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Executive Summary

The research notes in this report expand our knowledge of all the targeted families. Particularly, it provides

- A married-by date for Allen **Lavender** and wife Agnes/Agatha Witt (29 October 1785), for whom no marriage record has been found in either of their known counties of residence (Amherst and Bedford).
- Identification of an occupation for Allen **Lavender**, other than farming: waggoner.
- Proof of parentage for three sons of Richard **Tankersley**: Obediah, Reuben, and Sam.
- Proof of parentage for three sons of William **Walton**: George, Tilman, and William Jr.

A rereading of the first one hundred pages of this register for **Bias** and **Witt** entries yielded negative results, suggesting that neither family lived convenient to the Thompson & Teas store. However, the Witt in-law, Richard Luttrell (*var.* Litterall, etc.), does appear herein as a Lavender associate.

Research Notes

Ledger cover:

“Journal to Ledger C: Commencing from the 10th October 1785 By Thompson and Teas.”

COMMENT:

Ledgers A and B have not been found. Ledger C records the company’s dissolution, after which the holders of past-due accounts were sued by Thompson and Teas in Amherst County Court.¹

¹ For the suits relevant to Millses and associated families, see E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, Virginia Court Orders ...,” 28 October 2019 (updated 25 April 2022), 110 pp.; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

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Charles Lavender Junr. p self.

D^r 7.6 for power and shot.

COMMENT:

“Charles Lavender Junr.” was the first customer to set up an account in this new ledger. Three Charles Lavenders existed in Amherst during the 1780s:²

- Charles I, called “the elder” in court records, who apparently died between 5 April 1781 and 15 July 1783.³
- Charles II, called Charles “Sr.” in this ledger whose entries began after the death of Charles “the elder”; he was brother to this ledger’s William Lavender and Allen Lavender.
- Charles III, called “Charles Jr.” in this ledger, son of son of William I and grandson of Charles I.

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29 October 1785

Allen Lavender p Wife Dr. to Sundries

“Hat, handkerchief, fabric, thread.” ___/15/9”

COMMENT:

No marriage record has been found for Allen Lavender. Records generated by the probate of the 1811 will of the widowed Anne (Mills) Witt of Bedford County, identify Allen’s wife as Agatha (aka Agnes) Witt, daughter of Anne by her husband Lewis Witt (a brother of John Witt Sr. of Amherst).

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1 November 1785

William Lavender p self Dr.

“To ½ Bushel Salt @ 10/ ___/5_”

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3 November 1785

Tilman Walton p self

1 Set of Shoe and Knee Buckles

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4 November 1785

Tilman Walton p Sister

1 pair shoe Buckles, 1 pair Women’s pumps, 1 yd ribbon

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4 November 1785

Joseph Dillard p **Charles Watts**

1 lb. powder

² For all court records that enable us to disambiguate these three Charleses, see the previously cited “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, Virginia, Court Orders,” particularly the summary analysis on pp. 4–5.

³ Extrapolated from references of those dates made to him in William Cabell’s daybooks. For transcriptions and analysis of those and other Lavender entries, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, “Mills & Associates Appearing in the Albemarle-Amherst Counties, Virginia, Diaries of William Cabell Sr., 1751–1793: Principally Camp, Lavender, Ripley, Tilman, Walton, Watt, White, Whitt-Witt,” 21 June 2022; archived online at Mills, *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

COMMENT:

The Charles and Stephen Watts who appear in this ledger were of no known kinship to the Edward Watts of early Amherst whose son Thomas, c1748, married Sarah Mills. sister of Jesse Mills and Milly (Mills) Lavender.

The brothers Stephen and Charles, beyond reasonable doubt, were sons of a William and Mary Watts whose first known appearance in Amherst was on 19–20 January 1763 when William had land surveyed on the waters of Rucker’s Run and Dutch Creek at Rocky Mountain. After William’s death, in that same decade, his widow Mary married Joseph Dillard above, brother of the James Dillard who also appears in this Thompson & Teas ledger.⁴

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7 November 1785

“**Allen Lavender** p John Allen Dr.

“To ½ Bushell Salt @ 10 ___/5/___”

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7 November 1785

“Nathaniel Powell p **Charles Lavender Senior**

“To your order for Goods Delivered ___/6/___”

“Benjamin Powell p **Charles Lavender Senior**

“To your order for Goods Delivered ___/6/___”

“**Charles Lavender Junior** p self

“To Sundries taken ___/1/7”

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7 November 1785

“**William Lavender** pr Henry Brown

“To your order for Goods Delivered ___/3/___”

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9 November 1785

“**Nolley Mattocks** p Randolph Bibb Dr.

“To your Verbal order for Goods delivd. ___/12/___”

“**William Lavender** Dr.

“To your order favour Thos. Miller Er? For 1/10/___.”

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9–15 November 1786

Tilman Walton p self

2 Ostrich Feathers, 4 Artificial Flowers, 1 Dozen pair Coarse Hose

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15 November 1785

⁴ For a disambiguation between then three cluster of Wattses in Albemarle > Amherst, see E. S. Mills, “Watts & (Some) Dillards of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, VA,” 3 December 2019 (updated 29 April 2022), 130 pp.; archived online at Mills, *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

“Allen Lavender Dr. ...
To Cash Lent ___?14/___.”

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17 November 1785

“Charles Lavender Junr. p Brother [per brother, unnamed] Dr. L.....

“To your order for Goods Delivd. For ___/9/___.”

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27 November 1785

Richard Tankersley p son Reuben

½ lb. powder, 1 pair K. Buck’s.

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29 November 1785

Richard Tankersley p son Reuben

3½ yds Linen, 3 Skaines Thread

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5 November 1785

Stephen Watts p self

1 Dozen Square pointed Needles

Tilman Walton p self

6½ yards planes, 6 12 yds bare skin cloth

15 yrds Garters

4 pair Knee Buckles

1 pair Knee Buckles

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7 December 1785

Tilman Walton

2 pair Coarse Hose, 3½ Gallons rum p order

1 Bushel Salt, 1 pen knife, 1 pen knife

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8 December 1785

“Allen Lavender P Jno. Mills Dr. to Sundries

To 2 oz. thread 2/ To 1 yd Linen 2/4 = 4/4

COMMENT:

Only one Mills family existed in Amherst at this time: that of Jesse Mills and wife Lucy Tilman. By this point in the 1780s, Jesse and Lucy were impoverished and their adolescent children were being farmed out to other families. Son William was in the employ of his first cousin Tilman Walton. Daughter Susannah would be sent to live with a neighborhood family of no known kinship (John Lancaster Sr.). This John Mills who seems to be living with or employed by Allen Lavender—as proposed son of Jesse—would have been the first cousin of Allen Lavender’s wife.

As an adult, John Mills of Amherst fathered two proved sons: Tilman (b. c1799) and Jesse (b. c1805).⁵

Charles Lavender senior

2 lbs. powder, 1 Testament, 2 psalters, 2½ Loaf Sugar, 1 pair Coarse Hose

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5–10 December 1785

Tilman Walton p self

1 pair Ben leather soles

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10 December 1785

Richard Tankersley p son Reuben

1½ yd Coaling, 2½ yds Black Lasting, 2 sticks twist, 1 oz. thread, 1 hank silk, 1 10/12 Dozen large Butt., 1 ½ yd. Linen, 2½ yds white Serge

COMMENT:

Lasting was “a strong, durable, closely woven fabric for shoe uppers, coverings on buttons, etc.”

Serge was “a twilled worsted or woolen fabric used especially for clothing.”⁶

Charles Lavender Junior

1 Quart Rum, ½ Bushel Salt

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13 December 1785

Richard Tankersley P son

2 yds Durante, 1 shoe Knife, 2 yds Jeans

COMMENT:

- *Durant* was “a glazed woolen material of the 18th century ... hot-pressed with a fold in the middle, leaving a crease in the fabric ... manufactured in England.”⁷
- Richard Tankersley is identified in Cabell’s diaries as a shoemaker.⁸

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15 December 1786

Charles Lavender Junior p Wm Smith

To your order for -/5/-

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16 December 1786

William Lavender p self

½ Gallon Rum, 1 yd Lawn

⁵ See E. S. Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1743–aft1810) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” particularly the family summary on pp. 2–10; a work-in-progress last updated 28 April 2022, 73 pp.; archived online at *HistoricPathways.com* under the “Research” tab.

⁶ *Dictionary.com* ([dictionary.com/browse/lasting](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/lasting) and [dictionary.com/browse/serge](https://www.dictionary.com/browse/serge)).

⁷ *Wikipedia* ([en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durant_\(cloth\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Durant_(cloth))).

⁸ See the previously cited report, “Mills & Associates Appearing in the Albemarle-Amherst Counties, Virginia, Diaries of William Cabell Sr., 1751–179.”

1 pair Men's Shoes

2 pen Knives

COMMENT:

Lawn cloth, aka *lawn*, is "a fine plain weave textile, made with fine combed cotton. Terms also used include batiste and nainsook."⁹

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Charles Lavender Junior

To your order for 1 Gallon Rum

William Lavender By Mathew Harris Dr. for -/6/-

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21 December 1785

"**William Lavender** p **Bro. Anthony** Dr.

To ½ Gallon Rum p order @ 6/6 __/9/9"

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23 December 1785

Charles Lavender Senior p self

4 ½ Gallon Rum

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23 December 1786

Tilman Walton p Father [William]

1 Castor Hat, ½ GingerP? H. Bobb?

COMMENT:

A castor hat in this era was "a hat made of beaver's fur or fur intended to look like beaver's fur. The word castor comes from the scientific name of the North American beaver, *Castor canadensis*."¹⁰

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December 1786

Richard Tankersley p son **Reuben**

1¼ Gallon Rum, 1 pair K. Buck. [knee buckles]

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26 December 1785

Tilman Walton p self

1 pair knee Buckles, 1 pocket knife, 1 Castor hat, 1 Handkerchief

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26 December 1785

Charles Lavender Junior p self

⁹ *Wikipedia* (en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lawn_cloth).

¹⁰ Cristina Peters, "Castor Hats," blog post, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, *Welcome to Mount Vernon's Midden Project* (<http://mountvernonmidden.org/blog/CastorHats.html> : posted 24 July 2013).

1 pair Womens Shoes, 1 pack Sporting Cards, 1 pair Womens Pumps, 1 pair sleeve buttons

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29 December 1785

Allen Lavender p wife

1 pair knee Buckels

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2 January 1786

Charles Watts p self

1 pair flat irons wt 8 lb. and 9 lb.

James Dillard p Self

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2 January 1786

Allen Lavender Waggoner p self ...

To 1 3/12 Dozen small Buttons a 1/3 = -/1/7

1 Slick [stick?] T___ = 0/0/9

COMMENT:

From the time the Lavenders first appeared in the diaries of William Cabell, Allen's father Charles was being paid as a waterman or waggoner, carrying Cabell goods to market. Allen's brother Charles Jr. is mentioned by Cabell in the same capacity.¹¹

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3 January 1786

Richard Tankersley p self

7 yds white plains @ 3/9

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January 1786

Richard Tankersley p Ransom Monroe Dr. to Sundries

5 Rafia Sheeting 2 3/6

10 Skeans Thread @ 1/

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January 1786

Richard Tankesley p **Son Reuben** Dr. to Sundries

1 pr Mens gloves @ 4/6

1 p d^o p Ransom Morrow

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January 1786

Tilman Walton p Self Dr to Sundries

1P Buckles @ 6/-

¹¹ See the previously cited report, "Mills & Associates Appearing in the Albemarle-Amherst Counties, Virginia, Diaries of William Cabell Sr., 1751–1793."

2 Yds Black Ribbon @ 1/6

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January 1786

Edmund Wilcox Est p James Wills [*sic*; it is clearly not "Mills"]

1 Quite Papers 2/-; 1 d^o a 1/6

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January 1786

Tilman Walton Dr

To your Order for goods deliver^d -/2/6

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Richard Tankerly p **Son Reuben**

½ doz slate pencils @ /1 = /6

Charles Lavender Junr p Self Dr to Sundries

1 paper pins 1/ & 1 frying pan 7/

James Dillard p self

1 paper ink powder

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Richard Tankersley p Ransom Morrow Dr

To 1 pair Mens shoes -/9/-

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Richard Tankersley p son Reuben Dr. to Sundries

To ½ lb powder 1/3 To ½ lb raisins @ 1/6

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28 January 1786

Charles Lavender Junior Dr to Sundries

To 2 Thimbles, 3 yds Corduroy, 2 sticks Twist

COMMENT:

Due to shortage of time to complete reading the register while at the Library of Virginia, I'm not continuing to get the cost of each item.

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3 February 1786

Tilman Walton p Self Dr.

To 2 pen knives

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6 February 1786

Charles Lavender Jr.

To your favour Wm. Champerlin -/16/-

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Charles Lavender Junior p self

To 1 Quire paper -/2/-

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13 February 1786

Nathaniel Powell p **Allen Lavender** Dr.

To your order for Goods delivered -/18/-

Allen Lavender p **John Mills** Dr. to Sundries

1 yard Shalloon, 1 Bunch Tape, ½ Doz Metal Buttons, 1 oz. white thread

Allen Lavender p Wife

1 paper pins

COMMENT:

Shalloon was “a lightweight twilled fabric of wool or worsted.”¹²

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18 February 1786

Allen Lavender Dr.

To your order favour Thos Powell for 1/1/-

William Lavender

To your order favour Thomas Powell -/7/3

Tilman Walton P order

2 yards Corduroy, 1 stick twist, 1 Doz. Small Butt^s. 3½ Doz. Large Buttons

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22 February 1786

Allen Lavender pr Mrs. Lively

To ½ yard Osbg [osnaburg], 3 skains thread

COMMENT:

- I have not identified this Mrs. Lively nor established a connection to the Lavender family. A James and Joseph Lively first appear in Amherst in deeds of 1766–75. However, neither died before 1786.
- *Osnaburg* was a coarse fabric used most often in the American South for slave garments.

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22 February 1786

Richard Tankersley p Ransom Morrow

3 Quire papers, 1 pair shoe Buckl^s

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22 February 1786

Tilman Walton p Jno Lanagan

To your order 4/6 To 1 packet Handershiffs''

COMMENT:

¹² *Merriam-Webster* (<https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/shalloon>).

John Lanagan (“Londeragin”) was a servant indentured to Tilman Walton, whom he sued in September of this year for detaining him past his time of service.¹³

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2 March 1786

Richard Tankersley p self

4 Sugar

Charles Lavender Junior

6 lb Brown Sugar, 1 pair Women’s shoes, 1 pair Knee Buckles

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4 March 1786

Richard Tankersley p son Sam

4 lb. Coffee

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4 March 1786

William Lavender p self

1 lb. Sugar 2 yards Ribbon

[*skip several entries*]

William Lavender Dr. to Adam Brown Cr for -/10/-

COMMENT:

Lavender’s association with Adam Brown provides a clue to pursue toward the identification of a Mills in-law:

- In 1795, Susannah Mills, the daughter of Lavender’s uncle Jesse Mills, married James Brown, parents or kin unidentified.¹⁴
- Adam Brown, Lavender’s associate, was the brother of one James Brown, according to entries in William Cabell’s diary. Adam, in 1786, contracted with Cabell to operate a blacksmith shop on Cabell land, with some equipment provided by Cabell as well as the service of one man enslaved by Cabell. Shortly after, Adam was taken into custody for the murder of his brother John, after which “James Brown his brother” returned to Cabell the enslaved man. By 1791, Adam was a free man, again setting up shop as a smithy on Cabell’s premises.¹⁵
- The entries above and below establish an association between the Lavender-Mills family and the Adam and James Brown family.

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6 March 1786

William Lavender p self

¹³ Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1784–1787, p. 559.

¹⁴ Amherst County Marriage Bonds & Consents, 1793–1796, James Brown–Susannah Mills, 30 May 1795; imaged Amherst Co., microfilm 108, Library of Virginia, Richmond. For a published abstract (not a transcript), see William Montgomery Sweeny, *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1980), 12.

¹⁵ See the previously cited report, “Mills & Associates Appearing in the Albemarle-Amherst Counties, Virginia, Diaries of William Cabell Sr., 1751–1793,” particularly pp. 9–11.

To your Verbal order favour **Adam Brown** Cr -/6/-

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6 March 1786

Widow Milley Lavender p self

1 oz. white thread

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Charles Lavender Junr. Cr when paid By David Shelton Dr for 10/-/-

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7 March 1786

Charles Lavender Senior Cr when paid By David Shelton

Allen Lavender Cr when paid By **Charles Lavender Junior** Dr for 2/0/-

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7 March 1786

William Lavender p self

1 thread purse, 1 yard ribbon, 2 yards calico, 2 lbs. Coffee, 5½ yds Durants, 1 Hank Silk, 1 pair garters

[skip several entries]

Charles Lavender Senior p self

4 yds Linen, 1 Handkerf.

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9 March 1786

William Walton per order

39 lbs. Iron

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28 March 1786

William Walton Senior p self

3 yds Corduroy, 1 Doz. Small Butt^s

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March–April 1786

Thomas Miller Atty p **Wm Lavender's** Order in your hands

1 pair Silk Mitts

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3 April 1786

William Lavender Cr By his Bond for 1/19/7

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April 1786

William Walton per self

200 eight penny Nails

Tilman Walton Cr By his Bond for 18/2/6

Richard Tankersley p self
26 eight penny Nails

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April–May 1786

Tilman Walton p **Saml. Gutridge**
50 eight penny Nails

COMMENT:

Samuel Gutridge and William Mills (son of Jesse) were both tithables charged to Tilman Walton on the 1787 Amherst personal tax roll, implying that they were in his employ. Gutridge (more correctly Samuel Eliot Goodrich) married Tilman Walton's sister on 25 December 1789 with consent of her father William Walton.¹⁶

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April–May 1786

Richard Tankersley Cr. By his Bond for 16/3/10 & ¾

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19 May 1786

Thomas Watt Taylor [occupation] By Wm Thompson
Dr 1/6 By Cash 6/- & ½

COMMENT:

- This individual was Thomas Watt, a tailor. He did not self-identify as Watts.¹⁷
- Thomas Powell and Joseph Johnson, mentioned frequently in these store charges, were also “taylors.”

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20 May 1786

To your order favour Phebe Grady -/4/-

COMMENT:

“Miss Phebe Grady” made several payments on the accounts of different people, apparently crediting their accounts with sums she owed them.

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20 May 1786

Allen Lavender P Wife
1 pair scissors

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15 June 1786
James Franklin Mercht.

To **Richard Tankersley's** Bond 9/16/-

¹⁶ William Montgomery Sweeny, *Marriage Bonds and Other Marriage Records of Amherst County, Virginia, 1763–1800* (1937; reprinted Santa Maria, CA: 2011), 33.

¹⁷ See the previously cited report, “Watts & (Some) Dillards,” for additional records on the tailor Thomas Watt and his non-association with the other Watts clusters of Amherst.

Thomas Watts p self & daughter

1 Fan, 1 Bunch Tape

COMMENT:

- This Thomas Watts was not the same man as the tailor Thomas Watt. This Thomas Watts was the brother of Caleb Watts of Clark and Harris Creeks in Amherst. His daughter Mary, by 13 September 1786, had married Francis Waters.¹⁸
- The “luxury” nature of the item purchased by Thomas daughter, the timing of the purchase with regard to her first appearance on record as a married woman, and the fact that this Thomas and his family made no other purchases from this store, suggests the possibility that the daughter purchased this fan as an accessory for her wedding.

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26 June 1786

Allen Lavender & wife

1 pair Womens Shoes, 1 oz. thread, 1 Castor Hat, Needles

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10 July 1786

William Lane (Watterman)

Cash recd. of Lott Higbee Cr -/12/-

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10 July 1786

Henry Bibb p **Wm Walton Junior**

To your order for 1/ ½ Gallon Rum

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William Walton Senior p son **William**

To your order for 3 Gallons Rum

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12 July 1786

William Walton Cr By his Bond 4/1/10

Thomas Watt Tahlor [tailor]

13 yds German Ozbgs [osnaburg], 5 ½ yds Chints; 2¼ yd Striped Lawn; 1 pair Shoe Buckels, 1 Bla Silk Han

Allen Lavender p self

¼ lb. Brown thread

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14 July 1786

William Lane Waggr. By the Balance of a Tob^o Note -/6/3(p. 325)

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17 July 1786

¹⁸ Amherst Co., Deed Book G:236, Thomas Watts to Francis Waters. For a fuller understanding of Mary, Francis, and her father, see the previously cited report, “Watts & (Some) Dillards.”

Allen Lavender p William Champerlains Wife

5 yds German Ozgbg. 7 yds Rolls, 2 yds dowlas Linen, 1 pocket knife per self

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19 July 1786

William Walton p Henry Bibb

1 Gallon Rum

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26 July 1785

William Walton p order Danl. Ferguson

1 Gallon Rum

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14 July 1786

William Walton P order

2¼ Gallons Rum

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2 August 1786

Charles Watts Dr. By his Bond 5/9/8

Also ¼ yard white Rattenel @ 4/6

COMMENT:

I have not found a description of "Rattenel."

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5 August 1786

William Walton p self

1 Gallon Rum

COMMENT:

Supposedly, a son of William Walton named Robert died on 8 August 1786. His FamilySearch FamilyTree profile provides no evidence for the death date or the kinship.¹⁹ The extent to which William Walton has been buying liquor suggests that this may have been a severe malarial season.

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Charles Layne (Waterman)

To Cash recd. In part 2 Hhds. Tob^o of Jno. Cambden

[*next entry*]

William Wood

By ~~William~~ Charles Layne Waterman

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¹⁹ FamilySearch FamilyTree (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/93PC-T5V>), profile for Capt. William Walton.

William Walton p self

1 Gallon Rum

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20 August 1786

William Walton p Daughter

1 Woman's Fan

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23 August 1786

William Walton p. **Wm Mills**

To your order for 400 8^d Nails

COMMENT:

The 1787 personal property tax roll of Amherst County names this William Mills as a propertyless tithable charged to Tilman Walton, son of the above William Walton. The only Mills family residing in Amherst County at that time (indeed, the only one since the creation of Amherst in 1761) was the family of Jesse Mills and wife Lucy Tilman, whose sister was the wife of William Walton. For this family unit, and young William's place in the family, see the previously cited report "Jesse Mills Sr. (c1743–aft1810) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes."

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24 August 1786

William Walton pr **Son Tilman**

¼ Gallon Rum

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26 August 1786

Tilman Walton p **Wm Mills**

To your order for 1/4 Gallon Rum

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5 September 1786

James Layne (Waterman) to Wm. Powell CR for -/5/-

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4th September 1786

William Walton p Henry Bib

½ Gallon Rum, 2 Butter polls

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4 September

Charles Lavender Senior p self

1 Holland Handkf.

3 pen Knives

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8 September

William Walton p order p **Son Wm.**

1 Gallon Rum, ½ Bushel Salt

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16 September 1786

Tilman Walton p self

1 Hansaw file, 1 pair Garters, ¾ Gallon Rum

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21 September 1786

William Walton p son **Wm**

4 lb. Sugar

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23 September 1786

William Walton p **Son William**

4 lb. Sugar “(long Entered)”

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6 October 1786

William Walton p Henry Bib

6 lb. Sugar

Allen Lavender p self

½ Bushel Salt

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7 October 1786

Charles Lavender (Junior)

To Jno. Campbell Waggr. Cr for 3/10/8

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Charles Lavender (Senior)

To a Cr on David Shelton’s Acct. 3/0/0

[*skip 2 entries*]

Allen Lavender Cr by Sundries 14/9/4

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9 October 1786

Allen Lavender Dr. [pd] 1/5/11

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10 October 1786

Allen Lavender p self To Cash Lent 2/8/-

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12 October 1786

Charles Lavender (Junr.) Cr By Andrew Smith’s Bond for 12/0/0

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12 October 1786

Richard Luttrell p **Charles Lavender**

To your order for Goods Deliverd -/15/-

Mathew Haris Junr. p. **Charles Lavender Junr.** To your order for Goods deliverd 2/14/-

George Blain p **Charles Lavender Junr.** To your Verbal order for Goods Delivd. -/10/-

COMMENT:

George Blaine appears in Amherst County court records as an associate of both Jesse Mills (Charles Lavender's uncle) and William Walton (brother-in-law of Jesse Mills). Walton in the 1760s had served as surety for a debt that Blaine incurred. In 1778 Blaine was granted a license to keep an ordinary at his house; and by 1782, Jesse Mills and Blaine were suing each other on various charges.²⁰

Richard Luttrell (var. Litterall, etc.) and his sons link the Lavender-Mills-Walton clan to the Witts of Amherst. In addition to the entry above, wherein Charles Lavender paid 15 shillings toward goods delivered to Richard Luttrell, I have thus far documented the following:

- In August 1783, Richard was sued by **Abner Witt** for slander.²¹
- In May and August 1788 terms court at Amherst, when Richard was sued for debt by a mercantile firm, Abner's brother **John Witt** served as his bail.²²
- James Luttrell, b. 1755 to Richard and wife Sarah Churchwell, married 1774 **Elizabeth Witt**, b. 1759 to Abner Witt and wife Ann Churchwell (aka Churchill).²³
- James "Litteroll" and **Tilman Walton** were bondmen for Bartlett Eads in 1786.²⁴
- James "Litterall" served as witness for **William Walton** in a 1788 suit against Richard Tankersley.²⁵
- In June 1794, **Abner Witt** of Knox Co., TN, gave power of attorney to James Littrell to sell his Amherst land.²⁶
- William "Litterell," brother of James and son of Richard, in June 1789 witnessed a land purchase by **George Witt** and his brother **John Witt** in June 1789.²⁷

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19 October 1786

Allen Lavender p Wife

1 pair Blankets, 1 Case Knives & F^o

William Walton p self

¾ Gallon Rum Bt of Lively

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24 October 1786

²⁰ See the previously cited report, "Mills & Associates: Amherst County, Virginia, Court Orders."

²¹ Amherst Co., Order Book, 1782–1784, p. 167.

²² Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1787–1790, pp. 250, 254; Amherst Co., Rule Order Book 1786–1789, p. 515.

²³ *FamilySearch FamilyTree* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LZYD-RRT>), James Churchwell Luttrell profile; and (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/details/LJYZ-PVG>), Elizabeth Witt profile.

²⁴ Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1784–1787, p. 583.

²⁵ Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1784–1787, p. 572; and Court Order Book 1787–1790, p. 345.

²⁶ Bailey Fulton Davis, *The Deeds of Amherst County, Virginia, 1761–1807 and Albemarle County, Virginia, 1748–1763* (Greenville, SC: Southern Historical Press, 1979), 286; citing Amherst Co., Deed Book G: 385.

²⁷ Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1787–1790, p. 484.

Tilman Walton p self

1.02 Coloured thread, 4 doz. Metal Butt.

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28 October 1786

William Walton p Henry Bibb

200 8^d nails, 7/8 G. Brandy

Henry Bibb p self

7/8 Gallons Brandy

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28 October 1786

Richard Tankersly p son **Obediah**

To your order for 2 lb. Sugar

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28 October 1786

William Walton p **Son George**

½ Bushel Salt

COMMENT:

At this point, the firm of Thompson & Teas dissolved. Beginning immediately after p. 438, a series of unnumbered pages summarize the debts owed to the firm—debts for which Thompson & Teas required the debtors to sign bonds (579 of them). When debtors failed to pay the bonds as they fell due, Thompson & Teas then sued the debtors in the Amherst County court. The outcome of those cases can be tracked in the county's court order books.

—“1786 Bonds Dr.”—

Tobacco Bonds:

Novr. 1 **Wm Walton's** from **Hudson Martin** for 5 Nw 607 lbs Lift^d

Cash Bonds:

Novr 1 John Lancaster assigned	10L
Wm & Tilman Walton 4/1/10	
Samuel Denny & Jas. Brown (Lifted)	4/12/6/Lifted
Jesse Mills	11/11/4&1/2
Richard Tankersley bal	6/7/10&3/4

—“1786 Bonds”—

1788 Jany 5

James Brown (Tye River) 6/3/7 [this man opened account with son Jno as surety]

William Walton 5/19/11

Tilman Walton 1/12/-

1787 Nov 1

John Lancaster lifted -/1/9 “a new bond”

“1787 Bonds:”

William Lavender Bal No. 3829/4/9

August 4

Tilmon Walton No. 489 10/16/6&1/2

Allen Lavender No. 499 3/4/7&1/2