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SUBJECT Mills & Associates Appearing in Diaries of William Cabell Sr., 1751–1791, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia: Principally Camp, Lavender, Ripley, Tilman, Walton, Watt, White, Whitt-Witt

TASK: Read the diary for the pertinent period and extracted all relevant data

RESOURCE: MS 23338, Cabell Family: Diaries, 1751–1825; Library of Virginia, Richmond

Executive Summary

The “William Cabell Sr.” of this record set (aka Colonel William Cabell) was actually the second William Cabell in Albemarle and Amherst. His same-named father, Dr. William Cabell, had immigrated from Warminster, England, as a surgeon on a British man-of-war. By 1726 he had settled in Henrico County, where he was appointed under-sheriff, married into the wealthy Burks family, and became the colony’s official surveyor of the lands that became Albemarle and Amherst. After Goochland County was created from Henrico in 1728, the Cabell lands fell into Goochland, where the son William was born in 1730.¹

By 1744, when Albemarle was cut from Goochland, the Cabells owned over 8,000 acres along the James River and the Tye in what would become Nelson County. When young William came of age in 1751, he was named to the vestry of St. Anne’s Parish, Albemarle (serving alongside his father) and in 1753, he assumed his father’s position as surveyor. By 1760, he was a colonel in the colonial militia, after leading Albemarle men into the French and Indian War under Peter Jefferson.²

Cabell’s diaries are a motherlode of historical context for Albemarle and Amherst Counties, chronicling agricultural and weather issues, detailing contracts for various types of employees or business transactions, and declaring judgments upon the character of neighbors.

His entries are particularly relevant to my research in four ways:

¹ “William Cabell (1699–1774),” Albert and Shirley Small Special Collections Library, *University of Virginia Libraries* (<https://small.library.virginia.edu/collections/featured/the-cabell-family-papers-2/biographies/genealogy/william-cabell/> : accessed 20 June 2021).

² “Col. William Cabell (1730–1798),” Small Library, *University of Virginia Libraries* (<https://small.library.virginia.edu/collections/featured/the-cabell-family-papers-2/biographies/genealogy/col-william-cabell/> : accessed 20 June 2021).

- They suggest a reason why Pedlar River’s early settler William Mills (d. 1755)³ chose Thomas Jopling as co-executor of his will.
- They suggest a trigger for the financial spiral that William’s son Jesse plunged into after his auspicious start as a young adult during 1765–1768.
- They identify occupations for Richard Tankersly Sr. (shoemaker) and for Charles Lavender I and his sons (watermen and waggoners), aside from their ownership of land they would have farmed.
- They pinpoint the death of Charles Lavender I between 5 April 1781 (when Cabell granted him license to use his seine and fishery) and 15 July 1783 (when Cabell delivered to “Mrs. Lavender” a military pay certificate for her son William).

Research Notes



Folder Label:

Receipt Book, 1751–1755, and Diary 15 July 1783–31 Dec 1795 of William Cabell Sr. (Folder 1 of 3)

COMMENT:

Images 1–52:	Missing
Images 53–62 (left side):	Receipt book
Images 62 (right side)–63:	Cabell’s diary entries for 15 July 1783
Images 64–65	Receipt book and other notations of the 1750 period
Remaining entries	Cabell’s diary, 1783—

Cataloging data describes the receipt book as a ledger kept by Cabell as county sheriff. However, only a small portion of it was used as such. In the 1780s, the remaining blank pages were used to continue the diary Cabell had been keeping in other volumes.

Because Cabell’s entries are presented chronologically in this set of research notes, only the receipt book entries will be extracted at this point. The diary entries from this folder will be presented later in this report, in the proper time sequence.

Image 55

13 January 1752
Abraham Venable vs. **Thomas Watts** Ca Sa.
For 2.12.4 ½
Lawyers fee ... 0.7.6
& also ...

³ E. S. Mills, “William Mills (c1695–1755) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary [—?—]: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 23 February 2022; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

[Total] £2.19.10 ½

W[illegible] 62

“Recd. of W. Cabell Junr. the Contents of the opposite Execution & Costs, the Plaintiff Dyed without Heirs. [Signed] David Murray Administrator.”

COMMENT:

This Thomas Watts would be the Thomas of Lunenburg (now Bedford) who married William Mills’s daughter c1748; received a land grant in April 1748 for 400 acres on North side of Pedlar River in Amherst; and, together with Sarah, sold that land in August 1749 to Peter Bays.⁴

Image 65

8 March 1750. “Know all by these Presents that I **Wm. Wade** of the County of Albemarle do Bargain Sell [torn] in due form of Law to **W. Cabell** one Middle sized Roan” Signed “William Wade _____. Witnesses: Lee Harris, Will. Wadlow, William Wadlow.”

COMMENT:

For want of time, I am not extracting all Wade entries. I include this one here only to record the fact that William Wade was in the county by 1750.



Folder Label:

“Diary of William Cabell Sr. (2 January 1769–5 February 1770”

Image 286 (1st page of diary)

4 January 1769: “By Do. [Neill Campbell] 20/ “being the Interest from **Jesse Mills’s** Bond to Grymes’s Exrs. from 10th June 1768 to 30 Sept. following bond for £64.5.”

17 January 1769: “Kill’d 24 Hogs Weigh’d 2500 lb. Next: 5 Do for **Edwd. Tilman**, weigh’d 457.”

4 February 1769: “Delivered **John Key’s** 2 Surveys to his son **William Key**, presence of Charles Tate & **Jno. Key Jr.**”

COMMENT:

Key:

John Key was married to Agathe Witt, a daughter of the William Witt who died in Albemarle in 1754 leaving a will.⁵

Mills:

On 7 July 1767, Jesse purchased 396 acres from the Executors of Phillip Grymes and Lunsford Lomax, for 128 pds. 10 sh. The deed does not indicate that the land was being purchased on credit. The above diary entry, showing Campbell (acting for Jesse) paying Cabell (as attorney for Grymes) 20 shillings in interest on a bond Jesse had signed that equalled half the purchase price,

⁴ See E.S. Mills, “Thomas Watts (c1723–aft. 1796); Spouse Sarah Mills: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 29 November 2019; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab.

⁵ See E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Albemarle County, VA: Court Orders, Deeds & Probate, 1745–1767; Including Lavender, Learwood, Mattox, Mosby, Napier, Ripley, Tilman, Wade, Walton, Watts, and Witt,” report to file, 27 January 2016 (updated 21 May 2022); archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

suggests that Jesse’s payment of 1767 represented both cash and credit.⁶

Tilman:

Numerous other references to Tillman, one of Cabell’s overseers, appear on subsequent pages. He is a potential brother for Lucy Tilman, Jesse Mills’s wife.

Image 288

28 March 1769

“Was at a very Elegant entertainment at **Mr. Camp’s.**”

Image 289

6–18 April 1769. Comments regarding extreme cold that killed the crops already planted and the fruit on the trees. Snow &c.

11 May 1769. “**Richard Zacharias Taliaferro’s** Certificate of 99 Acres, 2 Poles, 11.8 & 10/6 Surveys [illegible short word] & Recd. 40/1 [and] 17/2 Do.”

Image 291

22 May 1769. “Came Home from the Assembly, which met on Monday the 8 of May & was dissolved on Wednesday the 17th day of Do.”

COMMENT:

The next page carries several notations by Cabell that he had delivered patents and land office receipts to sundry landowners. Obviously, when he went to Williamsburg for the assembly, he carried with him moneys from various inhabitants to pay to the Secretary’s Office for their land transactions. Then when he returned home, he brought their receipts and other completed patents with him.

Image 292

5 June 1769. “Paid **Jesse Mills** 4/4 in full.” ...

COMMENT:

Nothing indicates why Cabell owed Jesse Mills 4 shillings and 4 pence.

Images 292–94

10 July 1769. “ Very fine Rain & finished Replanting & Near a third of my Crop was Missing.

10–12 July. Sowed turnips. “Finished casting my Oats. Begun to Lay by Corn.”

20 July “Finished laying by our Corn.”

25 July “Finished Replanting & a great deal missing.”

Image 295

12 August 1769. “A remarkable fine Rain, more than has been since the first of May; the Drought being so severe that several thing [*sic*] was almost burnt up.”

⁶ See E. S. Mills, “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1743–aft1810) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 28 April 2022; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

Image 296

5 September 1769. "By **Wm. Lavender** £5.12.1 full of Braxton's Judgt. agt. Him."

5 September 1769. "paid **Charles Lavender** 16/ for Colo. Braxton."

8 September 1769. Rain and wind so hard "that it broke down Quantitys of Corn & Tobacco to pieces in a most shocking manner."

Image 297

2 October. "Paid **Charles Lavender** £2.2 for the water Carriage of 3 threads? [thirds?] of h____ tobacco in presence of **Wm. Lavender**."

Image 298

14 October. "Finished sowing wheat."

16 October. "At Night the most severe frost I ever Knew so early & the first I ever had that bit? any thing."

24 October. "By John Cabell 20/ in full pd of **Richd. Ripply's** Acct with me."

COMMENT:

This is the only Ripley entry that I found. Richard Ripley's father John Ripley was the second husband of Elizabeth (Mills) Learwood, a daughter of William Mills and sister of Jesse.⁷



Folder Label:

"Diary of William Cabell Sr. 5 Feb 1770–17 March 1771"

Image 1

17 February 1770. "Let Indian Jamie have a Bottle of Rum in full of All Accts."

"2 & 3" March "**Tilman** sowed Tobo. seed."

Image 3

15 March. "Carried my third son to Colo. Fontains to school & am to pay him at the Rate of £20 pr. Annum for Each till Christmas & also for Lod[g]ing & Mending what shall be thought Reasonable."

Image 6

17 April. "Signed ditto [a deed] to **William Lavender** as ditto [attorney for Grymes's Executors] for 546 ½." [Similar deed as same, for same, to **Richard Tankersly Junr.** 174 acres 19.2.9.]

27 April. "Planted Irish potatoes ... water mellons, cucumber & pumkin seeds."

Image 8

⁷ In addition to the William and Mary Mills Research Notes previously cited, see E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Albemarle County, VA: Court Orders, Deeds & Probate, 1745–1767; Including Lavender, Learwood, Mattox, Mosby, Napier, Ripley, Tilman, Wade, Walton, Watts, and Witt," report to file, 27 January 2016 (updated 21 May 2022), 71 pp. but particularly p. 3; archived online at Mills, *Historic Pathways*, under the "Research" tab.

17 May “Recd. of ditto [Mr. Irving] £50 for **Wm. Walton** in part of Grymes’s Exrs Execution agt. him &c.”
17 May “By Mr. Irving £49.13 in part of my Acct. agt. **Wm. Walton** & an Order on Neill Campbell for £14.0.8½ the Ball. Except 7/ which the Gold he delivered me lacked of the weight.”
18 May “Gave **Wm. Walton** patroler’s Comiss. & his compy is Richard Murrow, Jacob Webb & Caleb Hansbrough.”

Image 9

22 May 1770. “By ditto [Clerk of Mr. Neill Campbell] £14.0.8½ in full of **Walton’s** acct. with me.”

Image 10

7 June. “**Richard Tankersley’s** bond Lodged with me to deliver Mr. Lomax.”
8 June. “By **John Camp** for Wm. Hughes [illegible] Shillings.”

Image 12

29 July 1770. “Delivered **Mr. Thomas Joplin** a Prayer Book for St. Luke’s Church.”
6 August. “Paid **Edward Tilman** £13.03.3. & 12/1 due him.”

COMMENT:

Jesse Mills’s father, William Mills of Pedlar River, in his 1755 will, named Thomas Joplin as co-executor to serve with William’s widow. When William’s estate was finally settled in 1766, after his youngest child (Jesse) came of age, Joplin declined to serve and Jesse was named coexecutor with his mother.

No other association has been found between Mills and Joplin, who lived in a distant part of Amherst County, aside from the fact that one neighbor of Mills (Robert Davis, a witness to Mills’s will) was married to Joplin’s daughter. While both Mills and Joplin were earlier settlers of Goochland County, they also lived in different locales there and no association has been found between them there.⁸

In short, no explanation has been found for why William chose Joplin to be co-executor. Cabell’s diary repeatedly associates Joplin with the parish church and, at Joplin’s death, praised him as a model person. *Possibly* Joplin’s implied religious leadership suggests a reason for William Mills, who had no known relatives in Amherst, to choose Joplin to assist his wife who was not literate.

Image 17

6 November 1770. “Delivered Mr. Lunsford Lomax Jr. **Richard Tankersley junr.’s** bond to Grymes’s Executor.”

Image 18

19 November 1770. “Let **Tilman** have 3 hogs wch. weighed 230 in part of his allowance.”
22 November 1770. “paid **Charles Lavender** 5/ in full for bringing up my Goods, Moving the Chest of Goods brought up to Weigh [illegible].”

Image 19

⁸ Mills, “William Mills (c1695–1755) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary [—?—]: Research Notes.”

20 November. **Keziah Eads** hired herself to Cabell for 8 months, promising to be diligent &c.

30 November. “Let **Tilman** have 3 hogs which weighed 281 which with the three he had some time ago make 571.”

Image 20

24 December. “Delivered to William Ross, for Peter Davis, the following Negroes of Richard Holland (viz) Jerry, John, Harry, Patt & her three Children. **Edward Tilman** present.”

Image 21

28 February 1771. “**Tilman** begun to hill.”

Image 22

7 March 1771. “Sold **John Lavender** a New Canoe for £3 in presence of old Mr. Harper.”

16 March. “Sowed Cabbage, Colewart, Celery & Lettice seed.”



Folder Label:

“Diary of William Cabell Sr. 17 March 1771–2 December 1771”

Image 391

28 March 1771. “**Tilman** began to plant.”

Image 393

12 May 1771. Frost killed what tobacco and vegetables he had planted.

16 May 1771. “**Keziah Eads** was delivered of a Bastard child.”

26 May 1771. “The greatest Flood in the River that has been known, by 12 feet perpendicular at least, it Carried away almost any House on the Lowgrounds, destroyed all the Orchards, many people were drowned, fences intirely Carried off & the land when uncovered with the water presented the most melancholy appearance ever seen being intirely swep[t] off & the Land to all appearances ruined.”

COMMENT:

It is not clear whether “the river” should be Tye River (which Cabell repeatedly refers to in his diary, and seems to be the site of his primary plantation) or the James. Cabell lands lay on both.

The Tye was also the waterway for Jesse Mills and his in-laws, William Walton and the Lavenders. The series of droughts, requiring multiple replantings, and subsequent floodings that Cabell chronicles during the 1769–71 period, appears to have been the catalyst for the financial crises previously documented for Jesse Mills. Given that he bought land on credit, crop failures would mean he could not pay the debt due on the land or the money that he had to borrow for seed and supplies to make each new year’s crop.

Image 395

1 July 1771. “Paid Zachrias Taliaferro 17/10 in full.”

10 August. “**Edwd. Tilman** told me that he intends to leave my Employ in the Fall & had positively agreed to stay some time in the Preceeding June.”

Image 347

13 September 1771. “Agreed with David Reynolds to Overlook to Negroes on the Plantation where **Ned Tilman** now lives & am to give him a Beef & 800 lbs. of dried pork & in Consideration of his doing his duty as an Overseer am to give him a Clear share of Tobo. & a share of Corn & he is to allow a share of Corn for Work House. Present **Ned Tilman.**”

20 September. “**Keziah Eades’s** Child departed this life.”

Image 398

4 October 1771. “Agreed with Trice to Continue [as] my Overseer for the Ensuing year in the presence of **John Johnson.**”

Image 401

15 November 1771 “By **William Walton** 19/.”

27 November “**Tilman** made 90 Barrels & 4 Bushels of Corn which divided Among 11 shares is abt. 8 barrels & 5 pecks which I delivered [to] his brother for? **Wm. Walton.**”

COMMENT:

William Walton was married to Elizabeth Tilman, sister of Jesse Mills’ wife Lucy Tilman.

Image 402

20 December 1771 “Wm. Trice agreed to leave my business in presence of James Cole.”

21 December. “David Reynolds agreed to look after my Home House Plantation whereon is 11 shares & my upper Quarter where he Lives where there is 10 shares & is to decline drinking altogether & never be absent from his Duty unless his lawfull business Calls him & to be Carefull of the stocks & every other Thing put under his Care & is to allow a share of Corn at each Place for work Horses & should he not do his duty in all things as a good Overseer Ought to do, am to have it in my Option at any time to turn him Away without being answerable for so doing & he is to pay for all the Provision, furnished his Family which is a Beef & 800 lb. of dried? Pork together with Corn for himself Wife & Children Most of which are Grown but in Consideration of his doing his duty as an Overseer am to give him two shares of Tobo. & Corn & paying for his part of the Tobo. being made Convenient & am to have his Corn at 5/ pr Barrel. Col. Nevil was present when I agreed with him for the Quarter where he lives & the same agreement as to his Conduct was continued on his agreeing to Look after my Home House Business aft. Wm. Trice Left it. Trice’s Crop of Corn made in 1771 is 359 Barrels ...”



Folder Label:

“Diary of William Cabell Sr. 1 May 1773 – [7 Dec.] 1773”

Image 212

5 July 1773. “Delivered **Abner Witt** do. [*ditto*—i.e., his survey] to his Brother, I took him to be, **Abner Witt** being Just by in the Court yard.”

COMMENT:

When Cabell returned from Williamsburg with documents for local citizens, he frequently delivered them to the individuals on a court day when they came to town.

Image 219

6 September 1773. "By **Charles Lavender** £2.19.7½ in part of his Acct."



Folder Label:

"Dairy of William Cabell Sr. 11-16 Feb. 1774, 27 May 1774 – 10 July 1776"

Image 4

27 July 1774. "Agreed with Young Landrum to look after my two Lower Plantations as an overseer ..."

27 July. "Rented the plantation above the Pounding Mill Creek wch Theo. Scruggs rented of **Wm Walton** to George Tapscott ..."

COMMENT:

Subsequently in this diary, Cabell reports that he had hired Theodrick Scruggs as overseer on one of the Cabell plantations. About three weeks later he reported that he had retracted the job offer because of neighborhood reports that Scruggs was inhumane to enslaved people working under him.

Image 7

5 September 1774. "Paid **Richd. Tankersley** 13/9 in full of all Accts."

Image 10

26 November 1774. "**Richd. Tankersly** made 59 pair of Negroes shoes ... 3. 13.9."

COMMENT:

Numerous entries of this type make it clear that Richard Tankersly was a shoemaker.

Image 13

16–17 March 1775. Three earthquakes between 2:00 pm and daylight.

Image 21

7 June 1775. "Paid **old Mrs. Camp** 27/6 for Corn & fodder Samuel? had."
[*last entry on page*]

Image 22

[*First entry on page*]

7 June 1775. "Paid **young Mrs. Camp** 29/10 for Boy & Horses Expenses."

Image 26

28 August 1775. Another earthquake. "Noise was greater than [illegible words] and continued longer."

Image 32

19 December 1775. "Paid **Mrs. Camps** Boy 7/6 for feeding my Horses when sent for my son Sam."

Image 36

25 February 1776. “Settled with **Richard Tankersley** & paid him £3.10.2 Cash in full & the Amt. filed among my Rects &c.”

25 February. “Paid **William Creasy** 5/ for making a Powder Horn & shot bagg.”



Folder Label:

“Diary of William Cabell Sr. 3 Oct 1776–30 June 1777”

Image 272

14 November 1776. “Paid **Richard Tankersley** 40/ in part for making shoes.”

Image 273

23 November 1776. “Set off on my [way] to the Senate. 26th arrived in Williamsburg & took my seat in the Senate.”

Image 276

3 January 1777. “Paid [to] **Richd. Tankersley** £2.3.1 in full of an Acct.”

Image 277

14 February 1777. “[Paid] By **Wm. Creasey** 14/ for distilling 19 Gallons of Whiskey.”

COMMENT:

This and similar entries make it clear Cabell owned a distillery that operated in the manner of a mill—i.e., neighbors brought their grain and he processed it for them.

Image 279

13 March 1777. “A very Windy day and the two Chimneys that was run up in my New House Blew down.”

25 March 1777. “My Corn House & Stable, which was 52 feet long burnt, in which was about [listed items]. It was a great mercy that all our houses had not burnt for it was within 15 yards of my New House and the wind blew very hard, about the same distance from my store House & about 24 feet from my dwelling House & it appeared that some vile person had set it on fire to consume all my Houses &c.”

Image 280

27 March 1777. “Let Mrs. Conner, the wife of **Daniel Conner** a soldier have half a bushel of salt.”



Folder Label:

“Diary of William Cabell, Sr. 17 Dec. 1777–9 Feb 1779”

Image 405

3 February 1778. "Paid **Wm. Walton** 3/ which he overpaid me for Jno. Montgomery's advertisement."
"By Do. [**Walton**] 12/ in full for the Journals & Acts of the last May Session which I recd. out of a two pound Bill & sent him 20/ the Ball: Present Wm. Loving."

Image 410

27 April 1778. "Paid **Mr. Camp** 20 Dollars for 8 Chairs, also £3 for a pair of Dogs."

Image 411

9 May 1778. "By **old Mrs. Key & son** 30/ for Barrel & half of Corn & 30/ some time ago, w^h [illegible word] her to three Barrels."

Image 419

2 September 1778. "Sent my Rifle by Geo. **Creasy** to Thos. Mathews to have her stock mended & let him have the wiper & Bullet Moulds. Also sent by him a Gun lock to be mended & a small Key."



Folder Label:

Diary of William Cabell Sr., 12 Feb. 1779 – 28 Feb 1782 (Folder 1 of 2)

Image 305

25 February 1779. "Enlisted John Johnson Junr. for the second Division of Amherst County & pd. him 400 dollars in presence of Mr. Lamont & John Williams & Majr. Cabell, whereupon he took the Oath & gave a Rec^t."

Image 323

16 July 1779. "Paid **Charles Mills** £9.4 in Gold for Majr. Cabell & took up his Note of him bearing date Novr. 12, 1778."

COMMENT:

Charles and David Mills who seattled the Hardware and Mechum's River in upper Albemarle were descendants of the immigrant Nicolas Mills. I am not pursuing this set of Mills, which has been well researched.

19 July 1779. "Delivered **Richard Tankersley** Thos? Wortham's Survey of 134 acres transferred to him from him."

19 July 1779. "Delivered **Richd. Tankersley** leather for [illegible] for myself, Billy, Landon, Hunter, My Wife, Polly, Peggy & Betsey, also Celimanes? for my Wife, Polly, Peggy & Betsey."

Image 334

4 October 1779. "By **Charles Lavender** £8.6 in full. By Do. £3.15 for Col. N. Cabell."



Folder Label:

Diary of William Cabell Sr., 12 Feb. 1779 – 28 Feb 1782 (Folder2 of 2)

Image 365

2 December 1780. “**Richd. Tankersley** finished making shoes for wch. we are are to settle hereafter.”

16 December 1780. “Paid the Treasurer & Register for **John Temples** survey of 200 acres to wit the Registers Fee 85 Dollars & the plats to the Treasurer 26/8. Paid the Treasurer for **Jos. Canterbury Junr.** survey of 174 Acres to wit, the Register 85 Dollars & the Treasurer 26/8.”

Image 366

10 January 1781. “Killed in the whole 54 hogs ... Sold **R. Tankersley** 627 [pounds].”

Image 370

23 February 1781. “Let Capt. Landrum have horse, smooth bore gun, Well fixed for the Militia that were on d____ [duty? Detachment?] from this County agt. the enemy near Dan River. He is to have them appraised. Present Thomas Jopling & W. M. Cabell Jr.”

27 February 1781. “Capt. Landrum with about 30 (50? 80?) men marched by my House to Join General Green to the southward who had been at the Mouth of Tye River from Fryday last. The Remainder of the Lower Battalion was ordered to Shoals Ferry, at least 50 miles out of their way to Moores Ordinary in Prince Edward, where they were Ordered to Rendezvous. Strange Orders & Conduct when the Enemy are almost at our door.”

30 March 1781. “Delivered **Wm. Temple** [*sic*] the registrar’s rect. for 200 acres & paid him 9 Dollars, which he overpaid me. Delivered **Mrs. Jones, her son Joseph Canterbury Junr.**, rect. from the register for 174 acres & paid her 9 Dollars which she overpaid me. Paid Mrs. Jones half barrel of Corn in full of £100 Levied for her son by the parish.”

COMMENT:

Cabell’s entry of 30 March misidentifies Temple. As previously shown, on 16 December 1780, he paid the registrar 85 dollars and the treasury 26/8, as fees for *John Temple’s* survey of 200 acres. Now on 30 March he identifies Temple as *William*.

Amherst County tax rolls place *John Temple* there through 1783, but do not include a *William*.⁹

Image 374

5 April 1781. “Jesse Wright, **Charles Lavender**, Thomas Largin, George Wright & Joseph Hollandworth, to have my seine & fishery on Woods Island every Thursday Night during the season of Catching fish, for which they are to deliver me one half they catch at my Landing Opposite the fishing place, to be careful of the seine & keep her in good order & if they fail to fish when the weather & River will permit, they are

⁹ For more on this Temple family, see Rachal Mills Lennon, “Context and Comrades Illuminate a Silent Southerner: John Temple (1758–1838), Revolutionary War Pensioner,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 103 (March 2015): 49–67; and Lennon, “Identifying a Son for John Temple of Virginia, Georgia, South Carolina, and Alabama,” *NGSQ* 103 (June 2015): 139–50 archived online at Lennon, *Finding Southern Ancestors* (https://www.findingsouthernancestors.com/_files/ugd/eea7e1_9027f6e0a7bc4a399eb534d644118e5d.pdf and https://www.findingsouthernancestors.com/_files/ugd/eea7e13f9fbf0f37f44fb6973ed5caf349e7a4.pdf).

to be answerable to me for such Neglect; & at the end of the season to deliver up the seine in good order. [signed] Jesse Wright.”

“Caught in the Course of the night 408 shads & for some time past caught them very Considerably.”

COMMENT:

This is the last known record for Charles Lavender I (aka, “the Elder”) helping us to further bracket the time of his death. I am assigning this record to him, rather than his son Charles, because

- Charles Jr. (aka Charles II) was born c1762 and would not yet be a legal adult with whom Cabell could contract for permission to use his fishery and seine.
- Cabell’s entry of 15 July 1783, below, treats the wife/widow of Charles I as a “sole feme,” with authority for receiving legal documents for her son William.
- Cabell’s next reference to Charles Lavender, acting in the same capacity that Charles I had served Cabell (1 August 1785), explicitly refers to “Charles Jr.”
- By November 1785, Charles I was clearly deceased (as was his son William) when dower lands were divided between his Charles I’s widow Elizabeth and William’s widow Milly.¹⁰

From these records we may deduce that Charles Lavender “the Elder” likely died between 5 April 1781 and 15 July 1783.

Image 396

COMMENT:

At this point Cabell’s diary turns 180 degrees and presents a table of tickets for the Hampton Lottery that he sold in June 1770-July 1778.

“6 July 1778. Sold **Abner Witt** 6 tickets No. 1306, 1307, 1308, 1309, 1310 & 1311.”



Folder Label:

Receipt Book, 1751–1755, and Diary 15 July 1783–31 Dec 1795 of William Cabell Sr. (Folder 1 of 3)

COMMENT:

The series begins with image 53, being receipt-book pages. The receipt book runs through image 62, whose right-hand page then begins Cabell’s diary at 15 July 1783. Images 64–65 revert to the receipt book. For these first several pages of this folder, see 1751 at the start of this report.

Image 62

15 July 1783. “Delivered **Mrs. Lavender** her son **Wm. Lavender**’s Certificate for £2.2.8 for militia service under Captain John Christian.”

16 July 1783. “Delivered Wm. Bowman **Joseph Canterbury Jr.** grant for 164 acres.

Image 78

1 March 1784. “**William Walton** to fish every Fryday Night on the same terms [a reference to prior

¹⁰ Amherst Co., Court Order Book 1784–1787, p. 385.

agreements for others to fish on different nights.]

Image 79

25 March 1784. “Delivered **Wm. Walton** the Auditor’s Warrant for his pay & that of his Company while on duty to the Southward as pr pay roll.”

COMMENT:

The payment to Walton for “his Company” indicates that he was a captain. I have not yet identified his unit.

Image 82

15 May 1784. “**William Walton** failed to fish Fryday Night the 14 Instant, the weather good & the River in Order & to be answerable to me for the Neglect.”

Image 91

10 March 1785. “**Wm. Walton** every Fryday night. Do.”

Image 94

28 June 1785. “Polly Cabbell was married to John Brackenridge.”

14 July 1785. “Paid Mrs. Youngs Husband 28/ for making Peggy Colliers Gown.”

Image 96

1 August 1785. “Paid **Charles Lavender Jr.** 6/8 in part of 10/ for two trips of his Canoe.”

Image 98

20 September 1785. “Purchased of **Wm. Walton** a Negro fellow Named Will for which I paid him £100 Specie & have from Hugh Rose a Warranty agt. him & his heirs agt. any title he may have to the sd. slave, by Mortgage deed of Trust or otherwise, also a Warranty from Walton. The fellow’s nearly 26y. old.

Image 102

11 February 1786. “**William Walton** &c every Fryday Night &c.”

Image 104

12 March 1786. “Adam Brown taken in Custody to Carry to the Publick Goal for the Murder of his Brother John Brown. I sent up for my Iron & ____ of tools that had been sent him & may get a small quant. of Iron & scarcely any ____ Coller & two hollings hoes ____ to Jos. Page & Jeremiah P. ____ ton, 6 broad hoes with grubbing hoe, Eye sent from Phillips’s & three from home he acknowledged he sold & one half horse plow, the Coler excepted – The whole of the work he did for me was done in a very slight & trifling manner – **James Brown his Brother** came down in the evening of the same day & desired that I would take my Negroe fellow Bob, who I had hired to his Brother & was sent by his brother Adam – Present Mrs. Hansbrough – Much Iron & steele M__ applied.

COMMENT:

One James Brown in 1795 married Jesse Mills’s daughter Susannah. No known record identifies his birth family.

Image 105

12 March 1786. "My Son Wm's Still brought by Page from Brown's Shop ... & No Iron or any other thing."

13 March 1786. "**James Brown** brought me from Adam Brown shop [various items]."



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Image 117

17 October 1786. "Paid **Charles Lavender** $\frac{3}{4}$ in full of 10/ for the use of his Canoe two trips. Present Hugh & Charles Rose. 12 Octr."

Image 118

29 October 1786. "Moses Ray & family set off on their way to Georgia."

COMMENT:

Moses and William Ray, called "my tenants" in other entries, have been mentioned frequently in this diary since its beginning.

Image 122

22 March 1787. "**Charles Lavender** took off three ____ Tobo. of mine & two of Sam Cabells & am to carry the Same Number for him Some time lease? [later?]."

COMMENT:

The sons of Charles Lavender I are continuing to operate as watermen and waggoners.

Image 127

2 October 1787. "Rented to **Allen Lavender** the Plantation whereon he now lives the ensuing year at the same term he has ____ to had it, which is 500 lb. Crop Tobo. of the Richmond Inspection. Present Thos. Willshire."

Image 136

6 August 1787. "Delivered **Stephen Watts** his Grant for 100 acres."

Image 137

13 August 1787. "**Wm. Creasy** stole a Lamb from me & was detected by James Barker who informed me of it. He was pursued by my son Hector & young Mr. Canady ... [can't read several lines of details]"

14 August 1787. "Lent **Mr. Watt** three foels [foals] wh. he is to return in a fortnight."

18 August 1787. "**Wm. Creasy** sent me some Iron by Negro Jim, my son Wm.'s fellow. He said Cost him 10/ in order to pay for two sheep which the sd. Creasy stole from me."

Image 148

24 August 1789. "**Thomas Jopling the elder** departed this life in a very advanced age. He was truly an

honest Man and his death much lamented by all his Acquaintances.”

29 August 1789. “Certified that **Mr. Marbil Stone** had lived about 4 years in this Cty & that I had never heard anything to the prejudice of his Character & that from the acquaintances I had with him, considered him as an honest respectable man.”

Image 155

27 September 1790. “Agreed to let **Allen Lavender** continue at the place he now rents for the ensuing year on the same terms as at present which is 400 lb. Crop Tobo. of the Richmond Inspection. Present **John Bousch.**”

Image 156

8 October 1790. “Paid Thos. Landrum Jr. £48.12 in full of my bond to **Rush Hudson** for £50 & took up the same.”

COMMENT:

Rush Hudson was a witness to the 1793 marriage consent penned by Joshua Hudson, agreeing that Jesse Mills Jr. could have a license to marry Joshua’s daughter Rachael.¹¹

Image 161

5 May 1791. “**Adam Brown** agreed in the presence of Col. Ambrose Rucker and Lucas Powell to pay me £3 Rent for the present year for the House he now lives in & wood for one Smiths fire.”

COMMENT:

This folder ends 24 January 1792. I did not pursue his remaining diaries for want of time.

¹¹ Amherst Co. Marriage Bonds and Consents, 1793–1796, chronological sequence; imaged on Amherst Co. microfilm 108, Library of Virginia, Richmond.