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- DATE:** 1 September 2021
- REPORT TO:** File
- SUBJECT** Mills & Associates, Montgomery County c1850–1870: Preliminary Survey of Resources for Bradberry (esp. George), Fleeman, Jarrett (esp. Allen), Lawrence (esp. John B.), and Nunley/Nunnally (esp. Richard)
- BACKGROUND:** William Mills and Drucilla Kemp married in Franklin County in 1815, a county that was then adjacent to Montgomery. William appears on Franklin County tax rolls from 1806 through 1819 (usually as a tithe with no property), does not appear on the 1820–29 tax lists that itemize only property owners, reappeared in 1830 when he inherited land from Drucilla’s parents, and remained there for another eighteen years. In 1849, the Franklin County roll cited him as an absentee landowner residing in Floyd County. He and his sons are carried on the Floyd County rolls and court minutes from 1849 through 1851–52, then disappear. An 1853 court minute in Floyd cites a warrant issued to William’s son Sparrel in Montgomery County.

William and Drucilla were the parents of nine children, several of whom had Montgomery County spouses:¹

1. **JAMES H. MILLS**, b. c1816; first appeared on Franklin Co. tax rolls, adjacent to William, in 1837. He has not been found after the Franklin roll of 1844.
2. **SAMUEL E(DMUNDSON?) MILLS**, b. 26 February 1818; died 31 July 1894, Talbot Co., GA; married (1) **Mary Ann Hobson**, 17 December 1841, Franklin Co., VA, with James Patterson as bondsman; (2) **Rebecca Amy Collier**, 19 March 1868, Upson Co., GA.
3. **WILLIAM B(RECKENRIDGE?) MILLS**, b. c1820, makes his first appearance in Franklin on the 1841 tax roll, appeared again in 1842, was dropped in 1843, was back again in 1844; and on 19 October 1847, in Franklin County, he married **Mary M. Matthews**. He died of gunshot wound on 30 April 1865, while returning home from war.
4. **SPARREL MILLS**, b. c1824, Franklin Co., VA; first appears on the Franklin Co. tax roll of 1845; married **Martha Susan Jarrett**, daughter of Allen Jarrett, 1848, in Henry Co., VA. In 1850, he and his inlaws and parents were all in Floyd Co. In 1852–54 he was taxed in Montgomery Co. The 1860 census of Montgomery cites him as a laborer, living among other laboring families, apparently on the substantial farm of Andrew J. Lucas. Postwar, he remained in Montgomery, and died after 3 May 1900, when he filed an application for a Confederate pension as a resident of Radford.
5. **ROBERT WILEY MILLS**, b. c1826; died 31 May 1862, Battle of Seven Pines near Richmond. He married 18 December 1843, Henry Co., VA, **Mary Jarrett**, daughter of Allen Jarrett. In 1850, as “Wiley Mills,” he farmed in Floyd Co.’s militia district 15 (Beaverdam Creek, allegedly). He

¹ For documentation of all points covered in this background, see E. S. Mills, “William Mills (c. c1784–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 27 August 2021; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” Tab.

enlisted at the Floyd Co. courthouse on 14 March 1862 (age 36) in Co. A, 24th VA Infantry, under Lt. G. M. Helms.

6. **CHARLES T. MILLS**, b. c1828, or 1833, Franklin Co., VA; married **Sarah E. Fleeman**, daughter of Elias and Patsy Fleeman,” 22 December 1857, Montgomery Co., where they were enumerated in 1860. By 1870, they had moved to Claiborne County, TN, by 1870. Both died after the 1880 census of Claiborne.
7. **SARAH “SALLIE” ANN MILLS**, b. ca. 1830, m. in Floyd Co., c16 December 1850, **William H. Key**, (parents unidentified). The 1850 census of Floyd places William, 23, “born in Giles Co.,” in the home of George Key, 36, and wife Hannah Kester, adjacent to Sparrell Mills and his Jarrett in-laws. In 1860, the Keys lived in the Mills-Jarrett family cluster in Pulaski County’s Western District. On 6 April 1864, as “Sarah A. Key,” age 35, daughter of “William Mills” and “Drucella Mills,” she m. a widower from Lovely Mount (now Radford) in Montgomery Co., **George Bradbury** (*var.* Bradberry), son of Mark and Mary. Sarah died 1 July 1889 in Summers Co., WV.
8. **MILLY FRANCES MILLS**, b. April 1832 (variously 1830, 1832, 1833) in Franklin Co., VA; died after the 6 June 1900 census visitation and, apparently before the April 1904 death of her husband whose obituary cites children but not a wife. On 27 July 1854 (by license of 22 July) in Floyd Co., VA, Milly married **John B. Lawrence**, who had been born in Bedford Co., VA, as son of William and Agnes Lawrence.
9. **THOMAS R[ICHARD?] MILLS**, b. 11 March 1833, according to his death certificate; married ca. 27 August 1855, in Montgomery Co., **Sarah S. Nunnally** [*var.* Nunley], daughter of Richard and “B” Nunnally. The couple are cited on the 1860 census, Pulaski Co., VA, next door to both sets of parents. In 1880, they resided in Montgomery Co.; in 1900 they lived in Pulaski Co. where he was employed as a “river ferryman.”² Thomas died 5 April 1915 of “chronic Bright’s disease.”

POSSIBLE KIN: William Mills, whose offspring for a half-century have failed to find evidence of his parentage,³ did not carry a Mills Y. Multiple male-line descendants from each of two separate sons of William and Drucilla carry the Y-DNA of the Virginia immigrant John Witt/Whitt. **My working hypothesis is that William was the son of a Mills mother and a Witt/Whitt father who did not marry; thus William’s legal surname was Mills.**

Extensive research across some 30 counties of central and western Virginia has narrowed the search to two “single mothers” who appeared, without identifiable adult relatives, in Montgomery County shortly after William’s birth:

Potential Mother 1:

FRANCES “FRANKEY” MILLS, b. c1770, was called a “widow” on an unexecuted Montgomery County marriage bond of November 1788. In August 1792 she married a middle-aged widower, **John White Sr.** Those two documents place her in the **Copley neighborhood between Walker Creek (on the west side of New River) and Doe Creek**

² 1900 U.S. census, Pulaski Co., VA, Dublin Magisterial dist., ED 43, sheet 17-B. 1910 U.S. census, Pulaski Co., VA, Dublin Magisterial Dist., stamped p. 27, ED 44, Sheet 1A, dwell./fam. 3.

³ Some researchers have, without evidence, assigned William to the James Mills family of Franklin County’s Maggoty and Elliott Creeks. However, the William Mills fathered by James was a different man; and no associations have been found between the James Mills family (formerly of Bedford) and that of William Mills-Witt who spent his life on the south side of the Blackwater that formerly lay in Henry County. For documents on the James Mills family, see the following three reports archived online at *Historic Pathways*.

- “James Mills (bef. 1750–c1823–24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes,” last updated 28 August 2018
- “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018.
- “Mills & Associates: Franklin County, Virginia, Extended Survey,” report to file, 1 September 2021.

(to the east of New River), between modern Pearisburg and Radford. John's same-name kinsmen, John White of Walker Creek married off a daughter to Robert **Whitt**⁴ nephew of the famed Little River–Meadow Creek Baptist minister, Rev. Richard **Whitt**. After Montgomery Co. split in 1806 to form Giles, Frankey's Walker Creek–Doe Creek neighborhood lay above the new county line, just within Giles. The Prestons of Smithfield, with whom Frankey and John maintained a curious relationship as late as 1818, remained in Montgomery County—as did Rev. Richard Whitt and his offspring.

Frankey, by White, would bear seven sons before her death between 1810 and 1820. Prior to marriage, Frankey bore two children of record:⁵

- **Rachel Mills**, b. c1786–87, who was bound out to the Preston family in 1790; married 1803 a local farmer's son, **John Bowen** (with William Preston serving as bondsman and petitioning to be her "guardian" for the purpose of giving permission for the marriage). The Bowens moved shortly thereafter to Ohio where John died in 1814; the widowed Rachel then married **William Berryhill**. (Meanwhile, Frankey Mills's husband John White, in 1799, moved into Northern Montgomery Co. on a small piece of land that was patented to both him and William Preston; it was taxed to Preston after 1807, with White as occupant, and then returned to Preston about 1818.)
- **Samuel Mills**, b. c1788–89, remained with his mother and stepfather in the part of Montgomery that became Giles; married Rachel Prince in 1807 with both Frankey and John White giving permission. As an adult, Samuel settled land that became known as Mills Valley north of East Mountain in what is now Mercer Co., WV. He died 17 February 1859 at his Mills Valley home. One male-line descendant who has Y-DNA tested carries the Y-DNA of Montgomery's Booker Mullins and Atkins families.

Rachel was not a common name in Montgomery County. In addition to Rachel Mills and Rachel (Prince) Mills, one other Rachel has crossed into this project: Rachel Whitt, the eldest daughter of Rev. Richard Whitt and sister of the **Archibald Whitt** who is a candidate for the father of William Mills-Whitt.

Potential Mother 2:

SARAH "SALLIE" MILLS, b. c1770 to Jesse and Lucinda (Tilman) Mills of Albemarle and Amherst Counties. Sallie's first known appearance on record in Montgomery occurred in April 1791 at her marriage to Elijah Sartain whose siblings and offspring extensively intermarried with Brumfields and Napiers. The Napiers were headed by a set of brothers—Thomas Hughes and Patrick Jr.—who, in the 1780s, came to Montgomery *and Franklin* from Fluvanna, formerly Albemarle. in Fluvanna they were associates of Sarah's grandfather Thomas Tilman and her uncles Thomas Jr. and Daniel. In Montgomery, they married Mary and Fanny Brumfield, whose brother Humphrey was married to Elijah Sartain's sister Sally.

⁴ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52, item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803." Also: David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004). A beginning point would be the chart on p. 51. For a disambiguation of the several John Whites rooted in Montgomery County, see E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records on Byas, Brumfield, Chapman, Dingess, Napier, Sartain & Toney Families," report to file, last updated 10 January 1821; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

⁵ See E. S. Mills, "John White Sr. (c1740–1821); Spouses: 1. Unidentified & 2. Frances "Frankey" Mills: Research Notes," a working file last updated 20 December 2020; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

Sartain, Brumfield, and Napier documents place Sarah Mills's first appearance in Montgomery in the same general region as Frankey, but a bit upriver: from **Walker Creek**, over and across New River onto **Stony Creek** below Pearisburg. That region also fell into Giles in 1806. In 1814, Elijah and Sarah sold their land and (after an apparent two-year stay in Kanawha County, Virginia) removed to Gallia County, Ohio, with their Napier, Brumfield, Blankenship, and Sartain kin. There in Gallia, in 1822, Elijah Sartain's niece Margaret Brumfield married Robert **Whitt** Jr. (son of Robert **Whitt** Sr. and Mary White of Montgomery) and settled with him on the parental lands that by then had fallen into Logan County, West Virginia.⁶

Also settling with Sarah and Elijah in Gallia was her premarital daughter and son-in-law:

- **Elizabeth "Betsy" Mills**, b. between March 1790 and April 1791; married 1811 in Giles, **Archibald Chapman**.

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Mills

In Franklin County in 1848, William and Drucilla—then in their sixties—turned over to their newlywed son William B. Mills the Franklin County land Drucilla had inherited from her father. (Location 2 on Map 1.) From there, they moved to Floyd County (cut 1833 from Montgomery) with their four young-adult children who were still at home and rented land in the Simpsons community on the north side of Little River, between the head waters of Big Run and Pine Creek. (Location 3.) Their reason for choosing the neighborhood remains unexplained, but surrounding lands were owned by a cluster of interrelated families rooted in Montgomery County: **Iddings, Lights, Conners, and Wilsons**.⁷

In 1852, William and Drucilla moved again: up Little River into Montgomery County. The new area they chose—outside Radford at the junctures of New River, Little River, and Meadow Creek (Location 4) had been settled in the 1770s by the **Rev. Richard Whitt**. At his death about the winter of 1812–13, Whitt left his land and mill to his son **Archibald Whitt**, who had married **Hannah Lowe** about 1788.⁸ At the

⁶ For more on Sarah, see the following research reports archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

- "Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740–aft 1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse, Lucy Tilman: Research Notes," a work in progress last updated 8 April 2021.
- "Gallia County, OH: Preliminary Research on Elijah Sartain, Wife Sarah Mills, and Related Families from Montgomery and Giles Counties, VA—Particularly Brumfield, Chapman, Napier, and Williams, report to file, 1 September 2021.
- "Mills & Associates, Giles County, Virginia: Principally Whites, with Selective Records for ... Sartain," op. cit.
- "Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt)," report to file dated 20 September 2020.
- E. S. Mills, "Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data 1782–1807," report to file, 15 February 2020.

Robert Whitt Sr. is believed to be the son of Rev. Richard Whitt's brother Edmund. See David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), Table 4, between pp. 57 and 58.

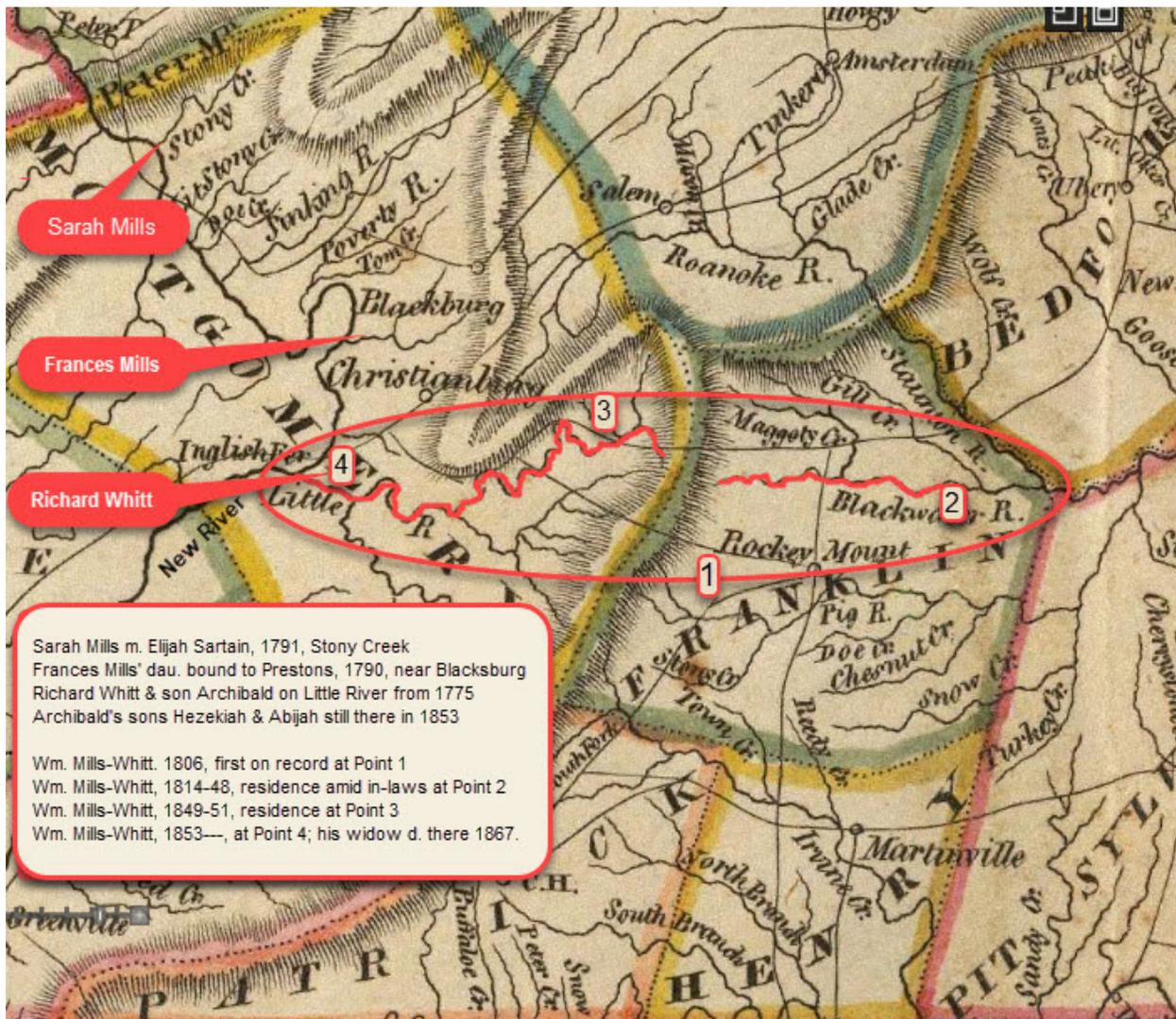
⁷ For this brief chapter of their lives, which set the stage for their last years in Montgomery, see E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates of Floyd County, Virginia: Conner, Idding, Key, Light, Smith (Bird & John), Walters, Wilson," report to file, 8 August 2021; archived online at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

⁸ David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), principally pp. 52–59, with unnumbered charts interleaved. Among the Y-DNA matches of William Mills's male-line descendants, at 111 markers, is a David S. Lowe whose male-line ancestry goes back to Hannah Lowe's family.

time that William and Drucilla arrived in 1853, at least two of Archibald's children remained: **Hezekiah** (born c1795–96, according to the 1850 census) and **Abijah** (born c1800-01).

After a single tax-roll appearance in 1853, William (then nearing 70) was dropped from the Montgomery tax rolls. Typically, a man his age and status would have asked the county court to excuse him from taxation on the basis of age and/or indigency. I have not found any such action on his part in the county court minutes where exemption requests were usually recorded. William and Drucilla's son Sparrel would continue to be taxed until 1855. Four of their children would find spouses in the neighborhood: **Milly Frances** married **John B. Lawrence** (son of William) in 1854; **Thomas** married **Sarah S. Nunnally** (daughter of Richard) in 1855; **Charles** married **Sarah E. Fleeman** (daughter of Elias) in 1857; and **Sarah**, after the CW-era death of her husband William Key, married in 1866 to the Radford-area widower **George Bradberry** (son of Mark, who farmed with George beside the sons of Archibald Whitt (on lands of the Rev. Richard Whitt, their grandfather) at Meadow Creek of Little River. (Site 4 on Map 1.)

Map 1
From New River to the Blackwater via Little River & Dog Spur Gap
The Mills-Whitt World c1785–1867



Shortly before the 1860 census, the family cluster moved across New River—but still in the general area of Radford. Thomas’s new father-in-law, Richard Nunnally, took a post as overseer for General Gordon Cloyd, apparently at his principal location on Cloyd’s Mountain (originally Montgomery County, then Pulaski).⁹ The rest of the Mills-Nunnally-Key cluster were enumerated around the overseer, as tenant farmers or laborers. There William appears to have died in 1863, during the year for which Pulaski’s death records have been destroyed. In 1866, when his widowed daughter Sarah married the Radford farmer George Bradberry, Drucilla apparently settled with them outside Radford—back in the same locale in which they had arrived in 1853. When Drucilla died in 1867, Bradberry reported her death. Sarah, the daughter who married Bradberry, and her siblings Thomas Mills and Milly Frances (Mills) Lawrence would live out their lives in Montgomery County.

Whitt

The following research notes provide only rudimentary information on the brothers Hezekiah and Abijah Whitt, their spouses **Sally Howerton** and **Elizabeth Elswick**, and their offspring. It offers an occasional note on their sisters **Rhoda** (wife of **Francis Godbey**), **Susannah** (wife of **William Howerton**), and **Hannah** (wife of **John Linkous**). The Whitts will be treated separately in far more detail in a research report focused on that family.

RESEARCH NOTES

1850

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Census¹⁰

Dwelling/family

320/320	Whitt,	Abijah	49, male, farmer, \$2,000, b. VA
“		Nancy	57, female, b. VA, cannot read/write
“		Nancy S.	23, female, b. VA
“		Mary J. R.	21, female, b. VA
“		Joseph B.	18, male, farmer, b. VA
“		John C.	16, male, farmer, b. VA
“		Martin L.	14, male, b. VA
“		Wilhelmina	7, female, b. VA

COMMENT:

Adjacent households: Emory Akers (40), John W. Charlton (54), Francis Charlton (83), George Williamson (45), Patience Simpkins (62), Calvin Simpkins (28), Benjamin Hall (60), Asa Hall (59), Allan Hall (28), Robert Hall (24), **Abijah Whitt**, Phoebe Woods (36), Nathaniel B. Haney (32), John Tolbert (43), William Cramer (39), Riley Stipe (31), John N Woods (63).

Most of the householders are farmers, but occupants include a teacher, shoemaker, blacksmith, clerk, and merchant, suggesting they were quite near a small village. Their location should be the Whitt family land on Meadow Run, on the outskirts of the village of Lovely Mount (now Radford) that was built at the juncture of Little River and New River.

Abijah Whitt married Nancy Compton in Montgomery Co. by bond dated 18 September 1820.¹¹

⁹ Extrapolated from my study of the 1860 census data and the Cloyd-Mills-Nunnally neighborhood.

¹⁰ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, beginning p. 24.

The following block of “census neighbors” speaks to a community relationship between the Whitt family and George Bradberry/Bradbury, who would marry William and Drucilla’s daughter.

Dwelling/family

- 340/340 **Bradbury, George** 29, male, farmer, VA
 “ Catherine 31, female, b. VA [née Roop]¹²
 “ Henrietta 10, female, b. VA, attends school
 “ Charlton W. 6, male, b. VA, attends school
 “ James W. 4, male, VA
 “ Edward M. 1, male, VA
- 341/341 Litton, Charles, 32 (farmer \$0), Harriet 25, Thomas 5, Malissa 3, Franklin 11/12, Nancy A. 25
- 342/342 Serles, Jacob, 67 (farmer \$800), Lydia 69, Sarah 30, Margaret 25
 [Abijah John Whitt m. Hannah **Serles** 1815]¹³
- 343/343 Serles, Joseph 34 (farmer \$0), Virginia [**Elswick**¹⁴] 33, Thomas 12, Miranda 10, Margaret? 6
 [Archibald Whitt’s brother Abijah Whitt Sr. married Elizabeth **Elswick** 1792]¹⁵
- 344/344 **Whitt**, Hezekiah 54, male, farmer, \$4500, b. VA [son of Archibald & Hannah Lowe]
 “ Sarah 36, female, b. VA [née Howerton]¹⁶
 “ Jeremiah 27, male, farmer, b. VA
 “ Lockett 24, female, b. VA
 “ Sarah 21, female, b. VA
 “ Hezekiah 17, male, farmer, b. VA
 “ Milburn 15, female, b. VA
 [Hezekiah’s sister Susanna m. William **Howerton** 27 May 1823]¹⁷
- 345/345 Gibson, John 52, Elizabeth 50, Hugh 22, John 19, Michael 15, Thomas 10, Margaret Martin 22
- 346/346 Blackwell, Russell 46 (farmer \$0), Judith 42, Stephen 21
- 347/347 Brunk, Daniel 36 (farmer \$250), Maria 32, George S? 10, Abigail 8, Mark S? 6, John H 3, Dexter 1
- 348/348 Miles, Samuel B. 23 (Laborer \$0), Mary [Wirt¹⁸] 21, John W. 1
- 349/349 Clare?, Thomas 31 (farmer \$0), Mary 55, Calvin 15
- 350/350 Feany, Mary (60), Amanda Roop (25), Marietta V. Roop 5, James Z T Roop 2
 [See court order of 1854 below for “Jacob Roops mill, near **Hezekiah Whitts**.” Also see Roop at 646/646, below]
- 351/351 Carbough, John 39 (farmer \$900), Margaret 24, Mary V. 5, Elmira 4, Malinda 2, William H. 6/12
- 352/352 Walls, Elijah 40 (farmer \$6000), Emaline [**Zoll**¹⁹] 36, Jacob W 9, Wynona 1
 [Her parents are at #366]
- 353/353 Stone, William E. 22 (farmer **\$10,000**), Mary H 21

¹¹ Therese A. Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley, Virginia: Montgomery, Floyd, Pulaski, and Giles Counties* (Bowie, MD: Heritage Books, 2008), 255.

¹² Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley*, 27, for Bradberry-Roop, George Bradberry 25 April 1834, Montgomery Co.

¹³ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 255, Abijah John Whitt m. Hannah Sarles by Montgomery bond dated 11 February 1815.

¹⁴ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 206.

¹⁵ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 165, Hezekiah “s/o Archibald Whitt” and Sally “d/o John Howerton, m. 21 January 1815, county not stated.

¹⁶ Hezekiah Whitt, “s/o Archibald,” married “Sally Howerton (d/o John Howerton),” 21 January 1815; see Fisher, *Marriages in The New River Valley*, 255.

¹⁷ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 115, William Howerton married Susannah Whitt 27 May 1823.

¹⁸ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 163, “Samuel Branch Miles” m. “Mary Wirt Jr.,” May 1848.

¹⁹ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 247, Elijah Wall m. Emaline “d/o Jacob Zoll” by Montgomery bond dated 1 March 1841.

354/354 **Whitt** Fleming 24, male, farmer, b. VA [son of Abijah, grandson of Archibald]
 “ Mary 25, female, b. VA
 “ Sarah C. 3, female, b. VA
 “ Mary J. 11/12, female, b. VA

355/355 Dobbs, David 67 (blacksmith \$0), Mary 64, Richard 23 (laborer \$0), Margaret A 15

356/356 Shelton, John 45, Rachel 44 & children Rhoda, Silas J. & Milton

357/357 **Whitt** John 30, male [no occupation] b. VA
 “ Pamilia 30, female, b. VA
 “ Cynthia M. 2, female, b. VA
 “ Mary C. 6/12, female, b. FA

358/358 Skelton, Moses 54, Mary [Cumpton²⁰], and family.

359/359 **Godbey, Reason** 27, Julia A. 29, Hezekiah F. 2, Rhoda 0

360/360 Peterson, Eli (43) and family

COMMENT:

In 1806, one Francis **Godbey** m. **Rhoda Whitt**,²¹ sister of Abijah and Hezekiah above. According to online trees (an assertion I have not verified), **Reason Godbey** was their son.

366/366 Jacob **Zoll** 73 (farmer \$3500), Elizabeth 59, Margaret 20, James 19, Mary 15

370/370 John B. **Radford** (farmer \$20,000), Elizabeth [Taylor²²] 31, John 12, William 10, Ann R 7, Jane 5, Elizabeth 2

(p. 48)

646/646 Roop Joseph W. 34, male, Millwright, \$100, b. VA
 “ Sarah 32, female, b. VA
 “ Oscar W. 13, male, b. VA
 “ Charles L. 9, male, b. VA
 “ Mary 7, female, b. VA
 “ Jacob 5, male, b. VA
 “ Priscilla 2, female, b. V A
Whitt Susan 22, female, b. VA

16 AUGUST 1849–OCTOBER 1850

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

“October 1850: Inventory of the Estate of **John Ingles** deceased was returned to court and ordered to be recorded.” Included “A true and correct list of accounts, and Bonds, notes &c due the concern of Caspar & Ingles, taken 16th August 1849”

- Abijah **Whitt** \$60.59 | consecutive entries [Jeremiah was the son of Abijah’s brother Hezekiah]
- Jeremiah **Whitt** \$15.65 |
- Bird S. Grills

²⁰ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 213; Mary was the daughter of Joseph Cumpton/Compton. Note that Abijah Whitt’s wife was Nancy Compton.

²¹ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 91.

²² Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 190, John B. Radford married Elizabeth Taylor “d/o John & E. C. Taylor” by Montgomery bond dated 31 May 1836.

- Jno. H. **Whitt** \$21.17 [This should be John, aged 30, married to Pamilia on 1850 census.]
- Miss Eliza **Whitt** \$3.38 [Not on 1850 census under this name]
- Fayette “Eddings” a/c \$1.58
- Elias **Fleeman** \$1.15 [His daughter married William & Drucilla’s son Charles in 1857]
- Miss Nancy **Whitt** \$.40 [Nancy S., age 23, daughter of Abijah]
- Hezekiah **Whitt** Jr. \$8.91 [Hezekiah, 17, son of Hezekiah]
- Rhoda **Whitt** \$1.25²³ [Apparently Abijah’s daughter Mary J. R., age 21]

14 FEBRUARY 1851

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

Estate sale of David Price. Purchasers included **Gordon Cloyd** “6 young cattle” at \$50, “a big wheel” for \$3.20, and a bedstead for \$.50.²⁴

COMMENT:

The 1860 census places William and Drucilla, with their married son Thomas and Thomas’ in-laws, the Nunnelys, on the main plantation of Gordon Cloyd Jr.—across New River in Pulaski Co. along Cloyd’s Mountain.

Gordon Cloyd Sr. and his father Joseph Cloyd were extensive landowners in early Montgomery County, with holdings from Cloyd’s Mountain northward to **Walker’s Creek** (where they owned land adjacent to Robert **Whitt’s** father-in-law John White of Little Sugar Run), and further north to **East River** and **East Mountain**, where Frankey Mills and husband John White Sr. settled by 1799 on land that would be jointly patented to John and William Preston.²⁵

MARCH–APRIL 1851

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Guardianship

Account settlements filed for the guardianships of “**M. Thomas Whit**” and “**Elizabeth Whit**” by guardian Wm. P. Hayes. Both are said to be “wards” of Hayes. Accounts accepted and Hayes was relieved of duty.²⁶

COMMENT:

These two young-adult Whitts, who had apparently turned 21, are not on the 1850 census although “Miss Eliza Whitt” is included in the debts due 1850 to the estate of John Ingles.

William P. Hayes Sr. and Jr. do appear on the 1850 census, but do not have an Elizabeth or “M. Thomas” living in their household.

Elizabeth and M. Thomas should be identifiable by searching prior estates for the parent who left property. The fact that they are called “wards” suggest that their mother as well as their father has died and that Hayes, serving as a court-appointed guardian of their inheritance, also took them in.

²³ Montgomery Co., Will Book 8, 1848–1855: 147–50; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645480 > image 356.

²⁴ Montgomery Co., Will Book 8, 1848–1855: 219–20; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645480 > image 391.

²⁵ My three previously cited reports on Montgomery and Giles Counties includes much contextual information on the Cloyd lands, but not full extraction of Cloyd records in those counties. Also see the precursor to those three reports: E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Montgomery & Fincastle Counties, Virginia: Preliminary Survey,” report to file dated 28 August 2018 (updated 10 September 2020); archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

²⁶ Montgomery Co., Will Book 8, 1848–1855: 224–27; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645480 > images 393–95.

20 JUNE 1851

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate sale

David Price, deceased. Purchasers included Prices (Lewis, Polly, Oney), “Col. Barnett,” Burgess Linkous, **Robert E. Mills** (2 set of hind gearing \$9.10; 1 blind bridle \$1, 1 blind bridle \$1.25), Robert **Snider**, Jacob Fisher, John & Eli Caldwell, Strother Heaven, William T. Henderson, John Purfator, Paris Shell, John A. Stanger, Preston Robinson, Jacob Taber, William M. Peck.²⁷

COMMENT:

- I have not been able to identify this “Robert E.” or to place any other Mills family in this county in this period.
- He does not appear on the 1851 tax roll of Montgomery Co.
- On the 1852 tax roll he is cited as Robert S.
- The 1853 tax roll does not include him.

Meanwhile,

- The 1850 census of Floyd Co. cites Robert Wiley Mills as “Wiley Mills.”
- The 1851 tax roll of Floyd cites him as “Robert W. Mills.”
- In 1852 and 1853, as “Robert W. Mills,” he was charged with a breach of peace in Floyd Co.

Also relevant:

The Snider/Snidow family settled pre-RW on Little Stoney Creek of New River between the Sartains of Big Stoney (site where Sarah Mills emerged in 1791) and Doe Creek of New River (where Frances Mills’s 1788 suitor owned land).

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate sale

“D^d Hall sale Bill.” The first five purchasers were Elizabeth Hall (apparent widow, judging by the goods she purchased), G. Hall, David Hall, and **George Bradberry** (1 Gun \$4.12 ½). Bradberry also purchased a shovel (\$.80) and 10 sheep (\$9.30). Other purchasers included A. J. **Lucas** and William **Elliott**.²⁸

1851

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tax List

Taxable items:

- | | |
|---|--|
| • White males 16+, | • Value of pianos and harps |
| • Free negro males 16+ | • “Plate over the value of \$50” |
| • Slaves 16+ | • Attorneys “paying five dollars” |
| • Slaves under 16 | • Attorneys who practice in courts of appeal |
| • Horses, mules, etc. | • Physicians, surgeons, resident dentists |
| • Carriages | • Interest/profit on money loaned out (over \$6) |
| • Gold watches | • Amount of yearly salaries over \$400 |
| • Patent lever or lepine silver watches | • Amount of year income from bridges & ferry |
| • Other watches | • Value of unlicensed billiard tables |
| • Metallic clocks | • Male free negroes 21-55, taxed \$1 |
| • Other clocks | • Total tax / tax for county purposes |

²⁷ Montgomery Co., Will Book 8, 1848–1855: 338–39; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645480 > image 449.

²⁸ Montgomery Co., Will Book 8, 1848–1855: 219–20; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645480 > image 391.

- Remarks

Davis M. Bennett's return (images 5–30)

Certified in county court, 21 June. Certified 8 July 1851 by tax commissioner Wm. Wade.

COMMENT:

I read the entire roll. None of the key individuals were cited. Blankenships, Peppers, and Prestons are in this district.

W. G. Curran's return (images 31–56)

Bradberry, George 1 male 16+, 0 property (**image 34**)

Fleman, Elias 1 male 16+, 1 horse, 12¢ tax (**image 39**)

COMMENT:

- The 1850 census places George Bradberry (29) four houses from **Hezekiah Whitt** (54).²⁹ A 2 May 1853 court order below appoints Whitt as an election manager for Lovely Mount (present city of Radford).
- In 1853, Elias Fleman is coupled with "Farish & Co."

Consecutive entries: (**images 43, 45**)

Lawrence, Thomas "Mc"	1 male 16+, 1 horse, 12¢
Lawrence, Doctor P.	1 male 16+, 1 horse, 12¢
Lawrence, John Sr.	1 male 16+, 2 horses, 1 "other clock," 36½¢
Lawrence, Thomas	1 male 16+, 2 horses, 24¢
Lawrence, Nathaniel	1 male 16+, 1 other clock, 12½¢
Lawrence, Francis	1 male 16+, 1 other watch, 25¢
Lawrence, John Jr.	1 male 16+, 1 horse, 12¢
Lawrence, Jacob	1 male 16+, 1 horse, 1 other clock, 24½¢
Lawrence, Silas B.	1 male 16+, 2 horses, 1 metallic clock, 49¢

Consecutive entries: (**image 51**)

Whitt, Hezekiah	3 males 16+, 3 horses, 1 other clock, 48½¢ [alleged son of Archibald]
Whitt, Abijah	3 males 16+, 4 horses, 1 other clock, 60½¢
Whitt, Flemming	1 male 16+
Whitt, John H.	1 male 16+, 1 horse, 12¢
Whitt, Jeremiah	1 male 16+

Delivered by Curran 5 August 1851 to deputy sheriff of Montgomery

COMMENT:

- Hezekiah and Abijah were sons of **Archibald Whitt** and wife **Hannah Lowe**, and grandsons of Rev. Richard Whitt, according to David F. Whitt's Tables 4 and 5. Note, however, that Table 5 places Abijah's birth at "1791" rather than c1801 as per the 1850 census.

Archibald inherited his father's land by terms of Richard's will (100 acres on Meadow Creek). The log home from this site, known as "Whitt's Mill on Meadow Creek" was allegedly built in

²⁹ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., GA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, stamped p. 26, dwelling/family 340 (George Bradbury) and dwell./fam 344 (Hezekiah Whitt).

1775 and later moved to the grounds of Radford College to serve as a museum. In 1953 it was removed from Radford, to private ownership “near Claytor Dam.”³⁰

- A 2 May 1853 court order below appoints **Hezekiah Whitt** as an election supervisor for the district at Lovely Mount. **Lovely Mount**, now **Radford**,³¹ was home to **three** of William and Drucilla’s grown children: Millie Frances who married John B. Lawrence in 1854, Sarah, who married George Bradberry in 1864, and Thomas Mills (intermittently from c1865–1915).
- Others in this tax district include Bird S. Grills, John A. Guerant, several Gearharts (all consecutive in the G section), Lafayette **Iddings**, several Ingles, Lesters, **Lucases**, John & Robert Muncy, Peppers, Poffs, Prestons (William B., Robert T., James F.), and Sniders. All of these families in the 1790s lived below the Sartain residence on Stoney Creek (where Sarah Mills m. Elijah Sartain), down to Little River of New River and Meadow Creek of Little River (site of Rev. Richard Whitt).

1852

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tax List

Taxable items:

- White males 16+,
- Slaves 16+
- White males 21+
- Male free negroes 21–55
- Slaves 12+
- Horses, mules, etc., number/value
- Cattle, sheep, hogs, number/value
- Pleasure carriages, number/value
- Stage Coaches, number/value
- Jersey wagons, number/value
- Carryalls, number/value
- Buggies, number/value
- Gigs
- Gold watches, number/value
- Silver or other metal watches, no./value
- Metallic clocks, number/value
- Other clocks, number/value
- Other clocks
- Pianos and harps, number/value
- Plate, value
- Household & Kitchen furniture, value
- Other personal property
- Amount of solvent bonds, etc.
- Amount of capital invested, etc.
- Interest or profits from bonds, etc. over \$5
- Amount of yearly salaries over \$100
- Amount of yearly rent/toll bridge over \$100
- Amount of exemptions
- Aggregate of values after deduct’g exemptions
- Total tax
- Tax for county purposes

W. G. Currin’s return (images 57–112)

Consecutive entries: (images 67–68)

Bradbury, George 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse [value illegible], 36¢ tax

³⁰ “DISKAGGS, “Richard Whitt wrote his Will in April 1807,” public memory, *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/person/memories/94RP-JHW> : accessed 2 May 2021), citing “Jane Chapman Whitt in her 1984 writing (see references at end of chapter [whose source was] Testimony of Ms. Celia Whitt of Harlan Kentucky, born 1890 at Whitt’s Mill.”

³¹ “Radford, Virginia,” *Wikipedia* (<https://www.wikipedia.org> : 23 April 2021).

Burton, William 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 36¢

(images 71–72)

Fleemon, Elias 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 36¢

Consecutive entries: (images 85–88)

Lawrence, Thomas “Mc” 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$75, 10 cattle \$53, furniture \$50, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$78, tax 50¢

Lawrence, Doctor P. 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$55, 26 cattle \$69, furniture, \$100, personal property \$20, aggregate \$144, tax 62¢

Lawrence, John (Sen.). 1 wh male 16+, 1 slave 16+, 1 slave -16, 2 horses \$140, 29 cattle \$135, 1 “other” clock \$10, furniture \$69, personal property \$40, bonds &c \$140, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$934, tax \$2.59

Lawrence, Thomas (J. Son) 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$75, 13 cattle \$126, furniture \$75, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$176, tax 68¢

Lawrence, Nathaniel 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax 36¢

Lawrence, Francis 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax 36¢

Lawrence, John L. 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$90, 4 cattle \$8, aggregate \$98, tax 54¢

Lawrence, Jacob 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$60, 12 cattle \$40, furniture \$50, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$50, tax 42¢

Lawrence, Silas B. 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 2 horses \$100, 16 cattle at \$45?, 2 horses \$__, 1 metal clock \$5, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$50, tax 45¢

Consecutive entries

Murdock, Jourdan [dwell./fam. 247/247 in 1850]

Meredith, William [dwell./fam. 305/305 in 1850]

Meredith, Hugh C. [dwell./fam. 305/305 in 1850]

Mills, Sperel 1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax 36¢ (images 89–90)

Martin, Hezekiah [dwell./fam. 100/100 in 1850; next door to a John Lawrence³²

Martin, Coleman [dwell. fam. 154/154 in 1850]

Mullin, William M. [dwell./fam. 385/386 in 1850]

Mitchell, Gustavus [dwell./fam. 781/781 in 1850; blacksmith in Blacksburg]

Delivered 22 October 1852 to Sheriff Floyd Smith.

COMMENT:

- None of Sparrell Mills’s adjacent taxpayers were slaveowners; all had no property or little property.
- A deed from **William M. Mullen** to Asa Hall Jr., dated December 1854 for for 124 acres “on Waters New River” was acknowledged in court on 1 January 1855.³³
- The Whitts are also in this district, but I’m not continuing to gather tax data on them. I will cover them completely in a separate project.
- I am also reading the full tax rolls, lest I miss any stray entry of value.

³² 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, stamped p. 8, dwell/fam. 99 (Hezekiah Martin), 100/100 (Bane & Lawrence household). George Bradberry’s brother Henderson married Mary Ann Bane, daughter of John, in 1856; see Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 27.

³³ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855: 294; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 161.

D. M. Bennet's return (images 113–165)

Consecutive entries:

Moomaw, John B.

McCully, Benjamin

McMahan, Isaac

Mills, Robert S.

1 wh male 16+, 6 slaves 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 7 slaves -16, 6 horses \$350, 1 cattle \$10, 1 pleasure carriage \$100, 1 silver watch \$12, 1 metallic clock \$12, \$125 furniture, personal property \$100, exemptions \$100, aggregate \$609, tax \$5.24 **(images 143–44)**

McMullen, Joseph

McDonald, Floyd

Martin, William

COMMENT:

I've not connected this Robert S. Mills to any of the Central and Western Virginia families on whom I've worked. The amount of other property charged to him is unusual for an overseer charged with slaves belonging to an absent plantation owner.

Robert S. Mills is not taxed in 1853. See comments on that year's tax roll relative to James Murray.

Nunley, Alexander

1 wh male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 36¢ tax **(images 145–46)**

Delivered 8 October 1852.

COMMENT:

Others in this district: Blankenships, Peppers, Prestons, Sniders, John M. Toney.

JANUARY 1853

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

"On the application of Charles **Roof** for leave to alter the road leading from Williamson Fortunes to the River opposite **Godbey's** Mills. It is ordered that Riley Stipes, Harvey L. Wilson, Stephen Ally and **George Bradbery** or any three of them, who being first duly sworn for that purpose, do view the ground along which such road is proposed to be conducted, also the present road & report to this court truly and impartially the conveniences and inconveniences which will results as well to individuals to the public if such road be as proposed, and whether any yard, garden, orchard, and any part thereof will in such case have to be taken."³⁴

COMMENT:

- Bradbery *et al.* returned their report on 7 March 1853, approving the alteration, saying it would also involve the land of Christopher H. Willis & Randolph Cumpton.³⁵ Abijah Whitt's wife was from the Compton/Cumpton family.
- By bond of 3 April 1806, in Montgomery Co., Francis Godbey m. Rhoda **Whitt**,³⁶ sister of Abijah, daughter of Archibald, and granddaughter of Rev. Richard Whitt.
- **This document places George Bradberry, who later married William and Drucilla's daughter, as a neighbor of Archibald Whitt's daughter. Note that the 1850 census places him four households from Archibald's son Hezekiah.** (If Archibald is indeed the father of

³⁴ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 31; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 28.

³⁵ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 50–51; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 38.

³⁶ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 91.

William Mills-Whitt, then George is a neighbor of William’s half-brother and half-sister at the time that the aging William moved his family to Montgomery.)

7 FEBRUARY 1853

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“On the application of Charles **Roof** for leave to alter the road leaving from Stephen Ally to Randolph Cumptons: It is ordered that Rily A. Stipes, Harvey P. Wilson & **George Bradberry** ... do view the ground along which such road is proposed .. [etc. as in the January order].³⁷

COMMENT:

James Whitt, son of Hezekiah, m. Susannah **Alley**, daughter of Carey, by Montgomery Co. bond dated 106 May 1817.³⁸

MARCH 1853

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“It is ordered by the court that the county be divided into districts for the Commissioners of the Revenue to perform their duty as follows: the line to commence on the Floyd County line on the road leading to Jacksonville [now the town of Floyd in Floyd Co.], thence with said road by Christiansburg, thence with the Blacksburg road by Blacksburg, and with the Giles road to the Giles county line and that **Waddy G. Currin** act in the **south** or **west** district & that **William Smith** act in the **North** or **East** district.”³⁹

COMMENT:

- This new division line appears to have arbitrarily split the Whitt neighborhood on Meadow Creek.
- As seen below, “William Mills Sr.” and George Bradberry fell within William Smith’s district, placing them in the N-E division of the county.
- The Whitts, after the redistricting, fell into the S-W division, with Hezekiah being still at present Radford.

2 MAY 1853

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“**Hezekiah Whitt**, John Gibson, John Heaven, William Turner, and Russell Carper same [superintendents of election] at **Lovely Mount** in District No. 5, any two or more of whom may act.”⁴⁰

COMMENT:

Lovely Mount is currently the town of Radford on the Montgomery-Pulaski line.

1853

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tax List

Taxable items:

³⁷ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855:40; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 33.

³⁸ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 255.

³⁹ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855:54; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 40.

⁴⁰ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855:71; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 48.

- Free males 16+,
- Slaves 16+
- White males 21+
- Male free negroes 21–55
- Slaves 12+
- Horses, mules, etc., number/value
- Cattle, sheep, hogs, number/value
- Carriages, wagons &c, number/value
- Clocks, number/value
- Pianos and harps, number/value
- Gold & silver plate & jewelry
- Household & kitchen furniture
- Aggregate of moneys, bonds &c
- Capital invested in mfg, business &c
- Moneys, bonds, debts under court control
- Capital in joint stock companies &c
- Aggregate value of personal property & moneys/bonds invested in internal improvement companies
- All other articles of person property, not exempted
- Aggregate of values
- Amount of all fees of office
- Amount of income
- Amount of interest/profit from public bonds &c
- Amount of dividends from insurance co/savings
- Yearly rent or value or toll bridges & ferries
- Amount of tax on all persons and subjects
- Amount of tax for county purposes

25 August 1853 (delivery date)

William Smith's list (images 166–227)

Consecutive entries: (images 196–99)

Lawrence, Doctor P.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 2 horses \$130, 43 cattle \$108, furniture \$100, other personal \$20, aggregate \$355, tax \$1.11
Lawrence, John Sr.	1 free male 16+, 1 slave 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 slave 12+, 1 horse \$75, 28 cattle \$154, 1 clock \$11, furniture \$125, moneys/bonds \$112, other personal \$30, aggregate \$506, tax \$2.02
Lawrence, Thomas, J S	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$50, 9 cattle \$150, furniture \$50, aggregate \$251, tax \$.90
Lawrence, Sylas B.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 3 horses \$150, 23 cattle \$42, 1 clock \$2, furniture \$150, other personal \$30, aggregate \$374, tax \$___?

COMMENT:

John B. Lawrence, who would marry Milly Frances Mills in July 1854 in Floyd Co., is apparently not yet a resident of Montgomery.

Consecutive entries (images 201–4)

(begin line 22)

Moomaw, John B.	2 free males 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 4 horses \$800, 16 cattle \$60, 1 watch \$5, 1 clock \$4, furniture \$125, moneys & bonds \$200, capital invested \$300, aggregate \$895, tax \$2.18
McCubley, Benjamin	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$70, 12 cattle \$50, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$100, moneys & bonds \$482, aggregate \$777, tax \$1.82

COMMENT:

The previous year (1852) Moomaw and McCubley were 4 and 3 entries from “Robert B. Mills” — roughly the position of the “Murray, James” entry below that reports ownership of similar items.

Mcmaken, Isaaiah	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$30, 1 cattle \$12, furniture \$25, aggregate \$69, tax \$.54
McConkey, Samuel A.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$100, other personal \$5, aggregate \$105, tax \$.69
McMullin, Alexander	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 watch \$15, other personal \$15, aggregate \$30, tax \$.46
Murray, James “Rept” [report]	0 males 16+, 0 wh males 21+, 2 slaves 16+, 2 slaves -16, 4 horses \$250, 69 cattle \$233, 1 carriage/wagon/etc \$171, 1 watch \$6, 1 clock \$6, gold/silver plate or jewelry \$45, moneys/bonds \$2278, other personal \$12, aggregate \$3057, tax \$7.31?
Murry, Madison	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$70, other personal \$12, aggregate \$82, tax \$.37

COMMENT:

James Murray is either an absentee owner or an old man who is no longer charged a tithe. Madison Murry seems to be the white male managing the estate—occupying the position that the unidentified Robert B Mills occupied in 1852.

Martin, Reason	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$30, 10 cattle \$31, furniture \$20, aggregate \$80, tax \$.56
Miller, John	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 3 horses \$100, 32 cattle \$68, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$50, moneys/bonds \$30, other personal \$20, aggregate \$271, tax \$.95
Moses, Jonathan	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$50, 1 watch \$15, 1 clock \$4, furniture \$25, other personal \$5, aggregate value \$99, tax \$.60
Martin, William	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 7 cattle \$20, furniture \$25, aggregate \$45, tax \$.49
Meacham, Fanny	0 free male 16+, 0 wh male 21+, 12 cattle \$44, furniture \$50, aggregate \$94, tax \$.89
McGuyer, John	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40
Mayer, John	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$20, 1 Clock \$4, furniture \$30, aggregate \$54, tax \$.51
Myers, Darrison	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 4 cattle \$34, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$60, moneys/bonds \$100. aggregate \$189, tax \$.78
Mongola, Elias	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 30 cattle \$52, 1 clock \$4, furniture \$25, other personal \$8, aggregate \$90, tax \$.58
Moses, Jacob H.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$20, 1 clock \$4, furniture \$25, aggregate \$49, tax \$.50

COMMENT:

The 1850 census places Jacob Moses three houses from James Heslop (45, farmer \$5000) with whom John E. Lawrence (24, farmer) lived.⁴¹ This John E. married Celiada A. Barnett, daughter of Thomas, by bond dated 6 March 1854 in Montgomery Co.⁴² He should not be confused with

⁴¹ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch. Dist. 41., stamped p. 46 *verso*, dwell. 627, fam. 627 (John E. Lawrence in James Heslop household) and dwell. 630, fam. 630 (Jacob Moses household).

⁴² Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 138.

John B. Lawrence who married Milly Frances Mills, daughter of William and Drucilla, by license dated 22 July 1854 in Floyd.⁴³ John B. appears with his parents on the 1850 census of Floyd.

More, George	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle 8, furniture \$66, aggregate \$74, tax \$.55
McComish, <u>Jeuleb?</u>	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$45, 1 watch \$14, aggregate \$60, tax \$.52
McMullin, Priscilla	0 free males 16+, 0 wh males 21+, 1 horse \$45, 1 clock \$8, furniture \$50, aggregate \$103, tax, \$.89

COMMENT:

Priscilla McMullen appears on the 1850 census as a 28 year old woman in the home of George Robinson 50, Amelia 37, & George W 2, adjacent to John McMullin 65, Mary 45, and numerous children.⁴⁴ Several Aul families surrounded them. This does not appear to be the neighborhood of William Mills Sr. (below), although he is just three listings from her on this semi-alphabetized tax roll.

Martin, Sterlin	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$24, aggregate \$24, tax \$.45
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COMMENT:

Sterlin Martin does not seem to appear on Montgomery's 1850 census.

McConnel, William	1 free male 16, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$50, aggregate \$40, tax \$.48
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COMMENT:

The 1850 census places "William O'Connell" two houses from Jacob Moses (see above). O'Connell was a 74 years old laborer, b. Va., with a 65 year old wife Rhoda.⁴⁵

On 3 July 1854 a deed from William O. Connell and wife to "Alexr," dated 18 June 1854, for Lot No. 3 in Lafayette, was acknowledged in court (the order does not say by whom).⁴⁶

The village of Lafayette lies along the Montgomery-Floyd line, NW of Bent Mountain. It is also on the south bank of the Roanoke River and on the east bounds of I-81. It does not appear to be a logical place for William Mills to have gone from his Little River location in Floyd.

William Mills's position [below] seems to be the start of the new additions to the "M" section of the tax roll

Mills, William Sr.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$12, furniture \$50, aggregate \$62, tax \$.53
Morrow, Francis P.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, gold/silver plate or jewelry \$10, other personal \$40, aggregate \$50, tax \$.30
McGuyer, Armstrong [McGuire]	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$15, furniture \$50, aggregate \$65, tax \$.53
McCartney, James	1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, tax \$.40

⁴³ "Virginia, Select Marriages, 1785–1940," database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com>), Milly A. Mills, 22, born 1832, Floyd Co. VA, marriage 27 July 1854, Floyd County, Virginia, daughter of William and "Pricilla" [sic] married John B. Lawrence, age 16 [sic], son of William and Agnes, b. Bedford Co.; citing FHL microfilm 31345 "P10."

⁴⁴ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, stamped p. 46 verso, dwell./fam. 529–530

⁴⁵ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, stamped p. 47, dwell. 632, fam. 632.

⁴⁶ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855:219; imaged, *FamilySearch*, digital film 8574098 > image 123.

Mills, William 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40
McCrearrey, John E. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 clock \$12, aggregate \$12, tax \$.44
Mitchell, Robert 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 clock \$10, aggregate \$10, tax \$.42
[end of M's]

COMMENT:

- Others in district: Blankenship, James Brumfield, Epperly, Gearhart, Muncey. Two generations earlier, all of these families from this tax district into which William has injected himself were intermarried with or associates of Sarah "Sally" Mills and her Sartain in-laws.
- The 1850 census includes only one of the taxpayers cited above between William Sr. & William Jr.: **Armstrong McGuire** (38 ditcher) was 4 houses from **William McC Montague** 24 (farmer, \$20,000).⁴⁷ Everyone living between them was a laborer. The larger census neighborhood is this
 - 129/129 **Elias Fleeman** 30 (laborer **\$0**), Martha 34, Sarah 20, Louisa 14
[Sarah subsequently married Charles T Mills, son of William & Drucilla]⁴⁸
 - 130/130 John Fleeman 25 (farmer **\$0**), Cynthia 24, Eliza A., 5, Nancy E, 2
 - 131/131 Randolph Carder 41 (farmer **\$1000**), Nancy [Cofer⁴⁹]

COMMENT:

Elias and John Fleeman in 1850 appear to be laboring on the land of Randolph Carder and his wife Nancy Cofer. But see the note at Fleeman's 1853 tax data, below.

Two Cofer connections have surfaced thus far:

- In 1852, Abijah **Whitt's** daughter Nancy married James L. Cofer [*var.* Coffee]⁵⁰
 - In 1860, John Cofer (45) and wife Abby (40) were living adjacent to William H. Key and wife **Sarah Mills** in the family cluster that consisted of Sarah's parents, their son Thomas, and Thomas's in-laws, the Richard Nunellys.
- 132/132 Jessee Williams 52 (farmer **\$0**) & family
 - 133/133 Jacob Weaver 66 (farmer **\$0**) & Elizabeth 60
 - 134/134 David L. Barger 32 (farmer **\$0**) & family
 - 135/135 Ballard Long 22 (laborer **\$0**) & family
 - 136/136 William McC Montague 24 (farmer **\$20,000**) & family
 - 137/137 Wilson Burke 28 (laborer **\$0**) & family
 - 138/138 Henry Harless 33 (laborer **\$0**) & family
 - 139/139 Jacob Gearont 30 (laborer **\$0**) & family
 - 140/140 **Armstrong McGuire** 38 (ditcher **\$0**) with Ann 35, John 18 (laborer) & family
 - 141/141 Hiram Shufflebarger 39 (farmer **\$0**) & family
 - 142/142 Allan **Lowe** 37 (farmer **\$0**) & family

⁴⁷ William McClanahan "Mack" Montague's tombstone states he was born 24 September 1825 and died 20 December 1896. He is buried in Kyle Cemetery in Christiansburg. See *Find A Grave* (<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/80326907/william-mcclanahan-montague> : 23 April 2021), memorial page "William McClanahan 'Mack' Montague."

⁴⁸ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 165 "Charles T. Mills "s/o William & Drucilla Mills b. Franklin Co." m. Sarah M. Fleeman "d/o Elias & Patsy Fleeman b. Franklin Co.," on 22 December 1857.

⁴⁹ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 40, Randolph Carder married Nancy Cofer by Montgomery bond dated 4 February 1833. Also note:

William "Carder" m. Rosanna Brumfield "d/o Humphrey Brumfield," by Montgomery bond of 13 August 1794 (ibid). **Humphrey Brumfield** was married to Sally Sartain, sister of Elijah who married **Sarah "Sallie" Mills**; see Giles Deed Book C: 528, for quitclaim by Humphrey and Sally to estate of John Sartain whose heirs were his siblings: Sally, Elijah, Thomas and Joel.

⁵⁰ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 47, James L. Coffee married **Nancy Whitt** "d/o Abijah" by Montgomery bond dated 12 July 1852. Nancy's father Abijah was the son of Archibald and Hannah **Lowe**.

- 143/143 Benjamin F. Charlton 30 (farmer **\$0**) & family
- 144/144 John Hess 43 (blacksmith **\$578**) & family
- 145/145 John Lane 71 (hatter **\$800**) & Mary 66
- 146/146 William Lane 29 (farmer **\$0**) & family

12 August 1853 (delivery date)

Waddy G. Currin's list (images 228–87)

Consecutive entries: (images 234–35)

Bradbury, George 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 3 cattle \$22, furniture \$50, other personal \$22, aggregate \$94, tax \$.59

Burton, Williamson 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 18 cattle \$61, other personal \$100, aggregate \$161, tax \$.73

Consecutive entries (**images 244–47**)

Fleman, Elias 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40

Farish & Co 0 free males 16+, 0 wh males 21+, 15 horses \$1120, 1 carriage/etc. \$300, aggregate \$1420, tax \$2.84

COMMENT:

Elias (whose daughter would marry William and Drucilla's son Thomas R. Mills) has apparently moved from the Carder/Cofer place since 1850 and is now functioning as an overseer or farm manager for "Farish and Co." He would continue here for several years.

Fowlkes, Thomas H.

McFall, William

Fink, Phillip

Ferrell, Middleton

Freeman, Wilson

Fisher, Jacob C.

Fizer, Michael

Fellows, Reuben

Flemon, Joseph S. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$25, aggregate \$68 [sic], tax \$.54

Fink, Christian

Fink, William

Fink, Jacob Sen.

Farrow, Mathias

Fleman, "John (E S.)" 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40

Consecutive entries (images 256–57)

Lawrence, Thomas M.C [or M^d] 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 2 horses \$135, 33 cattle \$58, furniture \$40, aggregate \$233, tax \$.87

Lawrence, Nathaniel 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40

Lawrence, Francis W. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 8 cattle \$30, furniture \$50, other personal \$15, aggregate \$95, tax \$.59

Lawrence, John L. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$80, furniture \$50, other personal \$10, aggregate \$140, tax \$.68

COMMENT:

The Lawrences are between Littons, Lesters, and **Lucases**.

Consecutive entries (images 260–61)

Miller, John	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 13 cattle \$25, 1 watch \$5, aggregate \$30, tax \$.46
More, Mathew P.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$40, 18 cattle \$57, 1 clock 4, furniture \$50, other personal \$4, aggregate \$156, tax \$.72
Meredith, William	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$50, 30 cattle \$110, 1 clock \$10, furniture \$100, other \$15, aggregate \$285, tax \$.97
Meredith, Hugh C.	1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 1 horse \$65, 11 cattle \$22, furniture \$150, aggregate \$237, tax \$.87
Mills, Spereel	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax .40
Martin, Hezekiah W.	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle 18, furniture \$40, aggregate \$58, tax \$.52
Martin, Coleman	1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 4 cattle \$12, furniture \$50, other personal \$6, aggregate \$68, tax \$.54
Mullin, William M.	1 free male 16+, 2 wh males 21+, 2 horses \$140, 12 cattle \$54, furniture 100, other personal \$10, aggregate \$304, tax \$1.01

COMMENT:

- In this “M” section, there is no male of sufficient wealth to hire an overseer.
- The 1852–55 tax rolls present the same cluster for Spereel: Meredith, Meredith, Spereel Mills, Martin, Mullin.
- The 1850 census places **Hezekiah Martin** next door to **Nathaniel Lawrence** 66 (cooper), with Nancy 64 and John 22; the Lawrences were living in the household of William Bane 47 (blacksmith), Juliet 36, children 10-15 and Harriet Huff 26.⁵¹
- On 7 August 1854 Elijah Wall was appointed road surveyor in the place of **Wm. M. Mullin**. No location was cited.⁵² The 1850 census shows:
 - #352/352 **Elijah Wall** 40 (farmer \$6000) & family
 - #353/353 William E. Stone 22 (farmer \$10000) & Mary
 - #354/354 **Fleming Whitt** 24 (farmer \$0) & family
 - #355/355 David Dobbs 57 (blacksmith \$0) & family
 - #356/356 John Shelton 65 (farmer) and family
 - #357/357 **John Whitt** 30 (farmer \$0) & Pamilia
 - #383/383 Fanny **Wall** 35 & family
 - #384/384 David Lovel 40 & family
 - #385/385 Greenbury Akers 50 (farmer \$0) & family
 - #388/386 **Wm. M. Mullin** 26 (farmer \$0) & family
 - #387/387 Joseph Seveny 23 (farmer \$475) & family
 - #388/388 Andrew M. Hinchey 53 (farmer \$0) & family
- On 7 August 1854 Elijah Wall was also appointed to open a road running through the lands of “James H. Simpkins, Asa Hall, **Abijah Whitt**, Wm. Stone & **Hezekiah Whitt**.”⁵³

⁵¹ 1850 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dist. 41, stamped p. 8, dwell/fam. 99 (Hezekiah Martin), 100/100 (Bane & Lawrence).

⁵² Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855: 228; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 128.

⁵³ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855: 233; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 130.

6 FEBRUARY 1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“James Howeton, Stephen **Ally**, **Wm Meredith** & Gasper Albright, the persons appointed at the October Court last to view a way for a new road leading from the mouth of **Esther’s Creek** on **Little River**, near **the Floyd County line** to Gaspar Albright’s made on the application of Daniel Shaler & Anderson **Ally** this day made report from which it appears that the said road will be convenient & that it passes through the lands of Wm. Scaggs, Danl. Shelar, Naomi Thompson, Isham Dobbins, James Calfee, **Wm Meredith**, Harvey P. **Wilson**. Reed C. Hall, James Howerton, Stephen **Lester** & Gasper Albright, and it being represented to the court that all the land holders through which the said road will pass have consented to the same except Isam Dobbins & James Calfree. It is ordered that they be summoned to appear here on the first day of the next court to show cause if any they can as why the said road shall not be established.”⁵⁴

COMMENT:

- Re Howeton/Howerton: Hezekiah Whitt and his sister Susannah (children of Archibald) both married Howertons.
- William Meredith and apparent son Hugh C. are adjacent taxpayers to “**Sperrel**” Mills on the 1852–55 tax lists.
- *HomeTownLocator* places “Easter Creek” off North side of Little River a bit ESE of “Little Montgomery” and two bends downstream from Snowville and Graysontown.
- *Google Maps* shows Easter Creek on E side of Little River at Hwy 787, at the point that highway 613 dead-ends on the W bank of river—about 20 miles W as the crow flies, from Simpsons in Floyd County. Today, there is a cluster of roads running between Simpsons and Snowville (as opposed to minimal roads through the part of the county that lies south of it.

7 AUGUST 1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“A deed of Trust from **Richard Nunely** to White G. Ryan, Trustee for **Alexander Nunely** on Personal property acknowledged in the Office & admitted to record 4th August 1854.”⁵⁵

COMMENT:

Richard Nunally and “B” Nunnally were the parents of Sarah Nunally who married Thomas R. Mills by bond/license of 27 August 1855 in Montgomery County.⁵⁶

Note on the 1854 tax roll below that Thomas R. Mills, who had just turned 21, is not cited as a tithable—even though the roll calls for all free males 16 and over. The only Mills on the 1854 list is his brother Charles T.

No Nunely/Nunally/etc. individuals are enumerated on the 1850 census of Montgomery, Floyd, Franklin, or Henry.

7 AUGUST 1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

⁵⁴ Montgomery Co., County court records, 1852–1855: 172; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 100.

⁵⁵ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 227; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 127.

⁵⁶ “Virginia Marriages, 1785-1940,” database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XRS5-C2L> : 11 February 2018), Thos. R. Mills and Sarah S. Nunnally, 27 Aug 1855; citing Montgomery, Virginia, reference no. 34; FHL microfilm 2,048,462.

Court order

“William B. Charlton, the road commissioner appointed at the April Term 1854 on the application of William A. and William E. Stone, to view a new road proposed to be opened leading from the _____ turnpike beyond Waddy G. Currin’s by the mill of the said William A. & Wm. E. Stones, to intersect the road leading to Jacob Roop’s mill, **near Hezekiah Whitt’s**, this day made his report from which it appears that such road will be convenient, and that it passes through the lands of James H. Simpkins, Asa Hall, **Abijah Whitt**, Wm. Stone & **Hezekiah Whitt**, and it appearing to the satisfaction of the court that all the proprietors of the lands have consented to the opening of the same. It is therefore ordered that the said road be established as a public highway, as laid out and reported by the said road commissioner and that William E. Stone, **Elijah Wall** & David Lorton surveyors of roads be required to open the same as required by law.”⁵⁷

1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Tax List

Taxable items:

- Free males 16+,
- Slaves 16+
- White males 21+
- Male free negroes 21–55
- Slaves 12+
- Horses, mules, etc., number/value
- Cattle, sheep, hogs, number/value
- Carriages, wagons &c, number/value
- Clocks, number/value
- Pianos and harps, number/value
- Gold & silver plate & jewelry
- Household & kitchen furniture
- Aggregate of moneys, bonds &c
- Capital invested in mfg, business &c
- Moneys, bonds, debts under court control
- Capital in joint stock companies &c
- Aggregate value of personal property & moneys/bonds invested in internal improvement companies
- All other articles of person property, not exempted
- Aggregate of values
- Amount of all fees of office
- Amount of income
- Amount of interest/profit from public bonds &c
- Amount of dividends from insurance co/savings
- Yearly rent or value or toll bridges & ferries
- Amount of tax on all persons and subjects
- Amount of tax for county purposes

27 August 1854 (delivery date)

Waddy G. Currin’s list (images 288–354)

Consecutive entries: (images 294–95)

Bradbury, George 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$50, aggregate \$50, tax \$.50
Burton, Williamson 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$40, 22 cattle \$50, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$20, other personal \$50, aggregate \$165, tax \$.73

Consecutive entries:

Fleeman Elias 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 8 cattle \$20, furniture \$15, aggregate \$35, tax \$.47

⁵⁷ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–185: 233; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 130.

Farish & Co 0 free males 16+, 0 wh males 21+, 12 horses \$1000, 1 carriage/etc. \$300, aggregate \$1300, tax \$2.60

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Fleeman, Joseph W. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 2 horses \$50, 8 cattle \$14, furniture \$10, aggregate \$75 [sic], tax \$.55

[skip 6]

Fleman, John 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 8 cattle \$5, furniture \$15, other personal \$5, aggregate \$25, tax \$.45

Consecutive entries (images 316–19)

Lester, Ira & Floyd

Lane, Crockett

Lester, Floyd

Lucas, Jno. W.

Leffen, William

Lancaster, Joseph B.

Light, Simeon 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$50, aggregate \$60 [sic], tax \$.52

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Litton, Charles

Lawrence, Thomas M.C. 1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 2 horses \$130, 27 cattle \$70, furniture \$40, other personal \$10, aggregate \$255, tax \$.91

Lawrence, Nathaniel 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40

Lawrence, John L. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$100, 2 cattle \$25, furniture \$40, other personal \$10. aggregate 175, tax \$.75

Lawrence, Francis W. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$14, furniture \$50, aggregate \$65, tax \$.53

Lester, Stephen

Lester, Hulin

Lucass, Wilson

Consecutive entries (images 322–33)

Moore, Matthew P.

Meredith, William

Mills, Sparrell 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$25, aggregate \$25, tax \$.45

Martin, Hezekiah W.

Martin, Coleman

Mullen, Wm. M.

Mitchell, Gustavus A.

27 August 1854 (delivery date)

Giles T. Henderson's list (images 355–416)

Consecutive entries: (images 387–90)

Lawrence, Doctor P. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 2 horses \$80, 26 cattle \$60, furniture \$30, aggregate \$180 [sic], tax \$.76

Lawrence, John (Sen.) 1 free male 16+, 1 slave 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 slave -16, 1 horse \$70, 28 cattle \$145, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$150, moneys/bonds \$140, aggregate \$535 [sic], tax \$2.07

Lawrence, Thomas B.C. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 11 cattle \$225, furniture \$75, aggregate \$310 [sic], tax \$1.12

Lawrence, Silas B. 1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 1 horse \$20, 34 cattle \$150, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$100, aggregate \$300 [sic], tax \$1.00

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Lawrence, John E. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$100, 1 carriage/wagon \$150, 1 watch \$30, moneys/bonds, \$400, other personal \$10, aggregate \$6990, tax \$1.78

Consecutive entries (images 391–94)

(p. 19)

McDonald, Howard
Martin, Thomas
Maddox, Mary
Miner, Thomas
Murdock, William A.

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McDaniel, Claiborn
Mitchell, John O.
McDonald, John

Mills, Charles T. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, tax \$.40, remarks: “on Page 20 No. 2”

Moomaw, John B.
Murray, Robert
Miller, Charles A. (Guardian for Fannie Miller heirs)
[end of p. 19]

COMMENT:

I found nothing to explain the notation in the remarks column for Charles T. Mills. Note that a similar remark appears for James M. Nonly below.

(p. 20) (images 395–96)

Benjamin McCully 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$75
Isaac McMakin 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$25, 7 cattle \$15
McConky, Samuel
McMullin, Alexander
Murray, Sarah & Jane

Consecutive entries

[start of ‘N’ section]

Newly, William

Nonly, James M. 1 free male 15+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$15, 1 watch \$21, 1 clock 5, gold/silver plate/jewelry value \$3, furniture, \$70, moneys/bonds \$400, aggregate \$514, tax \$1.43, remarks: “On page 21 No. 2.”

Nicely, John

Nichols

Newly, Robert G.

Nonly, Richard 2 free males 16+ 1 free male 21+, 2 horses 40, 12 cattle \$30, furniture \$40, aggregate \$120 [sic], tax \$.64

Nowell, Jesse A. [aggregate \$3180]

Nobly, Thomas

Nonly, Alexander

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, gold/silver plate/jewelry \$8, furniture \$100, aggregate \$108, tax \$.62

Murdock, Elijah

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4 SEPTEMBER 1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“A deed of Trust from **John H. Whitt** to Jas. M. Wade, Trustee for Russell Carper, dated 7th August 1854 on personal property acknowledged in the clerk’s office & admitted to record the 7th August 1854.”⁵⁸

2 OCTOBER 1854

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Ordered that **William Meredith**, Christopher H. Willis & Samuel Akers, surveyors of roads with their usual tithables, be appointed to assist in opening a new road leading from the **mouth of Esther’s Creek** to Gasper Albrights.”⁵⁹

COMMENT:

This is the new road that would be run through the neighborhood of Abijah and Hezekiah Whitt. Note that Meredith appears adjacent to “Sperrel” Mills on the tax lists of 1852 through 1855. It appears from the neighborhood clusters that Sperrel spent those years amid the Whitts as well.

4 JUNE 1855

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“A deed from **Hezekiah Whitt** to **Jeremiah P. Whitt, John H. Whitt, Hezekiah Whitt Jr. & Milbour Whitt** dated 2nd June 1855 for 450 acres of land on **Meadow Creek** acknowledged in the office & admitted to record 2d June 1855.”⁶⁰

COMMENT:

Meadow Creek is the short waterway on which the Rev. Richard Whitt settled in the 1770s, and the land that he passed to his son Archibald (father of Hezekiah and Abijah) at his death in 1813. At the death of Archibald, the land passed to his sons Hezekiah and Abijah.

4 JUNE 1855

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Ordered that **Jeremiah P. Whitt** be appointed surveyor of the road in the room of Wm. E. Stone and that he with the usual tithables allotted to that precinct put & keep the same in repair according to law.”⁶¹

1855

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

⁵⁸ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 244; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 136.

⁵⁹ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 261; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 144.

⁶⁰ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 342; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 186.

⁶¹ Montgomery Co., County Court Records, 1852–1855: 345; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 8574098 > image 187.

Tax list

[images 417 ff.]

6? August 1855 (delivery date)

Giles T. Henderson's list (images 449–477)

Consecutive entries: (images 449–50)

Loop, John

Lemmon, Silas F.

Lawrence, John (Sen.) 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$50, 42 cattle \$180, 1 clock \$10, furniture \$80, moneys/bonds \$180, aggregate \$480, tax \$1.36

Ledgerwood, Anderson

Linkous, Mitchell

Lucus, Chas D.

[aggregate \$1348]

Lawrence, John P.

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$30, 7 cattle \$40, 1 watch \$15, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$40, other personal \$7, aggregate \$137.00, tax \$.68

Lawrence, Thomas B, B.C.

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$75, 8 cattle \$135, furniture \$75, aggregate \$285, tax \$.97

Lawrence, Silas B.

1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 1 horse \$30, 24 cattle 70, 1 clock \$5, furniture \$100, other personal \$15, aggregate \$220, tax \$.84

Long, John EC

Leonard, Robert

Linkinhougher, G. W.

Lybrook, Wm. S.

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Lawrence, John E.

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$100, 1 carriage/wagon \$150, 1 watch \$30, moneys/bonds, \$400, other personal \$10, aggregate \$6990, tax \$1.78

15 August 1855 (delivery date)

James Wade's list (images 478–540)

Consecutive entries: (images 494–95)

Finch, John

Francisco, R. L.

Fleeman, Elias

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 cattle \$12, furniture \$18

Faulkes, Thomas H.

McFall, William

Fazer, Michael

Fallon, Reuben

Fleman, Joseph W.

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 1 horse \$50, 6 cattle \$20, furniture \$10, aggregate \$80, tax \$.56

Fellows, John

Francis, John

Flemen, John

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, other property \$15, aggregate \$15, tax \$.43

Flemen, W. W.

1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, other property \$20, aggregate \$20, tax \$.44

Farmer, Russell

Flenchum, Samuel

Furrow, John W.

Consecutive entries (images 506–7)

Linkous, Thomas [& others]

Litton, Chas.

Lawrence, Thos. (MC) 1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 2 horses \$125, 26 cattle \$85, furniture \$30, other personal \$5, aggregate \$245, tax \$.89

Lawrence, Nath. 1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, tax \$.40

Lawrence, Jno. L. 1 free male 16+, 1 white male 21+, 1 horse \$100, 5 cattle \$35, furniture \$50, other personal \$10, aggregate \$195, tax \$.79

Lawrence, Francis W. 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, 3 cattle \$20, 1 watch \$18, furniture \$30, other personal \$12, aggregate \$80, tax \$.56

Lester, Stephen Rept. [\$120 aggregate]

Lester, Howland

Consecutive entries (images 510–13)

Meadows, Anthony

Moore, Mathew P.

Meredith, Wm.

Mills, Sperel 1 free male 16+, 1 wh male 21+, furniture \$20, aggregate \$20, tax \$.44

Martin, Hezekiah

Martin, Coleman

Millen? Wm. M.

Mitchel, Gustavus

COMMENT:

Throughout 1852, 1853, and 1854, “Sperel” Mills stayed on the tax rolls adjacent to Hezekiah Martin (who, in 1850, lived next door to Nathaniel Lawrence) and William Meredith (who owned land in 1854 at Esther’s Creek of Little River, just east of Hezekiah and Abijah Whitt, and was in 1858 a purchaser at Abijah’s estate sale).

20 JULY 1858

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Debt

“A list of notes and accounts due **G. A. Walters**, deceased, March 7th 1856 ... [numerous notes and various dates follow] “July 20th 1858: Wm. Borden 1/c \$.80, Price & Ragain a/c \$.90, **Charles W. Mills** a/c \$.30, Samuel M. Page a/c \$3.00; November 3th [sic] 1858 John Cole a/c \$4.00 ...”

“May Court 1860. This list of Notes belonging to the Estate of George? A. Walters Decd. was returned to Court and ordered to be recorded.”⁶²

1 MARCH 1858

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

“Pursuant to an order of the county court of Montgomery made at the February court 1858 and to us directed, we have proceeded to discharge the duties required in said order to wit by allotting to **Mary Maddox** her dower in the lands of her late husband **Samuel Maddox**, deceased, by Beginning at a

⁶² Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 318; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 174.

branch near the Railroad Bridge and thence to three sycamores on the branch, thence leaving the branch and running on the North side of the ridge, to the corner of **Barnetts** land and thence with Barnetts line its several courses back to the beginning, including the dwelling house. Given under our hand this 1 March 1858. Samuel Barnett. James Barnett. Charles N. Winfrey.”⁶³

COMMENT:

On 14 October 1814, William Mills signed a “fishing/oyster industry” petition amid a cluster of Montgomery Co. residents, including **Samuel Maddox**, Robert **Barnitt** Sr., John **Barnitt** Junr., James **Light**, John Jr. and Andrew Thrash, John Shockey, and Bird and Andrew Wilson.⁶⁴

The 1840 and 1850 censuses of Montgomery show Mary Maddox as a head of household, with no adult male. In 1850 she was within the LaFayette community on the Roanoke River in Northeastern Montgomery Co., adjacent to Roanoke Co. (created 1838 from Botetourt Co.)⁶⁵

6 FEBRUARY 1858

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

Abijah Whitt's appraisalment ... included bonds on Wiliam A. Stone and Reed C. Hall, and notes from Thomas W. Lavender, **Joseph B. Whitt**, **Fleming T. Whitt**, **Thomas L. Whitt**, and James B. Smith. Inventory taken by Saml. Lucass Sen., Wm. C. Taylor, and Andrew J. Lucass.⁶⁶

12 FEBRUARY 1858

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

Abijah Whitt's sale bill. Purchasers included “Widow N. Whitt,” Joseph B. Whitt, R. C. Hall (1 map), **Hugh Meredith**, Lewis Criner, **Elijah Wall**, Capt. **W. A. Stone**, John Miller, L. Todd, Wm. J. Shelbern, Johnathan C. Hall, L. A. Wall.⁶⁷

COMMENT:

- “Widow N.” would be his widow Nancy.
- Hugh Meredith and/or William Meredith were taxed adjacent to “**Sperel**” Mills in 1852 through 1855.
- Elijah Wall was surveyor for a road that ran through his land and that of William A. Stone and Abijah and Hezekiah Whitt in 1854.
- William A. Stone in 1859 held debts owed to him by Mark Bradberry, father of George.

⁶³ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 151; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 90.

⁶⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248624; citing accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 95.

⁶⁵ **1840** U.S. census, Montgomery Co., stamped p. 21 verso, line 3; this census, in semi-alpha order by first letter of surname, appears to have been compiled from tax rolls. **1850** U.S. census, Montgomery Co., pop. sch., Dist. 41, penned p. 144 (stamped p. 72 verso), dwell./fam. 984/984, two and three households from Samuel and William Barnet (on one side) and 1-2 household from Pierce Garlick and Mary Barnett on the other side. Page 75 of that census tells us that she and neighbors were part of the “Population of La Fayette that consisted of 142 whites, 4 free nonwhites, and 19 enslaved people.)

With Mary (aged 54) in 1850 were children Sarah 16, Samuel 13, and Nancy 12—suggesting that Samuel Sr. died about 1838–40 and that his estate was held together until the children reached adulthood. In 1840, Mary (aged 30–40) lived with a male 20–30, male 10–15, 3 females 5–10, male 0–5 & female 0–5, suggesting that she and Samuel married 1810–20.

⁶⁶ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 157–58; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 92.

⁶⁷ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 248–50; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > images 139–40.

1 AUGUST 1859

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Mortgage

“This deed made this 1st day of August 1859 between **Mark Bradberry** of the one part & **William E. Stone** of the other part & both of the County of Montgomery, State of Va., Witnesseth that the sd. Bradbury doth grant unto the sd. Wm. E. Stone the following property (to wit): all his household & kitchen furniture, plantation tools, one small waggon & gear, his present growing crop of corn & fodder, in Trust to secure the following debt: the sum of [\$34.91] due to **Wm. A. Stone** due by bond bearing date the 1st? day of August 1859 & payable one day after date, the sum of [\$45] due to Musgrove C. Stone due by bond bearing date the 14th day of March 1859 & payable the 25th of Decr. 1859, the sum of [\$45] dollars due by bond executed the 14th day of March 1859 & payable the 25th of December 1860. Now should the aforementioned debt remain unpaid till “25” of November next & complaint be made by the sd. **William A. Stone** or Musgrove C. Stone, the sd. Wm. E. Stone shall sell the aforementioned property for cash giving reasonable notice of the same & pay to the sd. William A. & Musgrove C. Stone the amount of their debts and accruing interest & after paying the cost of this deed & sale, the ballance if any pay to the sd. Bradbury. Witnesseth the following signatures & seals. Mark Bradberry, Wm. E. Stone.

In the Clerk’s office of Montgomery County Court the 1st day of August 1859. This deed of trust from Mark Bradberry to Wm. E. Stone, Trustee for Wm. A. Stone & al., was delivered to me & acknowledged by said Bradberry & Stone as their act & deed & admitted to records. James M. Wade, c[lerk].”⁶⁸

COMMENT:

Mark Bradberry was the father of George Bradberry, husband of Sally (Mills) Key.

17 AUGUST 1859

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Donation

Whereas Thos. G. Shelor, **Milburn Whitt**, and **Jeremiah Whitt** were trustees on “a certain deed of trust made by Wilson Peterman, Jno. B. Peterman & Daniel J. Peterman” dated 14 July 1859, at the direction of the creditors, they put a portion of the property up for sale Prior to the sale “certain friends of the **[widow] Mary Peterman**, to wit **W. A. Stone**, C. H. **Coffer**, **Lecky Whitt**, Cephas Shelburn, H. J. Stone, B. Hawthorn, Thos. G. Shelor & **Melburn Whitt** donated money to **Jonathan Witt** to purchase the goods that Mary would need (beds, furniture, livestock, books, etc.), totaling \$190.00. As a consequence, they were not deeding those goods to the widow Mary Peterman.”⁶⁹

COMMENT:

Mary Whitt m. Wilson Peterman by Montgomery bond dated 1 December 1834.⁷⁰

OCTOBER 1860

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate

Settlement of estate of **Abijah Whitt**, by Reed C. Hall, Adm. “The heirs are as follows:⁷¹

- Mrs. Polly Whitt, widow of Abijah Whitt decd.
- Martin L. Whitt

⁶⁸ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 269–70; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 149.

⁶⁹ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 275; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 152.

⁷⁰ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley, Virginia*, 138.

⁷¹ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 349–51; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > images 190–91.

- **Nancy Cofer**, formerly Nancy Whitt [pd. \$75.75, with balance of \$4.25 paid to her]
- **Mary Grime**, formerly Mary Whitt⁷²
- Jos. B. Whitt
- John C. Whitt
- Eliza Whitt
- Rhoda Whitt
- Thomas Whitt
- Fleming Whitt
- William Whitt

TO DO:

Get this full record when I do my “reasonably exhaustive research” on Montgomery Co. Whitts.

COMMENT:

Re Cofer:

The name is clearly written as **Cofer**. Published marriage records show that Nancy Whitt, daughter of Abijah, married **James L. Cofer (“Coffee” var. Calfee)** by Montgomery County bond dated 12 July 1852. I have not found the couple (under Coffee or Cofer) in 1860.

The 1860 census of Pulaski County shows the following adjacent households (Nunley-Cloyd-Mills-Mills-Key (wife Sarah Mills) and **Cofer**:

“Western District: Newbern P.O.”

194/189	Nunley, Richd.	57	male	overseer /\$200	b. Virginia	
	Eliz th	45	female		b. Virginia	
	Louisa E.	15	female		b. Virginia	
	Francis	11	female		b. Virginia	
	Thomas H.	8	male		b. Virginia	
	Saml.	7	male		b. Virginia	
	Emma	5	female		b. Virginia	
	Elbert	2	male		b. Virginia	
195/190	Cloyd, Gordon	42	male	farmer \$58,250/42,000	b. Virginia	[General]
196/191	Mills, Thomas	25	male	farmer /\$200	b. Virginia	
	Sarah A.	19	female		b. Virginia	
	Chas. R.	2	male	[Richard in 1870]	b. Virginia	
	Isaac W.	1	male	[named for Sarah’s br]	b. Virginia	
	Nunley, Isaac	26	male		b. Virginia	
197/192	Mills, William	76	male	laborer /\$50	b. Virginia	
	Drucilla	74	female		b. Virginia	
198/193	Key, William	31	male	Laborer /\$50	b. Virginia	
	Sarah	29	female	[née Mills]	b. Virginia	
	Millie A.	8	female		b. Virginia	
	Edward	5	male		b. Virginia	

⁷² This appears to be a cousin to the Mary Whitt who married Wilson Peterman in 1834 and was widowed by 1859 when Jeremiah, Melbourn & Lecky Whitt, with others, took up a collection to buy from the estate sale what she would need. See that date above.

199/194	Cofer, John	45	male	farmer /\$700	b. Virginia
	Abbie	40	female		b. Virginia
	James	21	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	Joseph	20?	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	John	19	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	Sarah	17	female		b. Virginia
	Walter A.	8	male		b. Virginia
	Victoria	16	female		b. Virginia
	Ann E.	11	female		b. Virginia
	William T	6	male		b. Virginia

The 1850 census shows only two James Cofers in Pulaski or Montgomery. First, the 21-year-old above, living with John (40) and Abigail at dwell./fam. 543/566. Second, James R, 18, living with Joseph “Coffee” [no wife] and children 11–18 at #481/481. Living between them, at 529/545 was Joseph & **Gordon Cloyd**.

Re Martin L. Whitt (son of Abijah):

The 1860 census shows this sequence:⁷³

635/591	Whitt, Martin L.	24	male	Farmer / \$25	b. Virginia
	Ruth S? [P?]	16	female		b. N. Carolina
636/592	Bradberry, Mark	64	male	Farmer \$1000/\$100	b. Virginia
	Minerva	56	female		b. Virginia
	Gerard	23	male	Laborer /\$150	b. Virginia
	Henry	21	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	Nancy	20	female		b. Virginia
	Creed	19	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	Thomas	16	male	Laborer	b. Virginia
	Sarah	13	female		b. Virginia
	Matthew	12	male		b. Virginia
	Mary	7	female		b. Virginia
637/593	Whitt, Hezekiah B	63	male	Farmer \$5500/150	b. Virginia
	[bro of Abijah]				
	Jeremiah P.	37	male	Farmer /\$250	b. Virginia
	Hezekiah	28	male	Farmer /\$250	b. Virginia
	Milburn	25	male	Farmer /\$250	b. Virginia
	Lockey	30	female		b. Virginia

COMMENT:

Mark Bradberry’s son George married William Mills’s daughter Sarah, widow Key, 1864.

638/638	Peterman, Wilson	41	male	Farmer \$0	b. Virginia
	Mary [Whitt] ⁷⁴	44	female	/\$200	b. Virginia
	Thoda S. Godbey	12	female	[Rhoda? Godbey]	b. Virginia
639/639	Elijah Wall	47	male	Farmer \$9000/3000	b. Virginia

⁷³ 1860 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Dry Valley p.o., p. 88, taken 30–31 July 1860.

⁷⁴ Fisher, *Marriages in the New River Valley*, 182. The Thoda [Rhoda?] Godbey who shared the household would seem to be an offspring of Rhoda Whitt who married Francis Godbey in 1806.

[and family]
640/640 Winfrey, Isaac H. 26 male overseer /\$50 b. Virginia
[and family]

24 OCTOBER 1860

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

“**A. C. Whitt**” witnessed the sale by Hamilton Jewell to J. P. Dudley of “my entire crop of tobacco now in the house.”⁷⁵

COMMENT:

Elsewhere, in 1861, I also see the name “A. C. White in association with the wealth Jacob Kent family.”⁷⁶

JANUARY 1862

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

Inventory of estate of **William A. Stone, dec’d.** included 39 or so enslaved people, among whom was **Frankey 25** (& child) \$900. Debts due to the estate included “**J & H Whitt** a/c \$9.10.”⁷⁷

COMMENT:

Was Stone or his enslaved woman from Amherst or Albemarle?

FEBRUARY 1863

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

Filing of estate inventory, **John Little**, decd. “Accounts due” included **John H. Whit** (\$12.99 & \$27.00), Capt. **Wm. A Stone** (several in the same range), Hugh C. **Meredith**, W. B. Meredith, William **Meredith**, William **Martin**, &c.

COMMENT:

This Meredith and Martin cluster appeared adjacent to Sperrel Mills on the 1852–55 tax rolls.

Filing of sale bill, includes **Light** (James Sr., John Sr., L.D. & Lydia), **Conner** (Aaron, Costly, Daniel O., Jacob, John O. & Samuel, Wm. N.), **Iddings** (“Ally,” Anderson & Thomas), Peter Poff, **Samuel Mattocks**, Wimmer (Hosea) & many Halls.⁷⁸

COMMENT:

Lights, Iddings, and Conners were inter-related families surrounding William and Drucilla on the 1850 census of Floyd. See my previously cited Floyd County research report.

8 JANUARY 1864

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

Sale of property from Estate of **Samuel Page, dec’d.** Purchasers included Christian M. Snidow, **George Bradbury** (halter & chain \$2.50, large table \$35, “Bedstead, Bed & Bedding” \$126.00).⁷⁹

⁷⁵ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 358; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 194.

⁷⁶ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 415–17; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > images 223–24.

⁷⁷ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 385; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 208.

⁷⁸ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9, 1855–1864, pp. 426–34; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > images 228–32.

⁷⁹ Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 489–90; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 260.

COMMENT:

On 6 April 1864 the widower George Bradbury married the widow Sarah A. (Mills) Key, daughter of William and Drucilla Mills and widow of William H. Key.⁸⁰ In 1860 the Mills-Key-Nunnally cluster lived across New River from Radford, at Cloyd's Mountain in Pulaski.

A death record for George's first wife, who was still alive on the 1860 census, has not been found among the county's recorded deaths. **George's father Mark, on the 1860 census, is sandwiched between Hezekiah Whitt and his nephew Martin L. Whitt (son of deceased Abijah by Nancy Compton).** Mark, who had \$1000 in property on that census, died in 1862 (date not stated) of dropsy at the age of 67, leaving a widow Manervia⁸¹ and likely some inheritance to George, who used it (above) to spruce up his home in preparation for a new wife.

AUGUST 1864

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

Filing of sale bill, personal estate of **John Little**, decd. Purchasers include **Hez Whitt** (1 shovel \$2).⁸²

SOURCES USED (& SOURCES REMAINING)

Montgomery County

Chancery court records, 1831–1866. Imaged. *FamilySearch*. Digital film 00837721. **Began reading with 1850 (1st court session was May), image 155 and read through image 189 (September 1855).**

County court records, 1851–1867. Imaged, *FamilySearch*. Digital film 8574098. Books actually carry different dates:

- Book 1 (cover) 1852–1855, runs from 4 October 1852 through August term 1855.
- Book 2 (apparently missing)
- Book 3 (cover) 1859–1867 **Have not yet read.**

Tax rolls, personal, 1851–55. Imaged *FamilySearch*. Digital film 008574932.

Will Book 8, 1848–1855. Imaged *FamilySearch*. Digital film 007645480. **Began reading at p. 100 (image 331), March 1850.**

Will Book 9, 1855–1864. Imaged. *FamilySearch*. Digital film 007645560.

Will Book 10, 1864–1874. Imaged. *FamilySearch*. Digital film 007645560. **Not read.**

⁸⁰ "Virginia Marriages, 1785–1940," database, *FamilySearch* (<https://familysearch.org/ark:/61903/1:1:XRS5-64F> : 11 February 2018), Geo. Bradbury and Sarah A. Key, 06 Apr 1864; citing Montgomery, Virginia, reference n 21; FHL microfilm 2,048,462. Bradberry's children of 1860 were not living with him and Sarah in 1870. Rather, the federal copy of the census (the version that has been imaged) lists the children in the next-door household of Sarah's brother Sparrel Mills, which may be a clerical error. See **1860** U.S. census, Montgomery Co., VA, pop. sch., Post Office: "Snowville Pulaski County," p. 131, dwell./fam. 532/500; George (40), Catharine 41; Charlton W. 15; James T. 15; Edward T. 10; Patrick A. 8; Richard M 5. Also **1870** U.S. census, Montgomery Co., Christiansburg P.O., p. 143, dwell./fam., 287/322 for George Bradberry 50, male, white, carpenter \$500/125, b. Va.; and Sarah 41, female, white, keeping house, b. VA. George Bradberry was the informant for the 1867 death certificate of Drucilla (Kemp) Mills. Records differ as to Sarah's age. In brief: 1850 census: 21; 1860 census, 29; 1864 remarriage: 35; 1870 census, 41; 1880 census, 51.

⁸¹ Emily Allen and Devota Parris Pack, *Deaths in Court Records of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1853–1871* (N.P.: P.p. "for Colonel William Christian Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, 1977), 13.

⁸² Montgomery Co. Will Book 9 (1855–1864): 544; imaged, *FamilySearch* digital film 007645560 > image 287.