this decision was not taken lightly. We do believe though, that a 10% increase in nine years is a remarkably small one when compared to the other increases all of us have been faced with in recent times.

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Chris Hooper, Publication Manager

BOOK REVIEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vera McDowell, *When Your Ox Is in the Ditch: Genealogical How-to Letters*, vi, 161 pp; subject index;illus.; perfect-bound; soft-cover (8½x11); 1992, rprt. 1995. \$19.95 plus \$3.50 postage; Maryland residents add 5% sales tax; Michigan residents add 4%. The "Dear Abby" of genealogy — that is what Vera McDowell has been called. Her "advice," in the form of letters to an unidentified "Bette," (probably Mrs. McDowell's cousin Bette Kahler) have appeared since 1982 in *Southern Echoes*, the monthly newsletter of the Augusta (Georgia) Genealogical Society (AGS). The AGS compiled the letters, arranged them into chapters, and originally published the work in 1992, so that other family researchers could share the insights of Mrs. McDowell's experiences. The letters are written in a most humorous manner and even were the topic not so critical for the genealogist, one could just enjoy reading the letters. Mrs. McDowell covers many areas which are not included in other widely used "genealogical" how-to references. For instance, some of the chapter titles include: "Daily Mail: Incoming, Outgoing;" "You Can Go Home Again;" "Names and Other Family Foibles;" "Were Your Ancestors 'Counts' or 'No Counts;"" "Courthouses: That's Where the Good Stuff Is!;" and "Cemeteries: A Genealogist's Last Resort??" Everyone can find something of interest in this book, especially the beginner. The reader is advised though, to follow the written suggestions concerning documentation, rather than the printed samples of the family group sheets. On page seven, the author states, "Frankly, I wouldn't give two cents for a family history that isn't fully documented and referenced! If you must research every aspect of the author's work, then why not just do your own 'looking' from the start." This is in stark contrast to the sample chart on page 20, which lists "Birth, Marriage, Death, & Cemetery Records for all towns mentioned," "Census, 1870 - 1910," and "Obits from newspapers," as the source documentation for all of the information on a very full Family Group Sheet. All-in-all, the information contained in this work is extremely beneficial, and the writer's style makes this a very delightful book to read. Order from **Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc. 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD 21202-3897; (800) 296-6687.**

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One Branch of the Allen Family and Their Related Families compiled by George and Maxine Allen, 1994. This account begins with Richard Allin/Allen of New Kent and Hanover counties, Virginia, and traces one branch of the family to North Carolina and on to California. For more information contact the authors, **PO Box 8155, Riverside, CA 92515-8155 or call (909) 354-7966.**

Amelia County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1746-1751: An Every-Name Index. ISBN 1-57445-000-X. (1995), 110 pages, 8.5 X 11, spiral bound, soundex index, 1859 Ludwig Bucholtz map, \$15.00 ppd (FL res. add 6 1/2% sales tax). This book is an every-name index to all people and places mentioned in Amelia County, Virginia, *Order Book 2*, covering 1746-51. It not only contains court orders for Amelia, but also areas that were soon to become Prince Edward and Nottoway counties. Order from **T.L.C. Genealogy, PO Box 403369, Miami Beach, FL 33140-1369.**

Bedford County

Court Records

Bedford County Court — The First Year

Submitted by Dennis Hudgins

*Bedford County Court Order Book 1A - 1754-1758, continued from Volume XIII
No. 3, pp 107-115.*

[p.67] At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on
Tuesday the 24th day of March 1755 and in the XXVIII year of the
Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second.

Present John Phelps

Robert Baber

Robert Ewing

& William Mead Gentlem. Justices

James Callaway, Thos. Watts and Alexander [Baylie] are appointed to
Veiw a Way Petition'd for a Road from Robert Davis's ford on Nevils
Land below his Plantation to the Peaks of Otter River and make report
to the next Court the Convenience or inconvenience thereof.

On a Petition of Samuel Brown and Others it is Ordered that a Road be
Clear'd from Charles Brights at the foot of Flemings Mountain the best
and Most Convenient way into Richard Callaways Road and James
Callaway is appointed Surveyor thereof, & it is Ordered that he together
with all the Male labouring Tithables above the Mill Stone Road do
fourthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law and that
the said Hands be Exempted from Working on all other Roads.

On the Petition of Henry Tate & others it is Ordered that that Part of
Lynches Road which was form[er]ly in Albemarle County be Continued
according to the Order of Albemarle Court and the said Henry Tate is
appointed Surveyor thereof as far as Possum Creek & it is Ordered that
he together with all the Hand who Assissted the former Surveyor
thereon, do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to
Law and Leave is Granted the said Tate to turn the said Road as he shall
Think Proper.

Charles Caffery is appointed Surveyor of Lynches Road from Possum Creek into Beards Road and it is Ordered that he together with all the hands who formerly worked on the said Road do forth[with] Clear & Keep the same in Repair according to Law and the said Hands are not exempted from Working on the Warwick Road.

[p.68] On the Motion of Nicholas Davis [Davies?] Leave is Granted him to Clear a Road (with his own Tithables and Tenants) from Beverly's Ferry into Tates Road.

Francis Callaway is appointed Surveyor of the Road Leading from Moselys Quarter in William Callaways Road and it is Ordered that he together with all the Male Labouring Tithables below the said Quarter to Callaways Road do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Richard Womack Plaintiff against Benjamin Orrick Defender in Case. The Parties having agreed the Diference Between them Subsisting this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

On the Petition of Henry Bell and Others it is Order'd that A Road be Clear'd from Colo. John Bollings Quarter at the Buffelow Lick the best and Most Convenient way into Beards Road and Thomas Bell is appointed Surveyor thereof and it is Ordered that he together with, Nathaniel Patteson, John Pratt, Barth. Austin, Henry Bell, William Austin, Benjamin Wade, Thomas Franklin, John Daws/Davis, William Moore, James Handly/Standly & Martin Harman & their Male Labouring Tithables do forth with Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law and the said Hands are not Exempted from Working on Stovals Road.

Peter Holland is appointed Surveyor of the Road whereof William Stone was late Surveyor, and it is Ordered that he together with all the Hands who Assisted the said Stone on the said Road and Thomas Overstreet, Thomas Snow, Thomas Hosly [Horsely?], do forthwith Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Thomas Dixon is appointed Surveyor of the Road whereof George Rust was Late Surveyor and it is Ordered that he together with all the Hands who Assisted the said Rust on the said Road do forthwith

[p.60] Clear and Keep the same in Repair according to Law.

Clement Read Petitioner against Thomas Pitman Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the Defendant was

Solmenly call'd and not appearing to Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demands Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Petitioner Recover against the said Defendant the sum of £2.S10 Current Money and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by Payment of £1.S5 with Interest for the same to be Computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the Last day of October 1754 to time of Payment and the Costs. and the Plaintiff acknowledges to have recovered of the Above Judgmt. the sum of £1.S15.d5 on the 24th day of March 1755.

Thomas Nash Gent. Petitioner against John Sutton Defendant on a Petition. This day came as well the Petitioner by his Attorney as the said Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant saith he cannot Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £2.S3 and his Costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended and a Lawyers fee And the Plaintiff agrees to Stay Execution one Month.

On the Motion of Paul Carrington Gent. this Court doth Recommend the said Paul Carrington to the Examiners appointed by Law as a Person of Probity Honesty and Good Demeanor.

William Callaway, John Phelps, Robert Baber, Henry Tate, Thomas Callaway, Benjamin Henslee, Matthew Talbot Junr., William Mead,

[p.70] and Joseph Ray Gent. Vestrymen came into Court and took the Usual Oaths to his Majesties Person and Government and Repeated and Subscribed the Teste.

We the Subscribers do Subscribe to be Conformable to the Doctrine and Discipline of the Church of England as the same is by Law Established.

William Callaway, John Phelps, Robert Baber, Henry Tate, Fran. Callaway, Benjamin Henslee, William Mead, Mathew Talbot Junr., Jos. Ray

William Armstead Plaintiff against John Anthony and Matthew Mills Defendants in Debt. This day came as well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant Anthony in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs action, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaitiff recover against the said Defendant Anthony £368 Current Money the Debt in the Declaration Specified and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in

Mercy &c. But his Judgment Except as to the Costs is to be Discharged by the Payment of £168.S5 Current Money with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 1st day of October 1753 to the time of Payment and the Plaintiff acknowledged to have received of this Judgment on the 24th day of September Last Past £8.S13.d9 and on the 27th day of October Last Past £20.S15 and also to have Received this day £13.S9

[p.71] and as to the Defendant Mill[s] this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Richard Callaway Gent. Plaintiff against Michael Poor Defendant in Debt. This day came as well the Plaintiff by his Attorney as the said Defendant in his Proper Person (and Joseph Ray of this County Comes into Court and undertakes for the Defendant that in Case he shall in this suit he shall satisfie and Pay the Condemnation of the Court or Render his Body to Prison in Execution for the same or that he the said Joseph Ray will Do it for him) and the Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs Action. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £6.S12.d6 the Debt in the Declaration Specified and his Costs by him about his suit in that Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by the Payment of £3.S6.d3 with Interest for the same to be Computed after the Rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 27th day of November 1754 to the time of Payment and the Costs, and the Plaintiff agrees to stay Execution of the above Judgment untill May Court Next.

Ordered that the Court be Adjorn'd untill tomorrow morning 10 'O Clock.

Signed John Phelps

[p.72] At a Court Continued and Held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Tuesday [sic] the 25th day of March 1755 and in the XXVIII year of the Reign of our Sovereign Lord George the second.

Present William Callaway
Richd. Callaway
Robert Ewings
& William Mead Gent. Justices

Josias Randle Plaintiff against Joseph Ray, Gent. sherif of Bedford Defendant in Case. This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and thereupon came a Jury, to wit, Henry Bunch, William Watts, David

Irvine, Wiliam Wyley, William Boyd, Michael Poor, Stephen Chinalt, William Verdeman, John Eckols, Edwards Watts Senr., John Currie & Randle Gibson being sworn well and Truly to inquire of Damages in this Suit upon their Oaths do Say that the Plaintiff hath sustained by Occasion of the Defendants breach of Duty in the Declaration Specified to £19.S18.d8 Current and his costs, Therefore it is considered by the Court that the said Defendant his Damages aforesaid and his Costs by him about his suit in that behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca.

The Last Will and Testament of John Denny Dec'd was Proved by the Oaths of James Dillard & Matthew Henson Witness thereto sworn to by John Dennie the Executor therein Named and is Ordered to be Recorded and on the Motion of the said Dennie Certificate is Granted him for Obtaining a Probat thereof in Due form of LAw, giving Security whereupon he together with Zachariah Dennie & Matthew Henson his Security entered into and acknowledged their Bond in ths Penalty of £100 for the said John Dennie due and faithfull Administration of the said Decedants Estate and Proformance

[p.73] of his Will.

James Drake Complainant against Andrew Jones Defendant in Chancery. for Reasons appearing to the Curt this suit is Ordered to be Dismissed.

The Jury formerly Order'd to Value an Acre of Land belonging to Matthew Talbot Junr. where a Mill is Petitioned for by John Eckols this day Return'd their Report (in these Words, to wit "We the Jurors being first Sworn do Value one Acre of Land of Matthew Talbot Junr. Petitioned for by John Eckols to 2 shillings and 6 pence and Damages we find none as Witness our Hands and Seals this 24th day of January 1755 Edward Mobberly (S.S.), James Walker (S.S.), Thomas Walker (S.S.), Richard Turner (S.S.), James Tilly (S.S.), Lewis Meador (S.S.), Clement Mobberly (S.S.), John Mount (S.S.), Jeffery Crowley (S.S.), Benjamin Mobberly (S.S.), James Turner (S.S.), Johnathan Burleson (S.S.)" and Established according to Report and Ordered to be Recorded.

Walter Douglass Plaintiff against Dalton Defendant

[p.74] On the Motion of James Dillard a Witness to Prove the Last Will and Testament of John Dennie Dec'd. It is Ordered that the Executors of the said Will Pay him 109 lbs. of Tobacco for one Days Attendance and Travelling 28 Miles Once According to Law.

On the Motion of John Talbot a Witness for Danl. Landers in his suit against John Phelps It is Ordered that said Landers Pay him for 50 lbs. of Tobacco for 2 Days Attendance according to Law.

Thomas Moore Plaintiff against John Richardson Defendant in Debt. This day came the Plaintiff by his Attorney and there upon came a Jury, to wit, Samuel Brown, David Irvine, William Wyley, Joseph Miller, Edward Watts, George Watts, Stephen Chinalt, Barnabas Arther, Randle Gibson, William Watts, John Currie & James Dillard who being sworn well and truly to Enquire of Damages in this Suit upon their Oath do say that the Plaintiff hath Sustained Damages by Occasion of the Defendant breach of the Promise and Assumption in the Declaration Specified to £28.S10.d11 Current Money besides his Costs, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant and ___ Sandifer who was returned Security for the Appearance of the said Defendant his Damages aforesaid assess'd and his Costs by him about his Suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &ca.

Ordered that John Phelps, Acquilla Gilbert, Benjamin Gilbert and Samuel Gilbert or any 3 of them (being first sworn before a Justice of this County) Appraise in Current Money the slaves (if any) and Personal Estate of John Dennie Dec'd and Return the Appraisement to the Court.

[p.75] Jeremiah Rust Plaintiff agst. Pharoah Reyley Defendant in Debt. This day came as well the Plaintiff by his Attorney and the said Defendant in his Proper Person and the said Defendant acknowledging the Plaintiffs action, Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the Plaintiff recover against the said Defendant £9.S17 the Debt in the Declaration Mention'd and his Costs by him about his suit in this Behalf Expended and the said Defendant in Mercy &c. But this Judgment is to be Discharged by Payment of £4.S18.d6 Cur. Money together with Interest for the same to be computed after the rate of 5 per Centum per Annum from the 9th day of May 1752 to the time of Payment and the Costs.

John Dunahoe Petitioner against James Gibson Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Parties by their Attorneys & the Arguments of the Parties being heard on both sides in Consideration whereof it is the Opinion of the Court the Petitioner Recover against the said Defendant £2.S2.d3 Current Money and his Costs by him about his suit in that behalf Expended.

David Irvine Petitioner against Irvine Patteson Defendant on a Petition. This day came the Petitioner by his Attorney and the said Defendant being Solemnly call'd and not appearing to Gainsay the Justness of the Petitioners Demand. Therefore it is Considered by the Court that the sd. Petitioner recover against the said Defendant £2.S6.d10 and his Costs by him in this behalf Expended.

[p.76] Stephen Chinalt Plaintiff against Joseph Mourtree Defendant on an Attachment. For Reasons Appearing to the Court ths suit is Ordered to be Dismiss'd.

The Jury formerly Ordered to Value an Acre of Land belonging to George White where a Mill is Petitioned for by Joseph Ray Gent. this day Returned their Report. (in these Words, to wit, We) the Jurors being well and first Sworn do Value one Acre of Land belonging to George White on the South side of Otter River Petitioned for by Joseph Ray to £0.1.3 Current Money of Virginia in Witness Whereof we have hereunto set our hands and Seals this 22d Day of March 1755. John Anthony S.S., John Sutton (S.S.), Richard [his Mark] Woodward (S.S.) John [his mark] Ward (S.S.), William [H.] Boyd (S.S.), Thomas Overstreet (S.S.), George Yates (S.S.), William Quarles (S.S.), William Stone (S.S.) Jerimiah Yarbrough (S.S.), Danl. [His Mark] Rains (S.S.), [Jerm. His Mark Sozberry] (S.S.) and Established according to Report which is Ordered to be Recorded.

Zachariah Isbel Gent. having Obtained an Attachment against the Estate of John Carr who is said to be Run away or so Absconds that the Ordinary Prosess of Law Cannot be served on him and Adam Beard a Constable of his County having returned that he had Execute the same on the Estate of the said Carr in the Hands of Thomas [Dunkin?] Junr. the said John Carr was Solemnly Call'd but did not Appear Therefore on the Motion of the said Zachariah Isbel by his Attorney it is Ordered by the Court that the said Zachariah Isbel recover against the said John Carr £3.S19.d10½ and his Costs by him in this Behalf Expended.

Ordered that the sheriff summon 24 freeholders to Appear at next Court as a Jury of Inquest for the Body of this County.

[p.77] On the Motion of George Rust it is Ordred that unless Thomas Franklin (a Witness for him at the suit of Clement Read) be find according to Law unless he appear at next Court and make his Excuse.

On the Motion of Stephen Chinalt a Witness for Paul Chiles at the suit of Jeremiah Rust. It is Ordered that the said Chiles pay him 100 lbs. of Tobacco for 4 days Attendance according to Law.

On the Motion of Pharaoh Reyley a Witness for John Dunahoe in his Suit against James Gibson, It is Ordered that the said Dunahoe pay him for 3 Days Attendance (75 lbs. of Tobacco) according to Law.

On the Motion of Edward Watts a Witness for John Dunahoe in his suit against James Gibson, It is Ordered that the said Dunahoe Pay him for one Days Attendance (25 lbs. of Tobacco) according to Law.

Ordered that the Court be adjorn'd untill Court in Course.

Sign'd Wm. Callaway

[p.78] At a Court held for Bedford County at the Courthouse on Monday the 28th day of April 1755 and XXVIIIth year of our Reign.

Present Matthew Talbot

Zachariah Isbel

Robert Ewings

William Mead

& Saml. Hairstone Gent. Justices

Ordered that Licence be granted unto Zachariah Isbel to Keep Ordinary at his House in this County for the Space of one year he having Complied with what the Law requires in this Case.

Ordered that the rates as Settled by the Curt last year at which the Ordinary Keepers in this County were allowed to sell Liquours &ca. for the year Past be Continued for the ensuing Year.

David Irvine Petition against William Candler Defendant on a Petition. For Reasons appearing to the Court this suit is Ordered to be Dismiss'd, and it is Ordered that the Defendant recover against the said Petitioner his Costs in this Behalff Expended.

Mark Cole Assignee of Nicholas Hails Plaintiff against John Richardson Defendant in Debt. The Plaintiff failing to Appear to Prosecute his suit it is Ordered to be Dismissed.

Ordered that the Court be adjourn'd untill Court in Course.

Signed Matthew Talbot

Concluded

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Southampton County

Historical Research

Parson and Local Man of Affairs: George Gurley

Submitted by Otto Lohrenz, professor of history (emeritus), The University of Nebraska at Kearney

Continued from Vol. XIII No. 1, pp. 23-28.

Generally justices rotated the office of sheriff among themselves and in 1792 Gurley took his turn. A sheriff's term was to be one year but often that period was exceeded when the state executive failed to make a new appointment in time. Gurley was one of only two rectors known to have held that important local office.^a As sheriff Gurley served warrants, apprehended and arrested suspects, conducted elections to the Assembly, executed the sentences of the court at "the jail, whipping post, stocks, pillory, and ducking stool," and collected taxes. A sheriff was entitled to a percentage of the tobacco he collected in taxes. To qualify as sheriff he had to pledge a security of £1,000 sterling and to furnish three additional surities from planters in the county. To assist him Gurley chose several deputies, whose appointments required the confirmation by the justices. They also had to post a bond and to provide three securities.^b

Gurley's term as sheriff was marred by irregularities, apparently by his deputies, making it impossible for him to turn over all the collected taxes to the county treasurer, Benjamin Blunt, who was also the senior justice. On July 10, 1794, upon Blunt's motion, the court "ordered that Geo. Gurley late Sheriff... be summoned to appear at the 2nd day of next court to show cause if any he has why the said treasurer ought not to have judgment against him for £247 lls. 6d. the balance of the county levy by him collected and unaccounted for." On the appointed day Gurley, who had resumed his position on the bench after serving as sheriff, resigned his commission as justice of the peace. Then the court brought judgment against Gurley and

^a William P. Palmer *et al.*, eds., *Calendar of Virginia State Papers and other Manuscripts Preserved in the Capitol at Richmond*, 11 vols. (Richmond, 1875-93), VI, 445. Archibald Campbell, rector of Washington parish, was sheriff of Westmoreland County in 1767; see Otto Lohrenz, "Clergyman and Gentleman: Archibald Campbell of Westmoreland County, 1741-1774," *Northern Neck Historical Magazine*, 39 (1989), 4439. Several who left the ministry were sheriffs.

^b Warren M. Billings, John E. Selby, and Thad W. Tate, *Colonial Virginia: A History* (White Plains, NY, 1986), p. 73; Morton, *Colonial Virginia*, I, 129.

awarded Blunt the sum in question, but the decision was “stayed till further orders.” On February 12, 1796 the court ordered that the judgment against Gurley “now issue returnable to May Court next,” but the minutes of those sessions do not mention the subject.^c

In the meantime Gurley brought charges against his former deputies, apparently for misappropriating tax funds. On May 8, 1794 the court found against two of them, Joshua Fort and Etheldred Turner, and their respective securities, and in each instance awarded Gurley £5,000; the amount of each individual’s bond, plus costs; but the court declared that “all just credits are to be allowed,” which apparently meant that the two parties were liable only for their tax shortages. On May 16, 1797 Gurley took another deputy, Henry Briggs, probably his chief assistant, to court. This time Gurley obtained a judgment for £10,000, the amount of the defendant’s bond, and costs. Again, “all just credits” were to be allowed.^d

Although the extant records offer no particulars, it appears that Gurley himself was not guilty of a transgression, although as sheriff he was responsible for the actions of his deputies. Perhaps he was too lax in his supervision or placed too much confidence in the integrity or competence of his subordinates. Embarrassment, disgust, and frustration may all have figured in his decision to resign from the court when the episode came to a head. The events must have been most unpleasant and even stressful to Gurley. The members of the court exonerated Gurley, at least to a certain extent, by awarding him judgments against the deputies. A more complete record would probably have vindicated him to an even greater extent.

Apparently Gurley was unable or unwilling to make good his obligation to the treasurer in full. In 1796 one party, whose legitimate claims against the county had evidently not been honored because of the tax shortfall, won two judgments against Gurley; they were for eight and nine pounds respectively plus interest. The next year the court awarded two judgments to a similar claimant; one was for 2,041 pounds of tobacco plus costs and the second for 983 pounds and costs. Whether Gurley satisfied these plaintiffs as decreed is unknown, but the cases reveal that he had not reimbursed the county for all of the taxes unaccounted for.^e

Two of the deputies, Etheldred Turner and Henry Briggs, may have settled their accounts with Gurley, but the third, Joshua Fort, did not. In 1799

^c Entries for July 10, 1794, August 15, 1794, February 12, 1796, May 12, 1796, Southampton County Minute Book (1793-1799), pp. 98, 103, 207, 219, reel 32, Virginia State Library.

^d *Ibid.*, pp. 86, 265.

^e See entries for September 8, 1796 and September 19, 1797, *ibid.*, pp. 236, 293.

Gurley brought suit against Fort for the second time and the court awarded him the requested judgment, but in the meantime Fort died and litigation continued against his estate. The court finally appointed referees to study the evidence and to make a recommendation; in 1803 they found that the estate owed Gurley £58 2s. 5½d. The court awarded Gurley that amount, minus any payments the deceased might have made before his demise. It seems doubtful that Gurley was able to collect from the estate before his own death the next year. ^f

Gurley signed his will on October 21, 1799 and it was recorded on May 21, 1804, suggesting that he died early that year, at the age of about seventy-five. His place of interment is unknown. Ten children had issued from the union of Gurley and Mary Willis, who survived her husband. Eight of the offspring — Lucy, Joseph, Henry, Celia, George, Mary, Patty, and John — reached maturity; all married and some left numerous descendants. ^g

In his will Gurley mentioned only his wife Mary and sons George and John. To son George he assigned “all the lands and plantation I am now possessed of except the land and plantation where upon I now live.” To his widow he give the use of the land and plantation whereon he lived during her lifetime; to her he also bequeathed outright two slave women and all of his personal property, not otherwise disposed of. After his wife’s decease and payment of his debts he loaned the second tract and a Negro boy to son John; however, if John neglected or refused to pay his father’s debts, or attempted to sell or lease the land or slave boy, he granted the same to son George. Upon John’s death, assuming that he had complied with his father’s wishes, the second tract and slave were to go to son George and his heirs. Apparently John was somewhat unpredictable; moreover he had no children and the father wanted his real and personal property to stay in the family. ^h

The size and quality of his two plantations mentioned in his will are unknown. According to the census of 1787 he owned ten slaves, but the extent or value of his personal property at the time of his death have not

^f Entries for November 19, 1799, July 20, 1801, and April 19, 1803, Southampton County Minute Book (1799-1803), pp. 51, 194, n. p., reel 32, Virginia State Library; entries for April 19, 1803 and July 18, 1803, Southampton County Order Book (1802-1803), pp. 237, 319, reel 28, Virginia State Library.

^g Will of George Gurley, Southampton County Will Book, No. 5, with Inventories & Accounts (1797-1804), p. 500, reel 17, Virginia State Library; Bradley, *Notes on William Gurley*, p. 17.

^h Southampton County Will Book, No. 5, p. 500, reel 17, Virginia State Library. The witnesses to Gurley’s will were James Bishop, Benjamin Rochill, and John Washington. See John Gurley’s will, Southampton County Will Book, No. 6 (1804-1810), p. 405, reel 18, Virginia State Library. John Gurley’s will is dated October 17, 1805 and recorded on February 16, 1807.

been determined. The court ordered an inventory of his personalty at the time, but despite a careful search no record of a list and appraisal of his effects has been found. ⁱ

In his parish and county Gurley left a legacy as a devoted clergyman and a dedicated public servant. The local gentry certainly encouraged Gurley, and may have provided the initial impulse, to seek Anglican ordination and St. Luke's rectorship in 1762-1763. It was a clear mark of their respect. For about the next thirty years he ministered faithfully to his flock, without fixed remuneration for the last twenty. In the early years of the Revolution the freeholders of Southampton twice registered their regard by electing him to their committee of safety, the county's ruling body during that period. In 1784 his peers nominated, and the state executive appointed, him to perform the duties of county magistrate. In 1793 he acted as sheriff, the most prestigious governmental leadership position in the county. In Virginia a county's elite reserved the offices of justice and sheriff for their own class, one scholar has found, in order to protect its social and political prominence. ^j Southampton's elite certainly included Gurley.

Concluded



ⁱ Netti Schreiner-Yantis and Florene Speakman Love, comps., *The 1787 Census of Virginia*, 3 vols. (Springfield, VA, 1987), II, 1129; Southampton County Order Book (1803-1805), p. 137, reel 28, Virginia State Library.

^j Kulikoff, *Tobacco and Slaves*, p. 267.

Franklin County

Cemetery Records

Tanyard Cemeteries

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Editor's Note: The two cemeteries described below carry the same name although they are located some distance apart.

Tanyard Grave Yard

Research performed by Alice Peak Hopkins, Rocky Mount, Virginia, March 5, 1936.

Subject: Tanyard Grave Yard

Location: This old Graveyard is about 1.5 miles from the Court House (3 miles by car). Follow the Old Glade Hill Road down to Hudson's old Cannery at the branch, then turn to right and walk about 500 yards to the center of a large field.

Date: 1778, date of the oldest grave.

Description: This is a very, very old graveyard. Some of the tombstones have fallen down. It is necessary to cut ones way through to cut ones way through brush to get to them. No one has been buried there for years.

Historical Significance:

In Memory of
Vilet Hill, dec'd.
Aug. 12, 1803.

Geo. S. Heidelback,
Son of
R. S. Heidelback
Died Aug. 2, 1865

Robert Hill
dec'd 19th Aug. 1778.

Sallie E.
wife of
Nicholas Carper and daughter of
Hay & Susan E. Turnbull
Died Aug. 8, 1861. Age 23.

In Memory of
Thos. Hill, Dec'd.
Died Feb. 2, 1827.

"Sacred to the memory of
Willis B. Hope
who departed this life 6 June, 1832
in the 28 year of his age.

Wm. H., son of
Hay & Susan E. Turnbull, died March
19, 1857
age 16 yrs. & 16 days.

Florence Ann
daughter of
Robt. A. & Isabella Scott, died Aug.
5, 1852.

Pattison Nixon
born March 10, 1797, Died April 9,
1854.

Saml Carper Scott
Son of Capt. R. A. & isabella[sic]
Scott
Born Nov. 28, 1862, died Mar. 14,
1863.

In Memory of
Mrs. Veriller J.
Wife of Capt. Robt. A. Scott, born
Nov. 2, 1822.
Died Apr. 28, 1846.

In Memory of
Elizabeth Ayers
Daughter of Davis & Emma Ayers,
Died Aug. 31, 1867.

Cabell Ayers
Died Jan. 11, 1874.

Sources of Information:

Tombstone Inscriptions.
Visit by Worker.

Tanyard Cemetery

Editor's Note: There are two typed descriptions for this cemetery, and the following is a compilation of the two.

Research performed by Alice Peak Hopkins, Rocky Mount, Virginia, March 9, 1936.

Subject: Tanyard Cemetery.

Location: 1 mile southeast of Rocky Mount, Virginia on Route #40.

Date: 1827, date of oldest grave.

Description: Tanyard Cemetery is the oldest cemetery near Rocky Mount, Virginia. It has not been in use for years and is overgrown with roses, bushes, and weeds. There are many old stones and many sunken graves which are not marked.

There is a legend that one of the early Hills buried in Tanyard was killed by a panther. There is another legend that one of the early Bernards was killed by the Indians and buried here.

There are seven graves marked with marble stones, all made by Goddles and Brother, of Lynchburg, Virginia.

Historical Significance:

Elizabeth H.
wife of John H. Clintwood
Born Jan. 28, 1831.
Died July 25, 1856.

In Memory of
Mrs. Cath'n Carper
who died July 18th 1840.
In the 25 year of her age.

Judith Bernard
Born July 1, 1795
Died July 16, 1853.
Alas she has left us her spirit has fled
Her body now slumbers along with
the dead
Her Saviour hath called her to him
she has gone
Be ye also ready to follow her soon.

Palmyra Eugia wife of
John Wade, Jr.
Born Nov. 21, 1830.
Died Sept. 26 1861.

John Bernard
Born June 18th ~~1874~~ 1784
*[typed 1874 stricken and 1784
handwritten].*
Died Oct. 1st 1845.
O glorious hour, O Blest above
Our father near and like his god
and flesh and sin no more controle
The sacred pleasures of his soul.

Sources of Information:

Tombstone Inscriptions.
Visit by Worker.

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In Memory of
Walter Bernard
who departed this life 5th Feby 1841
Aged 82 years 1 mo. & 5D.

In remembrance of
Thos. Hill
Died Feb 2, 1827.

In memory of
Henry L. Adams
died March 27 1840
age one year and eleven months.

In memory of
James C. Tate
who died Sept. 12th 1859 in the
51 year of his age

Louisa Jane Smothers
Born August 16, 1834
Died June 3, 1853.

Zodok Bernard
Born Dec 1, 1791
Died July 20, 1871.

In memory of George S.
Son of
Thurman and Susan H. Craft
Born October 16, 1858
Died August 9, 1865.

Charlotte County

Historic Homes and their Families

A Charlotte County House Tour

Submitted by G. Warren Driskill

Editor's Note: The following article originally appeared in the May 27, 1984 issue of the Richmond Times-Dispatch, in the "Spanning the James" column.

Antebellum Structures on Charlotte House Tour

By Betty Pettinger

Times-Dispatch staff writer

The patrons of Patrick Henry Academy in Charlotte County have scheduled a house tour for Saturday, featuring 10 antebellum houses, and the outside of the academy, built as a tavern in 1820. Also on the tour are the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Museum of Charlotte County history, a copy of the first county clerk's office and the Charlotte County Public Library, consisting of an 1810 law office with an 1836 house attached.



The tour will take place from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10, available by sending a check payable to Patrick Henry Academy to P.O. Box 88, Charlotte Court House 23923 or at any house on tour day. Box lunches will be available at the library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Among the oldest houses on the tour is Greenfield, built about 1771 and believed to be the oldest frame house in Charlotte County. It consists of a two-story central section with flanking wings and was built by Isaac Read, whose descendants, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. R. Charlton, live there now. Inside there is fine 18th century woodwork with wainscoting, paneling, carved mantels and stairway.

A classic example of Gothic Revival architecture is Staunton Hill, built by Charles Bruce about 1847 and the ancestral home of David K. E. Bruce, former U.S. ambassador to France and the United Kingdom. The house is brick covered with stucco, has a marble-floored front porch and a stone wall extending

several miles along its road frontage. Only the grounds and exterior of the house may be viewed.

Also to be viewed only from the outside is Tankersley, now a private residence but the site of the tavern at Charlotte Court House where Patrick Henry made his last public speech in 1799 and where George Washington ate breakfast while on his southern tour in 1791.

Patrick Henry spent the night before that last public speech at Woodfork, then the home of Col. Joel Watkins, but not in the present house, built in 1829 by Henry Watkins.

Kentwood is a brick two-story house with an English basement and a Doric porch, built in 1837 and presently owned by Mr. and Mrs. David Quarrier. Ingleside is a 14-room brick house with two large porches built about 1810 by Thomas Read, a Charlotte County clerk. In the yard stands the former clerk's office. Arcadia, which may be viewed only from the outside, is a Greek Revival house built in 1847 as a wedding present.

Gravel Hill is a frame house built by George C. Hannah in 1847. The oldest section once stood across the road as a part of another Hannah home, Grove Hill, and was moved over and attached to the present house. Ridgeway is a Georgian and Greek Revival house built in 1829 and remodeled a century later. Twelve Oaks is a large frame house built in 1858 with an English basement.

Editor's Note: The following article originally appeared in the October 3, 1969 issue of the Richmond Times-Dispatch.

Charlotte County Branch APVA Holds Annual Meet at Greenfield

KEYSVILLE, Oct. 2 — Over 100 people attended the annual meeting of the Charlotte County Branch of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities Saturday, Sept. 27, at Greenfield, home of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Anderson.

Main speaker of the afternoon was Brown Morton, chief architect of the Historic American Building Survey, who talked about having authenticity in the restoration of old buildings.

“There is a definite tendency, especially in Virginia, to think of the past in romantic terms and restore old houses the way we think they will look pretty, rather than the way they actually were,” he said. “I urge you to restore them the way they were originally rather than following your own taste. If you cannot find out how something looked, please say you could not so that it will be historically correct for the sake of future generations.”

Henry Read, of Hampton-Sidney, then gave a history of Greenfield. He began with his ancestors, Clement and Mary Hill Read, who founded the Read family eight generations ago and came to what is now Charlotte County in about 1730, as pioneers, when Iroquois Indians roamed the woods.

“Clement Read, born in 1707 in eastern Virginia, acquired 10,000 acres, which stretched on both sides of the road from near Charlotte Court House to the outskirts of Keysville.”

The Read couple lived at “Bushy Forest Plantation,” and reared a family of eight children. Their descendants had five great homes, including “Ingleside,” “Ashcamp,” and “Retirement,” as well as “Greenfield” and “Bushy Forest.”

Only “Greenfield” and “Ingleside,” along with some adjacent land, remain in the Read family. The Anderson family is in the process of restoring “Ingleside.”

“The Clement Reads were strong people. On his death at 56, he was the most influential, prominent, and wealthy man in the soon-to-be Charlotte County.”

Madame Mary Read outlived her husband by 23 years, and was “easily, one of the highest characters of her day. ‘Maryville’ the original name of Charlotte Court House, was named in her honor, and she was once included on a list of the counties outstanding men.”

Their son, Isaac Read, built “Greenfield” in 1771. He was a member of the House of Burgesses, 1769-71, and the Virginia Conventions of 1774 and 75. He was an officer in the Revolutionary War and died of wounds in 1777. “Greenfield” is one-half mile north of Roanoke Creek bridge on the highway between Keysville and Charlotte Court House. It is considered to be the oldest two-storied dwelling still standing in Charlotte County.

The traditional picnic on the grounds at noon started the branch meetings. Afterwards, members and guests were welcomed by the director, H. W. Hoffman, of Charlotte Court House, who also introduced Mr. Morton. Mr. Read was introduced by David C. Watkins, of Charlotte Court House. The Rev. G. A. Harris, of Cullen, delivered the invocation.

The recently restored Greenfield house was open for inspection by members and guests.

Permission to re-print the preceeding articles has been granted by Ms. Louise Seals of the Richmond Times-Dispatch. Copies of the articles were provided by Mr. G. Warren Driskill, of Norfolk, VA.

Sussex County

Chancery Suit

Wilkinson vs Wilkinson, #1794-154

Eighteenth-century Spousal Abuse, Separation, and Alimony

Submitted by Ray Sasser

Excerpts of letter from the submitter.

[This] is a timely topic (wife-beating, ...). These, are ancestors of mine. The John Morris mentioned is also my line; he married William and Elizabeth Wilkerson's daughter Lucy. Elizabeth Wilkerson was a daughter of John Ricks, whose line comes through Prince George County — no known connection to the Quaker Rickses of Isle of Wight County, and my Rickses, in fact, predate by several generations the Isle of Wight family in Virginia. She appears also to be descended from the Wyatt family of Prince George — again no known connection to the more famous Rev. Haute Wyatt (brother to the Governor) line and again predating that family in Virginia. More than one Prince George Ricks married a Wyatt and, being Prince George, the records are all very fragmentary and confusing. My descent is actually through John and Lucy Wilkerson Morriss' son Wyatt Morriss. John Morriss lived in my county, Greensville, and I have relatives who still live on his and his father's land here.

As an afterthought, I've enclosed a transcript of Elizabeth Wilkinson's will. Though many of these records record the name as Wilkinson, others say Wilkerson and Elizabeth had a grandson named Wilkerson Morris, son of William and Winifred Morris (both named in the will). So I prefer Wilkerson.

Ray Sasser

Wilkinson vs Wilkinson

from the Loose Court Papers of Sussex County, Virginia, 1754-1870, #1794-154

To the worshipful court of Sufsex county in Chancery sitting

Humbly complaining therewith unto your worships, Elizabeth Wilkinson by James Wilkinson her next friend. That your oratrix Elizabeth is the wife of William Wilkinson of this county, that the said William in violation of every conjugal duty and obligation hath for several years last past, observed and practiced towards your oratrix, an uniform conduct of cruelty and barbarity. That such is the turbulent disposition, and inflammable temper

of the said William, that the life of your oratrix was frequently in danger while she dwelth with him. That the said William has actually expelled your oratrix from his house. That your oratrix is now inopofed to great distrefs for the want of a separate and competent maintenance out of the estate of the said William. That before your oratrix intermarried with the said William she was pofsefsed of slaves, and of a clear personal estate of the value of £350 — that the said William by virtue of his intermarry with your oratrix, became intituled to, and pofsefsed of the absolute property in the slaves and personalty aforesaid and your oratrix further sheweth unto your worships that the said William fraudulently combining with divers persons, to defeat your oratrix in the recovery of alimony hath made voluntary and other conveyances of his estate real and personal, which persons when discovered and known your oratrix prays to be made defendants to this her bill. All which actings and doings of the said William tend to the great wrong and injury of your oratrix In tender consideration whereof and in as much as your oratrix is remedilefs in the premises, except by the intervention and aid of a Court of equity, where matters of the cost are properly cognizable To the end therefore that the said William may full & true answer upon his corporal oath make to all and singular the premises, as particularly as if the same were here again repeated, & he thereto particularly interrogated, more especially that the said William may discover & shew the quantity and quality of all his estate, and that your worships will be pleased to decree and order, that your oratrix have alimony, or a competent and separate maintenance out of the estate of the said William and that your worships will be pleased to grant such other and further relief in the premises, as to your worships may seem just and meet. May it please your worships the premises considered to grant unto your oratrix the Commonwealth's writ or writs of Subpenas &c commanding &c.

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Wilkinson vs Wilkinson Sp^a
to Nov^r Ct 1796 in Chancery

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Executed Henchly Pettway DS for
R Harwell Shf

The Deposition of Betty Wilkerson taken in a Suit of Chancery depending in the Court of Sufsex County between James Wilkerson in favour of Elizabeth Wilkerson against William Wilkerson — This Deponant being of lawful age and duly sworn on the holy Evangilist of Almighty God deposeth and saith, that some time in may last that Elizabeth Wilkerson came to her House, apparantly much beaten and Bruised which She said was done by W^m Wilkerson her Husband, and this Deponant afterwards heard the said

W^m Wilkerson acknowledge he did beat her. and Swore that he wou'd Kill her if ever and opportunity offerd — And Farther this Deponant saith not

The above Deposition Sworn to before me this Day of Novbr 1796

Thomas E. Rives

Sufsex county to wit

The commonwealth of virginia to the Sheriff of Sufsex county Greeting Whereas at a court holden for said county in the month of August 1797. Elizabeth Wilkerson by a final decree in chancery (for Alimony) had recovered against William Wilkerson the sum of eighty five pounds & her costs which amounts to Seven dollars & four cents but after the decree aforesaid was pronounced & before execution thereof was made, both the parties departed this life — the said Elizabeth having made & duly published her last will & testament in writing whereof she appointed a certain John Morris to be her executor who hath qualified agreeably to Law / thereto as such, and the said William dying intestate & without will, and one John Wilkerson, taking upon himself the executorship of the goods & chattels of the said William of his own wrong. Now on behalf of the said John Morris exor as aforesaid We command you that you make known to the said John Wilkerson executor of his own wrong of the said William Wilkerson that he be before the justices of our said county court at the courthouse of said county on the first thursday in November next to shew if any thing he hath or can say why the said John Morris exor of Elizabeth Wilkerson execution for the amount of the decree aforesaid against him should not have if to him it seems expedient And have then there this Writ Witnefs James C Bailey Clerk of our said court the 23rd day of September 1806 in the 31st Year of the commonwealth

J C Bailey, Clk

[*exterior*]

not Executed; on account of the fresh

E. Lewis, deputy of

Benj^a Peete Sheriff

Sufsex County to Wit

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Sufsex County Greeting, Whereas at a Court holdin for said County in the month of August 1797 Elizabeth Wilkerson by a final decree in Chancery (for Alimony) had recovered against William Wilkerson the sum of eighty five pounds and her costs which amounts to seven dollars and four cents, but after the decree a foresaid was pronounced and before execution thereof was made both the parties departed this life, the said Elizabeth having made and duly published

her last will and testament in writing whereof she appointed a certain John Morris to be her executor who has qualified agreeably to Law thereto as such and the said William dying intestate and without will, and one John Wilkerson taking upon himself the executorship of the goods and chattels of the said William of his own wrong. Now on behalf of the said John Morris exor as aforesaid We command you again that you make known to the said John Wilkerson executor of his own wrong of the said William Wilkerson that he be before the justices of our said County Court at the Courthouse of the said County on the first thursday in March next to shew of any thing he hath of can say why the said John Morris exor of Elizabeth Wilkerson execution for the amount of the decree aforesaid against him should not have; if to him it seems expedient. And have then there the writ witnefs James C Baily Clerk of our said Court the 3rd day of January 1807 in the 31st year of the Commonwealth

JCBailey Clk

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February 23th 1807 true copy texte by

Samuel Birdsong D

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Sufsex county to wit

John Morris executor of Elizabeth Wilkerson plif

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John Wilkerson exor in his own wrong of

William Wilkerson deft

June court 1807

upon a writ

of *Scire facias*

to have execution of a judgment final decree pronounced at Augt court 1797 in favor of the plif testatrix Eliz Wilkerson against the defts intestate W^m Wilkerson for the sum of 85£ for Alimony also 7 44/100 \$ for her costs in that behalf expended

This day came the plif by his attorney, and the deft having been duly warned, and not appearing it is therefore considered that the plif have execution against the defendant for the said sum of Eighty five pounds also seven dollars & forty four cents also well as for his cost of [*torn*] out & prosecuting this writ which is five [*torn*] eight cents
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keep this as a form

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Sufsex County Greeting we command you to summon William Wilkinson to appear before the Justices of our said County Court of Sufsex at the Courthouse of the said

County on the first thursday in November next to answer the Bill in Chancery exhibited against him by Elizabeth Wilkinson by James Wilkinson her next friend and this he shall in nowise omit and have then there this writ Witnefs Michael Bailey Clerk of our said Court the fifth day of September 1796 in the 21st Year of the C^owealth

J. C. Bailey DC1k

The Commonwealth of Virginia to the Sheriff of Sufsex County greeting We Command you that of the goods and chattels of John Wilkerson executor in his own wrong of William Wilkerson late in your bailiwie you cause to be made eighty five pounds which John Morris executor of Elizabeth Wilkinson late in our County Court held at the courthouse of our said County hath recovered against him for debt by Scierifacias upon a final decree in Chancery obtained by said Elizabeth in her lifetime against said William in his lifetime also seven dollars four cents her costs and five dollars fifty eight cents which to the said Executor in the same Court was adjudged for his Costs by him in this behalf expended, whereof this John exor as aforesaid is convicted as appears to us of record and that you have the same before the Justices of our Said Court at the Courthouse on the first thursday in August next to recover unto the said Morris exor as aforesaid of the debt and costs aforesaid and have then there this writ Witnefs James C Bailey Clerk of Our said Court the 10th day of June 1807 in the 31st year of the Commonwealth

P. Booth D.C.

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Will of Elizabeth Wilkinson

Greensville County Will Book 1:514, May Court, 1804

In the Name of God Amen. I Elizabeth Wilkinson of the County of Greensville and State of Virginia being weak in body tho of sound Mind and

Memory Do make and ordain this my last Will and Testament that is to say First of all I give and recommend my Soul into the Hands of Almighty God and my body to the Earth from whence it was taken and as for what worldly Estate God has blest me in this World with I give devise and dispose of it as follows.

Imprimis, I lend to my Daughter Lucy Morris my Chest during her natural live with this privilege to give the same to whom she thinks proper. Item I give to my Grand Daughter Nancy Wilkinson my Cardinal [*a woman's short, hooded cloak, often scarlet*] to her disposal. Item I give to my Daughter Winifred Morris my Cotton Wheel to her disposal. Item my will and desire is that after my decease all the residue of my Estate of what kind it may be either in Bonds Money or Accounts be equally divided between John Morris Senr. William Morris James Wilkinson and my Grand daughter Nancy Wilkinson to them their heirs and assigns forever. Lastly I do nominate and appoint John Morris Senr. my whole and sole Executor to this my last Will and Testament and do revoke all former Wills by me made in witness of which I have hereto set my Hand and seal this 18th Day of June 1801.

her
Elizabeth X Wilkinson (LS)
mark

Signed, Sealed, Delivered in Presence of

Isaac Rowell
Susannah Rowell
Betsy Rowell
Rowena Rowell
Lewis Eppes

Greensville May Court, 1804

This Will was proved according to Law by Isaac Rowell and Lewis Eppes, Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded. And on the Motion of John Morris the Executor therein named who made Oath thereto and acknowledged Bond with approved Security in the Penalty of Five Hundred Dollars conditional as the Law directs Certificate was granted him for obtaining a Probate thereof in due form.

Teste P. Pelham

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Buckingham County

Historic Homes and Their Families

Peter Guerrant, His Home and Will

Transcribed by Christopher M. Hooper

Research made by Elizabeth McCraw, Andersonville, Virginia. October 6, 1937.

Subject: "Locust Dale"

Location: 1 2/10 miles west of Penlan, Virginia, on Route # 671. Thence 2/10 miles north (right) on private road to house.

Date: 1799.

Owners: Peter Guerrant, court records destroyed by fire, 1799.
James Ramsey, court records destroyed by fire, May 16, 1799.
V. R. Brooks, court records destroyed by fire, December 22, 1804.
V. R. Brooks, Jr., court records destroyed by fire, 1842.
Now owned by the heirs of V. R. Brooks, Jr. Miss Emma Brooks, present owner.

Description: Just back from the highway in a grove of locust trees is this story and a half house. A narrow flagstone walk leads from the front gate to the house. The unpainted beaded weatherboarding on the house is noticeable as one approaches. Through a one story porch one enters the large front room which is about twenty feet square. The side walls are ceiled with planks fourteen inches wide. The ceiling is unfinished, that is, the sleepers are left showing. The ceiling is twelve feet high. From a small hall in the back of the house a narrow cased-in stairway leads to the second floor. The two rooms here are half story ones, lighted by gable windows. On several of the six panel doors the original hand latches are to be seen.

Historical Significance: This old looking house was owned in 1799 by Peter Guerrant. How long he lived here or if he built the house is not known. An old land plat in the possession of the present owner shows that Peter Guerrant sold the place to James Ramsey, May 16, 1799. Another paper or deed shows that James Ramsey sold the place to V. R. Brooks, December 22, 1804. The third paper dated 1842 transfers the property to V. R. Brooks, Jr. whose heirs now live here. There is no recorded deed, as the children still live here. The present owner

says she always understood from her father V. R. Brooks, Jr., that the house was built by either Guerrant or Ramsey. The house is about as it was when her grandfather bought it from Ramsey in 1804.

There is an old graveyard on the place about half a mile from the house. This is overgrown with vines and periwinkle. Four or five graves are marked with slate slabs. Some of these are so weathered that it is impossible to read the inscriptions. Only three could be read which are as follows:

Reid Brooks
Died July 7, 1842.

Erected to the Memory of
Catherine Brooks Nuckols
Died June 16, 1847
Departed this life in the 30th year of her age.

Emeline Ayers Brooks
Died Nov 26, 1922
In the 78 year of her age.

Sources of Information:

Informant: Miss Emma Brooks, Diana Mills, Virginia, owner and granddaughter of V. R. Brooks, who bought the place in 1804.

Will of Peter Guerrant - 1749

Research performed by Rosa G. Williams, Dillwyn, Virginia. September 6, 1937.

Subject: Will of Peter Guerrant.

Location: It may be found in the home of Mrs. Florence Pratt in the village of Buckingham, Virginia. Go east from Buckingham on Route #60. The house is on the north (left) side of the highway, between the Presbyterian Church and the Methodist Parsonage.

Date: 1749.

Owners: Mrs. Florence Pratt, present owner.

Historical Significance: The following is an exact copy of the will:

In the name of God Amen. I peter Guerrant of the Parish of King Williaqm being in health of body and of sound and disposing mind and memory, praise be Almighty God for the same, but considering the uncertainty of human life, do make this my last will and testament in manner following: that is to say my just debts being paid first and satisfied.

Item: I give and bequeath to my eldest son John Guerrant Four hundred acres of land lying on Joshua's Creek, one of the branches of Slate River in Albemarle County (Now Buckingham) for him and his Heirs forever, I also give my son John Guerrant a horse colt called Jockey and my Philadelphia Saddle for him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son Peter Guerrant four hundred acres of land on Hunts Creek, one of the branches of Slate River in Albemarle County (Now Buckingham) for him and his heirs forever, I also give to my son Peter Guerrant one feather bed and furniture for him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath to my son Daniel Guerrant four hundred acres of land joining on his brothers John Guerrant's line it being a part of an order of council for six hundred acres of land on Joshua's Creek, one of the branches of Slate River in Albemarle County (Now Buckingham) for him and his heirs forever. I also give to my son Daniel Guerrant one negro boy named Ceaser for him and his heirs forever.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter Jane Guerrant two hundred acres of land it being part of the order of council for six hundred acres of land lying and being on Joshua's Creek one of the branches of the Slate River in Albemarle County (Now Buckingham) for her and her heirs forever.

Item: If in any case my beloved wife Magadeline Guerrant should happen to be now with child, and it should happen to be a boy, I give him thirty five pounds current money, to be laid out of personal estate, for him and his heirs forever, if it so happen that my wife is with child a daughter, my will is that I give her fifteen pounds current money, for her and her heirs forever.

Items: I leave to my wife Magdelene Guerrant the use of the plantation I now live on, with the use of three negroes, Tom, Sarah and Moll during her natural life, and my will is that my beloved wife shall have use of all of the negroes during the time of her widowhood, Ceaser only excepted which is before given to my son Daniel Guerrant but in case it should happen that there not be moveable estate to satisfy legacies before given, my will is that Betty be sold by way of outcry to satisfy the afore legacies.

Item: My will is that after my wife Magadeline's decease, that all of the negroes and all the plantation I now live on be sold by way of outcry and the money be equally divided among my beloved children who will be living at that time.

Item: I do constitute and ordain my well beloved wife Magdelene Guerant to be the whole and sole executrix of this my last will and testament. In witness whereof, I have hereto set my hand and fixed my seal, this third day December, One thousand Seven hundred and Forty Nine.

Peter Guerrant (Seal)

Pronounced, Signed and Sealed in presence of William, Sally, Peter, Daniel, and Richard Pemberton.

This will was made when Buckingham was a part of Albemarle county. Peter Guerrant was a large slave owner as well as a large land owner.

Sources of Information:

Informant: Mrs. Florence Pratt, Buckingham, Virginia, owner of the old will and a descendant of Peter Guerrant.

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Surry County

Historical Events

Concerning Bacon's Rebellion

Submitted by Doris Y. Stone

Editor's Note: Ms. Stone indicates that the following three entries are copied verbatim from the originals and that where they were unreadable, she so indicated.

Surry County Will & Deed Book 1671-1684, page 133:

Att a Cort held for Surry County July 4th 1677 Arthur Long appeared in Open Cort & made the ffoloweing Submission with a Roape aboute his Neck on his bended knee [*illegible*]

I Arthur Long that all by standers may take Notice of this my Sincere Repentance of my Rebellion, doe here most humbly upon my knees with a Roape about my Neck Implore Pardon of God my King th Honorable Govrnor Counsell & Majastrates of this his Majties County And humbly Crave the benefitt of his Majties most Grecious Act of Mercy & Pardon for my Treason and rebellion, And that this my Submission & his Majties Royall Pardon to be granted me thereupon may be Enteed on Record to make the same available to mee, in the Pleadeing thereof if occasion shall hereafter bee

God Save the King and
the Govrnor & MAjestrates of the
Country so [*illegible*] all happiness &
Good [*illegible*]

Vera record Test W.E. Cl Cur

page 135:

Elizabeth Blesly aged about 29 yeares deposeth

That that night Mr Arthur Allens house ws taken or seized by ye Rebels which to ye best of ye deponents remembrance was aboute tha 18th 7br last Joseph Rogers & one man more Came Armed to ye house, about three quarters of an hower after it was Eneterd by the Rebell Crew, with whome had no discourse yt Night, but Severall times afterwards he was very Inquistive after ye sd Mr. Allens plate, very Earnestly importuning ye

depon't to tell him where it was hid, and further ye depon't declaireth yt aboute ye 12th of June last, ys sd Joseph Rogers his Man brought a large Dutch Case (??) to the sd Mr Allens house wth aboute 6 or seaven three (??) pinte botles [*illegible*] was Mr. Allens, who told the sd Rogers his Man that he would not [*illegible*] it because he had Entered an action agt his [*illegible*] for yt & Severall other Matters for wch he Intended to Come by all & further saith not

Signed	Sign
July 8 1677 Test W E Cl. Cur.	Elizabeth Blesly
Vera record July 16th 1677	W E Cl Cur

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Margt, Hodg Aged about 22 yrs Deposet

That very shortly after Mr Arthur Allen was by ye late wicked Rogers forced from his house, & being my decd Husband Jno Cooper found a sadle with houlestres, brest plate, Crupper & new half Cheek'd bridle of ye sd Mr Allens [*illegible*] some other sadles but out of a pticular respect to Mr Allen & to ye goodness of his sd sadle & part of her furniture to secure the same it was put up into a Chest, but some short time after, Joseph Rogers came to this depon't house & demanded three sadles of her, to which ye depon't replyed yt he should have none therefore there was none, but y sd Rogers swearing to ye depon't yt shee Lyed tould her yt Mr. Allens sadle was in her Chest & he would have that, & thereupon ye depon't step'd toward ye Chest where ye sadle was to Lock it, but the sd Rogers pushed her away & forceably took & carried away the sd Mr Allens sadle houlsters bres olate Crupper & halfe Cheek'd bridle, And further saith not

Signed Sign
Margaret Hodge



Lynchburg, Virginia

Cemetery Records

The Presbyterian Cemetery

Transcribed by Kathryn Sawyer Hooper

Continued from Volume XIII No. 3, pp. 140-141.

*Research performed by Susan Beardsworth, Lynchburg, Virginia,
March 3, 1936.*

Subject: The Presbyterian Cemetery

Location: #2400 Block of Grace Street. Between Globe and Ann Streets, Lynchburg, Virginia. The cemetery covers the whole #2400 block.

Date: About 1820

Owners: The Presbyterian Church

Historical Significance:

A plain three sided granite shaft, about ten feet high, with one corner of the top broken off. A full blown rose carved just over this inscription: Elizabeth L. wife of J. H. Armistead, Died 26th May 1844, Aged 32 years and 6 months.

Her Savoir hath said to her "Come up hither," "Where I am, there shall ye be also."

On another side of this same shaft, with a rosebud over it is this: Sally Cary, Daughter of J. H. & E. L. Armistead, Died 6th, Aug. 1842, Aged 6 years, 4 months 20 days.

"In Heaven, there Angels do always behold the face of my Father."

On the third side of the same shaft; a rosebud above it, is this: Maurice L. Armistead, Died 15 July 1844, Aged 6 months 24 days.

"Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven."

A monument 15 feet high, elaborately carved with clasped hands and leaves and flowers. An anchor and chain over one inscription while the other has the figure of a kneeling angel over it. And on the sides, over the clasped hands, it has hands with index finger points upward. These inscriptions appear on opposite sides, "Father and Mother" with the clasped hands between the names. On the other two sides: on the one it has this: David G. Murrell, Born 28th Nov. 1794, Died May 2nd 1840, 45 years 5 mos. 4 days. On the other side it has this: Alice Murrell, Born 28th Sept. 1799, Died Jan. 29th 1882, Aged 82 yrs. 4 mos 1 day. On the base of the monument "Murrell."

A fancy shaped slab with elaborately carved top, resting on a rough stone base; altogether about 2 by 3 1/2 feet. Alphonso Fletcher, Born May 28, 1823, Died August 19, 1853 Aged 30 years 3 mos. & 9 days. "May He Rest In Peace."

A four foot oval top stone, with full blown rose over inscription. Mary Margaret, consort of N. C. Taliaferro. Died June 23, 1857.

"A true heart lies beneath these clods,
And ever dear shall be thy cherished form."

A small twin head and foot stone, with sides also of marble, enclosing the whole grave. Rosebuds on each stone. On one, Mary Rosalie Born May 10, 1854; Died Aug. 16, 1862. Lucie Bell, Born March 11, 1818, Died Oct'r 26, 1848.

Children of John C. & Martha N. Shields.

A very large shaft, probably 25 feet high, marked "Elliott."

William Elliott, Born at Belfast, Ireland 1797, Died Sept. 3 1869. Harry Ann, wife of Wm. Elliott and daughter of Capt. Henry Ballinger, Born May 28, 1807. Died July 21, 1885.

On the side of the same shaft is this: Annie O., wife of Jno. W. Jones. Dau. of Wm. & Harry Ann Elliott. Born Aug. 6, 1835 Died June 10, 1893. "At Rest."

The third side of the shaft has this: William Elliott Jr. Born April 6, 1832. Died Jan. 7, 1862. John A. Elliott Died Jan. 9, 1888. Aged 50 years.

On the fourth side of this shaft is this inscription: Edwin H. Elliott, Born March 24, 1839. Killed at Battle of Seven Pines, May 30, 1862. R. H. Elliott, Died Jan 7, 1892, Aged 43 years 1 mo. & 7 days.

In a beautiful kept well arranged square is a plain shaft about fifteen or twenty feet high marked "Terry" on the front of which is this inscription: A. W. C. Terry, Born Dec'r 8, 1815, Died June 8, 1851. To the right of the shaft a low stone of fine quality, with a spray of Easter lilies carved to the side of this inscription: Mary McLeon Stockton, wife of A. W. C. Terry. 1823-1888.

On the left of this shaft is another low heavy stone of the same style with a musket and saber heavily carved to the side of the inscription: Charles Wentworth Terry, Son of A. W. C. & M. M. Terry. Fell at the Battle of Seven Pines May 31, 1862. 1843 - 1862. Underneath the musket and saber is this: Co. C. 11th Va. Vol's.

On a smaller, but, heavy plain stone to the right of the mother's grave is this: Helen, Child of A. W. C. Terry. 1844 - 1855.

A marble stone about 2 by 4 feet, with a spreading tree carved across the top contains this: William Crawford, who died February 28, 1815 In the 75th. year of his age. Close by is a larger heavier granite stone, mounted on a base, with a sheaf of grain carved on the top, and across over this is "Mother" Underneath is Martha Rowan, wife of William Montgomery Crawford. Died May 20, 1870 Aged 70 years.

On another exactly the same style is "Father" John M. Crawford, Died Aug. 17, 1865.

A small stone, about 1 & 1/2 by 2 feet with a half blown rose carved on is "Our Mother" Victoria L. Beloved wife of T. D. Crawford. Died July 28, 1862; in the 22nd. year of her age. And underneath "Asleep in Jesus."

A plain oval stone mounted on a base, altogether about four feet high. Across the top "In Memory of" then a hand with index finger pointing upward, and underneath this, Martha Randolph Hardy, Beloved wife of Thomas J. Hardy, Born Feb'y 10, 1811 Died Dec'r 25, 1854. "Gone to Heaven."

Small thin stone about 2 by 3 feet. In Memory of Our Dear Father & Mother, Richard G. Kinsman, Died March 17, 1853, in the 27th year of his age.

Martha Kinsman Died March 1, 1876 in 73 year of her age. "May we meet in Heaven." Underneath is this arrangement;

"Our Parents here ly under ground
The dearest friends we ever found,
But through the Lord's Bounded love,
We'll meet again in realms above."

A rather plain pointed top stone on a base, altogether about 4 feet high, contains this: "In Memory of Our Father, Robert M. McClintock, Born in Ireland, Died in Lynchburg 1863. Confederate Soldier. Underneath, "Gone but not forgotten."

Elaborately carved with roses, ferns and daisies; an oval top stone mounted on a base, altogether about five feet high, is this: Alexander Mortimer, Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, May 6, 1817, Died March 27, 1883.

To the left of the above marker, is a very elaborate scroll carved stone, about a foot higher, across the top of which is "Our Mother" Across the face of it is this: Lucy E. wife of Alex. Mortimer, Born Dec. 25, 1829. Died Oct. 20, 1886.

To the right of the first stone, are two very small plain markers. One contains this: Maggie Lee, daughter of Alex. & Lucy E. Mortimer, Born Aug. 1, 1869, Died Aug. 20, 1870. The other has this: Alexander, son of Alex. & Janet Mortimer, Born Jan. 10, 1844, Died Sept. 5, 1851.

Beyond this little marker is a stone exactly like the father's and contains this: Janet Mortimer, Wife of Alex. Mortimer, Born in Aberdeenshire, Scotland, June 8, 1818, Died July 4, 1852.

To the right of the one just described is another small marker, a duplicate of the other two, with the name, Isabella, daughter of Alex. & Janet Mortimer, Born June 30, 1849 Died July 4, 1859.

Directly back of the first described stone, is a large pointed top stone, on which a sheaf of grain is carved. It has this

inscription: Murelia? Mortimer, My Mother, Died Feb. 20, 1863, aged 48? years. On the base is "Gone but not forgotten."

The tombs of Rev. William S. Reid and Wife Both of these are six foot granite slabs, mounted flat over graves. Sacred to the Memory of Mrs. Clementina F. Reid, Consort of Rev. Wm. S. Reid, who departed this life on the 11th. day of August, A. D. 1811 in the 54 year of her age.

"From her early youth, she was a firm and practical believer in Christ. Her end was calm, peaceful, and full of hope. Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord."

Inscription: Beneath this stone lie the ashes of Rev. William S. Reid D. D. for forty years the faithful and beloved pastor of the 1st. Presbyterian Church, Lynchburg, Va. He was born April 1778 in Chester, County, Penna. He died June 23, 1853; aged 75 years and 2 months. This stone was erected by his friends and the members of his church in 1855.

History - Rev. W. S. Reid, or, Father Reid as he was affectionately called, came to Lynchburg and began his ministry in 1808. In 1815 he organized a society with fifteen members, and gave the ground and built the first Presbyterian church in Lynchburg. The Rev. W. H. Kingle said of him. "I have known Dr. Reid for ten years, and I have never seen him in any temper than that I want to be in the last moment of my life. I have lost a friend whose character, beautiful with the reflected graces of his Lord, was a delight to study."

These lines appear underneath the inscription on Mrs. Reid's tomb. "A feeling of sympathy for the bereaved, and respect and affection for the deceased, has prompted the erection of this memorial, by the building committee and other friends and members of the 1st. Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg."

On a plain shaft 2 by 6 ft. "In memory of John M. Gordon, Died May 16, 1810, in the 60th. year of his age." The verse underneath is too dim to read.

On a shaft one third the size of the above, and close by, is simply: "Armistead Gordon." If there has been any other inscription, it is entirely gone.

On a handsome plain marker, about two feet high: Mrs. Sarah B. Clopton, Born June 18, 1785, Died February 24, 1859.

By the side of the above, is an older flat six foot slab, with this: Raised by an affectionate grand-daughter to the memory of James S. Warwick, who died February 21st. 1840, Aged 77. Underneath this: "Whose Faith Follows."

On a plain granite slab mounted on another the same size, three feet from the ground is this: In memory of Alpha B. Rose, Daughter of Major Samuel & Ann Scott, Born Dec'r 11., 1788, Died Dec'r 10th. 1856. "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors, and their works do follow thee."

On a thick 2 by 3 tombstone, across the top "Grandma" Underneath: Mary Elizabeth, wife of Joseph E. Royall, born March 26, 1805 Died March 14, 1893. "Blessed are the pure in Heart."

A flat white granite slab lying on ground has this inscription: Sacred to the memory of Joseph Edwin Royall, who departed this life the 3rd. day of June, 1826, in the 44th, year of his age; an honest, upright man whose life was marked by the virtues of a Christian; Whose end was peaceful and happy.

Elaborate monument, ten feet or more, surmounted by an urn, has this: Mrs. E. S. Hart, youngest daughter of Col. Saml. Jordon Cabell, and whose first husband was Benj. Scruggs. She died July 6, 1885.

By the side of this, is an old flat stone, the length of the grave, mounted three feet, with this: This stone marks the resting place of Benjamin E. Scruggs. A most affectionate husband, a kind & true friend, who died March 28th, 1855 In the 60th. year of his age. "This modest stone, what few vain words may truly say - "Here lies an honest man."

These are flat stones closed in and mounted on the same kind of base. Erected to the memory of John W. Bagwell, Born March 29th, 1791 and died Septeb'r 1st, 1840 — A Dutiful Son, an affectionate Brother, Devoted husband, An upright Man.

On the other side is this: In memory of Sarah Ann, wife of John W. Bagwell, and daughter of Grief Barksdale of Charlotte Cty., who was born 24 March 1811 and died 8, March 1841. "Her's

was an humble, meek, and benevolent life, and her death that of the resigned and placid Christian.”

On a very odd shaped, plain low shaft, about eight feet, is this: Caroline S. Wife of the Rev. Edw'd H. Cumpston; Pastor of the second Presbyterian Church, who died in her 23rd. year Jan'y 28, 1842. “Faith, has become fruition, Hope - Heaven. Her record is on high.” On the side of the shaft is this: Emily Skinner, the only child of the Rev. Edw'd H. Cumpston and Caroline S. Cumpston. In her 20th. month. April 28, 1843.

Doctor Owens first wife, whom he married in 1819, lived only a few years. There were no children by the last marriage.

The brothers and sisters of Ann Otway Carter, the great niece of George Washington, were Farley, Fielding and George Washington Carter; Eleanor who married Col. Henry Brown of Albemarle County, and Sarah, who married Sir John Peyton, and Maria Ball, who married Prof. George Tucker. Mrs. Narcissa Owen, in her *Memoirs - 1831-1907*: “After the death of my husband, Col. R. L. Owen, and his brother Doctor William Otway Owen, (who were the only children of Doctor William Owen and his first wife, Jane Latham, also of Culpepper County) I fell heir to a number of relics of the Washington family and also a great many letters belonging to the Lewis and Carter families, which I carefully preserved. I had these with me when I met Mrs. Smith, a granddaughter of Maria Ball Tucker. Knowing that Mrs. Smith was a blood kinswoman of the authors of all these letters, I presented them to her. “The following is a letter I received from Mrs. Smith on her return to the University, showing her appreciation of my gift of the letters.”

“University of Virginia, March 8, 1893. “My dear Mrs. Owen: I cannot feel satisfied without writing again to thank you for the treasure that you put into my hands in these family letters, and I cannot begin to thank you in words for the great pleasure that their perusal has given me, my children, and a brother and sister. There is one letter alone, from my grandmother, which we all think one of the most beautiful, in its unstudied eloquence and pathos, that we ever came across, and I am going to have copies made for those who will prize them most.”

“There is much to stimulate one in coming into contact with relations so good and pure as were those old Lewises and Carters, and I shall do my best to impress the lessons taught upon those to come after me.”

“My dear mother seems to be failing rapidly, but she is ripe for heaven. A doctor brother has come and is relieving her greatly. With warm regards”, — Sincerely your friend,

(Signed) Mary Stuart Smith.

Mrs. Smith was the wife of Professor Frank Smith of the University.

Mrs. Owen goes on to quote the following notices:

“The Deaths of a Day”

Persons prominent in their respective stations in life.

“Charlottesville, Va. March 11, 1893 — Special —

Mrs. Eliza L. C. Harrison, widow of the late Prof. Gessner Harrison, died this morning, at the residence of her son-in-law Prof. Francis H. Smith. Her father, Prof. George Tucker, was one of the original faculty of the University of Virginia, selected by Mr. Jefferson, and appointed to the chair of moral philosophy in 1825, at the opening of the first session of the school. She was married to Gessner Harrison, the professor of ancient languages, who succeeded to the chair made vacant by the resignation of the illustrious George Long, in 1828.

Mrs. Harrison descended from the Washingtons, Lewises, and Carters. Her funeral will take place tomorrow.”

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Researching the following families: **HEAD** in Lunenburg and Orange cos, VA; **COTTON, GODWEN, WRIGHT** in Isle of Wight Co, VA. **GEORGE, FORD** in Spotsylvania Co, VA early 1700s and early 1800s. **TAYLOR** in Loudoun Co, VA. Wish to exchange. **Joyce Barron McMurray, PO Box 278, Lohn, TX 76852.**

POWER, GLASS, STARKEY: Seek relationship, if any, between John W. Power and William W. Power of Pittsylvania Co, VA. Were they brothers? John b 1800, m Elizabeth Malone Glass 1826. William b c1803, m Mary Bright Starkey 1831. Any help regarding birthplaces/parents/previous residence appreciated. Postage refunded. **Dorothy A. Elliott, 13818 Hubbard St., Sylmar, CA 91342-4228.**

Exchange: **PEMBERTON** surname, 1760s-1830s, cos of Lunenburg, Pittsylvania, Halifax, Campbell, Mecklenburg, Henry, Patrick. **James H. Pemberton, PO Box 1538, Belton, TX 76513.**

ADAMS, SEAGRAVES, DEPEW: Seek info on the intermarried families of Joseph Samuel Adams, Samuel Seagraves, and Elijah Depew. Botetourt Co, VA 1785-1815. These Adamses migrated c1804/1810 to MO (where?) Territory and d tragically (how?) 1810. My anc, Samuel Adams, b 1800, survived and d 1892 Pittsylvania Co, VA. **Gordon S. Adams, 1256 Balboa Ct. #4, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5656. (415) 961-4109.**

BROOK, DUFFIELD, SMITH: Seek parents/sibs/maiden name of Thomas Brook and wife, Mary. Their ch: Margaret Hannah b 1801 VA, m 1822 to William Duffield, Pocahontas Co, VA (WV); Andrew m 1825 to Nancy Smith, Pocahontas Co; and William. **Vivian McComb Nash, 1135 South Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29405.**

IVEY, SLEDGE: Seek the name of the wife of George Ivey Sr. They lived in Southampton Co c1800. George was the father of Sarah Sledge, wife of Henry Sledge. **Mrs. Gloria Cook, 3925 Cat Creek Rd., Valdosta, GA 31602.**

MILLER, CROWDER, CRUTE, WOMACK: Seek info on Dabney Miller b (when and where?), d 1832 in Amelia Co, VA. Who was w/1? Polly Crowder was w/2. Ch: William Armistead, Ryland, Sally (Miller) Crute, Elizabeth (Miller) Womack, Dabney Perkinson, Mary Barbie, Martha Moseley, Anderson, Chardon, and Armistead. **Dorothy L. Groh, 12181 Baxley St., Spring Hill, FL 34609.**

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RICHARDSON: Seek info on James Henry Richardson, son of James D. Richardson, m Emma May Midriff, moved to Campbell Co and was buried at Kedron Baptist Church in Gladys, VA. Seek info on ancs of James D. who was the gr-son of Matthew Richardson. **Mrs. Gladys Ragsdale Rudder, 1602 Gordon St., Lynchburg, VA 24501.**

WALDEN: Elijah Walden b 1766 VA. 1800 in KY had sons: William, Jesse and Elijah Jr. 1820 in Clarks Co, IN. 1840 in DeWitt Co, IL where Elijah Sr d. Who were his parents? Where did Elijah Jr live? **Helen Pate Ross, 1801 Esic Dr., Edwardsville, IL 62025.**

SANFORD, PENDLETON: Robert Sanford and wife Martha (Pendleton) in Granville Co, NC on 1860 Census with ch: Elizabeth 19; Frances 17; Thomas 15; Cornelius 11; McDonald. Wish to corresp with descs. **Maxine C. Allen, C/O Dr. Ellsworth M. Allen, 2202 Arroyo Dr., Riverside, CA 92506.**

GREGORY, SIZEMORE, VAUGHN: Seek info on Mary/Mollie Gregory who m John Sizemore c1754 in Halifax Co. She probably gr-dau of William Vaughn (d Mecklenburg Co 1785/86). Mother Sarah or Nannie? Ambrose Gregory of Halifax Co 1802 probably related. **Dawn Watts Westfall, 27723 NW 174th Ave., High Springs, FL 32643.**

MORGAN, CLAY, CARY: Seek parents of Joshua Morgan m c1776 Elizabeth Clay, (dau of Charles Clay, gr-dau of Thomas Clay). Charles gave land to Joshua, Beth and Cary Morgan, Mecklenburg Co 1780. Joshua left Mecklenburg before 1800, five ch in Rutherford Co, TN c1817. Seek 1796-1817 location. **Carolyn Odle Smotherman, PO Box 130, College Grove, TN 37046.**

POWELL, LEAVITT: Seek parents of James Powell b 1729 Gloucester Co, m/1 Mary Leavitt, m/2 Lucy, d 1816 Mangohick Tnshp, King Wm Co. Is he a desc of either John or James Powell who bought "Wilson's Grove" from Robert Wilson of Anne Arundel Co, MD in 1672? **Blanche Lane Tompkins, 360 W. Twentieth St., San Bernardino, CA 92405.**

MAJOR: John Major and wife Elizabeth Redd found 18 Oct 1784 selling land to George Redd in Pr Ed Co, VA. Seek info on ancs. **Herbert D. Hendricks, 7 W. River Rd., Poquoson, VA 23662.**

ECHOLS/ECKLES, MOORE: Seek info/parents/sibs of John Echols/Eckles (1737 Amelia Co-1826 Madison Co, AL) and wife Lucy Annah Moore, dau of William Moore (1745 VA-c1780 VA), m 1760 Lunenburg Co. Ch b Halifax Co: James, Samuel Moore, John Jr, Prudence, Tempereance, Caty, Martha, Lydia, Lucy. **Robert S. Coleman, 18 Westover Rd., Newport News, VA 23601-3928. (804) 596-3064.**

ANGEL, DOSS: Seek info on Eben Angel b c1773 Pittsylvania Co, m 15 Dec 1794 Pittsylvania Co to Elizabeth Doss, b c1778 same Co, dau of James Doss, Jr and Elizabeth. Angel ch: Mary; Rebecca; Nancy; Patsy; Charles; Elizabeth. Where are Eben and Elizabeth buried? Seek his parents. **Barbara Doss McKinlay, 2740 La Cuesta Dr., Los Angeles, CA 90046.**

DABNEY, SHREWSBURY: Seek ancs of Betsey Dabney b c1740 Hanover/King & Queen Co area, m Rev. Samuel Shrewsbury who was b c1740 probably in Hanover Co. Samuel d 1782 in Bedford Co, VA. Did Betsey remarry? **Dr. A. A. Robertson, 559 Denbigh Blvd., Newport News, VA 23608.**

DEBUSK: Seek info on Elijah Debusk b 1805 NC, d 1863 Greene Co, TN, m Mollie Ren b 1806 NC, d 1888 TN. Their gr-son, Allie Lee Debusk b 1877 Greene Co, TN supposedly arrested 1930s, escaped, disappeared. Creating database Debusk family, seek any info. Will share mine. **Patsy Vineyard, 6424 Riverhill Dr., Flowery Branch, GA 30542. (770) 271-3830.**

JONES, IVY: Seek corresp on Allen Jones (d 1818) Southampton Co or brother Jesse. Did Jesse d c1805 Greensville Co? Elizabeth Jones Ivy (1828-1893) supposedly dau of Benjamin Ivy and Elizabeth Jones of Southampton Co. Who was Benjamin Ivy? Who was Elizabeth, wife of William Cook of Sussex Co? **Faith G. Flythe, 76 Washington St., Exeter, NH 03833.**

REYNOLDS: Seek parents of Richard Reynolds who lived in Henry Co, VA c1790. Also, his wife Mary. Where were they before Henry Co? Seek info on other Reynolds there at same time. **Louise W. White, 101 Evergreen Trail, Gainesville, GA 30501.**

WOODY, GRAVITT: Seek parents/date and place of birth of David and Anna Gravitt Woody who settled on Person Co, NC and Halifax Co, VA line c1780-85. They had eleven ch. May have come from Bedford/Brunswick/Goochland Co area. **Velma Woody Pelley, 2 Greenbriar Dr. #202, North Reading, MA 01864.**

DAVIS: Seek info/parents of Hugh Davis b 1790 VA (1850 census), 1820, 1840 and 1850 census in Mecklenburg Co where his will was probated in Dec. 1852. His ch were: Lewis, William G., and a dau m to Hugh G. Owen. **Carol Hopping, 2332 Eighth St., La Verne, CA 91750-4547.**

CLEMENTS, VARDIMAN: The 1767 List of Tithes for Pittsylvania Co, VA list Joseph, Gabriel and Vardiman Clements. What is the connection between

Vardiman Clements and William Vardiman of Bedford Co, VA? **W. H. Powell, Jr., 216 Plum St., Hazlehurst, GA 31539.**

Exchange: **BARRETT, BRYANT, GRAY, PHILLIPS** of Isle of Wight and Southampton cos; **CHERRY, HALSTEAD** of Norfolk Co; **FRIZZELL, POOL/POOLE** of Pr Anne Co; **HALL** of Halifax Co; **JENKINS** of Nansemond Co; **JOHNSON/JOHNSTON** of Isle of Wight Co; **McCOY**. Years 1600s - 1820. **Joe Slattery, 605 Balmoral, Shreveport, LA 71106.**

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LEE: Richard Lee b c1726, lived most his life in Buckingham Co, m/2 Elizabeth Miller b c1750, was mother of (William?) Miller Lee (b 1769) who m 1798 Peggy Carson of Campbell Co. Other Richard offspring m: 3 Davenport, Roach and DeRossett. Seek Richard's birthplace/parents/w/1. **Michael S. Field, 73 Turning Mill Lane, New Canaan, CT 06840-3832.**

BUTLER: Seek info/birthplace/parents of John Butler who m Susanna (seek her maiden name). His will proved 1757 Culpeper Co. Their sons: John, James, Thomas. Daus: Sarah m William Collins; Susanna m John Edwards; Anne and Elizabeth who m Thomas Taylor and Edward Jones, not known who m who. **Joseph B. Lambert, 1956 Linneman St., Glenview, IL 60025.**

JONES, CHASTAIN: Seek info on Renna (Rainey) Jones b c1805 probably Charlotte or Halifax Co, m 1828 Martha M. Hawkins, Halifax Co. Were his parents Peter Jones who m 1802 Charlotte Co to Elizabeth Chastain, dau of Renna Chastain? Who was John L. Jones, security 1846 Halifax for Rainey Jones? **Edythe Jones Sweitzer, 800 Sun Spot Rd., Cloudcroft, NM 88317.**

ADAMS, SEAGRAVES: Seek parents of Joseph Samuel Adams b (where?) 1772, m 1792 Botetourt Co to Elizabeth Seagraves (b 1773, where?), dau of Samuel and Mary Seagraves of same Co. Joseph and three of six ch d May/June 1810 in MO Territory. Elizabeth's estate probated 1812 Pittsylvania Co, VA. **Gordon S. Adams, 1256 Balboa Ct., Apt. 4, Sunnyvale, CA 94086-5656. (415) 961-4109.**

DICKINSON/DICKERSON, WORD, MALLORY: Seek parents/sibs of Frances "Fannie" Dickinson/Dickerson who was b 1749, m 1765 in VA to Thomas Word of New Kent Co. They moved to SC. Was Frances the dau of William Dickinson and Elizabeth Mallory? **Vivian McComb Nash, 1135 South Blvd., N. Charleston, SC 29405.**

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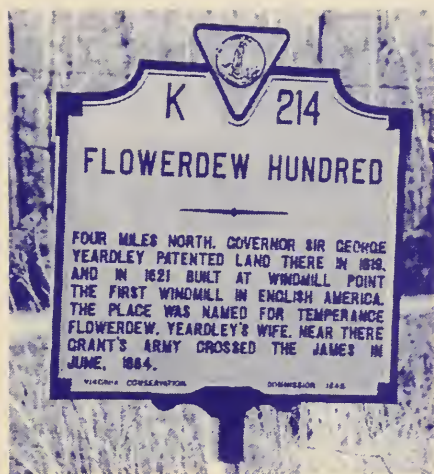
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