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BACKGROUND: **William Mills** (b. c1784–88), first emerged in 1806 as a young, propertyless tithable in adjacent Franklin County. His earliest associates were other young men with Montgomery connections. In the 1840s and 1850s, several of his children married in and/or lived in Montgomery County. In his declining years, impoverished, he left Franklin and lived variously in Floyd and Pulaski Counties (both cut from Montgomery). His widow died in Montgomery in 1867, at which time the son-in-law who reported her death stated her birthplace as Montgomery. That statement is provably false but does raise a question whether the informant confused the birthplace of his wife's father with that of his wife's mother.

William's birth family is unproved. Tested Y-line descendants carry a Witt/Whitt Y. (I-M253 and its terminal branch I-S24090.)² To distinguish him from other William Millses under study, I am referencing him as William Mills-Witt.

William married 1815, in Franklin Co., **Drucilla Kemp**, daughter of Robert Kemp and Millie **Edmundson** (daughter of Richard) who wed 1786 in Franklin. Drucilla's stepmother was Sarah **Mattox** (daughter of Nathan, formerly of Bedford County, VA, who married Robert Kemp in 1802 Franklin. Bondsman for William's marriage to Drucilla was Stephen **Standifer**, an Edmundson neighbor whose family migrated from Bedford to Henry before being cut away into Franklin. William and Drucilla disappear from Franklin County records in the 1820s but reappear in 1829 when she inherited paternal land. My survey of some twenty-six surrounding counties has not yet located him during that decade.

Offspring of William and Drucilla were **JAMES H. MILLS**, c1816; d. after 1844; **SAMUEL E. MILLS**, 26 February 1818; m. *Mary Ann Hobson* 1841 in Franklin Co., settled in Upson and Meriwether Cos., GA; **WILLIAM B. MILLS**, c1820, d. 1865, Civil War; **ROBERT WILEY MILLS**, c1824, m. *Mary Jarrett*, daughter of Allen, d. 1862, CW; **SPARRELL MILLS**, c1826–27, m. 1848 *Martha Susan Jarrett*, d. c1900 **Montgomery Co.**, VA; **CHARLES T. MILLS**, c1828–33, m. *Sarah E. Fleeman* in **Montgomery Co.**, moved to Claiborne Co., TN; **SARAH "SALLIE" MILLS**, c1829, m. George Bradberry; d. after 1870, **Montgomery Co.**; **MILLY ANN/FRANCES**

¹ Also see the following reports archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the "Research" tab:

- E. S. Mills, "Mills-White-Witt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data, 1782–1807, report to file, 15 February 2020.
- E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Montgomery County, VA, Extended Research (Bias, Sartain, Toney, White, Whitt/Witt)," report to file, 10 September 2020.

² The terminal branch has been defined for two M253 testers who have also taken the Big-Y. At the 111-marker level, all are M253. Three of these individuals have posted their data in the Mills Project at *FamilyTreeDna* (<https://www.familytreedna.com/public/mills?iframe=yresults>), i.e., kits 54047, 71330, and 138388.

MILLS, c1830–33, m. *John B. Lawrence* in Floyd Co. 1854; **THOMAS R. MILLS**, c1834–36, m. *Sarah Nunley*, d. allegedly 1915 Pulaski Co.³

ASSOCIATES: Franklin County associates of William, with Montgomery ties, include

- **John Ferguson Jr.** of Bedford and Franklin, who died 1789 in Franklin leaving land in Montgomery Co.⁴
- **Samuel McCarrell**, grandson and heir of John Ferguson, who first appears as an adult in Franklin Co. on the 1800 tax roll. In 1801, he bought land in Montgomery Co., from his aunt **Sarah Weaks** (wife of **William Weacks**, Weeks). In 1803, Franklin Co., he bought land from **Richard Stanley** (in-law and cousin of **Booker Mullins**). At the first appearance of William Mills-Witt on the Franklin Co. tax roll of 1806, William was added between **Samuel McCarrell** and **Booker Mullins** and his list was turned in the same day as McCarrell's. Through the next four tax rolls, Mills's list and McCarrell's list would continue to be turned in on the same day. The 1830 census of Franklin (semi-alphabetized by first letter of surname) lists William Mills-Witt consecutively with Joseph Mullins, son of one of the Booker Mullinses.⁵
- **Jacob Prillaman**, in-law of the Mullins family, who owned land on Little River of Montgomery County, in 1796.⁶

TASK: Survey materials available at the Library of Virginia, to the extent that time allows, beginning with the published literature available for the county.

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³ For documentation of all details for William, Drucilla, and their children, see Elizabeth Shown Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at E. S. Mills, *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>), under the "Research" tab.

⁴ See E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

⁵ *Ibid.*

⁶ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 34–35; citing Will Book 1: 112.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Within this summary, information from prior reports is footnoted to that particular report. *The new findings, documentation and fuller details are found in the research notes section of this report—chronologically arranged—and can be located easily by using the date referenced in this summary.*

This county offers promising evidence for the possible origin of William Mills-Witt of Franklin (b. c1784–88). His Witt Y suggests that we need to seek a Mills mother and a Witt-Whitt father in close proximity at the time of his conception. **That combination does exist here in Montgomery.** Mills females and a Whitt family can be placed in the same tax district (representing roughly one-third of the county) from 1787 through the early 1800s, with associates in common.

Mills

Seven “Mills” individuals have been identified in Montgomery County from 1777 through 1803. Five can be dropped from further consideration:

- **John Mills Sr. and Jr.** This father-son pair originated in Augusta, resided and owned property c1749–66 in the part of Lunenburg that became Bedford, but returned to Augusta land that fell in Botetourt after 1770. The son served as a militia captain during the Revolution, the father died in Botetourt in 1781, and both appear briefly in Fincastle-Montgomery records as part of an ongoing legal process that originated before Fincastle was created.⁷
- **John Miles/Mills**, private in Osborn’s Militia Company c1777–83. Published transcriptions and abstracts of these rosters variously cite him as *Miles* and *Mills*. On Montgomery’s tax roll of 1782, he is clearly Miles, grouped within a family of other Miles males who continue as Miles through the 1780s.
- **Thomas Mills**, who is cited on the 1787 tax roll as having moved to NC. He is likely the 1790 head-of-household in Stokes County, across the state line from Patrick County (formerly Henry), who had a family of seven that year. (One branch of the Whitts, below, also lived in Stokes.) Thomas appears to be a second-generation offspring of a Thomas-Henry-Richard Mills family that settled Surry > Stokes before 1768. Stokes County records suggest that his wife was a daughter of Daniel Huff of Montgomery County who also moved to Surry.⁸
- **Rachel Mills**. On 3 August 1803, one John Bowen posted a bond to marry Rachel Mills, with William Preston as his surety. On that same day, Preston was appointed Rachel’s guardian.

TO BE PURSUED:

Between 1788–92, two Mills females surfaced in Montgomery as young women without known family. Both were married in the same rural church—Rev. Alexander Ross’s Baptist church at Walker Creek in what is now Giles County—suggesting that the two women were likely related. The families into which they intermarried were neighbors and associates, not only with each other but also with Whitts.

⁷ For this John Mills family, see the following research reports which I have archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

- “Mills & Watts: Augusta County & the Virginia Frontier, Initial Survey ...,” report to file, 8 February 2019.
- “Mills & Associates: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018.
- “Mills & Associates: Botetourt County, Virginia: Preliminary Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; revised 24 June 2019.

⁸ See E. S. Mills, “Mills, Whitt & Associates: Stokes and Surry Counties, NC: Literature Survey, Pre-1840,” report to file, 13 March 2019; also archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

One of the women is widely proposed, with credible evidence, to be the daughter of Jesse Mills and wife Lucy Tilman of Amherst County—a couple who underwent extreme financial hardship in the 1780s. At least two of their teenaged children (William and Susanna) are known to have been placed in other homes.⁹ These two young women in Montgomery were

- **Sarah “Sallie” Mills.** On 7 April 1791, **Elijah Sartain (var. Certain, Sartin)**, took out a marriage bond to marry Sarah, with Joel “Certain” as his surety. The marriage return, citing 26 April 1791 as the date of marriage, was filed by the same Rev. Alexander Ross who would wed the widow Frankey Mills to John White Sr. in 1792. In 1806, Sarah and Elijah were cut away into Giles, as were John and Frankey (Mills) White.

In 1815, Elijah and Sallie sold the Montgomery > Giles land that Elijah inherited from his father Joel and moved to Gallia County, Ohio. In 1816, their daughter married in Gallia before a justice of the peace who wrote the bride’s name as “**Lucy Tilman Sartain**” in the recorded marriage return. Most descendants believe, though direct evidence has not been found, that Lucy’s mother Sarah was the daughter of **Jesse Mills of Amherst County** whose proved wife was **Lucy Tilman**. This Jesse Mills had a sister Sarah “Sallie” who married Thomas Watts (my ancestors) and another sister Anne who married Lewis **Witt**, cousin of Rev. Richard Whitt of Montgomery.¹⁰

Jesse Mills, the probable father of Sarah (Mills) Sartain, drops from Amherst tax rolls after 1784 but lived at least to 1811. Research is not yet complete for him in Amherst or Montgomery.¹¹

- **Frances “Frankey” Mills, widow**, for whom three events (four records) have been found thus far:
 - 9 Nov. 1788, **John Abram Glymp** posted bond to marry “**Frankey Mills, widow**,” with a landowning neighbor, Milliton **Atkins**, as surety. The marriage appears not to have taken place. No return has been found. Glymph, a Revolutionary War soldier, left Montgomery the next year and by 1800 headed a household in Newberry County, SC, where numerous offspring remained through the 1800s. UPDATE: Y-line descendants of Frankey’s proved son Samuel, who have not

⁹ For this Albemarle > Amherst family, see the following reports which I have also archived at *Historic Pathways*:

- “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740—aft1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 15 July 2019.
- “Mills & Associates: Amherst County, Virginia: Extended Survey,” report to file, 18 June 2019.
- “William Mills (c1695–1766) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary (Walton?): Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 1 June 2019. William and Mary were parents of Jesse and, thus, grandparents of the Sarah Mills who married Elijah Sartain.

¹⁰ The immigrant John Witt and wife Anne Daux had sons John, William, Edward, and Richard Sr. The most significant matches to descendants of William Mills-Witt are through sons William and Edward, as follows:

- William > Benjamin > Lewis Witt of Bedford: Y-line descendant Warren Pratt (Kit 71330) is a **genetic distance of 2 on a 111-marker test**, when compared to Clay Mills (Kit 54047), a descendant of William Mills-Witt. For this Witt-Pratt line, see Warren C. Pratt, “Finding the Father of Henry Pratt of Southeastern Kentucky,” *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 100 (June 2012): 85–103; this map, drawn by Dr. Pratt, appears as Fig. 1 on p. 90.
- Edward > John > Pool Witt of Halifax: Y-line descendant John Bray (Kit 138388) is a **genetic distance of 1 on a 111-marker test**, when compared to Kit 54047. Bray’s proof argument for descent from Pool Witt has not yet been published, but he has consented for these brief details to be included in this report.

The most comprehensive Witt genealogy is 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.

¹¹ For additional records on the family of Sarah “Sally” Mills, wife of Elijah Sartain, see my research reports archived online at *Historic Pathways* (<https://www.historicpathways.com>) under the “Research” tab:

- “Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740—aft1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 15 July 2019.
- “Mills & Associates: Giles County, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 16 June 2019.
- “William Mills (c1695–1766) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary (Walton?): Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 1 June 2019.

yet published their DNA results, report that closest matches trace their Y-line to the Atkinses of Montgomery and their offspring, Booker Mullins of Franklin County.

- 19 August 1792, **John White Senr.** took out a bond to marry "**Frances Mills**," with **Thomas Copley Jr.** as bondman. A marriage return for "John White and **Frankey Mills**" was filed (without a specific date of marriage) by Rev. Ross. After the 1806 creation of Giles Co., the Atkins, Copley, Glymph, and White lands—like the church—all fell into Giles.
- 6 May 1807. **Samuel Mills** [b. c1787] took out a Giles Co. bond to marry Rachel Prince; the record includes the permission of his parents: "**John & Frankey White.**"¹²

Other associates of Frankey and John White, to be included in further research, were:

- John White [no Sr. or Jr.] m. **Thomas Copley's** daughter Nancy, on 8 January 1793.
- John White [no Sr. or Jr.] m. Susannah Marcum, 29 July 1796. (Marcums lived near the Mills of Franklin.)

Mary White, dau. of "John White," married **Robert Whitt**, 22 Oct. 1792 (Robert was putative nephew of Montgomery's Rev. Richard Whitt of Meadow Creek of Little River of New River.)

Other key points:

- No male Mills has been found in Montgomery who might have been married to the "widow" Frankey Mills.
- Frankey Mills may not have been a widow in 1788 but presented herself as such when she moved into the county. The age of her son Samuel suggests that she had just borne him or was pregnant with him at the time John Abraham Glymph posted a bond to marry her. Some unknown circumstance caused that planned marriage to fall through.
- Sarah Mills, who was married by the same minister as the widow Frankey, is likely part of Frankey's family.
- William Mills-Witt of Franklin Co., born c1784–88, named his first daughter **Sarah** and his second daughter Millie A. (variously, **Millie Frances**). The fact that their known *maternal* grandmother was *Millie* raises the question whether the names "Frances" and "Sarah" came from William's own mother.
- Autosomal tests match descendants of William Mills-Witt to at least sixteen proved descendants of Sarah (Mills) Sartain.

Whitt/Witt:

In 1774, while Montgomery was part of Fincastle, **Rev. Richard Whitt** (aka Richard Jr.) of Halifax Co., VA, received a patent in the Meadow Creek area of Montgomery within the Loyal Company Grant. He performed marriages in Montgomery from 1780 through 1812. His will was probated in 1813. This will names five living children, for whom this report documents the following:

1. **Archibald Whitt**, b. *bef.* 1766; taxed as over 21 in 1787; named in father's 1813 will.
2. **Ruth Whitt**, who married her cousin **Jesse Whitt**, son of Hezekiah, 1787; still alive in 1813.
3. **Richard Whitt III**, b. about 1770, who allegedly settled in Tazewell Co.; still living in 1813.
4. **Elizabeth Casiday**, as named in the 1813 will.
5. **Susanna Crisswell**, as named in the 1813 will.

¹² John Vogt and T. William Kethley Jr., *Giles County, Marriages, 1806–1850* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1985), 53–54.

Additionally, the Montgomery County tax rolls (covered separately in this project¹³) show four other Whitts living in the same district with Richard, individuals who were not named among the living children in 1813.

- **Hezekiah Whitt**, b. before 1761 (extrapolating from his 1779 land purchase) or before 1766 (according to tax rolls), appeared with Richard on 1778–79 militia rolls. Most genealogies present him as Richard’s brother and father of Jesse, above.¹⁴
- **Abijah Whitt**, of Capt. Ingles’ tax district. He signed petitions in 1786 and 1787 but was also fined in 1787 for nonattendance at muster and dropped from tax rolls—i.e., likely moved from the county. He reappears again on rolls of 1796 forward and petitions of 1800–4.
- **Edmund Whitt** of Capt. Ingles’ district, 1787, was fined for nonattendance at muster and dropped from tax rolls—i.e., likely moved from the county.
- **Robert Whitt**, b. before 1766, was taxed as over 21 in 1787. He was not on county rolls 1788–90. He reappeared on Montgomery’s roll in 1791, married 1792 Mary White (daughter of “John”). Other than the notes presented in this paper, I have found two additional records that cluster him with the Mills females of the Walker Creek area:
 - 16 December 1797, Robert Whitt signed a petition for division of the counties of Montgomery, Franklin, and Patrick—in close proximity with Milliton Atkins who served as surety for Glymph-Mills marriage bond.¹⁵
 - 7 December 1804, Robert Whitt signed a petition to create a new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell & Monroe—in a sequence of eight names as follows: Randle *Adkins*, Wm. *White*, **John White**, Samuel Drake, **Robert Whit**, Wm. *White*, Patrick Napier Senior, and John *Adkins*.¹⁶

Whitt studies present Robert as a “consensus son” of Richard’s brother Edmund (wife Ann), but do not weigh the possibility that he might be a son of Hezekiah of Montgomery. Edmund’s widow is said to have settled in adjacent Surry > Stokes Co., NC.

Of the Whitt males found in Montgomery, if one of them fathered William Mills-Witt by a Mills female c1784–88, the evidence to date points to Robert as the prime candidate.¹⁷

OTHER KEY ASSOCIATES:

See *Map 2 for locations*.

¹³ See E. S. Mills, “Mills-White-Whitt: Montgomery County, Virginia, Tax Roll Data, 1782–1807,” report to file, 15 February 2020; archived at Mills, *Historic Pathways*, under the “Research” tab.

¹⁴ For example, see David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), 57–59.

¹⁵ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 21 February 2019), Record No. 000248579; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 2.

¹⁶ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000248596; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 61.

¹⁷ Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt*, p. 89, reports that Robert Whitt was an RW soldier born October 1755 in *Amelia Co.*, married Peggy 1793, and died 1834 in Jackson County, OH. He also states “further proof required” for the assertion that Robert and seven proposed siblings actually were children of Edmund and Ann of Surry Co. NC. The one pension application for a Robert Whitt/Witt states that he was born in October 1768 and enlisted on the Holston River under Capt. James Shelby, but names no family members. See affidavit of applicant, 15 July 1833, Logan Co. [West] VA, Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby’s Co., Montgomery’s Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in “Revolutionary War Pensions,” *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075787>) : accessed 1 August 2018). One witness was James *White* who said he served with Robert and had known him for forty years. Witness Low Brown, who attested that he met Robert when they served together during the RW, is found repeatedly in Montgomery County records before he was cut away into Tazewell.

Cloyds:

In 1860, William Mills-Whitt and wife, their son Thomas Mills and his family, and Thomas's father-in-law all lived and farmed on the plantation of the wealthy **Gordon Cloyd Jr.** which seemingly lay along the Giles-Pulaski County line.¹⁸ Both Giles and Pulaski were cut out of old Montgomery.

This preliminary survey of Montgomery County Millses places Gordon Cloyd Sr. (i.e., General Gordon Cloyd) and his father **Col. Joseph Cloyd** as landowners **adjacent to the John White of Walker Creek's Sugar Run.**

The Cloyds appear in Fincastle from March 1773. A court minute of May 1773 places **Joseph Cloyd** on Walker's Creek near the foot of an unnamed mountain. He had Loyal Company land surveyed along **Back Creek** of Montgomery as early as **1782.**

Atkins:

Two seemingly separate groups of Atkinses settled Fincastle in the mid-1700s. **Joseph Atkins** settled lands that now straddle Wythe and Smyth Counties, between Crooked Creek and the Holston River. No associations have been made between him and the Atkins who associated with Millses.

Parker and Milliton Atkins (aka Atkinson, variously misread as Atheson in published abstracts) first appear in 1774 as residents of Fincastle, where their militia unit was called up for Lord Dunmore's War. In 1775 Parker had land surveyed "on the waters of Sinking Creek, and in 1780 obtained a grant between Doe and Sinking Creek. His locale lies just across New River from Walker Creek. Undocumented online accounts disagree as to whether Milliton Atkins (the Glymph-Mills bondsman) and his father Parker Atkins came to Montgomery from Amherst or Halifax County.¹⁹

Copley:

Thomas Copley Sr., whose son would serve as bondsman for the White-Mills marriage in 1792, had 160 acres surveyed in Fincastle "on the **west** side of New River" in pursuant to an order of 16 December **1773**, being part of the Loyal Company Grant, as well as land described as lying on **Meadow Creek** of New River. (Same locale as Rev. Richard Whitt.) Copley also appears on the 1774 militia roster for Lord Dunmore's War. In 1780 he was among a group of fifty or so Montgomery County men accused of treason. He appears to have escaped those charges. As shown in my report of preliminary research in Giles County, the Copleys were cut away into Giles, along with the White and Atkins families at the time Giles was created. There, he would become a substantial planter and ferry owner.²⁰

Glymph:

John Abram Glymph enlisted in the great recruitment of 1780, with Chesterfield being his first identified station. Post-war, he appears first on Montgomery's 1787 tax roll (the first tax roll since 1782) and in January 1788 he took out land on Doe Creek amid the Parker-Milliton Atkins clan. Milliton Atkins would then serve as surety for Glymph when he posted bond to marry Frankey White in November 1788. After that marriage fell through, Glymph last appears in Montgomery Co. on the 1789 tax roll.

Mullins, Booker:

An individual of this name (b. c1767) was also taxed in Montgomery from 1787 through 1792. At his first

¹⁸ E. S. Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at *HistoricPathways.com* under the "Research" tab.

¹⁹ *FindAGrave* (<https://findagrave.com> : accessed 14 October 2018), Memorial 91601530, "Ens. Millington Adkins."

²⁰ E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Giles County, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 July 2019; archived at *HistoricPathways.com* under the "Research" tab.

appearance, the 1788 roll identified him as age 16–21 with 4 horses, enumerated near one “**Ambrows**” **Mullins**, a male over 21 with two horses. By 1789, Booker had turned 21, he owned no taxable property, and Ambrose was no longer in the county. On the 1791 roll (certified 2 March 1792) Booker was one of 15 names carrying the unexplained notation “to County & parish Levy.” He does not appear thereafter.

The age of this Booker is comparable to that of Booker of Franklin Co. The Franklin Co. man is widely said to be the son of William Mullins and Nancy Standley (no evidence presented),²¹ and he married Judith Standley in 1803.²² His Montgomery County tax district also included a Moses Standley.

Sartain

Joel Sartain (aka Cartin, Certain, Sartin, Sertain), whose son Elijah married Sarah Mills in 1791, appears with the Atkins on the **1774** militia roster for Lord Dunmore’s War. In January 1775, Joel had land surveyed on Stony Creek, a two-pronged stream that flanks Walker’s Creek on the opposite of the river.

White:

The block of research presented in this segment clearly document the identity of at least three John Whites.

- John White who married Frances “Frankey” Mills on 19 August 1792
- John White who married Nancy Copley in January 1793
- John White who married Susannah Marcum in 1796

Chronologically, one **John White Sr.** first appears in Montgomery Co. on a tax roll questionably dated at **1782**, but possibly was created in 1786; it places him in the same community with Thomas Copley, Joel Sartain, and Edmund and Richard Whitt. In **1787**, a John White Sr. and Jr. signed a petition with Copley, the Sartains, and John Cloyd—all residents of what became lower Giles County—asking that upper parts of Botetourt, Washington and Russell Counties be annexed to Montgomery.²³ In **1793**, the John White who eventually married Susannah Marcum patented land on Sugar Run of Walker Creek—land he would have occupied at least two years before the land patent was issued. By **1800**, “John White, John White Jr., Benjⁿ White, James White, and Arthur White” were living above Wolf Creek Mountain where they signed a petition to create a new county.

Thorough use of surviving records for Montgomery and Giles should make it possible to disambiguate between these men.

²¹ For example, see Cindy Waters, “Cindy and Pat Wood Family Tree,” user contributed trees, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/114843146/person/300141810112/facts> : accessed 15 May 2018), “Facts” page for “William Booker Mullins.”

²² “Franklin County, Virginia, Marriage Bond Index,” database, *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com> : accessed 15 May 2018), citing “Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Historical Society, 1939), 166.”

²³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000147702; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 14. Also see E. S. Mills, “Virginia Legislative Petitions from Amherst, Augusta, Bedford, Botetourt, Campbell, Carroll, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Louisa, Montgomery, Pulaski, and Wythe Counties; Arranged Chronologically,” report to file, 26 February 2019; archived at *Historic Pathways* under “Research” tab.



FORMATION OF CRITICAL COUNTIES

1770	Boutetourt	cut from	Augusta	
1772	Fincastle		Boutetourt	[extinguished 1777]
1777	Kentucky		Fincastle	[extinguished 1780]
1777	Montgomery ²⁴		Fincastle	
1777	Washington		Fincastle	
1778	Greenbrier		Montgomery, Botetourt, Augusta	
1778	Illinois		Augusta	
1786	Russell		Washington	
1789	Kanawha		Greenbrier, Montgomery	
1790	Wythe		Montgomery	
1791	Bath		Augusta, Botetourt, Greenbrier	
1793	Grayson		Wythe	
1799	Monroe		Greenbrier	
1800	Tazewell		Wythe, Russell	
1804	Mason		Kanawha	
1806	Giles		Montgomery, Monroe, Tazewell	
1809	Cabell		Kanawha	
1818	Nicholas		Greenbrier, Kanawha, Randolph	
1822	Alleghany		Bath, Botetourt, Monroe	
1824	Logan		Giles, Cabell, Tazewell, Kanawha	
1831	Floyd		Montgomery	
1838	Roanoke		Botetourt	
1839	Pulaski		Montgomery, Wythe ²⁵	

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²⁴ Franklin Co. documents of the early 1800s refer to Montgomery County as "Tennessee." See Deed Book 4 particularly.

²⁵ Michael F. Doran, *Atlas of County Boundary Changes in Virginia, 1634–1895* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1987).

Map 1

Counties Associated with William Mills-Witt of Franklin:
Bedford, Floyd, Franklin, Henry, Montgomery & Pulaski²⁶



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STOKES & SURRY COUNTIES, NC

1788–1790 residence of **Thomas Mills** of Montgomery Co. tax roll, 1787
& (allegedly) **Robert Whitt** of Montgomery tax rolls, 1787–88 and 1791–92

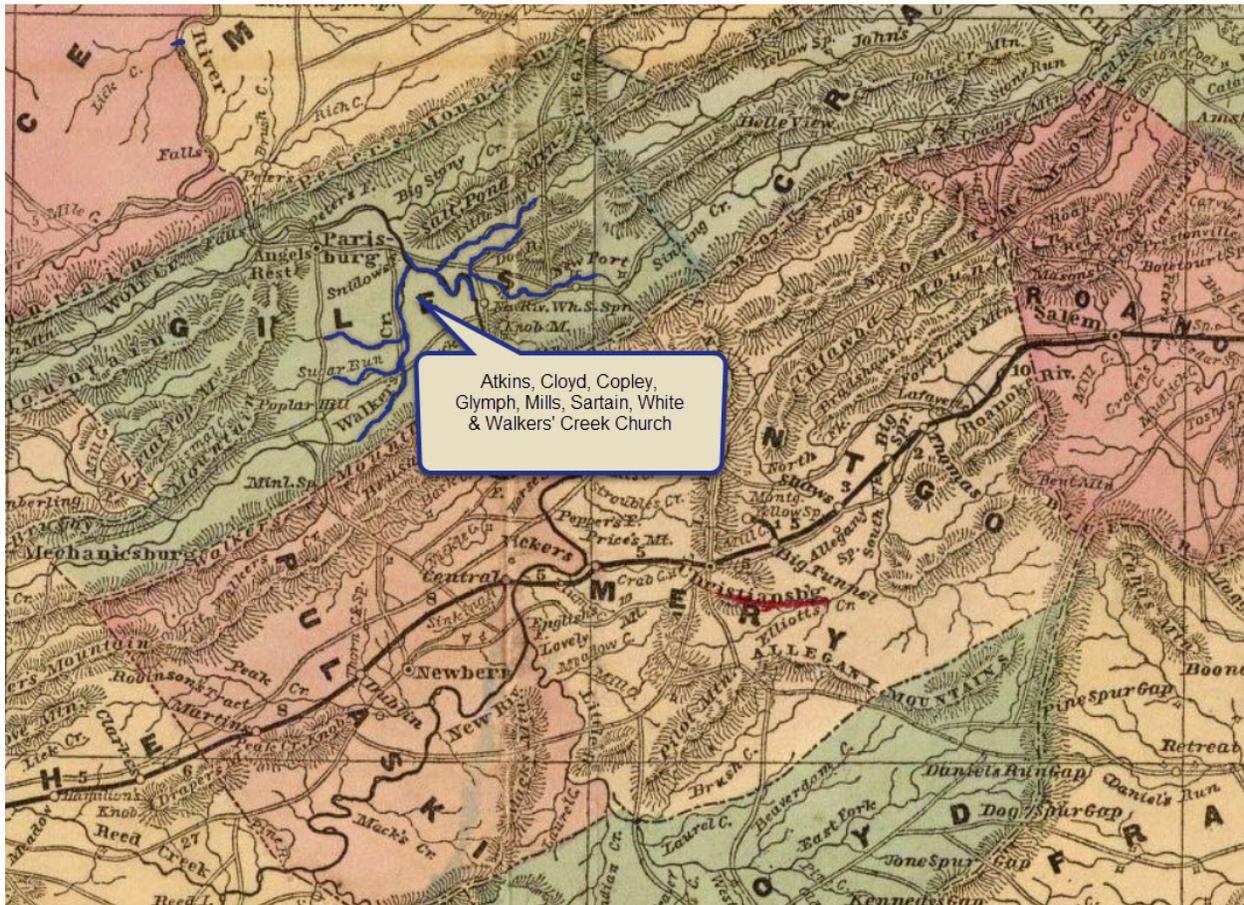
²⁶ J. T. Lloyd's *Official Map of the State of Virginia* (New York: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com/luna/servlet/detail/RUMSEY~8~1~3695~350006:Lloyd-s-official-map-of-the-State-o>): accessed 2 May 2018).

Map 2

Atkins Cloyd-Glymph-Mills-Sartin-White community of Montgomery > Giles > Pulaski Counties²⁷

Sugar Run, Walkers Creek & Back Creek (W of New River: Cloyds & Whites)

Salt Pond Mountain; Stony, Doe & Sinking Creeks (E of New River: Atkins, Copley, Glymph, Sartin)



²⁷ Snipped from *Lloyd's Official Map of the State of Virginia, 1862* (N.Y.: J. T. Lloyd, 1862); imaged at *David Rumsey Map Collection* (<https://www.davidrumsey.com>).

Research Notes

COMMENT:

For pre-1773 records that relate to the Montgomery County area, see my earlier reports on Augusta and Botetourt, previously cited.

1 DECEMBER 1772–1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Historical context

“Fincastle ... was created out of Botetourt County, VA on December 1, 1772. This county only lasted for four years until December 31, 1776 at which time Kentucky County was created as were Washington and Montgomery Counties. At the time of the creation, Fincastle contained all of the State of Virginia from the Piedmont to the Mississippi River. The few records for Fincastle County that have survived are found in the Montgomery County Court House in Christiansburg, Virginia. ...

“In the year 1749, the **Loyal Company** was organized and secured a grant for 800,000 acres beginning on the North Carolina line and running westward and northward for quantity. The petition for the grant was made by Peter Jefferson, Joshua Fry, Thomas Walker, the Reverend James Maury and Thomas Meriwether. The grant contained a provision that required settlement of the land within four years. Dr. Thomas Walker was commissioned as a surveyor by the court of Augusta County in 1752 to survey all the lands in the Loyal Company Grant. ... In June 1753, the Council granted this company four years further time in which to complete its work. ... One contemporary writer, Peter Fontaine, gave a report that there were about thirty families who settled the area under this first set of surveys. Following the French and Indian War, Dr. Walker reported in 1773 [10 years after the war ended*] that he had sold about two hundred and fifty tracts of land. In Legislative Petitions for the State, even as late as 1781, Dr. Walker is asking for these tracts to be made legal beginning with the tracts he surveyed as early as 1753. The activities of this company continued until 1842.”²⁸

COMMENT:

*The French and Indian War ended in 1763. The compiler of these abstracts (at various points throughout) extends the conflict through 1774 to include Lord Dunsmore’s War, which was a shortlived conflict between the colony of Virginia and the Shawnee and Mingo tribes.

A somewhat different account of the Loyal Company grant tells us the following:

The Loyal Company was chartered by Virginia in 1748 to a group of prominent Virginia investors, including Lewises, Meriwethers, Dr. Thomas Walker, Joshua Fry, and Peter Jefferson. The 800,000 acres awarded them conflicted with claims of James Patton’s New River Company. By 1754, about 200 families had settled under the Loyal Company charter. During the French and Indian War, Indian raids on New River drove most of them out and severely hampered the surveying of the land. The company’s charter expired in 1757 and was not renewed.²⁹

²⁸ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), iii–iv.

²⁹ “Loyal Company Granted 800,000 Acres: July 12, 1749,” *West Virginia Public Broadcasting: Telling West Virginia’s Story* (<http://www.wvpublic.org/post/loyal-company-granted-800000-acres-july-12-1749#stream/0> : accessed 28 July 2018). *Wikipedia* (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Loyal_Company_of_Virginia : accessed 28 July 2018), “Loyal Company of Virginia.”

3 MARCH 1773

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Gavin Lawson assignee of Alex⁴ Stewart Plaintiff against **Samuel Cloyd** Defendant. In debt. This day came the Plaintiff by his attorney and the defendant not appearing tho Solomnly Called It is Ordered Judgment be entered for the Plaintiff against the said defendant and **John Cloyd** his Security for the debt in the declaration Mentioned and Cost unless the said Defendant appear at the next Court and Plead.”³⁰

COMMENT:

I am not extracting all Cloyd data—only incidences that date their first appearance on record in the county, or document their locations, origin, or kin.

4 MAY 1773

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Court order

“On the petition of a number of Inhabitants It is Ordered that **Wiliam Thompson** Absalom Mounts and William Lockart who being first sworn do view the nighest and best way from the foot of the Mountain by **Joseph Cloyds** to William lockarts on **Walkers Creek** and make a report of the Conveniences and Inconveniences thereof at the next Court.”³¹

21 FEBRUARY 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land grant

“**William Edmiston**, 108 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the waters of the South Fork of the **Holston River**, beginning on a ridge. March 15, 1774.

“**Samuel Edmiston**, 200 acres, on the north side of the **Middle Fork of Holston River**, adjoining the land of **T. Edmiston**. March 14, 1774.”³²

COMMENT:

William Mills-Witt’s wife, Drucilla Kemp, was the granddaughter of Richard Edmundson, who lived in the upper portion of Henry County that became Franklin in 1785. One William Edmiston also appears in the 1772 estate proceedings of James McMurtree in Bedford County.³³ I am not sufficiently familiar with the Edmondsons/Edmistons to determine whether this man is part of the Edmundson family I have just begun to study in Bedford, Franklin, and Henry Counties. At this point, I am not attempting to gather all Edmondson or Edmiston materials from Montgomery. I’m taking very brief notes just to pinpoint who was there and when.

27 APRIL 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land grant

“**Richard Whitt**, 205 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the branches of **Meadow Creek**, waters

³⁰ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Fincastle County, Virginia, Court Records: Order Books 1 and 2, 5 January 1773–3 September 1776* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Company, 2013), 11–12; citing Order Book 1: 14.

³¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Fincastle County, Virginia, Court Records: Order Books 1 and 2, 5 January 1773–3 September 1776* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Company, 2013), 27; citing Order Book 1: 34.

³² James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 8, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 50–51.

³³ Joida Whitten, *Abstracts of Bedford County, Virginia, Wills, Inventories and Accounts, 1754–1787* (Dallas, TX: P.p., n.d.), 39; citing pp. 157–59.

of **New River**, adjoining the {Thomas ?} *Mastin* survey.³⁴

COMMENT:

The Library of Virginia's online database, "Land Office Grants," does not yield a Thomas Mastin grant or a Richard Whitt grant. Montgomery County's Deed Book A shows that

- Thomas Mastin in 1773 purchased 78 acres patented to James Skaggs on 10 January 1754 "on both sides of Meadow Creek a branch of new River."
- Richard Whitt in 1779 purchased 68 acres from James Skaggs "on Meadow Creek a branch of New River."³⁵

Schreiner-Yantis' 1789 tax map of Montgomery County shows two Meadow Creeks in old Montgomery.³⁶

- Meadow Creek of New River, just above the NC line, in present Grayson County (created 1793): 1789's Tax District A.
- **Meadow Creek of Little River of New River**, in the SE area that remained in Montgomery County until Floyd was created in 1831: 1789's Tax District C. This is the region where Richard Whitt was last enumerated on the 1810 census of Montgomery County.³⁷ It lies several miles down New River from the Atkins-Copley-Glyph-White community, but obviously commerce and social visits existed between the two communities given that Robert Whitt married John White's daughter a few months after John married Frances Mills.

5 MAY 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Court order

"**John Mills Senior** Executor of the Estate of **Irvin Patterson** deced pl^t against {In Case} James and Samuel Robinson Executors of George Robinson deceased and Joseph M^cDonald Defendants. The defendants by his his [*sic*] Attorney says that he did Not Assume in Manner and form as the Plaintiff against him Complains and of this he puts himself upon the County and the plaintiff Likewise."³⁸

COMMENT:

This John Mills Sr. is the John who emerged in Augusta in the 1740s, then intermittently in Lunenburg > Bedford c1749–66, then returned Augusta > Botetourt 1767–81. See my previously cited Augusta report.

"Put[ting] himself upon the county" was a request for a jury trial.

30 MAY 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Militia roll

Service Records of Participants in Dunmore's War: List of Militia of **Capt. Thomas Burk, Fincastle County, 30 May 1774:** Henry Librough, George Fry Jr., Edward Hale, Thomas Hale, Thomas Hale, John Lucus, William Lucus, Charles Lucus, Jr., Christy Martin, Phillip Martin, **Millinton Adkins**, George Martin,

³⁴ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 15, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 92.

³⁵ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 31 (Mastin) and 39 (Whitt); citing pp. 157, 193.

³⁶ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), map insert in back pocket

³⁷ 1810 U.S. census, Montgomery Co., p. 608 (as penned vertically along right margin), line 2.

³⁸ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Fincastle County, Virginia, Court Records: Order Books 1 and 2, 5 January 1773–3 September 1776* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Company, 2013), 137; citing Order Book 2:20.

Jr. **Joel Cartain [Sartin; Certain]**; Umphry Brumfield, Richard Chapman, Andrew Hatfield, Mordock McKinsey, David Gorman, William Hale, Polser Librough, Henry Librough, George Fry Sr., George Fry Jr., John McGriff, Edward Hale, Thomas Hale, Patrick McGriff, Henley McKinsey, Thomas Cashaday, Charles Lucus, Sr.; John Lucus, William Lucus, Charles Lucus Jr., George Martin, Christy Martin, Philip Martin, John Man [Marr?], Robert Hunter, Philip Williams, **Parker Adkins; Millinton Adkins**, John **Cartain**, James **Cartain**; John McCartney, Simon Cassaday, George Martin Jr., John Young, James Havins, John Havins, **Thomas Copley**, John Chapman.”³⁹

5 JULY 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land sale

“**William Edmiston** of Fincastle County for one part and **Andrew Edmiston** for the other part. For 5 shillings from Andrew to William Edmiston for a lease of a tract of land containing 247 acres of land lying in Fincastle Co. between the middle and south fork of **Holston River** and being part of 1000 acres granted to the said Edmiston by Patent bearing date the 5 July 1774 under the Proclamation of 1763 adj. Wm. Edmiston, Senior, Pattent line, William Brownlee, Samuel Buchanan, Junior. Signed: William Edmiston, Margaret [her mark of a E lying prone, prongs down]. Witnesses: George Buchanan, William Edmiston, John Beatey. Recorded: Aug. 6, 1775 This lease of land from William Edmiston to Andrew *Buchanan [sic]* was probed [*sic*] by the oath of the witnesses there to said orderd to be recorded. (Note various spellings – as written).”

[Release] “William Edmiston of Fincastle Co for one part and Andrew Edmiston of the same county for the other part. For 37.1.0 current money of Virginia from Andrew to William paid for a tract of land containing 247 acres lying in Fincastle County between the **Middle and South forks of the Holston River** being part of a 1000 acres grant to the said William Edmiston by Patent bering date of July 5, 1774 under the Kings Proclamation of 1763, adj. Wm. Brownlee.” Same witnesses: Recorded 7 August 1775.⁴⁰

COMMENT:

William Edmiston executed several lease-and-release sales in July 1775—all from his 1000-acre grant. The same witnesses are used in all (although Beatey’s name is sometimes transcribed as Bealey and Baley). Margaret participated in every document. Those lease-and-releases were made to

- Samuel Buchanan, Junior
- Robert Edmondson
- Moses Buchanan
- Robert Buchanan
- Andrew Buchanan
- William Edmondson Senior⁴¹

14 JULY 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land survey

³⁹ Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Virginia’s Colonial Soldiers* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988), 150–55. Bockstruck adds: “These are in the collection assembled by Lyman Draper at the Wisconsin State Historical Society. The collection reference number of each list is in parentheses.”

⁴⁰ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 23; citing p. 142.

⁴¹ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 23–26; citing pp. 119–137

“Surveyed for **Andrew Boyd**, heir of Alexander Boyd, dec’d by virtue of the Governor’s Warrant 2000 acres on the branch of **Elkhorn Creek**, a **north branch of Kentucky River** about one hundred & five miles from the Ohio River & on the south side of the same, adj. John Carter’s land & in a line of Wm. Philipp’s land. 14th July 1774. John Floyd, asst. Wm. Preston, S.F.C.”

“Surveyed for {unknown – no listing in index – might be Samuel Meredith?} by virtue of the Governor’s Warrant 3000 acres on the waters of Kentucky River about three miles east of the head branch of Elk Horn Creek a north branch of said River & about one hundred & ten miles from the Ohio & on the south side adj. **And’w Boyd** and John Carter’s land. July 14th 1774. John Floyd, asst. Wm. Preston, S.F.C. {on plat – ‘Recorded for Meredith and refused & surveyed in other warrants. J. Floyd.’}”⁴²

COMMENT:

Elkhorn Creek, according to Schreiner-Yantis’s 1789 map of Montgomery County tax districts lay in the northwest corner of Montgomery, now McDowell County.

29 NOVEMBER 1774

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Survey

“**Sherod Atkinson**, 44 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the west side of **Big Reed Island Creek** in a bed opposite to the mouth of **Reed Creek**, waters of New River.”⁴³

COMMENT:

This land record does not place Sherod Atkinson/Atkins in the community of the Milliton-Parker Atkins family. Reed Creek of the New River lies in present Wythe County.

31 JANUARY 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

“**Parker Atheson** [Atkinson, Atkins] 144 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the waters of **Sinking Creek**, a branch of **New River**, beginning at a stony knott at the foot of **Knobb Mountain** corner to **John Mann** [Marr?].”⁴⁴

COMMENT:

See Map 2. Knob Mountain is about a mile east of the point where Sinking Creek flows into New River. For the one named neighbor, Douthat’s abstracts (p. 28, citing Plott Book A:176) present the following:

31 January 1775

“John Mann, 252 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on **both sides** of **Sinking Creek**, a branch of **New River**.”

4 FEBRUARY 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land survey

⁴² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, Virginia: Plott Book A, 1773–1782, Fincastle County Surveys; Plot Book B, 1782–1783, Grants from Commissioners of Washington and Montgomery Counties* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2014), 17; citing A:61, 63.

⁴³ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), iii–iv.

⁴⁴ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 28, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 175.

“Thomas Copley, 160 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the west side of the New River.”⁴⁵

COMMENT:

Copley appears to have owned two tracts:

- 5 March 1787: he’s said to be an adjacent landowner to Jacob Straighley [Straley] on Meadow Creek (the neighborhood of Rev. Richard Whitt).
- 2 March 1790: he’s said to be in a tax community bounded by “Back & Neck Creeks, Sinking run, head of Bear Spring, Walkers Creek, White Glade [and] New River.”⁴⁶

Copley’s 1790 tract lies West of New River. The 1787 location lies East of New River.

6 FEBRUARY 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land survey

“Joel Sartain, 114 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on the east side of New River and on both sides of Stony Creek.”⁴⁷

COMMENT:

Big and Little Stony bracket Salt Pond Mountain, across New River from mouth of Walkers Creek. Stony and Salt Pond lie on the east side of New River, Walker on the left. See Map 2.

3–4 APRIL 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Land survey

“Surveyed for Uriah Stone 127 acres on Bluestone Creek, a branch of New River, part of the Loyal Company’s Grant. Beginning at John Compton’s corner. April 3rd 1775. Dan’l Smith, Asst. Wm. Preston, S.F.C. [Surveyor, Fincastle County]”

“Surveyed for Uriah Stone 237 acres in Wright’s Valley on the waters of Bluestone Creek, a branch of New River, part of the Loyal Company’s Grant, beginning at the foot of the Stony Ridge crossing the Spring Run. April 4th 1775. Dan’l Smith, Asst. Wm. Preston, S.F.C.”⁴⁸

COMMENT:

Undated militia rolls of 1777–83 place this Uriah Stone in the same militia district as Samuel Ferguson, Low Brown, William Watts, and Shered Atkins.

Schreiner-Yantis’s 1789 map of Montgomery County shows Bluestone running west from New River through the upper reaches of Tax District C (later Summers and Mercer Counties) into Tax District B (later Tazewell County). It is considerably removed from the Atkins-Glymph-Mills-Sartain neighborhood.

⁴⁵ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 27, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 172.

⁴⁶ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 46 (nn. 73, 81), 100. Page 51 reports that John White was also adjacent to Thomas Shannon on the north side of Walker Creek.

⁴⁷ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 30, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 185.

⁴⁸ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, Virginia: Plott Book A, 1773–1782, Fincastle County Surveys; Plot Book B, 1782–1783, Grants from Commissioners of Washington and Montgomery Counties* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2014), 61; citing A: 216–17.

7 MARCH 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Court order

“On the motion of **John Mills Junior** who having made oath according to Law Certificate is granted him for Obtaining Letters Administration of the Estate **William Beard** deceased he having with Securities entered into and Acknowledged their Bond According to Law.

“Ordered that John Taylor, James Burnes, **William McMullen** and Samuel Pepper, or any three of them who being first sworn, do appraise the personal Estate and Slaves if any and make return thereof.

“The report of **William McMullen**, James Bane & Robert McGee the persons appointed to view the way from Michael Prices field to where Grishams path goes into the Catawbo road being returned on Consideration whereof it is the opinion of the Court that the new road be opened as marked by the Viewers, & that Philip Barriger with Robert Greyson, William McMullen, Robert McGee, Robert Ritche, John Crinor, Michl Larke, George Feilder, John Ramy, Harman Cook, Joseph McDonald, Jacob Seiler, James Bane, Wm Preston, Michael Price & Jacob Smith, and their Tithables or any others who may settle within his Bounds do open and keep the same in Repair According to Law.”⁴⁹

COMMENT:

The road order, which was recorded consecutively with the two orders for the Beard estate, is a different matter from the estate. However, because William McMullen (and James Burnes/Bane) are involved in both, I am noting the road order to help place the location of **Mills** and Beard.

19 JUNE 1775

FINCASTLE COUNTY, VA

Neighbor

“**Robert Hunter**, 180 acres, part of the Loyal Company Grant, on both sides of **Sinking Creek**, a branch of New River, beginning corner to {Sherrod} Atkins [**Parker Atkins**] and {George or Christian} Martin’s survey.”⁵⁰

COMMENT:

The document itself does not identify Atkins or Martin. The compiler of these abstracts adds in brackets what he thinks the identities should be. He errs. Sherrod Atkins’ land lay on Reed Creek in what is now Wythe County. Sinking Creek lies many miles to the southeast, running through present Giles and Craig Counties. The Atkins whose land lay adjacent to Robert Hunter should be Parker Atkins, whose land was surveyed in January 1775. The 1774 roll (above) of Burk’s Company during Lord Dunsmore’s War shows Robert Hunter serving in the same unit with Militon and Parker Atkins, Joel and John Sartain, and Thomas Copley.

Robert Hunter had two daughters whose marriages relate to this study

- 1790, Nancy married Elijah Atkins, with Milliton Atkins as surety.
- 1800, Susannah married William McCoy, with Rev. Alexander Ross of Walkers Creek Baptist Church officiating.⁵¹

1777

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

⁴⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Fincastle County, Virginia, Court Records: Order Books 1 and 2, 5 January 1773–3 September 1776* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Company, 2013), 235; citing Order Book 2:136.

⁵⁰ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 32; citign p. 200.

⁵¹ Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004), 8, 28.

Militia service

“James Robertson’s List, 1777

... Samuel **Mars** ... **Samuel Forgison** ... Thomas Peerey ... **Uriah Stone** ... David **Inglish** ...⁵²

COMMENT:

- On the 1777–83 lists, these individuals appear in the militia company of Capt. James Moore.
- Samuel “Ferguson” and Uriah Stone in 1787 owned land at the head of Bluestone and “in Wrights Valley on Bluestone.”⁵³ Wrights Valley is now in Tazewell, two counties to the west of Pulaski and Giles.
- Mars/Marrs/Mairs/Mares individuals also crop up in association with the families of (a) Elijah and Sarah (Mills) Sartain and John and Frankey (Mills) White of Giles County; (b) William Mills-Witt of Franklin County; and (c) William and Elizabeth (Fontaine) Mills of Henry County. The latter is a known descendant of the immigrant Nicholas Mills of New Kent County whose daughter **Jane Mills** married **George Marr** there on 23 March 1698/9.⁵⁴

c1777–83

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Militia service

“A List of Capt. James McDaniell Company:

[No list of officers; no date]

... John Millen, Amburs **Mullins** (deleted) [*sic*], Sammuwill Phips, John Burton, Moses Peasley, James Isom ...John Isom ...⁵⁵

COMMENT:

- In 1788, one “Ambrows” Mullins appears on Montgomery’s Tax List A with Booker Mullins.
- Kegley does not date this list, other than the time frame of her book, 1777–83.

[1778–83] “List of a Company of Militia in County of Montgomery ...

Jas. Moore, Capt.

George Peery, 1st Lieut.

Wm McCreyer, Second Lieut.

Saml. Ferguson, Insign

... **Low Brown, William Watts, Shered Atkins**, Robert Poage, Jno. English ... **Uriah Stone** ...⁵⁶

COMMENT:

This list must fall 1778 or later, given that the men on this list also appear on “James Robertson’s List, 1777.”

In 1833, Tazewell Co., VA, **Low Brown** swore an affidavit for the RW pension applicant **Robert Whitt**, saying that in 1779 “he became acquainted with Robert Whitt at the Long Island of Holston River in the State of Virginia, at which time he was In the Service of the United States,

⁵² Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 56.

⁵³ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 71, nn. 706, 707.

⁵⁴ For Marr-Mills marriage see C. G. Chamberlayne, *The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter’s Parish, New Kent and James City Counties, Virginia, 1684–1786*, 3d reprint ed. (Richmond, Library of Virginia Foundation, 1997), p. 413. Chamberlayne’s original edition was published in 1937. For the Henry County Millses, see E. S. Mills, “Mills: Henry and Pittsylvania Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

⁵⁵ Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 23.

⁵⁶ Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 28.

and Served [in] Capt. Shelby's Company under the Command of Col^o Montgomery, from which place he the said Brown march'd and Lived with Said Whitt at Illinois from which place they marched to Aport [sic] on the Wabash River and from that to the Iron Banks on the Mississippi River."⁵⁷

[1783]

[No date; no header; but other published version of this list date it to 1783]

"Enoch Osburn, Capt., Ezeakil Young, **Robert Davis,** Sollomon Osborn, Ephraim Osborn, Sen., John Osborn, Jeremiah Osborn, ... Jonathan Osborn ... James Anderson, **William Adkins** ... Ephram Osborn, Juner., James Walling ... Jacob Anderson, Samuel Jones, Elijah Penenton, Jonathan Smith, Thomas Hash, Zach. Seamens, Thomas Readford, **John Mills [Miles],** Abraham Jones, John Hilton, Thomas Vaughn, Robert Hamon, Wm. Landreth, Richard Pennenton, Isau ? Burton (Barton?), Edmd. Wood ...⁵⁸

COMMENT:

This **Private John "Mills"** [or **Miles** in other versions of this list] of Enoch Osborn's company of 1783 would *not* be the same man as the Capt. John Mills of Botetourt. Miles appears to be the correct name for the private. The tax rolls of the 1780s group him with a family whose surname is clearly Miles.

Three of the men on the above list lived long enough to file pensions. Their files at *Fold3* should be studied:

- Ephraim Osburn, R7822, living in Harlan Co., KY, 1834, brother of Capt. Enoch; Jeremiah Smith's affidavit of 15 December 1834 says "my brother Joshua Pennington" participated in the expedition with Ephraim.⁵⁹
- Jonathan Osborn, S8912, living in Ash Co., NC in 1832, brother of Capt. Enoch.
- John Osborn, S32423, living in Fountain Co., IN, 1832, nephew of Capt. Enoch.

One **Robert Davis/Davies** of Albemarle > Amherst was an adjacent landowner to the land that William and Mary Mills of Pedlar River left their son Jesse. That Robert Davis also witnessed William's will in 1755.⁶⁰ At Davis's death, the settlement of his estate referenced land in Montgomery County:

- "8 Oct 1787. Thos. Davis, Lincoln Co. – power of attorney to Thos. Jopling, AC to receive of Thos. Upton, Albemarle, **1400 acres in Montgomery County – S side of the great Canaway which my father Robt. Davis,** bought of Jas. Mooney ... my seven sisters: Nannah (Hannah?), Abigale, Jane, Martha, Lucy, Ann & Polly Davis and ... my two **brothers, Robt. & Olander Davis.** Wit: Rich. Farrar, Michl. Thomas, Thos. Jopling, Sherrod Griffin. Orig. del. to Jopling, Sept. 1788."⁶¹

However, the research notes that follow for Robert Davis of Montgomery suggest, from two perspectives, that he was not Robert Davis Sr. or Jr. of the Pedlar:

- The Robert of Montgomery's court-order books, whose Montgomery Co. land lay in what is now Wythe County, interacted with a Samuel and William Davis in ways that suggest he was their sibling. No Samuel and William has been placed into the Albemarle family.

⁵⁷ Robert Whitt (Pvt., Capt. James Shelby's Co., Montgomery's Regt., Virginia Militia), application S7880; imaged in "Revolutionary War Pensions," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/28075821> : accessed 1 August 2018).

⁵⁸ Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 34.

⁵⁹ Ephraim Osborn Pension Application (Pvt., Osborn's Co., Virginia Militia), R7822; imaged in "Revolutionary War Pensions," *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/246/29361766> : accessed 1 August 2018).

⁶⁰ Amherst Co., VA, Will Book 1: 73–76 for will, administrator's bond, and inventory.

⁶¹ *Ibid.*, 229; citing Amherst Deed Book R: 223.

- The Robert of Montgomery was a close neighbor to Joseph Atkins of Crooked Creek in what became Wythe County. Joseph Atkins has not been placed into the Atkins family of Doe and Sinking Creeks in Montgomery > Giles who were associates of Montgomery's Frankey and Sarah Mills who appear to be granddaughters of William and Mary Mills of Albemarle.

6 SEPTEMBER 1777–1 APRIL 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Militia service

"Stephen Trigg took a list of those who swore allegiance in several companies including McCorkle's Cloyd's, Taylor's, Draper's, and Daniel Trigg's, beginning on September 6, 1777 and ending on April 1, 1778."

"From McCorkle's Company ... Joseph **Mairs**

"**Joseph Cloyd's** Company ... Alexander **Mairs**, Jno. **Mairs** ... William **Mairs** ... Hugh **Mairs** ... **Hugh Mairs**

"Capt. Daniel Trigg's Company ... John Harman ... **Hezekiah Whitt** ... **Richard Whitt** ..."⁶²

COMMENT:

"Col." Joseph Cloyd is said to be the father of Gen. Gordon Cloyd⁶³ (who owned land adjacent to John White of Sugar Run of Walker's Creek) and grandfather of Gordon Cloyd Jr. (on whose land William Mills-Whitt lived in 1860). Deed Book A offers the following for Joseph:

- 1 September 1779, witnessed land sale from Thomas and Sarah Pickens to William Preston, land on **Thorn Spring**, waters of New River.⁶⁴
- 1781, one of three bondsmen for the sheriff Walter Crockett to secure his performance as tax collector.⁶⁵
- 1783, adjacent neighbor to land Skidmore Munsey purchased on Back Creek.⁶⁶
- 1785, owner of 35 acres on Back Creek adjoining Peter Dingess.⁶⁷
- 1789, owner of 150 acres on Back Creek adjoining Devor and William Thompson.⁶⁸

No Atkins/Adkins appear on this militia roll. By June 1787 an unidentified Atkins was named on a Joseph Cloyd plat with bounds on **Back Creek** and **Walker Creek**.⁶⁹ The Adkins males taxed that year, in that region, were

⁶² Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 58–60.

⁶³ For example, see Jody Brown, "Wright Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/80953049/person/48474663147/facts>). Brown's "evidences" are family compilations from several DAR lineage books, most of which refer to Joseph Cloyd as an Revolutionary War *major* rather than *colonel* as Brown asserts or *captain*, as per the record above.

⁶⁴ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 45; citing Book A: 216–19. Gideon **Moss** [Marr?] and Joseph **Mare** also owned land on Thorn Spring in 1786–87. Thorn Spring is said to be at the lower end of Elk Spring Branch on North side of Pepper's Road. See Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 45.

⁶⁵ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 57; citing Book A: 269.

⁶⁶ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 65; citing Book A: 300–1.

⁶⁷ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 49, n. 149.

⁶⁸ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 47, nn. 149, 151.

⁶⁹ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 29 (for tax list) and 49, n. 152 (for land ownership).

- Milliton Adkins who served as surety for the Glymph-Mills marriage bond
- Parker Adkins, the putative father of Milliton, who bought Loyal Company land on Sinking Creek at the foot of Knobb Mountain in 1775.
- Champ, Hezekiah, Jacob, John, Joseph, Moses, and Noah Adkins.

6 JANUARY 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

“**Robert Davies** [is appointed] as a first Lieutenant and Wm Campbell as a Second L and Laurence Kettering as Ensign in Captain Buchanans Company.”⁷⁰

6–7 APRIL 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

Lease & Release. “April 6, 1778 - William Thompson, acting executor for the estate of James Patton, late of **Augusta Co.**, dec’d for one part and **Hugh Mares** of Montgomery Co for the other part. For 5 shillings for the lease of a tract of land containing 146 acres on **Back Creek**, a branch of **New River** granted to the s’d Patton by Letters patent bearing date of June 20, 1753 – adj. **Alexander Mares**. Signed: Will. Thompson. Recorded 7 April 1778 Otway Bird.”⁷¹

“April 7, 1778 - William Thompson, attorney for the estate of James Patton, dec’d of Augusta Co., VA for one part and **Hugh Mair** of Montgomery for the other part. For 100 pounds for the release of a tract of land containing 146 acres on Back Creek, being a part of a 4000 acres bract [*sic*] granted to James Patton by letters Patent on June 20, 1753 – adj. Alexander Mares. Signed: Wm. Thompson.”⁷²

COMMENT:

Back Creek is in present Pulaski County, closely paralleling Walker Creek in Giles County. near Walker’s juncture with Sugar Run. (See Map 3) This cluster of waterways (near the point where Pulaski, Montgomery, and Giles Counties adjoin) is the locus of

- “John White Sr.” who married Frances “Frankey” Mills (1792)
- John White whose daughter married Robert Whitt (1792).
- Joel Sartain/Certain, whose son Elijah married Sarah Mills (1791), the daughter of Jesse and Lucy (Tilman) Mills of Amherst.
- Thomas Copley Jr., who served as surety on the White-Mills marriage bond owned land, 1787, on Meadow Creek, the watercourse on which Richard Whitt settled.⁷³
- The Gordon Cloyd land—both Gordon Sr. whose land adjoined John and Frankey in the 1790s and Gordon Jr., on whose land William Mills-Whitt lived and farmed in 1860.

Re the Marrs:

- Hundreds of online trees assert that Hugh Marrs came to Montgomery County from King William County, Virginia, where he was the son of an immigrant “John Erskine of Marr.” They

⁷⁰ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 8.

⁷¹ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 60; citing pp. 27–78..

⁷² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 60–61; citing pp. 280–81.

⁷³ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 46.

cite no evidence of kinship or origin for either man.

- On 27 September 1699 one George Marr married Jane Mills (apparent daughter of the well-studied immigrant Nicholas Mills) in New Kent County. George and Jane named their first son Nicholas (baptized 21 July 1700) and a second son George (bapt. 18 March 1701/2) but the St. Peter's Parish register carry nothing more on the Marrs after this point. About the time of the Marr-Mills marriage, a procession list for the parish places Geo. Marr just eight farms from Nic. Mills, on a list of 240 parish landowners.⁷⁴

3 MARCH 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

"Ordered that Christian Martin be appointed a Constable in the room of Bryan McDonnald. **Joseph Mairs** same in Capt. McCorkles Company. ... Jno. Brady same on **Walkers Creek**.⁷⁵

COMMENT:

This set of court orders includes nine Mairs/Mares/Marrs men, apparently all related: Alexander, Christopher, Hugh, James, John, Joseph, Peter, Samuel, and William. In this initial survey, I am not taking all notes on all of them—only those that place them socially or physically into the community or any that might identify kinships between them or place of origin.

6-7 APRIL 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

Lease & Release. "April 6, 1778 - William Thompson, executor for the estate of James Patton, dec'd of Augusta Co. for one part and **John Mares** of Montgomery Co for the other part. For 5 shillings for the lease of a tract of land containing 257 acres, being part of a 400 a[c]re tract [sic] granted to James Patton on New River at **Back Creek** by letter Patent on June 20, 1753 – adj. Alexander Mares.

"April 7, 1778 – William Thompson, executor of the estate of James Patton, dec'd of Augusta Co. for one part and **John Mares** of Montgomery Co for the other part. For 120 pounds for the release of a tract of land on **Back Creek** containing 257 acres, being a part of a 4000 tract granted to Patton by letters Patent on June 20, 1753. The land is adjoining Alexander Mares. Signed: Will. Thompson."⁷⁶

COMMENT:

Of potential interest:

Jarrett: Richard (land in Fincastle, 1774)

Re *Jarrett*, two sons of William Mills-Witt subsequently married daughters of Allen Jarrett, a resident of both Franklin and Henry Cos.⁷⁷ In 1850, Jarrett lived adjacent to his son-in-law Sparrell Mills in Floyd County (cut from Montgomery).⁷⁸

⁷⁴ C. G. Chamberlayne, *The Vestry Book and Register of St. Peter's Parish, New Kent, and James City Counties, Virginia, 1684–1786*, 3d reprint edition (Richmond: Library of Virginia Foundation, 1997), 21, 373, 413. Chamberlayne's first edition was published in 1937.

⁷⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 9.

⁷⁶ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 60–61; citing Book A: 280–281.

⁷⁷ See E. S. Mills, "William Mills (b. c1783–88; d. c1863); Spouse Drucilla Kemp: Research Notes," a working file last updated 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the "Research" tab.

⁷⁸ 1850 U.S. census, Floyd Co., Va., Western Dist. 15, p. 406, dwelling/family nos. 421 and 422.

This volume of deed abstracts has no entries for the Copley/Cobley family, from which “Thomas Copley Jr.” would serve as surety for the 1792 marriage bond of “John White Sr.” and Frankey Mills—while his sister Nancy married a younger John White in 1793.

7–8 APRIL 1778

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**William Thompson** acknowledged his Deeds of Lease and Release for Land to J Mairs, which is ordered to be Recorded.”

“L & R from **W^m Thompson** to Jn^o Cook ack^d & OR. ... same to **Jn^o Mairs** ... same to **Hugh Mairs** ... same to **Alex^r Mairs**.”⁷⁹

1 JUNE 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land purchase

“Skaggs to Whitt

June 1, 1779 – James Skaggs of one part and **Richard Whitt** of the other part. For 2880 pounds current money of VA from Whitt to Skaggs for a tract of land containing 68 acres lying in **Montgomery Co.** on **Meadow Creek**, a branch of **New River**. Signed: James [his J mark with a cross in middle] Skaggs. Recorded: June 1, 1779 James McCorkle CMC.”⁸⁰

COMMENT:

Other entries of potential interest:

Breckenridge:

14 April 1774 Thos. Walker to Alex. Breckenridge, land on Wolf Hill Cr, Holston R

4 June 1774; Wm Thompson & Wm Preston, adm. of Jas Patton, late of Augusta to George & Robert Breckinridge, Land on Cove Creek, a branch of Reed Creek

Edmondston:

27 July 1775 Wm Edmiston of Fincastle to Andrew Edmiston, Middle & S forks of Holston &c

Watts:

24 Mar 1782 Wm “Wats” witnessed deed from Anthony Pate to Tho. Pate—with Arthur, John, and Dabney Cooper.

Not found: Carrell, Ferguson, McCarrell, Mills, Musgrove, Weakes

1 JUNE 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“James Skaggs Acknowledged his Deed for land to **Rich^d Whitt** which is ordered to be rec^d.”⁸¹

7 SEPTEMBER 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

⁷⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 11–12, 97.

⁸⁰ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 39; citing p. 193.

⁸¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 133.

Associate

“Ordered that Walter Crockett be recommended to his Excellency the Governour as a proper person to serve as Lieutenant Col^o in the room of James Robertson who has resigned. **Joseph Cloyd** Maj^r in the room of Walter Crockett who has been preferred [promotoed?]. Ordered that Henry Patton be recommended to his Excellency the Governor as a proper person for a Captain in the room of Joseph Cloyd who has been promoted. **Alexander Mairs** first Lieutenant in Captain Pattons Company ...”⁸²

5 OCTOBER 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“A Bill of Sale from Anthony Payte to Thomas Payte proven by **Richard Whitt**, Jeremiah Farmer and Nathaniel Cooper, three of the Witnesses thereto and ordered to be recorded.”

“**William Adkins** came into Court and took the Oath of Allegiance to this State as directed by Act of Assembly which is ordered to be Certify’d.”⁸³

1 NOVEMBER 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that Cornelius Brown be app^d constable in Cap Pattons Company[,] Wm Boyd in Capt Buchanans cop^y in the room of George King who is removed. **Militon Atkins** same in Capt Lucass Comp^y.”⁸⁴

3 NOVEMBER 1779

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that the follows Sums be paid the following persons for Patrolling out of the County Levy [22 names, including] **Militon Atkins** 37 days @ 3/8 ... Ephraim Ozburn 33 days @ 3/8.”⁸⁵

3 NOVEMBER 1779

MONTGOMERYCOUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that the following Sums be paid the following persons for Patrolling out of the County levy ... **Mihkail Atkins** 33 days @ 3/8 ... Ephraim Osburn 33 days @ 3/8.”⁸⁶

COMMENT:

This “Mihkail” Atkins appears to be a misreading for Militon. See the prior entry of this date, which the same abstractor copied from a different register.

c1780

⁸² Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 48

⁸³ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 52–53.

⁸⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 291–92. Treacy states that this court order is from “Minute book fragment from Library of Virginia archives (dated in archivist’s hand to Nov 1, 1779, numbered both (1) and Page 79).”

⁸⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 57.

⁸⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 160.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

License

“**Richard Whitt**, a Minister of the Baptist Church, having produced to this Court his Ordination and a Certificate of his being in regular Communication with a Society of Christians, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State and entered into Bond according to Law is permitted to Marry.”⁸⁷

COMMENT:

Transcriber David F. Whitt, in presenting the above research note, does not date it. I am placing it at c1780 because that is the year of the first recorded marriage performed by him within the Worrell abstracts.⁸⁸ Also see the 1782 and 1785 licenses, below.

7 MARCH 1780

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that ... **Parker Atkinson** [be appointed road overseer] from the hollow of Doe Creek to the Steep Bank of **Sinking Creek**.”⁸⁹

“Ordered that ... **Parker Atkins** [be appointed road overseer] from the hollow of **Doe Creek** to the Steep Bank of Sinking Creek.”⁹⁰

8 MARCH 1780

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land bounty

“A Certificate granted William Preston Gent as representative of the following persons for the following Bounties in Land viz Jeremiah Cummings 200 Acres, Thomas Saunders 200 acres, Tolley Milican, James Stealman, Moses Fisher, **Gardner Adkins**, Thomas Saules, and Nicholas Smith **fifty acres** each under the King of Great Britains Proclamation of 1763.”⁹¹

COMMENT:

Gardner, Joseph, Milliton, and Parker Adkins all saw service in pre-RW wars. Parker and Milliton’s 1774 service from Fincastle in Lord Dunmore’s War has already been noted. Gardner Atkins saw service some two decades earlier from Augusta:

French and Indian War—Augusta County: Capt. Samuel Norwood ... Lt. Charles Wilson ... Ens. Cunningham ... Robert Willey ... **Gardner Adkins** [Act of 1758].⁹²

⁸⁷ David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), pp. 57–58; citing “page 208 in Montgomery County, Virginia Order Book 1 (1773–1788).”

⁸⁸ Anne Lowry Worrell, *Early Marriages, Wills, and Some Revolutionary War Records: Botetourt County, Virginia* (1958; reprinted, Baltimore: Clearfield, 2004). Worrell presents dozens of entries for marriages performed by Whitt spanning 1780–1813.

⁸⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 58; citing “Order Book 2, 1777–1782 (Second half of volume with second half of Fincastle Co Orders). Treacy’s preface notes “No records from 1782–1785, many records between 1778–1780 duplicated.”

⁹⁰ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 162; citing Order Book 1, 1778–1780 (Second half of volume with first half of Fincastle Co Orders.)”

⁹¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 60.

⁹² Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Virginia’s Colonial Soldiers* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 201–5. Bockstruck adds: “The[se] entries are taken from William Waller Hening’s collection of the laws of Virginia. During the French and Indian War, the House of Burgesses passed an act for the defense of the frontier of the colony on 14 September 1758. The[se] soldiers [are] mentioned in the schedule attached to this act.”

French and Indian War—Augusta County, 1755, “List of Company Rangers Commanded by Capt. William preston, Lt. Audley Paul, and Lt. David Robinson of Augusta County (10091). Roll gave name of soldier, date of enlistment, county, age, size, trade, and pay ...

Gardner Adkins 2 Sept. 1755, England, 40, 5’5” ---, 9.7.4.⁹³

Bounty Land Warrants:

“Eight months after the Treaty of Paris closed the French and Indian War [1763], King George III issued a proclamation whereby men who had served in military units from 1754 until such units disbanded were entitled to bounty land. The acreage was based on the rank held ... a private 50 acres. Excluded from coverage were those who served in county militia units. This Royal Proclamation of 1763 closed the territory inhabited by the Indians so that the colonists could not select land in the back country. The same proclamation became the basis for soldiers seeking bounty land after Lord Dunmore’s War.

“In May 1779 the Virginia Legislature placed a time limit of twelve months on receiving such land. The claimant, or his representative(s) had to produce a certificate from Lord Dunmore while he was the Royal Governor or from the county court before which proof of military service had been made. Thereupon the Land Office issued the appropriate warrant. Between 1779 and 1783 the Commonwealth of Virginia issued more than 1,400 bounty grants. Most of the land was in the western section of Virginia, i.e. present day Kentucky.

“The abstracts following are on microfilm in the Virginia State Library:

- “Warrant for 50 Acres issued to Barnard Willson, assignee of **Joseph Adkins**, a soldier in the 1st Va. Rgmt. of Col. William Byrd. 21 Feb. 1780, Essex Co.”
- “Warrant for 50 acres issued to William preston, assignee of **Gardner Adkins**, a private in a company of rangers in 1757. 5 April 1780. Montgomery Co.”⁹⁴

cAUGUST 1780

MONTGOMERY & BOTETOURT COUNTIES, VA

Politics

“At a meeting of the Justices of Montgomery County and Botetourt for the Examination of Col^o W^m Ingles of Montgomery County, who stands charged with being guilty of Treason against the Commonwealth.” Charge deferred after he posted bond. Also charged:

Robert Grayson. “Not fully proven.” He offers to enlist in Continental Army

Joseph McDonald. Aged 58. Sons Joseph and Edward offer to enlist so father will be “excused.”

John McDonald. Charge “proven ... sent to Augusta Goal [Gaol] for a further Tryal.”

Joseph Poppecaugher. Ditto.

Jacob Shull Jr. Ditto.

John Grayson, Gasper Reid, Jeremiah Patrick. “The Court are of Opinion that the charge is [blank space] only [no further words]

George Garlick. “Charge is supported & He appears to be a Simple Fellow do acquit him on his agreeing to take 39 Lashes.”

Henry Stafford. Acquitted.

⁹³ Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Virginia’s Colonial Soldiers* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988), 223–26. Bockstruck adds: “Among the Draper Manuscripts are various militia rosters and military references pertaining to service on the frontier. Below are those relating to the Shenandoah Valley, most notably Augusta County, and its environs. Enclosed in parentheses are the citations to the manuscripts.”

⁹⁴ Lloyd DeWitt Bockstruck, *Virginia’s Colonial Soldiers* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1988), 267, 285, 312.

Abraham Morgan. "Charge is supported, but it appearing that he is an Ignorant Poor Man with a small Family, do order him to be acquitted after getting 39 Lashes."

Swain Polson. "The charge is proven ... sent to Augusta Goal [Gaol] for further Tryal."

Robert McGee, "The Court are of opinion that he be sent to Goal for further Tryal."

Jeremiah Stover. "The charge is so far proven, as finding him with his Gun Hid in a Barn with Several Tories, & has been known frequently and allways since in this part of the Country to live among them, therefore do order him 39 Lashes."

Thomas Copeley "is charged as the rest & witnesses being sworn & exam^d, The Court are of Opinion that the Charge is" [no futher words].

Henry Lawer. "Acknowledged He was an enlisted Soldier under Howard Haven for the British service. But it appearing to the Court that he was a Youth & advis'd to do so by Haven, & on his agreeing now to enlist into the Continental Service for 18 Months, after his arrival in the G^d Camp The Court are of Opinion that he be admitted to do so & he took the Oath."

Andrew Lawer. Ditto. Refers to "Grand Camp."

George Walter. "He having been enlisted as a Soldier for the British Service But he appearing to be a poor & ignorant Man They agree to excuse him on his Volunt offering to enlist into the Continental Army for 18 Months from the time of his arrival in Gen^l Washingt Camp. & he took the Oath accordingly."

John Harrison. Acquitted.

John Henderson. "Acknowledges himself sworn by Tho^s Heaven, not to lift arms against the British Army & to adhere to the King of England The Court are of Opinion that he" [no further words].

William Grant. Agreed to enlist in Continental Army "for 18 months from the time of his arival in the Grand Camp."

Walter Stewart. "Charge is not fully supported & that he be acquitted on entering into Bond with sufficient Security in the sum of £20,000 for his Good Behaviour."

COMMENT:

This record continues on for another 34 men. I am not noting the rest of the charges and findings. Only Thomas "Copeley" is known at this point to be connected to this Mills research problem. I have included abstracts for the others to better understand the political environment and the manner in which punishment and retribution was administered. The other 34 men were

John Haven and sons James & William Haven, William Grant, Adam Liveer, Jacob Francisco, Hezekiah Phillips & Henry Laybrook, Jacob & John Shull, David Price, Jacob Francisco, Robert Magee, Samuel Ingram and sons Jonathan & James, Wm. Grayson, Abraham Beaver, Henry Laybrook (separate charge), Robert King, Frederick Smith, Robert Henderson, Thomas Downard, Nathaniel Britton, James Kerr, Jeremiah Patyrick, Gasper Reid and son David, Samuel Pepper, Abraham Beaver, James Bane and son Edward, Samuel Sadler, James Bane Junr.⁹⁵

15 AUGUST 1780

CHESTERFIELD COUNTY, VA

Military service

"**Glymph, John Abraham**, enlisted in the Continental Army August 15, 1780 at 'The Continental Training Depot and General Rendezvous at Chesterfield Courthouse, Virginia, 1780–1781'. He gave his age as 39

⁹⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 294–97. Treacy identifies her source as "Minutes of Montgomery and Botetourt, joint trial of Loyalists (Draper MS 5QQ73-79, undated but by internal evidence August 1780."

and occupation as being a tailor. He was described as being 5 feet 3 ½ inches tall, black hair and fair complexioned. He served 18 months and was paid 37 pounds, 14 shillings and 6 pence.

“By early Dec. there were five to six hundred conscripts at the training center. It was under the command of Major-General Frederick William Van Steuben, a German. Workmen hastily built rows of log huts to house the scantily clad men. Many were literally naked and suffered from the intense cold. Supt. Col. William Daview managed to establish a tailor shop to help alleviate the clothing shortage. What a place for a tailor!!

“His name appears on a list of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who received certificates for the balance of their full pay agreeable to an act of Assembly passed in the November session 1781, Revolutionary War.”⁹⁶

COMMENT:

This record does not say where Glymph lived at the time of enlistment. He is likely the man whose name appears on two petitions from “inhabitants of Augusta, Rockbridge & Botetourt”:

- 1779, no month or day, in a sequence with “Daniel Stour, Abraham Carlock, Isaac Carlock, Wm. Jackson, Robt. McGraw, Thos. Harvey, James Bently, Michel Francisco, John Francisco, John McCable, **John Glimph**, Hugh Hicklin, and High Hicklin Junr.” The petition was contemporaneously recopied and does not present actual signatures.⁹⁷
- 1785, 23 November, in a sequence with “James Bently, John McCabe, **Johan Glimph**, John Byrns, Rhd. Hicklin Junr., Hunchrist Carlock, John Galaspey, Hugh Hicklin Junr., John Clendinan, Robt. Baty, Andw. Beaty.”⁹⁸

7 FEBRUARY 1781

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that ... **Robert Davies** [be appointed Overseer of the Road] from Boyds to **Atkins**.”⁹⁹

31 MARCH 1781

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Militia service

“A List of Daniel Trigg’s Company March 31, 1781”

Daniel Trigg, Capt.

⁹⁶ cdorsey68, “Notes on John Abraham Glymph,” posted 7 Sep. 2007 to “Dorsey Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/3576364/person/-1710131246/facts> : accessed 28 July 2018), citing “The “Rettie W. Weaver ...,” a source that WorldCat more fully identifies as Bettie Woodson Weaver, *The Continental Training Depot and General Rendezvous at Chesterfield Courthouse, Virginia, 1780–1781* (Midlothian, VA: P.p., 1976), no page number given. (WorldCat also shows a revised edition published 2007, owned by the Library of Virginia; however, I did not find this online note until my onsite research at LOV had ended. I cannot find a copy of either edition available for purchase.)

According to cdorsey68, Johann Abraham Glymph was born 22 April 1764 in “Elk Park, L, New York” and died 3 January 1807 in Newberry, SC. His wife is said to be “Elizabeth Rikard 1781–1829” by whom his only identified son was “Lemuel Glymph 1795–1860,” who died in Glymphville, Newberry Co., 5 December 1860. No sources are cited for any of this data.

⁹⁷ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000390229; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 15, Folder 22. Emphasis added.

⁹⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000390254; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 309, Folder 5.

⁹⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 68.

Israel Lorton, Lieut.

Samuel McGehee, Lieut.

Albert Bright, Insn.

John Elswick, Sergt.

Archibald Thompson, Sergt.

William Lawson, Sergt.

Faulkner Elliot, Sergt.

Hezekiah Whitt **Richd. Whitt** ... **Michael Mattocks** .. Abram Hilton¹⁰⁰

11 FEBRUARY 1782

VIRGINIA

Military service

“**J. Abram Glymph**, Sol. Inf.

“Appears in a Book under the following heading: ‘A List of Soldiers of the Virginia Line on Continental Establishment who have received Certificates for the balance of there [sic] full pay Agreeable to an Act of Assembly passed November Session 1781.’ (Revolutionary War)

By whom Received: himself

Day when: Feb 11, 1782

Sum: £35–12–

Remarks: [none]

“This book bears the following certificate: ‘This Register contains a true abstract of all the certificates issued at the Auditor’s Office to Officers & Soldiers of the Virginia line on Continental establishment. J. Pendleton, Audtor. Aud’ Office, 1 Aug^t 1792. Teste: J. Carter.’

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RW Pearson, Copyist.”¹⁰¹

24 MARCH 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“*Anthony Pate* of Russell Parish in **Bedford** County, gives a “bill of sale” to Thomas Pate of Montgomery Co. four negroes. Signed Anthony (A, his mark) Pate. Witnesses: Arthur Cooper, **William Wats**, John Cooper, Dabney Cooper.”¹⁰²

COMMENT:

Anthony Pate has been found in Mills neighborhoods in Lunenburg, Bedford, and Franklin, including a 1777 Bedford co-association (with **John Mills Jr.** of Augusta and Botetourt) in estate of Irwin (“Irvine”) Patterson; and 1780–89 ownership of land on Franklin Co.’s Gills Creek (where William Mills-Witt moved immediately after his marriage; the 1789 purchase was witnessed by James Mills, formerly of Bedford Co.).¹⁰³

¹⁰⁰ Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777–1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 47.

¹⁰¹ Service card of J. Abram Glymph, *Compiled Service Records of Soldiers Who Served in the American Army During the Revolutionary War* (Washington, DC: National Archives and Records Administration, M881 [reel not shown]; imaged in “Revolutionary War Service Records, *Fold3* (<https://www.fold3.com/image/23346245> : accessed 28 July 2018).

¹⁰² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 56; citing pp. 264–65.

¹⁰³ See E. S. Mills, “William Mills of Haile’s Tithe List, 1750, Lunenburg Co., Virginia: Identification Needed,” report to file, 20 June 2018. Also see E. S. Mills, “Mills: Extended Survey of Resources for Bedford County, Virginia,” report to file, 28 July 2018. Both are archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

6 APRIL 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

License

“Ordered that **Richard Whitt** be appointed to Solemnize the rites of Matrimony in this County according to law.”¹⁰⁴

2 JULY 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**Alexander Mair** made satisfactory proof to this court that he ought to be paid the sum of one pound sixteen shilling and eight pence for 220 pounds of Beef taken from him for the use of the Militia of Montgomery County under the Command of Maj^r Cloyd in September 1780. **Hugh Mairs** same £6/8 for 280 pounds of Beef same &c.”¹⁰⁵

6 AUGUST 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“Ordered that Peter Wylie, **Alex^r Mairs, John Mairs,** Lewis Reeling being first sworn or any three of them do appraise the Estate of Henry Bowyer Des^d and make a return to this Court.”¹⁰⁶

16 SEPTEMBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

“John Reaugh of Montgomery Co for one part and **James White** of afores^d county for the other part. For 40 pounds Reaugh sells to **White** a tract of land containing 126 acres on a branch of New River called **Cripple Creek** a part of a tract of land Patented to James Patton on June 20, 1750 being the land John Reaugh now lives on. Signed: John Reaugh. Witnesses: James Campbell, Hezekiah Cenney, **John White,** Annanias McCoy. Recorded: March 4, 1783 James McCorkle.”¹⁰⁷

COMMENT:

This James and John White have not been identified. Nothing has been found to connect them to the John and James White of Walker Creek and Wolf River. Note that the document above (dated 16 September) and the one below (dated 17 September) appear to be the two parts of the same “deed of lease and release.”

17 SEPTEMBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Disambiguation

“John Reaugh, heir at law of Robert Reaugh dec^d of Montgomery Co. for one part and William Love of the s^d County for the other part. For 180.0.0 pounds VA money a tract of land containing 149 acres and an half be the same lying in Montgomery Co. on a branch of New River calld **Cripple Creek,** a part of a

¹⁰⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 96.

¹⁰⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 93.

¹⁰⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 96.

¹⁰⁷ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 87; citing Book A: 291.

tract patented to James Patton on Jun 20, 1750 and by deed of Bargain from John Montgomery, attorney for Alexander Noble dated September 16, 1782. Land adjoining William Ewings, patent line on south side of Cripple Creek. Signed: John Reaugh. Witnesses: **James White**, James Campbell, Hezekiah Cheyne, **John White**, Amos McCoy. Recorded March 4, 1783, James McCorkle.”¹⁰⁸

COMMENT:

Cripple Creek is currently in Wythe County, between Austinville and Ivanhoe and just west of the lead mines of Lloyd’s 1862 map. The Walkers’ Creek community where John White Sr. married Frankey Mills is more than a hundred miles away.

9 OCTOBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**Joseph Cloyd**, 730 acres on a Preemption Warrant assigned to him by John Norris in Montgomery County on the **Sun Shiny Ridge**, corner to John Smith and **Ninian Cloyds** near **Pepper’s Road**.”¹⁰⁹

21 OCTOBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**Joseph Cloyd**, 246 acres on a Certificate from the Commissioners for Washington and Montgomery Counties in Montgomery County on **Back Creek** the waters of New River, corner to **William Thompson’s** patent land.”¹¹⁰

22 OCTOBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**Ninian Cloyd**, 370 acres, on a Certificate from the Commissioners for Washington and Montgomery Counties in Montgomery County on the waters of New River of **Back Creek**, a branch of New River corner to Smith’s survey and **{William} Thompson’s** patent line.”¹¹¹

22 OCTOBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“**Joseph Cloyd** and Granville Smith, 100 acres on a Treasury Warrant in Montgomery County on a draft leading to Morgan Bigg’s corner to Cloyd’s survey. ... Note: Plott delivered to Col’o Cloyd to whom the land is assigned.”¹¹²

23 OCTOBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

¹⁰⁸ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 63; citing Book A: 288.

¹⁰⁹ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 43, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 267.

¹¹⁰ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 27, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 274.

¹¹¹ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 43, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 272.

¹¹² James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 42, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 26.

“John Cloyd, 55 acres in Montgomery County on the waters of **Back Creek**, a branch of New River.”¹¹³

16 DECEMBER 1782

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

License

“To M^r **Richard Whitt** ... In Obedience to act of assembly and an order of Court thereupon, You are hereby licenced to solemnize the Rites of Matrimony in s^d County upon License first obtained from the Clerk of said County agreeable to law, or on thrice Publication of the Banns, according to the Rubrick in the book of Common Prayer. If the persons to be married dwell in different parishes, the Banns are to be published in each Parish & the minister of the one Parish shall not solemnize the marriage until he hath a certificate from the minister of the other Parish that the Banns have been thrice published, and no objection made against the parties Joining together.

“In all your Conduct herein you are to pay the strictest regard to the Laws of this State as you shall answer to the contrary at your Peril: Given under my hand and seal this 16th Day of Dec^r 1782. [Signed] Wm. Preston.”¹¹⁴

COMMENT:

The compiler identifies the source of this license in an introduction to her “Part 4, Additional Documents”:

“Here are Court records from other sources, and examples of documents that illustrate the activity of the Court. In the earlier parts of this book I corrected the capitalization of all personal names, but I have left this section as it was. The bulk of this assortment comes from Accession numbers (Barcode numbers) 1048924 and 1048926, Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court, Montgomery County (Va.) Miscellaneous Court Records, 1750–1861. ... Library of Virginia.”

With regard to the Whitt license, she adds:

“See page 90 and 236. Page 87 mentions that John George Schroeder is licensed to solemnize the rites of matrimony and all are to take note, particularly Richard _____. The original is torn at this point, and all I can say is that the fragment of a letter remaining is compatible with a W. In the light of whatever problem prompted the entry on page 236, M^r Whitt may have been a difficult person.”

The references the compiler makes to Schroeder and three page numbers appear off-kilter. The “John George Schroeder” reference appears on her p. 92, where the entry is credited to original register p. 339.

While the abstractor proposes that Whitt may have been a “difficult person,” the marriage records of the county show that he celebrated a far-greater number of marriages than any minister in the county. The text of the warning to him above suggests that, as a Baptist minister, he may have been marrying couples without the requisite banns being published in the Anglican church in lieu of a license.

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¹¹³ James L. Douthat, *Land Grants in Fincastle County, Virginia, 1772–1776* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 2008), 41, citing Plott Book A, 1773–1775: 258.

¹¹⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 290, 298.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Context

“William Thompson and William Preston, executors for the estate of James Patton dec’d late of Augusta Co. for one part and **Thomas Shannon** of Montgomery for the other part. For 5 shillings paid the estate for a lease of a tract of land containing 170 acres on a fork of **Walkers Creek**, a branch of New River. Signed: William Thompson, William Preston. Witnesses: John Breckinridge, Francis Preston, David McGavock, John Preston, David How, Michael Dougherty. Recorded: March 4, 1783 James McCorkle.”¹¹⁵

COMMENT:

Douthat’s abstracts of Deed Book A carry a place-name index. This is the first reference to land on Walkers Creek.

In January 1800 Shannon expanded his holdings, as assignee of Henry Farley, with a grant of 60 acres on “the **south side of Little Sugar Run**, waters of Walkers Creek, waters of New River **adjoining Joseph Cloyd and John White**.”¹¹⁶

3 FEBRUARY 1783

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Militia service

New River region:¹¹⁷

COMMENT:

AKERS: No
BOWEN: No
COPLEY: No
COPLIN: Charles. On undated list of Cox’s Company, prob. ca. 1783 (p. 12)
GLYMPH: No
MASTIN: No
SEXTON: Charles (Cox’s Co., c1782 & 1783)
John (James McDaniel’s Co., c1782)
William (Cox’s Co., c1782 & 1783)

“**Miles, John**, On a list of delinquents from private muster for Capt. Osborn’s Co. for February 3, **1783**.”

“**Mills, John**, On Osborn’s Militia Rosters of April 2, 1783 and 1785.” (p. 29)

COMMENT:

Regarding Osborn, the compiler tells us:

“**Osborn, Enoch**, Capt, On lists of Osborn’s Militia Company for 1777, 1781, April 2, 1783, and 1785.” (p.31)

This John Miles/Mills almost certainly was a *Miles*, as one John Miles appears concurrently on the tax rolls, where his name is very clearly written as *Miles*.

¹¹⁵ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 64; citing Book A: 292.

¹¹⁶ Virginia Land Office Grants, vol. 44, 1799–1800:278; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008476650205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

¹¹⁷ Jeffrey C. Weaver, *Revolutionary War Soldiers in the Upper New River Valley* (Saltville, VA: New River Notes Books, 2005), 3.

I also skimmed the volume to identify others in Osborne's Co.: None of the following appear to be in the Mills-Atkins-Cloyd-Glymph-Sartain-White community.

Adkins, William	1781
Anderson, Jacob	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Anderson, James	3 Feb 1783 delinquents; 2 April 1783, 1785
Anderson, John	1782
Baker, Moses	2 April 1783
Baker, Robert	1777 (Osborn), 6 Sept. 1782 (Elk Creek Militia)
Barton, Isaac & John	2 April 1783, 1785
Blevins, Nathan	2 April 1783 & 1785. Also c1783 Cox's Co.
Boggs, James	1781, 3 Feb 1783 delinquents, 2 Apr 1783, 1785
Caldwell, James	1781
Caldwell, Joseph	2 Apr 1783 and 1785
Cortnie, Michael	1781
Davis, Baxter	2 April 1783, 1785
Davis, Robert	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Dockery, James	2 April 1783, 1785
Dodd, William	1781
Douglass, Thomas	1781
Farmer, William	2 April 183, 1785
Flanary, John	3 Feb 1783, "list of delinquents from private muster for Capt. Osborn's Co.)
Flanary, Silas	2 Apr 1783, 1785
Flannary, John	1781, April 2, 1783, 1785
Greer, Hugh	1781
Greer, Shadrack	2 April 1783, 1785
Hall, John	2 Apr 1783, 1785
Hanfen, John [Hanson]	3 Feb 1783 delinquents [See Henson, below]
Hash, John	1777
Hash, Thomas	1781, 2 Apr 1783, 1785
Hash, William	1777, 1781
Helton, John	3d Sgt., 21 Apr 1783, 1785
Henson, John	2 April 1783, 1785
Howell, George	c1782 (Cox's Co.); 2 April 1783 (1 st Sgt., Osborn), 1785 (Osborn)
Howell, William	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Hughery, Christopher	1781
Jones, Abraham	3 Feb 1783 delinquents
Jones, Daniel	3 Feb 1783 delinquents
Jones, Stephen	1781, 3 Feb 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Landreth, Nathaniel	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Landreth, William	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Lyles, Isham	1781
Lynch, Jesse	1781, 4 th Sgt. 2 April 1783, 1785
Manan, Samuel	2 April 1783, 1785 [Could this be Samuel MANNING?]
Maxwell, Elisha	2 April 1783, 1785
Maxwell, William	2 April 1783, 1785
May, Benjamin	2 April 1783, 1785
McDaniel, Mosees	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Medley, John	1777
Miles, John	3 Feb 1783 delinquents
Mills, John	2 April 1783, 1785
Nash, Thomas	3 Feb 1783 delinquents
Onsley, John	2 April 1783
Osborn, Enoch, Capt.	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785

Osborn, Ephraim Jr.	1777 (lieutenant), 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, Ephraim Sr.	1777, 1781
Osborn, Jeremiah	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, John	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, Jonathan	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, Robert	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, Solomon	1781, (2d Sergt.) 2 April 1783, 1785
Osborn, Stephen	1777
Osborn, Stephen Sr.	1777
Pennington, Ephraim	1777
Pennington, Joshua	1777, 1781, 3 February 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Pennington, Richard	1781
Pennington, Robert	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Pennington, Timothy	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Phipps, Benjamin	2 April 1783, 1785; filed pension 1832 in Grayson at age 70
Roark, Charles	1781, 2 April 1783 1785
Roark, Timothy	1777, (1782 Elk Creek Militia)
Rutherford, Thomas	3 February 1783 delinquents
Seamens, Joseph	2 April 1783, 1785
Secrest, Stephen	1781
Sexton:	Benjamin, Charles, William in Cox's co.; John in McDaniels, c1782)
Sheppard, William	3 February 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Simmons, Joseph	1781, 3 February 1783 delinquents
Smith, Jonathan	3 Feb 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Smith, William	Ditto
Sparks, James	2 April 1783, 3785
Sturgill, Abraham	1781
Sturgill, Francis	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Sturgill, James	2 April 1783, 1785
Suggs, Harbord	2 April 1783, 1785
Taylor, John	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Taylor, Nathan	1781, 3 February 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Testerman, Thomas	3 February 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Vaughan, Thomas	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
Walling, James	1781, 2 April 1783, 1785
War, James	1777, 2 April 1783, 1785
Ward, Nathan	2 April 1783, 1785
Ward, Wells	1777, 1781
Weaver, Isaac	1777, 3 February 1783 delinquents
Wood, Belfey	1781
Wood, Edmond	2 April 1783, 1785
Woody, James	3 February 1783 delinquents, 2 April 1783, 1785
Woody, William	Ditto
Wyett, William	2 April 1783 (2d Lieut.), 1785
Young, Ezekiel	1777, 1781, 2 April 1783 and 1785.

2 APRIL 1783

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Militia service

A List of **Capt. Enoch Osburn's Company**"

Enoch Osburn, Capt.

Ezeakil Young, Lieut.

William Wyett, 2 Lieut.

Robert Davis, Ensign

George Howell, 1 Sergt.

Solomon Osburn, 2 Serg.

John Helton, 3 Sergh.

Jesee Linch, 4 Serg.

Privates: ... *Edmon Wood*, Isac Weaver, Nathan Bleven, Thomas Hash, **John "Mills" [Miles]**, Jonathan Smith, William Howell, Joseph Culwell, Shadrick Greer, Thomas Testament, Thomas Vaughn.¹¹⁸

COMMENT:

See prior comments regarding the John Mills/Miles of Osborn's company. Even if the name *is* "Mills" rather than "Miles," this **Private John Mills** [elsewhere **Miles**] of Capt. Osborn's company would not be the same as Capt. John Mills contemporaneously in adjacent Botetourt.

Regarding the possibility that the Robert Davis/Davies family *might* have migrated there from Pedlar River of Amherst, one further record suggests that this Robert Davis settled quite distant from the Walker Creek community to which Sarah Mills, daughter of Amherst's Jesse Mills, migrated and married:

On 31 August 1782, Henry Davies and wife Jane of Montgomery sold 140 acres to James Davies Junior for 140 acres "on the head branch of Holston River" which was "part of thirteen hundred acres called **Davies fancy** and adjoining **Robert Davies**."¹¹⁹

1-2 MAY 1783

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Lease and release.

"May 1, 1783. **Skidmore Munsey** of Montgomery Co for one part and William Thompson of s'd county for the other part. For 5 shillings for the lease of a tract containing 120 acres on **Back Creek**, a branch of New River, adj. **Joseph Cloyd**. Signed: Skidmore Munsey, Mary her mark M [crudely] Munsey. Witnesses: James Thompson, J. Preston, James Breckinridge."

"May 2, 1783. **Skidmore Muncy** of Montgomery Co for one part and William Thompson of said county for the other part. For 250 pounds current money of Virginia for the release of a tract of land containing 120 acres on **Back Creek**, a branch of New River, adj. **Joseph Cloyd**. Signed: Skidmore Muncy, Mary her mark M Muncy. Witnesses: Jas. Thompson, Jno. Preston, James Breckinridge."¹²⁰

COMMENT:

- Muncy appears to be exchanging lands with William Thompson, in a move that would place Muncy on Walker's Creek. See next item below.
- Back Creek ran almost parallel with Walker's Creek. At the closest points, they were just a mile or two apart.
- Muncy (*var.* "Monsey") bought the Back Creek land from James Thompson on 1-2 May 1775, when the area was part of Fincastle.¹²¹

¹¹⁸ Mary B. Kegley, *Militia of Montgomery County, Virginia, 1777-1790* (Roanoke, VA: Privately Printed, 1975), 33.

¹¹⁹ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773-1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 65; citing Book A: 299.

¹²⁰ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773-1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 87; citing Book A: 300-1.

¹²¹ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773-1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 20; citing Book A: 103-4.

2 MAY 1783

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Community context.

“William Thompson and William Preston, executors of the estate of James Patton, dec’d of Augusta Co for one part and **Skidmore Muncy** of the other part. For 52 pounds from Muncy to the estate for the release of a tract of land containing 130 acres on a branch of New River called **Walker’s Creek** on the southeast side of the creek just above the mouth of the second fork and running southeast. Signed: Wm. Thompson, Wm. Preston. Witnesses: James Newell, Junr, John Preston, Francis Preston. Recorded: May 6, 1783 James McCorkle CMC.”¹²²

COMMENT:

For further placement of Muncy’s land, see 1 May 1783 above.

13, 29 NOVEMBER 1784

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Lease and Release

“November 13, 1784 – William Thompson, executor of the estate of Col. James Patton dec’d of Augusta Co for one part and **Thomas Farler** of Montgomery Co for the other part. For 70 pounds current money paid by Farler for the release of a tract of land containing 260 acres sold to William Thompson and William Preston by letters Patent dated December 23, 1779 in Montgomery Co. on a branch of New River called **Walker’s Creek**. Signed: William Thompson. Recorded Feb 23, 1785 Abram Trigg, CMC.

“November 29, 1784 - William Thompson, executor of the estate of James Patton, dec’d of Augusta Co. for one part and **Thomas Farler** of Montgomery Co for the other part. for 5 shillings for the lease of a tract of land containing 260 acres on the waters of **Walker’s Creek**, a branch of New River. Signed: William Thompson. Witnesses: Jas. Thompson, Ralph Stoball. Recorded: Feb 23, 1787 Abram Trigg CMC.”¹²³

COMMENT:

Thomas Farler/Farley and one John White are said to be, in 1790, adjacent landowners to Gordon Cloyd Sr., on the “north side of Walkers Creek at the head of Little Sugar Run.”¹²⁴ At the time of the 1860 census, the Gordon Cloyd land lay in Pulaski County; William Mills-Witt, wife Drucilla, son Thomas and Thomas’ family and in-laws were all living on Gordon Jr.’s land and farming for him. See Map 2, which flags the area.

25 JANUARY 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

COMMENT:

The transcriber of these court order (at p. 170), notes that these 1785 *Montgomery Co.* orders begin on p. 150 of *Fincastle Order Book A* which “ends abruptly page 149 in 1776.”

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MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

¹²² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 65; citing Book A: 298.

¹²³ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 75–76; citing Book A: 347–48.

¹²⁴ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 46, location dated 10 Nov. 1790.

Legal suit

“Nathaniel Britain vs **Owen Atkins.**”¹²⁵ [no detail provided]

23 MARCH 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“John Hays vs **Owen Atkins.**”

“Nathaniel Britain vs. **Sherard Atkins.**”¹²⁶ [no detail provided]

29 JUNE 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“John Hayse vs **Owen Atkins.**”¹²⁷ [no detail provided]

25 JULY 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

License

“**Richard Whitt**, James Smith, William Hall, Adam Hane are bound to Patrick Henry, Governor of Virginia in the sum of 500 pounds as security on July 26, 1785 to secure bond of **Richard Whitt** as Minister of the Baptist Church.”¹²⁸

26 JULY 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

License

“**Richard Whitt**, a Minister of the **Baptist** church, having produced to this Court his Ordination, and a Certificate of his being in regular Communication with a Society of Christians, and having taken the Oath of Allegiance to the State and entered into Bond, according t Law is permitted to Marry.”

Same court session, Richard Whitt is named to serve on the jury.¹²⁹

26 JULY 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Ordered that Stephen Cole be allowed five pounds for keeping and cloathing **John Whitt** two years in the state of the next levy.”

COMMENT:

John’s parents have not been identified. If he were born to a legitimate Whitt marriage (as opposed to being the child of a Whitt female), then his father appears to have died before July 1783. Cole should not have been paid in advance for keeping John; the payment typically would be made after the service was performed.

¹²⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 174.

¹²⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 177, 181.

¹²⁷ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 185.

¹²⁸ David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), 58; citing “page 360 in Montgomery County Deed Book A (1773–1789).”

¹²⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 188, 189.

27 JULY 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“John Hays vs **Atkins**. Tres[p]ass, Assault & Battery.”¹³⁰ [no detail provided]

23 AUGUST 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Civic role

“Ordered that **Robert Davis, Joseph Atkins**, Robert Shannon and Robert Crow be appointed to review the nearest and best way from the **Magazine Spring** a little above **William Pattersons** to the line of **Washington County** for a Waggon Road and that they make report to the next September Court thereof.”¹³¹ [no detail provided]

COMMENT:

Again, the land of Joseph Atkins and Robert Davis appears to be considerably removed from that of the Atkinses around Doe, Sinking, and Walkers Creek. There is an “Atkins” community in current Smyth County, a few miles below the end of Walker Mountain and just south of Liggatsville. (Parker Atkins’ community is at the upper end of Walker Mountain.)

27 SEPTEMBER 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“Moses Lynsey and **Letty Breckenridge**. John Alcorn, surety—Sept. 27, 1785.”¹³²

COMMENT:

In 1787, one “Littice Breckinridge,” widow of Robert who d.1773, was taxed in adj. Botetourt.

30 SEPTEMBER 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Hays vs **Adkins**.”¹³³ [no detail provided]

23 NOVEMBER 1785

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“**Parker Adkins** for one old Wolf head proof being made to this Court that there was a Certificate granted under the hands of James Byren for the same but that it is since lost or mislaid that it cannot now be produced.”

“Hays vs **Adkins**.”

“Smith vs **Adkins**”¹³⁴ [no detail provided]

¹³⁰ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 191.

¹³¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 194.

¹³² Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 18.

¹³³ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 200. Treacy notes that the text she copied from read “1787” but that it should be 1785.

24 JANUARY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Ordered that **Samuel Davis** be appointed overseer of the road from **Joseph Adkins** to **John Boyds** in the Room of **Robert Davis** & he with the usual hands keep the same in repair.”

“Hays vs. Adkins ... Smith vs **Adkins**.”

“Allsup vs **Adkinson**”¹³⁵ [no further details on any of the three cases]

2 FEBRUARY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request an act to lay off a town and move the courthouse to a more convenient location.

{Image 3, col. 2} George Pearis, James Lacey, Mitchel Clay, David McCormis Senr., William McCormis, **Edmund Whitte**, John Chapman Junr, John French, Isaac French ... [These men, Whitte excepted, would later fall into Giles Co.]

{Image 3, col. 3} **Richard Whitt**, Isaac McKinzie, Peter Blankinship, David McCormis Junr., Joel **Sarton**, **Abijah Whitte**, William Chapman, Matthew French, David Trimble ...¹³⁶ [Ditto for most of these men, Richard Whitt excepted]

1 MARCH 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Coningham vs Garrett ... Same vs **Adkins** ... Alsup vs **Adkins** ...”¹³⁷ [no detail provided]

8 MARCH 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal sui.

“Hayse vs **Adkins** ... Smith vs **Adkins**”¹³⁸ [no detail provided]

28 MARCH 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Historical context.

Ordered that the road agreeable to the review be Established from the end of a road that comes from **Colo. Calloways Iron Works** by Griffey Dickersons Mill in Botetourt County by Jno. Craigs & to John Montgomerys near Fort Chizwell & that Andrew Duncan be appointed overseer of said Road from John

¹³⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 206–7.

¹³⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 200, 208.

¹³⁶ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248562; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 1.

¹³⁷ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 212, 213.

¹³⁸ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 215, 216.

Mon[t]gomerys to John Craigs. David Culbertson from John Craigs to said Culbertsons on big Reed Island & Jonathan Isom from sd. Culbertsons on big reed Island to Griffey Dickersons Mill.”¹³⁹

COMMENT:

- Fort Chiswell was in Tax District B. The Schreiner-Yantis map of 1789 shows it just above the dividing line between A and B, near the site marked “Lead mines.”
- Callaway’s Iron Works lay in southwestern Franklin County.
- Multiple generations of this Callaway family were neighbors and associates of the Millses of Bedford, as well as Ambrose Mills and siblings of Albemarle. See my reports for those counties.
- In the late 1840s, William Mills-Witt’s son Samuel E. moved to Georgia where his offspring intermarried with Callaways.¹⁴⁰

24 MAY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Coningham vs Garrett ... Same vs **Adkins** ... Smith vs **Adkins** ...”¹⁴¹ [no detail provided]

1 JULY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“Arthur Cambell, executor of Margart Cambell dec’d of Washington Co. for one part and John Hays of Montgomery Co. for the other part. For 120 pounds paid by Hays for a tract of land containing 220 acres called **Buffaloe Bottom** in Montgomery Co on the north branch of **Indian River** otherwise called **Holstein** which was first granted to Charles Campbell by patent dated August 22, 1753 and by the last will and testament the s’d Charles and Margart Campbell appointed their son Arthur as executor to sell and convey the same. Beginning on the north side of the river ... Signed: Arthur Campbell. Witnesses: Joseph **Davies**, **Joseph Atkins**, Samuel **Davies**. Recorded Aug’t 22, 1786 Abram Trigg CMC.”¹⁴²

COMMENT:

The named landmarks tell us that this Joseph Atkins was not in the region settled by Parker Atkins. Schreiner-Yantis, working from Montgomery Co.’s Survey Book D, places Adkins on “40 acres on Holston River between lands of Boyd and Culton and his own land. 24 Apr 1790.”¹⁴³

1 JULY 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“John Hays and Rebakak his wife of Montgomery Co. for one part and John Garwood of Culpepper Co. for the other part. For 275.0.0 paid by Garwood for a tract of land containing 520 acres called **Buffaloe Bottom** in Montgomery Co on the north branch of **Indian River** called **Holstein River** first granted to

¹³⁹ Betty E. Spillman, Shirley P. Thomas, and Ann Brush Miller, *Montgomery County Road Orders, 1777–1806* (Charlottesville: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2008), 21; citing MCOB 1: 250.

¹⁴⁰ Undated letter from Samuel’s granddaughter Alma Inez Mills (b. 7 Dec. 1892), living in Woodland GA in the 1970s when she provided me with a copy of the Samuel Mills Bible, being *Wilmore’s New Analytical Reference Bible* (New York: Henry Giere, 1905), family pages.

¹⁴¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 222.

¹⁴² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 87; citing Book A: 396–97.

¹⁴³ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 58, n. 387.

Charles Campbell by patent bearing date August 22 1753 and by virtue of the last will and testament of the said Charles and Margaret Campbell conveyed to John Hays by the Deeds of William and Arthur Campbell their executors. Signed: John Hays, Rebekah Hays. Witnesses: **Sam'l Davis, Joseph Atkins, Joseph Davies**, Hezekiah Boone. Recorded: October 26, 1786.”¹⁴⁴

24 AUGUST 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Historical context

Ordered that James Addair have leave to open a bridle way from **peppers road** opposite to his own house thence across the river at the said Addairs plantation thence by the office & from thence the nearest & best way into the road leading to **Callaways Iron Works**.”¹⁴⁵

24 OCTOBER 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“A deed of Bargain from John Hayse & Rebecah Hayse was proved by the oath of **Joseph Atkins** & OR [ordered recorded].”¹⁴⁶

28 NOVEMBER 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Agreeable to an order of this Court to appoint James McC[] [sic] **Andrew Boyd** & John Preston to Settle the acc's of Estate of [] [William] Beard Dec^d with **John Mills** adm & that they have done in part the same & ord,d to be recorded.”¹⁴⁷

COMMENT:

The John Mills reference refers to John Mills Jr. of Augusta, Lunenburg > Bedford, and Botetourt. On 7 March 1775, in Botetourt, John Jr. was appointed administrator of Beard's estate. The Mills-Beard associations went back to c1749–53, involving John Mills Sr. in Lunenburg.¹⁴⁸

29 NOVEMBER 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Hayse vs **Adkins** ... Conningham vs **Adkins**”¹⁴⁹ [no detail provided]

29 NOVEMBER 1786

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

¹⁴⁴ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 88; citing Book A: 400–1.

¹⁴⁵ Betty E. Spillman, Shirley P. Thomas, and Ann Brush Miller, *Montgomery County Road Orders, 1777–1806* (Charlottesville: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2008), 23; citing MCOB 1: 267.

¹⁴⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 231.

¹⁴⁷ Karen Wagner Treacey, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 233.

¹⁴⁸ Beard & Mills vs. Admr. of Edmund Smith, Bedford Chancery Causes no. 1772-005; imaged LOV, “Chancery Records Index,” *VirginiaMemory* (http://www.lva.virginia.gov/chancery/case_detail.asp?CFN=019-1772-005 : downloaded 27 May 2018).

¹⁴⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 234, 235.

Road order

“**George Boyd** be appointed overseer of the Highways from [Joseph] **Adkins** to **Boyd**s & that Wm. Davis & Wm. Ward divide the road & hands between said Boyd & Samuel Davis.”¹⁵⁰

COMMENT:

- One George Boyd died c1810 in Franklin Co. VA, owning land in Patrick and other surrounding counties. His daughter Sarah wed Joseph Hobson.¹⁵¹ They are potential grandparents of Mary Ann Hobson who married Samuel E. Mills, son of William Mills-Witt and Drucilla Kemp.
- Other Boyds in this volume are Andrew, called “Gentleman,” and John.

6 FEBRUARY 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Road order

“Ordered that John **Legett** be appointed overseer of the road from the ford & Holstein at **John Adkinsons**¹⁵² to the line of Washing[ton] County in the room of Wm Patterson & that Wm Davis Gent lay of the Tith to keep up the same.”¹⁵³

COMMENT:

See my prior comment about Joseph Atkins and the Davises appearing to be at the site called “Atkins” (Lloyd’s 1862 map of Virginia) just below “Leggettsville.”

5 APRIL 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“A Deed of Bargain & Sale from James Skeggs to **Rich^d Whitt** was acknowledged by said Skeggs & OR.” ... The same to **Hezekiah Whitt & OR.**”¹⁵⁴

COMMENT:

Hezekiah Whitt also appeared with Richard on 1778–79 militia rolls. Most genealogies present him as Richard’s brother and father of Jesse who married Richard’s daughter Ruth.¹⁵⁵

6 APRIL 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Hayse vs **Adkins** ... Coningham vs **Adkins** ... Smith vs. **Adkins**”¹⁵⁶ [no detail provided]

¹⁵⁰ Betty E. Spillman, Shirley P. Thomas, and Ann Brush Miller, *Montgomery County Road Orders, 1777–1806* (Charlottesville: Virginia Transportation Research Council, 2008), 23; citing MCOB 1: 279.

¹⁵¹ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia, Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 106–8; citing Will Book 1: 382. See also E. S. Mills, “Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

¹⁵² Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 228.

¹⁵³ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 239.

¹⁵⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 245.

¹⁵⁵ For example, see David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), 57–59.

¹⁵⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 248, 249.

5 JUNE 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Court order

“Ordered that **Rich^d Whitt** be summoned to shew cause if any he can why he should not be discon^d from marriage at the next Court.”¹⁵⁷

7 JUNE 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Smith vs. **Adkins**”¹⁵⁸ [no detail provided]

4 SEPTEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Deed of Bargain & Sale Ret^d **Whitt** to **John Laurence** was ack^d by s^d Whitt & OR.”

“Miller vs **Adkins & al, Milliton Adkins & Garland Burgys** delivered up by Bail & ordered in Custody of Sheriff.”¹⁵⁹

“Hayse vs **Atkins** ... Chapman vs **Atkins**”

“Miller vs **Atkins & al, Edwd Burgess S Bail for Burgess, John Chapman Sp Bail for George Chapman.**”¹⁶⁰

COMMENT:

In 1854, in Floyd Co., John Laurence/Lawrence’s alleged grandson, John B. Lawrence, married Milly (var. Milly A. and Milly Frances) Mills, daughter of William Mills-Witt.¹⁶¹

8 OCTOBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Matthews & Co vs. Hayse. [Same] vs. **Adkins**. [Same] vs **Hunter**. ... Chapman vs **Adkins**.”

Road order

“Ordered that Wm Davis, **Robert Davis**, Wm Calhoon, **James [Joseph] Adkins** & Wm. Lockart or any three of them being first sworn do lay of[f] the Dower of Ann Patterson late wife to **William Patterson** Decd & assign the same.”¹⁶²

COMMENT:

The transcriber of the road order renders the name as “James” but there are no further references to “James” Atkins in this series. Almost certainly, the “Jas” was meant to be “Jos.”

¹⁵⁷ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 252/

¹⁵⁸ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 254.

¹⁵⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 256.

¹⁶⁰ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 256–59.

¹⁶¹ “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.”

¹⁶² Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 270, 272.

given that road orders were neighborhood based, that Joseph was a neighbor of the Davises, and that he frequently interacted with the Pattersons.

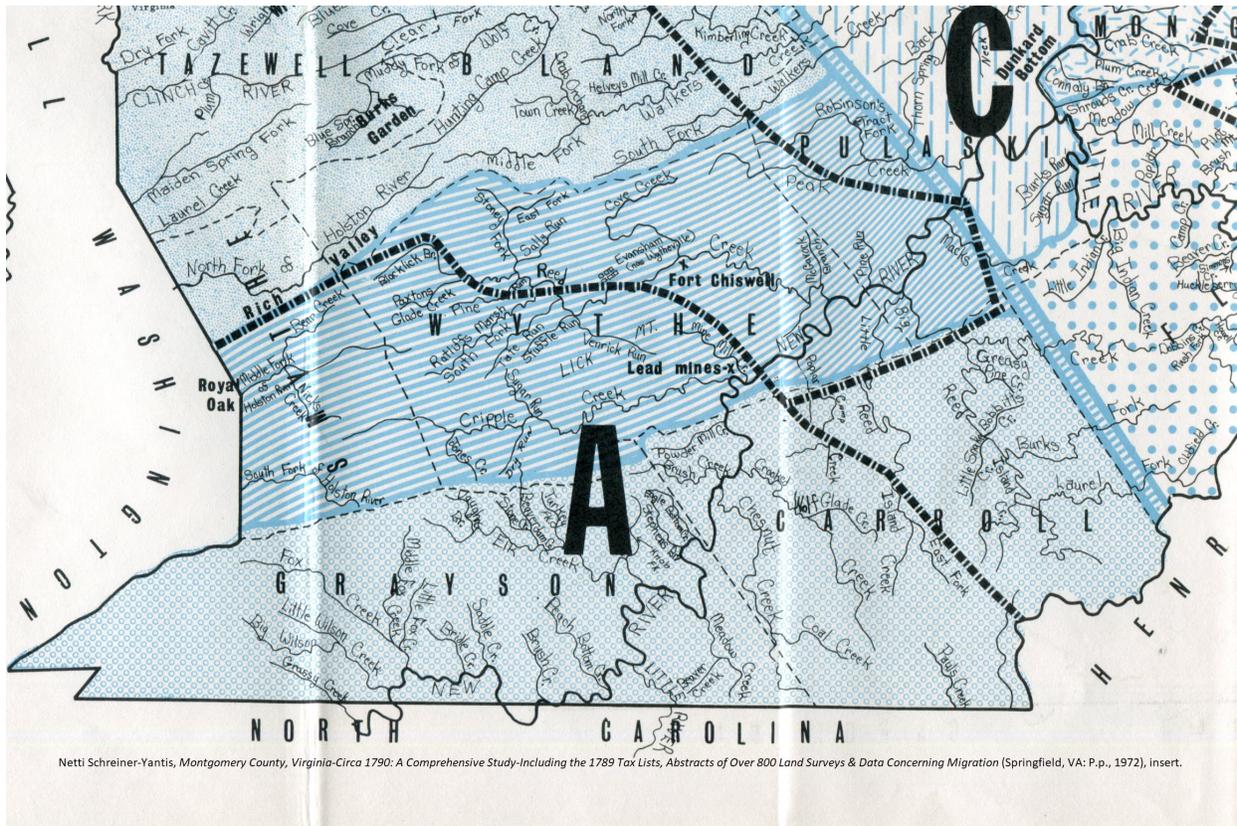
1787–1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Context

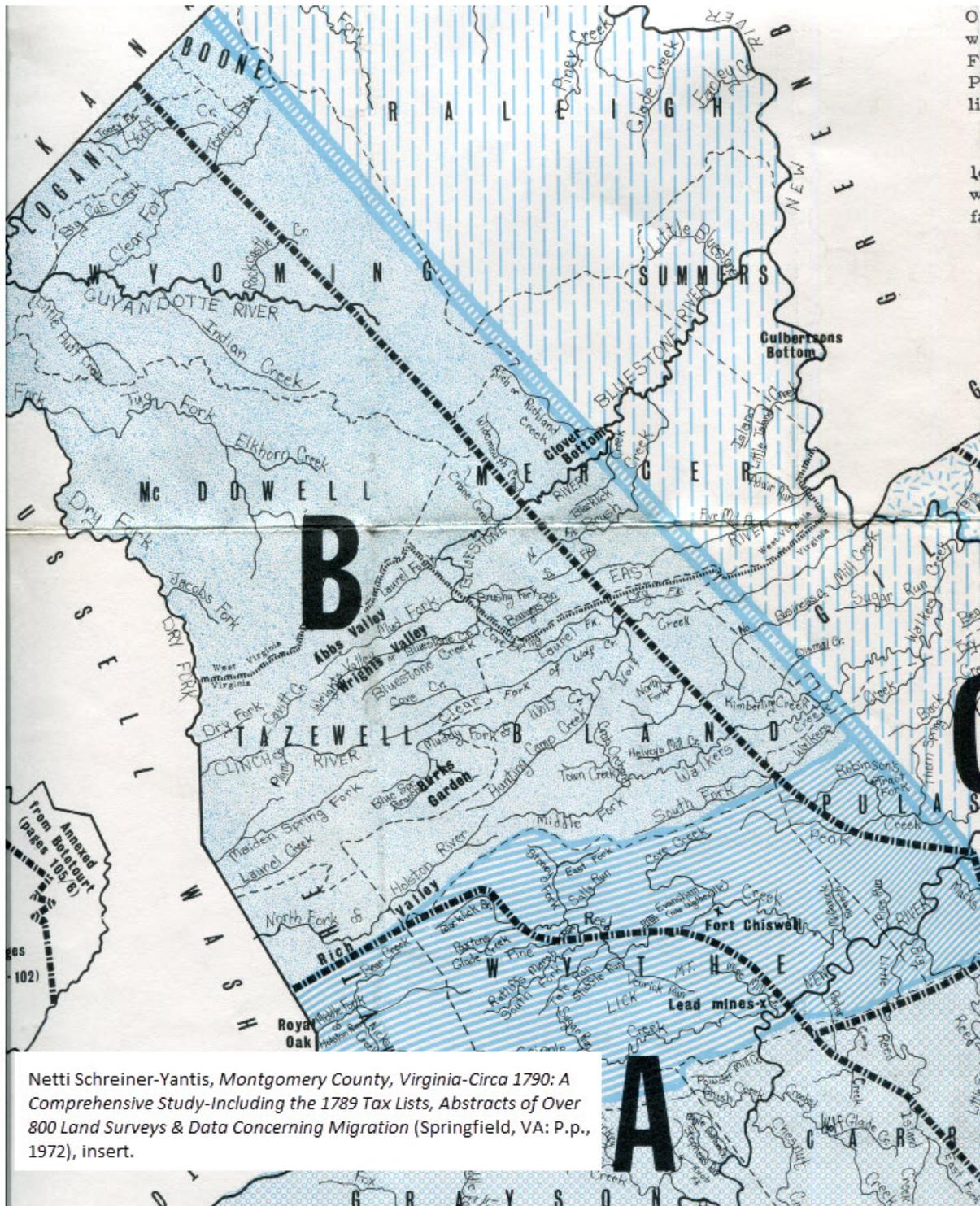
Map 3

Tax District A—Montgomery County, c1787–1790¹⁶³



¹⁶³ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), map insert in back pocket.

Map 4
Tax District B—Montgomery County, c1787–1790¹⁶⁴

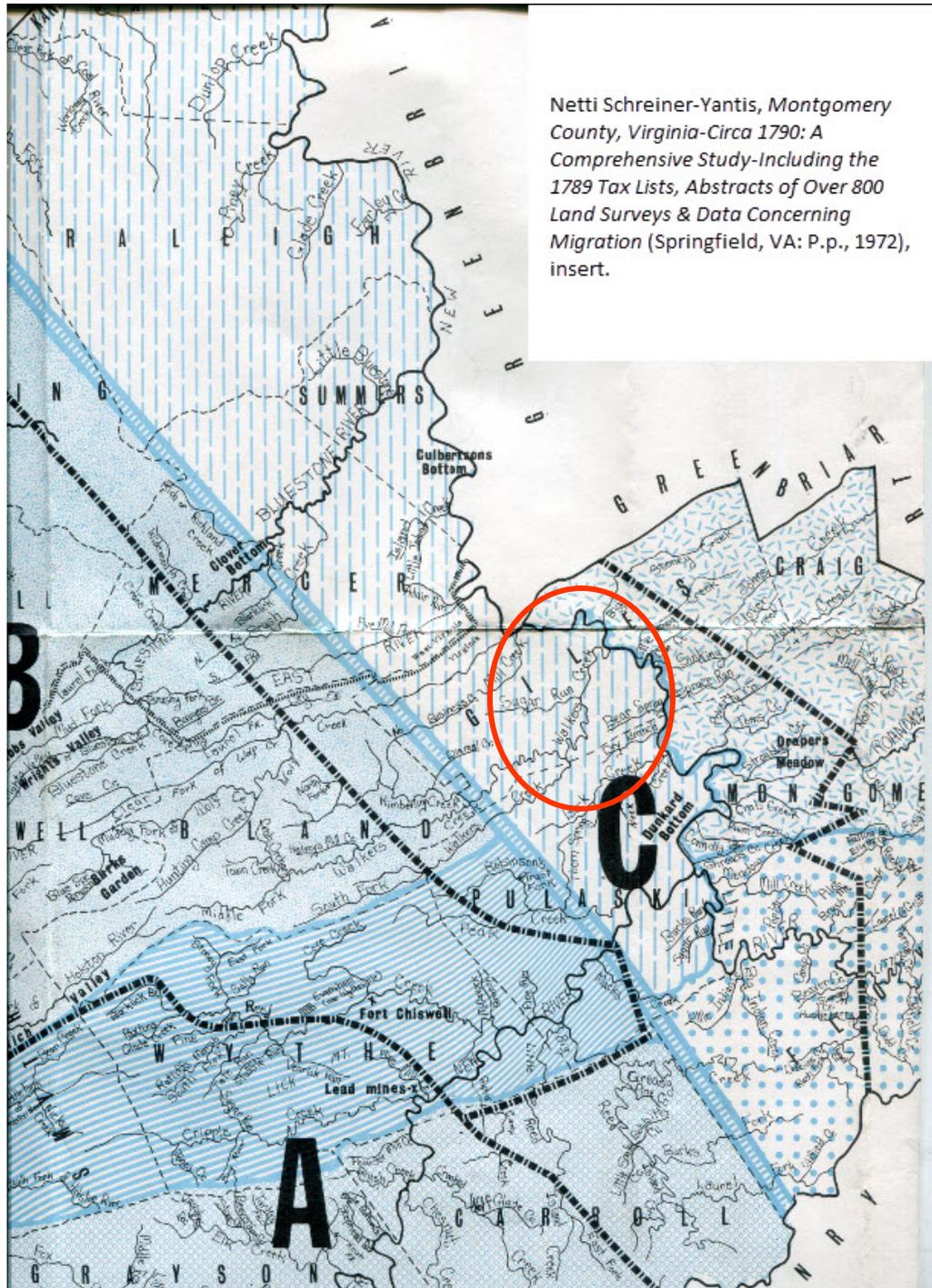


¹⁶⁴ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), map insert in back pocket

Map 5

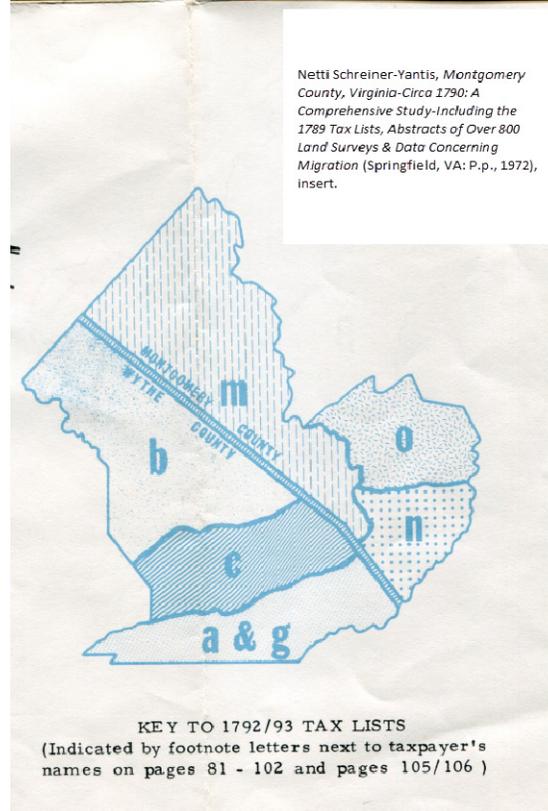
Tax District C—Montgomery County, c1787–1790

Marking Walker's Creek, Back Creek & Sugar Run in the area that became Giles County¹⁶⁵



¹⁶⁵ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), map insert in back pocket

Map 6
Schreiner-Yantis' Tax District N—Montgomery County, 1792–1793¹⁶⁶



24 OCTOBER–2 NOVEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Contex.

“October 24, 1787 – John Craig and Sarah his wife of the one part and Zachariah Cecil of the other part. For 100 pounds paid by Cecil for a tract of land containng [sic] 330 acres granted Craig by Patent dated November 14, 1786 in Montgomery Co. including the **Half Way Spring**, the waters of the New River. Signed: John Craig, Sarah Craig. Witnesses: Samuel Cecil, Samuel his X mark Mitchell, William Lockhart. Recorded: April 5, 1788 Abram Trigg CMC.

“November 2, 1787 – John Craig and Sarah his wife of one part and Ralph Stafford of the other part. For 50 pounds paid by Stafford for a tract of land containing [sic] 67 acres being a tract mentioned as granted to the said John Craig by patent dated February 22, 1783 on the west side of **Walkers Creek**, a branch of New River. Signed: John Craig, Sarah Craig. Witnesses: William Lockhart, Samuel his X mark Mitchel, Thomas his X mark Cenagen (Thomas Cunningham in the acknowledgment). Recorded: April 1, 1788 by oath of Lockhart. Abram Trigg CMC. Recorded: April 2, 1788 by oath of Thomas Cunningham Abram Trigg CMC.”¹⁶⁷

COMMENT:

While Craig’s land lay on Walkers Creek, it does not appear to be in the immediate neighborhood

¹⁶⁶ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), map insert in back pocket

¹⁶⁷ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 103–4; citing Book A: 491–92.

of the Mills-White-Cloyd cluster around Sugar Run. Lloyds 1862 map shows a “Minl. Spring” off Walkers Creek several miles down Walker Mountain from the Sugar Run region.

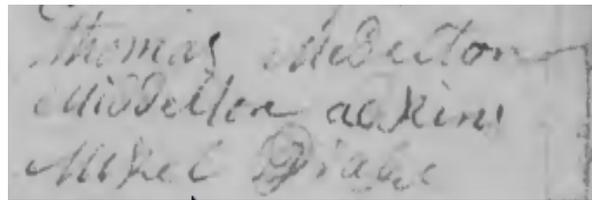
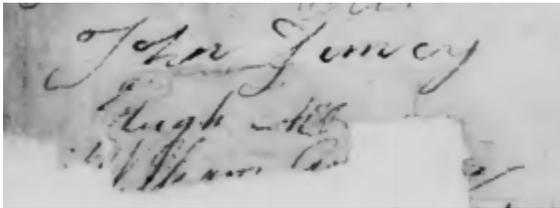
2 NOVEMBER 1787

BOTETOVRT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for the division of the county and the creation of a new county.”

{image 5, col. 3} David Mollenachen [McClenanhan?], James Norvell, James Gellis, Thos Mcferran, Mical Canan, John Gifford[?], David Worley, John McClure, Josiah Crawford, Thomas Clement, John Demcy; **Hugh Mills**, William A” [torn]



{image 7, col. 2} James Wathers, Elie Peter, Ellixander Pise, Thomas Medelton, **Middelton Adkins**, Mikel Diabel, George Fry, George Fry, Stephen Weeb¹⁶⁸

COMMENT:

The Hugh Mills cluster lived in Botetourt.

This Middelton Adkins is the man who served as surety for the 1788 Montgomery County marriage bond of John Abraham Glymph to Frankey Mills—a marriage that did not subsequently occur. One Parker Adkins (alleged by many trees to be Milliton’s father) signed this petition also, in the column next to Middelton.

6 NOVEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associate

“Satisfactory Proof being made to this Court that **Owen Adkins** was a witness to the deed Jarrett Branson made to Thomas Dillard & **that he has removed himself out of this State** or that he cannot now appear to prove the same, the same is ordered to be recorded.”¹⁶⁹

6 NOVEMBER 1787

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

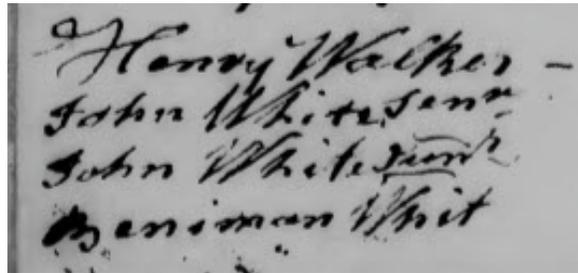
Petition of inhabitants asking that the upper parts of Botetourt, Washington, & Russell Counties be annexed to Montgomery.¹⁷⁰

¹⁶⁸ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 15.

¹⁶⁹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 265.

¹⁷⁰ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018), Record No. 000248562; citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 20.

{image 3, col. 1} ... Wm. Robeson, Jh? Copley Junr., John Copley, John Homens [Hammons], **Thos. Copley Senr.**, **Thomas Copley Junr.**, Henry Walker, **John White Senr.**, **John White, Junr.**, **Beniman Whit[e]**, Moleston Peregán, Matthew French ...



Henry Walker -
John White Senr.
John White Junr.
Beniman Whit

COMMENT:

The surrounding signers suggest that this cluster of Whites represent the “John White Sr.” who married Frankey Mills, the “John White” who married Nancy Copley [later “John White Jr. and John H. White], and the Benjamin who married Ann Goodwin earlier this year in Amherst.

Later documents executed by John Sr. and Jr. puport to carry their signature. Benjamin’s documents do not. It is clear from the “signatures” above that the names were all penned by the individual who wrote Henry Walker’s name.

The John White of Sugar Run of Walker Creek also signed this petition with a second Benjamin White; see below for image 4, col. 1.

{image 3, col. 2} George Pearis, James Lacey, Mitchel Clay, David McCormas Senr., William McCormis, **Edmund Whitte**, John Chapman Junr., John French, Isaac French, Richard Estes, William Perdue, Isaiah Perdue, Uriah Perdue, Isaac Chapman Jr.

{image 3, col. 3} [skip 16] Henry Bingaman Junr., Adam Bingaman, Peter Clyne, John Bingaman, John Pleek, **Richard Whitt**, Isaac M. McKenzie, Peter Blankenship, David McCormis Junr., **Joel Sarton**, **Abijah Whitte**, William Chapman, Matthew French.

COMMENT:

Joel Sarton, who lived above the Whitts, on the same (east) side of New River, was the father of Elijah Sartain who married **Sarah Mills in 1791**.

{image 4, col. 1} Patten Thompson, John Cloyd, John **Mairs**, Robert Lester, James Britt, Danl. Britt, William Dry, Joseph Williamson, Henry Brown, Isaac Petty, Peter Rife, Thomas Farley Senr., Henry Farley, Thomas Farley Junr., Farris Farley, William Farley, **Milliton Adkins**, James Montgomery, James Montgomery Senr?, Andrew Steel, John Patton, **Benjn White**, John Davis, John Kane?, Joseph Long, **John White**, Uriah Poller.

COMMENT:

This John White, with Farley neighbors, should be John of Sugar Run of Walker Creek. The Benjamin who signed with him appears to be the Benjamin who ended up in Cabell living near the younger John who inherited the land of John of Sugar Run.

{image 5, col. 2} Daniel Robinett, Thomas Waddel, Richd Robinett, James Robinett, Thomas Squers, Bryan Fannan, Andrew Thompson, James Rice, William Rice, Francis Negnyer, Joseph Daugherty, James Evans, Eliah [no last name], Thomas Giller, **A Dutchman**, **Parker Adkins**,

[alleged father of **Milliton**], Alexr. McDonald, Jacob Shuffelbarriger, John Boyers, Ralph Stewart, Hugh Lagin, Robt. Clindennan, William McGuyere, Josiah McGuyer, William Fletcher, Edward Corder, Wm. Cox, Mordekaih McKinsey, M. Adkinson, J. Adkinson, Robt. Hunter, Robt. Alsup

{image 5, col. 3} Edward Rose, Thos. Dunn, James Dunn, Wm Lail Kirme Dicem [sic], **Hugh Mares**, Isaac Dailey, Jesse Purdue, **Thos. Mills**, Henry Thompson, David Patton, James Workman, Jam^s Dunn, Samuel Mears, Ninion Cloyd, John Monsey, Saml. Monsey, Thos. Pickings, Henry Wizer, Christopher Trinkle, Saml. Hickman, John Thompson, Wm. Matlock, Abram Brown, George Leepole, Matthias Crum, John Crum, **A Dutchman**, Joshua Crum, Abram Workman, Jams. Thompson, John Gillis

Henry Long	Daniel Robinett	Edward Rose
Benj ^m Long	Thomas Waddel	Thos. Dunn
James Keer	Rick ^d Robinett	James Dunn
Robert Keer	James Robinett	W ^m Lail Kirme Dicem
Eliza Rose	Thomas Squier	Hugh Mares
Robt Smith	Bryan Tanner	Isaac Dailey
John Haven	Andrew Thompson	Jesse Purdue
Joseph Polby	James Rice	Thos Mills
Thos Polby	William Rice	Henry Thompson
William Polby	Francis Neguyer	David Patton
Jonathan Polby	Joseph Daugerty	Saml. Workman
James Polby	James Evans	Saml. Dunn
Edward Polby	Eliab	Samuel Mears
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William Godley	Parker Godkins	Saml. Monsey
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Adam Wizer	Josiah McGuyer	George Leepole
John Kerth	William Fletcher	Matthias Crum
William Caldwell	Edward Corder	John Crum
James Davon	Wm Cox	A Dutchman
Thos. Copley	Mordekaih McKinsey	Joshua Crum
Andrew Adkinson	M. Adkinson	Abram Workman
Adam Clindennan	J. Adkinson	Saml. Thompson
Holton Monsey	Robt. Hunter	John Gillis
Saml. Monsey	Robt. Alsup	
Alkali Tanning		
Acles Adkinson		
Joseph Adkinson		

19 JANUARY 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land ownership

“**Abram Glimps**—100 acres on **Doe Creek** joining John Young and Michael Madden.”¹⁷¹

COMMENT:

Lloyd’s 1862 map of Virginia shows “Doe R.” running off New River. It is across the river from (and the second stream down from) the point at which Walker Creek runs into New River. (See Map 2.)

In short, Glymph (who took out a marriage bond to marry Frankey Mills in 1788 but did not marry her) was in the same general neighborhood as the man she eventually married, John White Sr.

4 APRIL 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Chapman vs **Adkins** ... Miller vs **Adkins** ... Miller vs **Adkins & al** ...”¹⁷²

1 APRIL 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Context

“George Pearis of Montgomery Co. for one part and **Joseph Cloyd** of the said county for the other part. For 100 pounds paid by Cloyd for a tract of 200 acres on **Sugar Run** of the waters of New River. Signed: G. Pearis. Recorded: June 3, 1788 Abram Trigg CMC.”¹⁷³

4 JUNE 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Legal suit

“Miller vs **Atkins & all**, Dism^d as Chapman with costs.”¹⁷⁴

22 JULY 1788

MONTGOMERY & KANAWHA COUNTIES, VA

Land grant

- “Edmund Randolph Esquire, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia To all To whom these presents Shall come. Greeting Know ye that by Virtue and in Consideration of part of a Land Office treasury Warrant Number Seventeen thousand Twenty Seven [No. 1727] Issued the twelfth day of June one thousand Seven hundred and Eight three [**12 June 1783**] there is granted by the said Commonwealth unto **John White** assignee of **John Smith** a Certain Tract Or parcel of a Land

¹⁷¹ Netti Schreiner-Yantis, *Montgomery County, Virginia—Circa 1790: A Comprehensive Study—Including the 1789 Tax Lists, Abstracts of Over 800 Land Surveys & Data Concerning Migration* (Springfield, VA: P.p., 1972), 47, n. 103. **Snidows** also owned land on Doe Creek.

¹⁷² Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 279, 280.

¹⁷³ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA, Deed Book A, 1773–1789* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1987), 106; citing Book A: 508.

¹⁷⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Montgomery County, Virginia, Court Orders, 1777–1788* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 286.

Containing Five hundred Acres [**500 acres**] by Survey bearing date the first day of August one Thousand Seven Hundred and Eighty Seven [**1 August 1787**] lying and being in the County of **Montgomery On Cole River** and bounded as followeth To wit:

Beginning at a Cucumber and white oak one mile below the fork at the foot of a hill about twenty poles above the third fording of Said River below the forks and running thence South 40° W 100 poles to two black oaks, thence S 7° E 380 poles to a hickory Corner to Said **Smith's Survey No. 20** and with a line of the Same N 40° E 320 poles to a poplar, and leaving said line N 42° W 290 poles to the Beginning.

With its Appurtenances to have and to hold the Said Tract or parcel of Land with its Appurtenances to the Said John White and his Heirs forever. In Witness where of the Said Edmund Randolph Esquire Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia hath hereunto Set my hand and caused the lesser Seal of the Said Government to be affixed at Richmond on the Twenty Second day of July in the Year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred and Eighty Eight [22 July 1788] and of the Commonwealth the thirteenth.”¹⁷⁵

COMMENT:

- Cole River (now Coal River) is a tributary of the Kanawa River, now flowing northward through Western Kanawha Co.
- Big Cole/Coal River rises in Raleigh Co. from Clear Fork and Marsh Fork near Whiteville.
- Little Cole/Coal River rises from the Spruce Fork in present Logan Co. and Pond Fork in present Boone Co.
- While maps seem ambiguous for this period, it appears that Little Cole could have later fell into extreme East Cabell along the Giles line.¹⁷⁶

Both Big and Little Cole River lay in Montgomery prior to 1789 when Kanawha was created.

John Toney also received a grant on Cole River, as **assignee of Smith**, Treasury Warrant no. 18750 issued 14 August **1783**, being 344 acres **surveyed 7 March 1787**.¹⁷⁷

The John White above appears to be the “John White Sr.” (husband of Frankey Mills) whose family associated with John Toney in Giles County from the time Giles was created through the 1830s. (See my reports of Giles County and Giles County tax lists.)

9 NOVEMBER 1788
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond

“Glimp, John A., and **Frankey Mills, widow**. *Milliton Akers, surety*—Nov. 9, 1788.”¹⁷⁸

COMMENT:

This volume has nothing more on “Glimp” or conceivable spelling variants or misreadings such as Climp, Clump, Glump, Olimp.

¹⁷⁵ “Land Office Patents & Grants,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com> 2019); citing Land Office Grants No. 17 (1788), pp. 421–22.

¹⁷⁶ “Coal River (West Virginia,” *Wikipedia* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_River_\(West_Virginia\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coal_River_(West_Virginia))) : 5 October 2019).

¹⁷⁷ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 30, 1793–1799, p. 272–73; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/096/096&image_number=0298&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.30+++1793-1799&dbl_pgs=no&round=: accessed 20 June 2019).

¹⁷⁸ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 18.

Various Akers appear in this volume and on the tax rolls, in the same district with Glimp, Thomas Mills, and Whitt—but not a *Milliton*.

This volume has no index. It arranges marriages by the surname of the groom and probate data by the name of the deceased. I have read every entry throughout the volume in search of relevant names that are embedded.

The actual marriage bond (below) identifies the surety as Milliton Atkins. **Frankey Mills apparently did not marry Glimp.** He subsequently appears in Newberry District, SC, with a different wife by whom he left many offspring. Meanwhile, an 1807 marriage bond in Giles County, VA, for **Samuel Mills** to marry Rachel Prince, includes the permission of two sets of parents: “John & Frankey White” and “John & Rachel Prince.”¹⁷⁹

From the actual bond, we may deduce two things:

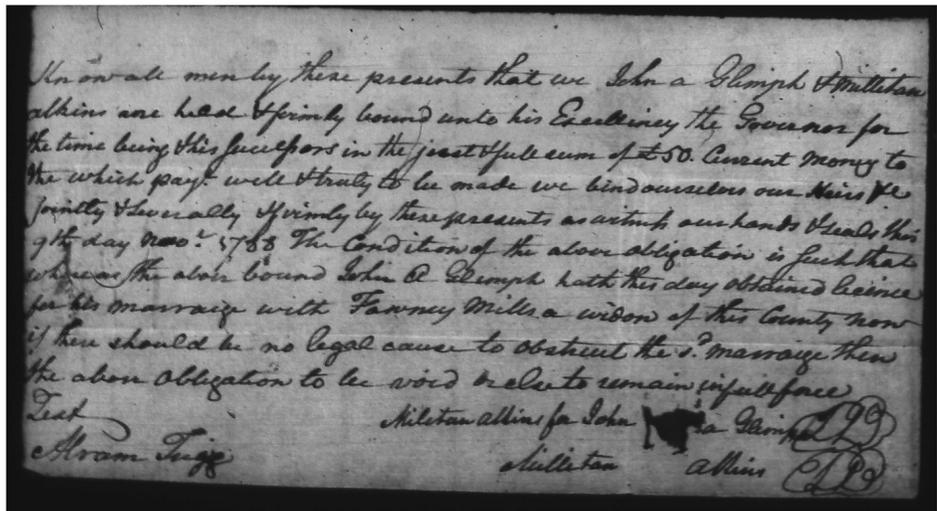
- Frances “Frankey” Mills who married John White Sr. in Montgomery soon after 19 August 1792 [see that date below], with Thomas Copley Jr. as surety and Rev. Alexander Ross as officiant, was almost certainly the 1787 woman identified in the Glymph-Mills bond as “widow Farney [Fawney?] Mills.”
- For the potential birth family of Frankey, we might begin with the family of Milliton Atkins, her bondsman.

9 NOVEMBER 1788

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage Bond

“Know all men by these presents that we **John A Glimph & Milliton Atkins** are held & firmly bound unto his Excellency the Governor for the time being & his Successors in the just & full sum of £50 Current Money to the which pay^t well & truly to be made, we bind ourselves our Heirs & c Jointly & Severally & firmly by these presents as witness to our hands & seals this 9th day Nov^r 1788. The Condition of the above obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John A Glimph hath this day obtained license for his marriage with **Farney [Fawney?] Mills**, a widow of this County. Now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct the s^d marriage, then the above obligation to be void or else to remain in full force. [Signed] Milliton Atkins for John



[his mark] a Glimph, Milliton Atkins. Test: Abram Trigg.”¹⁸⁰

¹⁷⁹ John Vogt and T. William Kethley Jr., *Giles County, Marriages, 1806–1850* (Athens, GA: Iberian Publishing Co., 1985), 53–54.

¹⁸⁰ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

4 FEBRUARY 1789

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

Association

Will of “**John Ferguson** of F [Franklin Co.], Farmer”

Wife: Elizabeth

Sons: William, James, John, George, Thomas, Charles. Charles to get his home plantation after his widow dies; George to get half of “my Quarter Land on **Pig River** and **Story Cr**, including the Mill, and its land, reserving 100 acres out of the place known by the name of **Menefees Place**; other half to son Thomas.

Daughters: Mere **Carril**, **Sarah Weacks**, Faney Wade

Grandson: **Samuel Carril**

Executors: son John and Swinfield Hill.

Witnesses: James Cannon, **Robert Woods Jr.**, William Campbell.

Proved: 1 February 1790

Probate granted 3 Feb 1790 to executor; sureties Samuel **Patteson**, Stephen Smith, and Moses Greer.¹⁸¹

COMMENT:

- In 1801, the testator’s daughter Sarah Weacks (and husband William), were residents of Montgomery Co when they sold their inherited land to the testator’s grandson Samuel [Mc] Carril—the man in whose presence William Mills-Witt first emerged on the 1806 tax roll.
- Note that the testator did not use the “Mc” prefix for his grandson.
- The testator is previously named as a son in the 1786 Bedford Co. will of John Ferguson/Farguson. Bedford records also call the son, “John Ferguson Jr.”¹⁸²
- Note that John Ferguson (whose Menafee tract went to Samuel McCarrell, in whose presence William Mills-Witt made his first adult appearance in 1806), operated a mill—as did John Toney of Giles for whom William Mills appeared to be working in April 1816 or 1817.

2 NOVEMBER 1789

BOTETOURT & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request “for the division of the county and the creation of a new county” by “Inhabitants of the Upper End of Botetourt and the Lower End of Montgomery.”

{image 6, col. 1} Shadrack Stephens, Christopher Richardson, William Richardson, **Booker Mullins**, Peter Rentfro, Jonathan Elswith, Benjamin Clements ...

{image 7, col. 2} Andrex Cox, John Cox, Henry Webb, James Jarrel Moses Hulbert, John Hulbert, James [illegible], Jeremiah Ray, Thos Fewson, Charles Mabry, Richard Sturgal, **William Mullins**, **Ambrose Mullins**, John Boll [Bott?], Charles Bolt [Rott?], Moses **Standley**, Jos. **Standley**, [torn] Hubbert?¹⁸³

7 APRIL 1791

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

¹⁸¹ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia Wills, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 18; citing Will Book 1: 50.

¹⁸² Joida Whitten, *Abstracts of Bedford County, Virginia, Wills, Inventories and Accounts, 1754–1787* (Dallas, TX: P.p., n.d.), 162–63; citing pp 511–12. Also see E. S. Mills, “Mills: Bedford County, Virginia: Extended Survey of Resources,” report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways* under the “Research” tab.

¹⁸³ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 312, Folder 19.

Marriage bond

"Know all men by these presents that we **Elijah Certain** and **Joel Certain** are held and firmly bound unto the Governor of Virginia for the time being and his Successors [for] the Just Sum of £50 current money of Virginia to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind ourselves our Heirs &c Jointly &c by these presents Sealed with our Seals and Dated this 7th day of April 1791. The Condition of this obligation is Such that whereas the above-bound Elijah hath this day obtained License for his marriage with **Sarah Mills**[,] now if there should be no Just cause to obstruct s^d Marriage then this obligation to be Void else to remain in full force force [sic]. [Signed] Elijah (L his mark) Sertain; and Joel (J his mark) Sertain. Teste: Wm. Trigg"¹⁸⁴

26 APRIL 1791

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage return

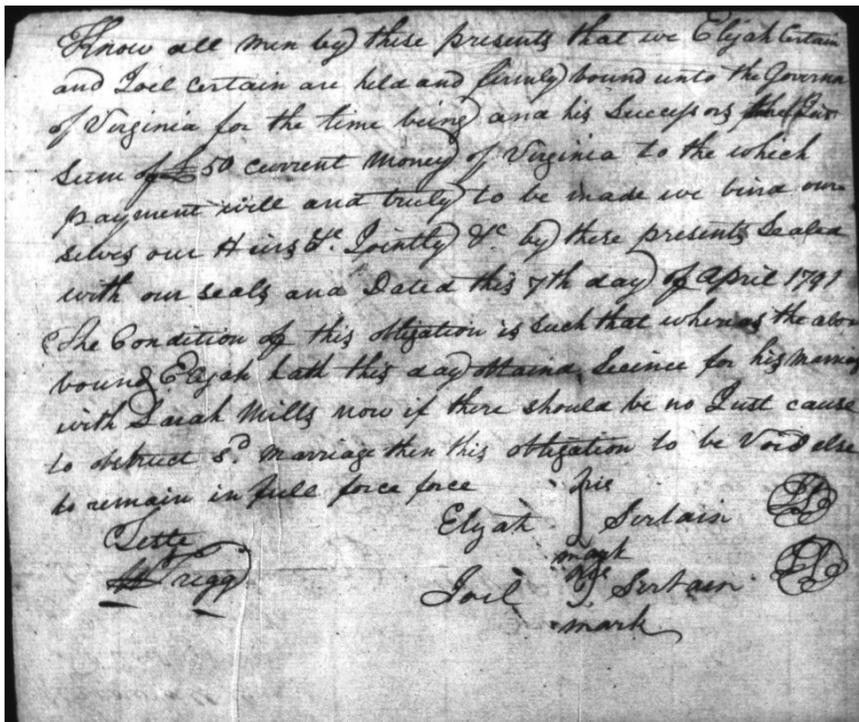
"Returned by Al^r Ross ... Ap. 26 **Elijah Certain** and **Sarah Mills**."¹⁸⁵

COMMENT:

A now-classic volume of abstracted marriage records for Montgomery County errs radically in reporting this marriage. It asserts:

"Saxton, Alidg and **Sara Mills**. Mar. by *Jeremiah Mastin* —Apr. 26, 1791."¹⁸⁶

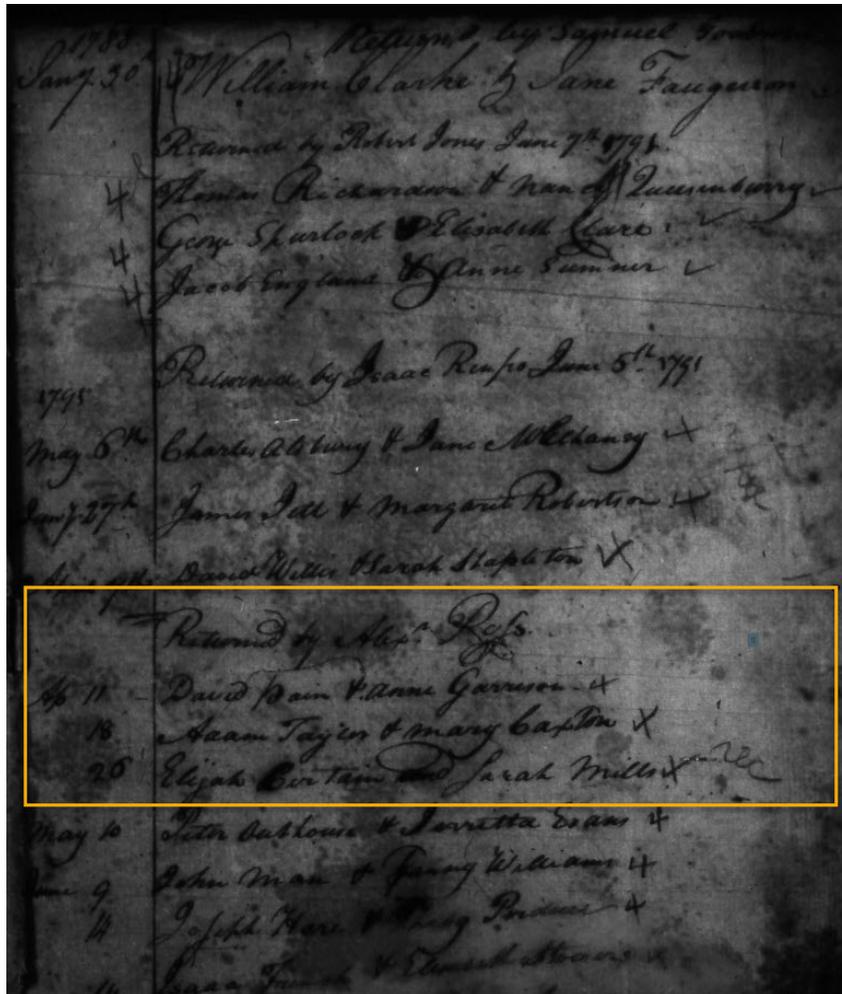
A shown in the image below, the groom's name was Sarton, the bride's given name was Sarah and the minister was Rev. [Alexander] Ross, not Jeremiah Mastin.



¹⁸⁴ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

¹⁸⁵ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785–1803."

¹⁸⁶ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 35.



19 AUGUST 1792
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond

“Know all men by these presents that we **John White Senr.** And **Thomas Copeley Junr.** are held and firmly bound unto his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty pounds current money to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our Heirs executors & admors jointly & Severally & formily by these presents are witness our hands & Seals this 19th day of Augt. 1792. The Condition of the above Obligation is Such that whereas the above bound John White Senr. Hath this day obtained License for his marriage with **Frances Mills** of full age of this County now if there should be no legal cause to obstruct the the [sic] said marriage then the above obligation to be void. [Signed:] John White, Thomas Copley.”¹⁸⁷

¹⁸⁷ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

Know all men by these presents that, we John White Junr and Thomas Copley Junr are held and firmly bound unto his excellency the Governour of Virginia for the time being and his Successors in the just and full sum of Fifty pounds current money to the which payment well and truly to be made we bind our selves our Heirs Executors Administrators jointly & severally & firmly by these presents as witness our hands & Seals this 19th day of Aug. 1792. The Condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound John White Junr hath this day obtained Licence for his marriage with Frances Mills of full age of this County now if there should be no legal cause to abstract the said marriage then the above Obligation to be void

John White
Thomas Copley

COMMENT:

Worrell's abstracted marriages for Montgomery also errs significantly in reporting this marriage:

19 AUGUST 1792

"White, John, Jr. and Frances Mills. Thomas Copley [Junr. omitted], sur[ety]. [Mar.] by Alexander Ross— Aug. 19, 1792."¹⁸⁸

1792

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

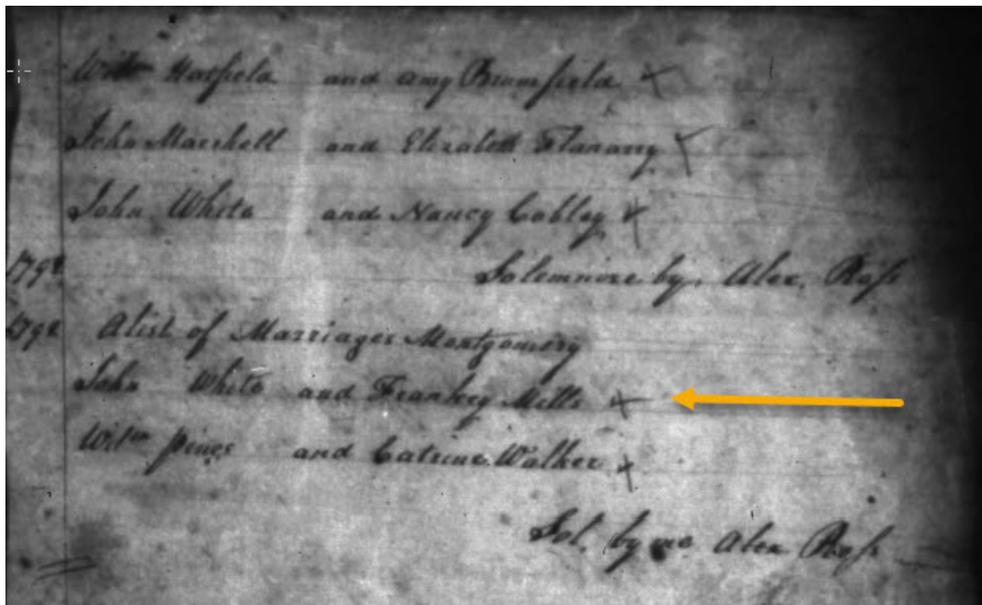
Marriage return

[consecutive entries; no month or year]

"A List of Marriages, Montgomery ... John White and Nancy Cobly [Copley]. Solemnized by Alex. Ross.

"A list of Marriages, Montgomery: **John White** and **Frankey Mills** ... Sol. by me Alex Ross."¹⁸⁹

¹⁸⁸ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.



5 [ILLEGIBLE] 1792

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage return

"Returned by Alexander Ross Novr 8th 1791 [sic], a list of marriages for Montgomery County ... 1792 ___y 3rd .. **Parker Adkins & Mary Leford?**¹⁹⁰

COMMENT:

Most online trees assert that Parker Adkins Sr. was the father of Milliton Adkins who served as surety for the 1788 marriage bond of John Abraham Glymph to wed "Widow Frankey Mills." The Parker above may have been a younger man, Milliton's son.

Note that Sarah Mills, Frankey Mills, and Parker Adkins all belonged to a congregation headed by Rev. Alexander Ross. A cursory scan of published literature for Montgomery County provides the following information on Ross:

10 Jul 1770 Alex^{dr} Ross, 1 tithe, list of James Robertson (Capt. David Robinson's Co.) "on the North & South Fork of Rone oak."¹⁹¹ None of the other individuals are names associated with other individuals in this project.

1772 Alex' Ross, 1 tithe, "John Bowmans List" [also Robertson community]¹⁹²

1773? Alex' Ross, 1 tithe, "List of Titheables taken by Chisom" [including Robertsons]¹⁹³

¹⁸⁹ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."

¹⁹⁰ Untitled small register, unpaginated, chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm 52 Item 2 labeled "Marriage Records, 1785-1803."

¹⁹¹ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770-1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 6.

¹⁹² Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770-1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 32.

¹⁹³ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770-1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 38.

- 1782 Alex^r Ross, 1 tithe, "List of Tithables in Cap^t Wattersons Company [no Robertsons, but clearly a Botetourt neighborhood].¹⁹⁴
- 1782 Alexander Ross, "A List of all the Taxable persons in William Robinsons Co."¹⁹⁵
- 28 May 1782 Alexander Ross, 60 acres, 6£, "Return ... of the Value of the Several lands in Botetourt County"¹⁹⁶
- 1782 Alexander Ross, 6£, "A List Taken by Geo. Rutlidge ... Specie Tax," includes two tracts of land for John Mills [Jr.]: 200 and 250.¹⁹⁷

"Rev. Alexander Ross purchased 150 acres on the head of **Kittle Hollow** on the waters of **Devil's Den** in Montgomery County (VA), 23 May 1783, and sold it on 4 March 1804. He purchased 109 acres on Den [Doe?] Creek, one of the waters of the North Fork of Roanoke River in Montgomery County (VA), 24 June 1789, and sold it 5 April 1804. **These two transactions suggest that Alexander Ross lived in Montgomery County (VA) from 1783–1804.** He was the minister of North Fork of **Roanoke Baptist Church** in Montgomery County (VA) from 1788–1789 (and possibly from 1783, when that church was constituted, until 1789) and of **Walker's Creek Baptist Church in what was then Montgomery County (VA) and is now Giles County (VA) from 1789–1793.** He probably remained active as a Baptist minister from 1793–1800 because he performed 89 marriages in Montgomery County between 1791–1800, and 8 marriages in Botetourt County (VA) from 1793–1795."

"Rev. Alexander and Barbary Ross witnessed and signed the will of Michael Drake dated 11 Dec 1797 in Montgomery Co., Va. Michael Drake was married to Jane Davidson. The will of Michael Drake was presented for probate at the Montgomery Co. May Court 1798. A settlement of Michael's estate was made from Giles Co., Va. on 1 Nov 1816 and signed by Janie Ross and some of her and Michael's children. A note written by Janie's name says: "widow of Michael Drake m. Alexander Ross 1803 Mont. Co. VA." The deed was approved at Giles Co. June Court 1817."

"Marriage: 7 September 1803, Montgomery County, Virginia, to Jane Ross Davidson.¹⁹⁸

This biographical data, if correct, suggests that the Sartains, the Whites, and Frankey and Sarah Mills belonged to Ross's Walker's Creek Baptist congregation. HomeTownLocator.com provides the following:

Coordinates: Lat 37.1890097, long -80.8336859

¹⁹⁴ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770–1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 88.

¹⁹⁵ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770–1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 91.

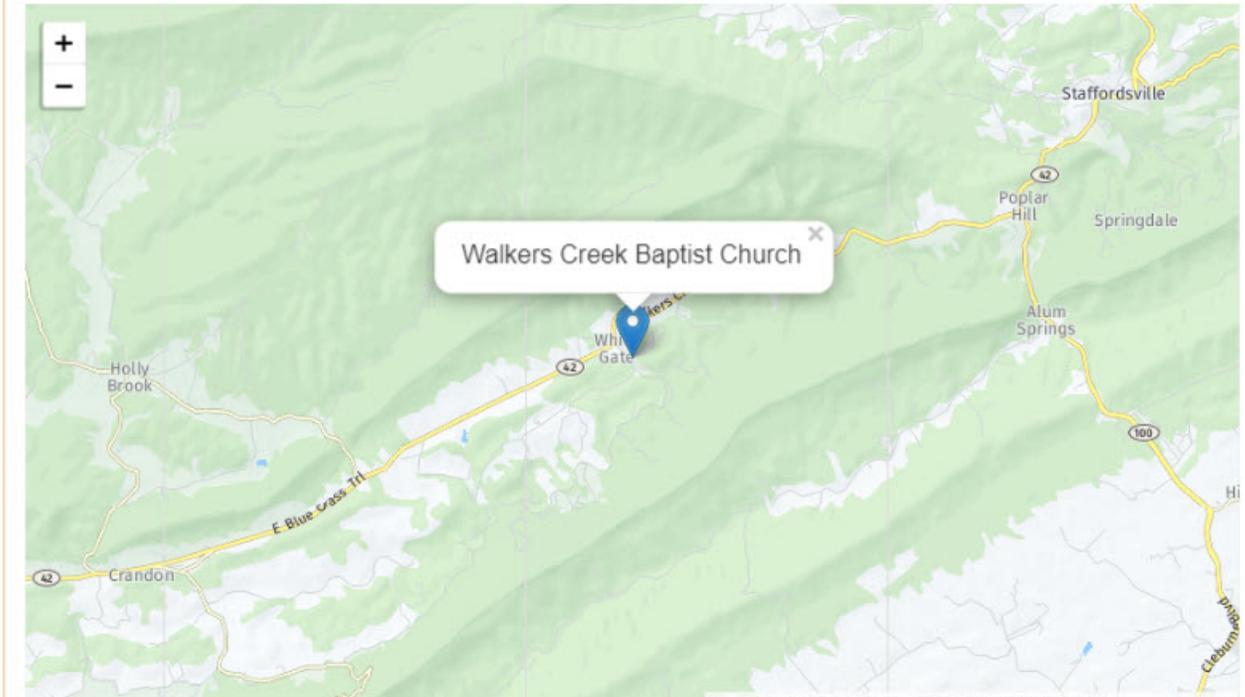
¹⁹⁶ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770–1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 101.

¹⁹⁷ Karen Wagner Treacy, *Botetourt County, Virginia, Lists of Tithables, 1770–1782* (Athens, GA: New Papyrus Publishing Co., 2014), 117.

¹⁹⁸ "Rev. Alexander Ross b. est. 1750-1760," *We Relate* ([https://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Alexander_Ross_\(26\)](https://www.werelate.org/wiki/Person:Alexander_Ross_(26))) : accessed 24 June 2019). A source link at the end of this data connects to "Bishop_Bischoffresearch: Restricted Group, 214 members," *Yahoo Groups* (https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/Bishop_Bischoffresearch/conversations/topics/6773) : accessed 24 June 2019), an unsourced set of notes apparently contributed by Robert Cruikshank.

Address: Max Creek Baptist Church, 3000 Old Route 100 Rd, Draper, VA 24324

Walkers Creek Baptist Church - Location Map



A reading of Worrell's *Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties*, yields a list of marriages performed by Reverent Alexander Ross. [Each should be checked against the county's original bonds and returns for accuracy, considering the errors found in all three of its entries for the Mills females.]

Adkins , Josiah	Rachel McCoy	Aug. 28, 179_	
Adkins , Parker	Mary Leford	3 January 1792	
Adkins , Shadreck	Christina Adkins	11 February 1797	
Aul, William	Rosanna Owen	23 October 1794	
Bennett, Robert	Fanny Adkins	8 May 1797	
<i>Burton</i> , James	Nancy Marshall	9 February 1795	
[<i>Burton</i> , Nancy m. Joel Certain 1787]			
Calvel, John [Caldwell]	Mary White	27 April 1797	
Certain: see Sartain			
Chapman, Richard	Susannah Connely	5 May 1790	
Copeley, Thomas	Rhoda Prater	23 July 1792	Abram Ross, surety.
Dobbins, Abner	Mary Kirk	21 March 1795	
Fletcher, Aaron	Elizabeth Davis	8 November 1797	
Fogelman George	Sally Hooger [Huger]	10 December 1798	
French, Isaac	Elizabeth Stowers, dau Wm	5 June 1791	Matthias French, surety
Harless, Michael	Jenny Adkins	3 April 1797	
Hawley, Alexander	Sapphira Pearsons	1796 (no date)	
Helman, William	Peggy <i>Burton</i>	1793 (no date)	

Lamb, Jacob	Catherine Hance	17 January 1792	Milliton Adkins , surety.
Langdon —	Susannah Cifeall	20 February 1799	
Marcom, Archibald	Nancy Kelly	25 August 1800	
Marcom, Mager	Rachel Kelly	28 September 1800	
Marshall, James	Rachel <i>Burton</i>	29 April 1800	
Mays, James	Sarah <i>Webb</i>	22 April 1800	
<i>[Mays, Wm. m. Fanny Atkins, 1796]</i>			
McComb, Samuel	Elizabeth Rebel/Ribble	– July 1797	
McCoy, William	Susannah <i>Hunter</i> , dtr Robt	6 Dec 1800	Abijah Atkins , surety
Montgomery, Alexander	Margaret Nappier	13 May 1798	
Outhouse, Peter	Jeretta Evans	10 May 1791	James Evans, surety
Pain, David	Ann Garrison, dtr John	5 April 1791	
Rightmour, Joseph	Mary Sharp	– June 1797	[aka Ridenour &c]
[Sartain], Alidg	Sarah Mills	26 April 1791	
Snidow, Jacob	Maria Hankey	13 February 1798	
Stevson, Jacob	Rachel Mony	20 September 1801	
Taylor, Adam	Mary Claxton	5 April 1791	Geo. Taylor, surety
Walker, William	Mary Stewart, dtr Alex	15 November 1791	
<i>Webb</i> , John	Sally Ele, dtr of widow	24 July 1793	Wm. Webb, surety
White, John [Sr.]	Frances Mills	19 Aug 1792	Thos Copley Jr., surety
White, John	Nancy Copely, dtr Thos.	8 January 1793	Thos. Copely, surety
White, John	Susannah Moss	1796	
<i>likely the same as</i>			
White, John	Susannah Marcum	29 July 1796	Major Marcum, surety

All of these families need to be studied—but particularly note the following:

- **Atkins** appear to a backbone of Ross’s church, appearing more times than any other
- **Burtons** appear three times. (In 1786, Bedford County, one Elizabeth Mills married William Burton and seems to disappear from the county. Parents of neither are known.)
- **McCoys** appear twice.
- **Webbs** appear twice and were inlaws of the Atkins.

Additionally, this read of Worrell’s marriage compilation reveals seven instances in which Milliton Atkins served as surety for someone’s marriage bond—only one other time for an individual or couple married by Ross. In chronological order, his actions were:

Nappier, Edward	Rachel Ely	28 December 1786
Ealis/Ellis, Isaac	Catherine Lucas, wid. Charles	17 August 1787
Fry, John	Anne Johnston, wid.	3 November 1787
Rector, George	Anne Atkinson	29 February 1791
Lamb, Jacob	Catherine Hance	17 January 1792
Miller, William	Jeriah Adkins	8 February 1794

1792–1796

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage

COMMENT:

The published marriage abstracts also include the following, for which the originals need to be consulted for additional information and likely corrections:

- “White, John, and Susannah Marcum. Major Marcum, surety—July 29, 1796.”

- “White, John, and Susannah Moss. Mar. by Alex. Ross—, 1796” [sic]
NOTE: the original reads “Marcum.”¹⁹⁹
- “White, John, and Nancy Copely, dau. Thomas Copely, sur. Mar. by Alex. Ross—Jan. 8, 1793”
NOTE: NO BOND
- “**Whitt, Robert**, and Peggy White, dau. John White, Richard Whitt, sur.—Oct. 22, 1792.”²⁰⁰
NOTE: NO BOND

Two things are worth noting in this set of entries:

1. **The intermarriages between Mills, White, and Whitt.** This may be relevant to our search for the parents of William Mills who carried the Witt Y.
2. Parts of the Marcum family also lived in Franklin County, where they appear amid tax roll records of William Mills-Witt and his in-laws.

Re the surety, Thomas Copley Jr.:

- “Copeley, Thomas, and Rhoda Prater. Abram Ross, sur. Mar. by Alex Ross—July 23, 1792”
- “Copeley, Thomas, and Sarah Norris, dau. Ann Lester, wife of Henry Lester: James Heavin, surety—Aug. 7, 1786.”²⁰¹

The following **Copley-Lawrence marriage** (same page) might prove to be significant, considering that one daughter of William Mills-Witt married a John B. Lawrence, son of John Lawrence, here in Montgomery Co. in 1854.²⁰²

- “Copeley, Joshua, and Elizabeth Lawrence. **John Lawrence**, surety—Apr. 11, 1804.” Most online trees assert that Joshua was the son of Thomas Copley Sr.²⁰³

15 JANUARY 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Associates

By virtue of Treasury Warrant no. 15040 issued 24 December 1782, there is granted to **Paul Harman, assignee of Abraham Glimp**, 100 acres surveyed 19 January 1788 in Montgomery County on **Doe Creek**, adjoining the land of John Young and Michael Madden, bounded as follows ...”²⁰⁴

16 FEBRUARY 1793

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

“By virtue of part of a land office Treasury Warrant Number” 13276 issued 3 August 1782, there is granted to **John White**, assignee of **Patrick Napier** 130 acres surveyed 3 March 1784 lying in Montgomery Co. on the **West side of Walkers Creek on Sugar Run** ... bounded as follows:

¹⁹⁹ Montgomery Co., VA, Marriage Bonds, 1789–1796, unnumbered documents in chronological order; Montgomery Co., microfilm reel 38, Library of Virginia, Richmond.

²⁰⁰ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 42.

²⁰¹ Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1733–1831* (1932; reprinted Baltimore, 1996), 13.

²⁰² “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” married John B. Lawrence, age 16, son of William and Agnes, b. Bedford Co.; citing FHL microfilm 31345 “P10.”

²⁰³ For example, see Letha Webb, “Webb Family Tree,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/familytree/person/tree/106830589/person/150071269928/facts> : accessed 17 January 2019).

²⁰⁴ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 28, 1792–93, pp. 107–8; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007662850205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

Beginning at three black oaks in **Taylor's** line and with the same S 40° W 260 poles crossing **Sugar run** to a large white oak, S 45° E 60 poles to three white oaks, N 45° E 280 poles crossing a **Spring branch** to three white oak saplings, N 32 poles crossing **Sugar run** at the **mouth of Big Sugar Run** to a dogwood, ash, and double elm in **Taylor's** line and with same S 80° W 75 poles to the beginning."²⁰⁵

COMMENT:

Apparently the reference is to *George C. Taylor* who had multiple grants adjacent to White and Joseph Cloyd.

24 AUGUST 1795

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

On Treasury Warrant 12953, issued 17 July 1782, a grant is issued this day to **Gordon Cloyd** for 540 acres, surveyed 10 November 1790, in Montgomery County "on the **North side of Walkers Creek** on the head of **Little Sugar Run** and Joining the land of **Thomas Farler Senior.**" Described as

Beginning at a Chesnut and black oak Corner to **John White's Survey**, then N 12° E 120 poles to two White oaks, S 81° E 12 poles to two white Oaks on the East side of **Hill**, N20° W 62 poles crossing a branch to a white oak on the S side of a Hills, S 50° W 52 poles to two white oaks, S 19° E 14 poles to a black oak on the NW side of a Hill, S 59° W 112 poles to two white oaks Corner to **Farler's Survey** and with his line N 52° W 178 poles to a black oak and a White Oak on the top of a Hill, S 43° W 118 poles to a black oak, S 74° W 118 poles to two black oaks, S 74° W 96 poles to two black oaks on the top of a **ridge**, S 65° W 152 poles crossing **Sugar Run** to a spanish oak, and white Oak, S 74° W 146 poles to a Large poplar and Dogwood in a **Hollow**, N 21° W 26 poles to three white oaks, N 71° W 100 poles to two black Oaks on the S side of a **hill**, S 77° W 100p to a White oak and two red oaks, S 47° W 34 poles to a white oak, S 64° W 40 poles to a white oak at the foot of a **hill**, S 12° E 40 poles to two White oaks in a **hollow**, and S 88° E 948 poles to the Beginning."²⁰⁶

12 JULY 1796

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

By virtue of two Land Office Treasury Warrants, nos. 19493 and 9012, there is Granted to "**Obediah Bions**" [**Obediah Bias**], assignee of **Thomas Shannon**, a tract of 150 acres surveyed 14 February 1789 in Montgomery County on a branch of **Walkers Creek** called **Sugar run**, and joining the lands of **Thomas Farler** on the W side and bounded as follows ..."²⁰⁷

19 JULY 1796

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VA

[nutshell]

²⁰⁵ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 27, 1792–93, pp. 512–13; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008404170205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

²⁰⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 32, 1794–1795, pp. 328–29; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/098/098&image_number=0343&offset=%2B15&name=Grants+No.32+++1794-1795&dbi_pgs=no&round= : accessed 20 June 2019).

²⁰⁷ Virginia, Land Office Grants No. 35, 1795–96, pp. 481–82; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007240310205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 17 January 2019).

Will of Jacob **Prillaman** Sr. of Franklin, sick

Wife: Waltpurgilly Prillaman [*sic*]

Son Jacob Jr. land on Daniels Run of Black Water, adjoining Donahoo

Son John Prillaman, "all that part of Daniel Donahoo's survey and a survey of 160 acres on Daniels run"

Son **Daniel Prillaman**: part of a tract on waters of Daniels run & Pigg River. Which lies bove my son Jacob's line on the branch, where Sherwood Bybe now lives."

Daughter Barbara Martin – "all my right to a certain tract of land in **Montgomery** County on the branches of **Little river [a branch of New River, near Richard Whitt]**, adjoining Nathan Sellers' land."

Daughter Ann Sowder, land on Daniel's Run above Scoot's lines [*siv*]

Witnesses: Wm. Mavity, Henry Jones, Jacob Robbins, Christian Prillaman, Anne (+) Prillaman, Elizabeth (E, her mark) Prillaman

Proved September 1796.²⁰⁸

COMMENT:

Booker Mullins's son Joseph married Fannie Prillaman in Franklin County, 1829.²⁰⁹ Joseph is listed consecutively with William Mills-Witt on the 1830 census.²¹⁰

TO DO:

Thoroughly work Montgomery County deeds.

22 MARCH 1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

"By virtue of an inclusive Survey" dated 15 October 1794 "in obedience to an Order of the Worshipfull Court of Montgomery County, There is Granted ... to **Joseph Eaton**" 190 acres in Montgomery "on **Little Sugar Run, waters of Walker Creek, a branch of New River,**" 81 acres of which were conveyed to him by deed from **John White**, also 45 acres surveyed for **Patrick Napier** 19 August 1783 and **by him Assigned to John White** and by him to said Eaton, and the residue being" 64 acres is taken by virtue of two ... Treasury Warrants" Nos. 14070 and 21940. "the whole is bounded as followeth:

Beginning at a large white oak, N 38° W30 poles crossing the Run to two white oaks at the mouth of a small Hollow, N 30° E 62 poles to two white oaks on **Joseph Cloyd's deceased line**, and with a Line thereof N 45° W 40 poles to a black oak and two white oak saplings on a **Ridge**, S 40° W 208 poles crossing **Sugar Run** to two large white oaks on a bank S 45° E 60 poles to three white oaks by a Cabbin and spring, S 20° E 62 poles to a Hickory and Red oak on a hill side by a steep hollow, E 154 poles to a chesnut and Hickory sapling on a Stoney hillside, N 22° E 46 poles to a double chesnut in the head of a Rich Hollow, then N 43° W 145 poles to the beginning.²¹¹

16 DECEMBER 1797

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

²⁰⁸ TLC Genealogy, *Franklin County, Virginia Willis, 1786–1812* (Miami Beach, FL: TLC Genealogy, 1991), 34–35; citing Will Book 1: 112.

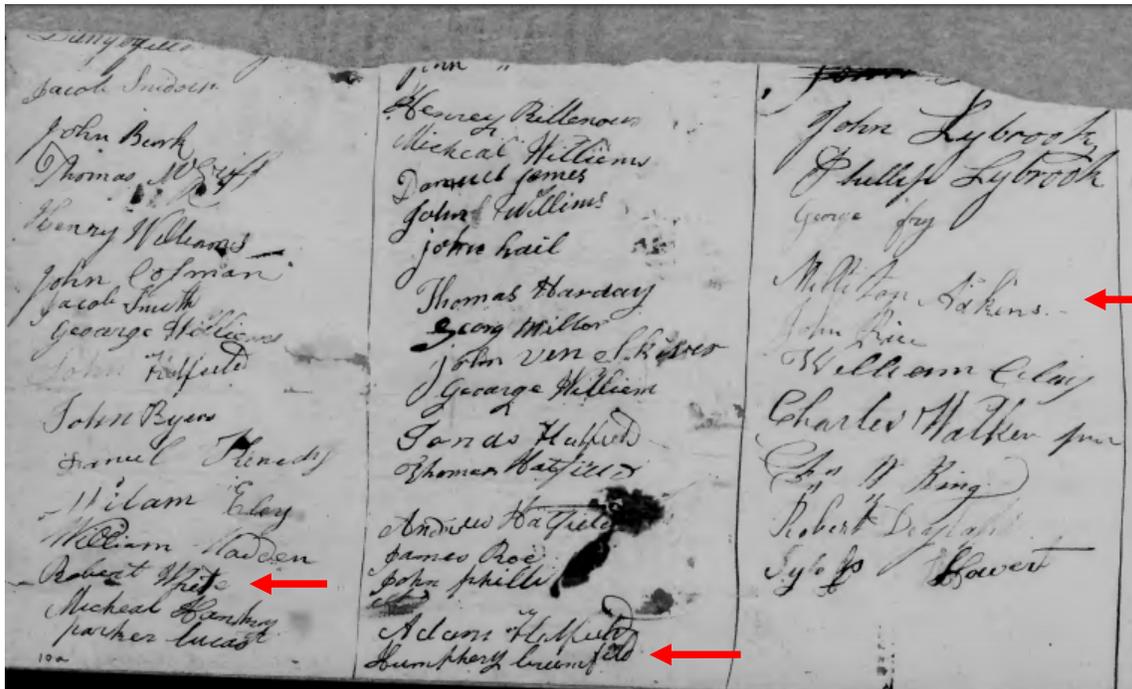
²⁰⁹ Marshall Wingfield, *Marriage Bonds of Franklin County, Virginia* (Memphis: West Tennessee Genealogical Society, 1939), 167.

²¹⁰ 1830 U.S. census, Franklin Co., VA, p. 81.

²¹¹ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 37, 1796–1798, pp. 163–64; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-in/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/106/106&image_number=0604&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.40+++177-1798&dbl_pgs=no&round= : accessed 20 June 2019).

Montgomery County, apparently:

{image 21, col. 3}: John Lybrook, Phillip Lybrook, George Fry, **Milliton Adkins**, John Rice, William Clay, Charles Walker Jnr., Chas. W. King, Robert Deylassus? ...²¹²



COMMENT:

Note the proximity of Robert White to Milliton Adkins—and to Humphery Brumfield, whose son Humphrey married Sarah Mills’s sister-in-law, Sarah Sartain.

18 DECEMBER 1797

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

“Protest against the division of the county and the formation of a new county from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, & Patrick”

[Montgomery County men:]

{image 6, col. 2} ... Jacob Sowder Sen., William Willson, Jno. Peden, Samuel Willson, **Hercules Mares**, Henry **Idings**, Jonas Lykins, Benjamin Peden, Thos Lee, Danel Com___, Dad. Jones, David Wilson, Francis Piden, John Wilson Juner, John Chambro, Valentine Shatteen, ___l_t_n Ak?___ [a torn name at bottom of page, possibly **Milliton Atkins**]

{image 7, col. 1} John Webb, Hercules Ogle juner, Hercules Ogle Sener ... {col. 2} ... John **Shockey** ...

{image 14, col. 3} **Archibald Whitt**, Thomas Casidy, Thomas Alley, William Spencer ...²¹³

²¹² “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019); citing Record Number 000613253, Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 2

COMMENT:

Archibald Whitt is the proved son of the Rev. Richard Whitt.²¹⁴

20 NOVEMBER 1798

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor

Grant issued to **Obediah Byas** for 50 acres in Montgomery County under Treasury Warrants 19493 and 9012, **survey made 14 February 1789**, "lying ... between the lands of John Hammons and **John White** on the north side of **Walkers Creek** and bounded as followeth:

Beginning at two black oaks and a white oak on **Hammon's** line on the N side of a **hill**, then N 58° W 60 poles to two white oaks on a hill, N 30° E 90 poles to two white oak Saplings on the N side of a **Ridge**, N 40° E 74 poles to three black oaks on a hill, N 77° E 34 poles to a large poplar, S 28° E 10 poles to three poplars corner to said **Hammons** land and with it S 25° W 178 poles to the Beginning.²¹⁵

COMMENT:

Without documentation, numerous online trees identify Obediah as the son of James and Elizabeth (Larkin) Bias of Amherst County; James allegedly was born 17 May 1722 at Milltown, Carlow, Ireland, and came to Virginia by way of Pennsylvania.²¹⁶

A search of Virginia Land Office grants via the new search engine at *Library of Virginia* has not turn up a grant for John Hammon(d)(s) or variant spellings.

20 NOVEMBER 1798

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Land grant

By virtue of an Exchanged Land Office Treasury Warrant no. 297 and a Land Office Treasury Warrant no. 18750, there is granted to **Gordon Cloyd** 313 acres surveyed 14 November 1794 in Montgomery County "on the head of **Cox's hollow**, waters of **Sugar Run**, a branch of **Walkers Creek**, Waters of New River, bounded as follows: "Beginning at a poplar & two white oaks, a corner of **Thomas Shannons** Survey and with the lines there S 64o 90 poles ...²¹⁷

3 JUNE 1799

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Probate settlement

"David Owen Settlement. Payments made to settle the estate, given to: James Smith, Moses Dunop, Robert Smeather, Isaac Taylor, Thomas Mitchell, William Blaine, Henry Reyburn, Matthew *Petross* (dec'd), William Crawford, Nicholas Shootman, **James McCarrell**, Jesse Smeather, Jacob Kittinger, Peter

²¹³ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 3.

²¹⁴ See E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Montgomery, Fincastle & Botetourt Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey."

²¹⁵ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 590; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (http://image.lva.virginia.gov/cgi-in/drawer?retrieve_image=LONN&dir=/LONN/LO4/106/106&image_number=0604&offset=%2B14&name=Grants+No.40+++177-1798&dbl_pgs=no&round= : accessed 20 June 2019).

²¹⁶ For example, see Mia Morin, "Mia Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/108865994/person/102031218606/facts> : accessed 20 June 2019), "James (Byers) Bias," facts page.

²¹⁷ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

Dyerly, George Hancock, Charles Dyerly, John Reyburn Sen., John Dyerly, Jacob Shootman for Cob'o Lewis, William Irvine, Daniel Owen, Thomas, John Cole and Matthew Petross' estate. Signed June 3 1799 Williston Talbott and James Robertson. Returned May 1800 Charles Taylor CMC."²¹⁸

COMMENT:

Reyburns and Peatrosses were in same tax district as Mills, Whitts, Whites, and Booker Mullins.

10 DECEMBER 1799

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Protest against the division of the county"

{image 14, col. 1} Nathaniel Crandall, **Richd. Whitt Junr, Richd Whitt Senior**, John Chase, Phillip Hagan, Stephen Howard ...²¹⁹

21 JANUARY 1800

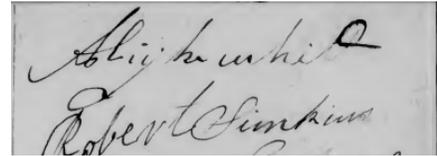
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor

By virtue of Treasury Warrant Number 14107 issued 6 September 1782, there is granted to **Thomas Shannon**, assignee of **Henry Farley** 60 acres surveyed on 20 September 1791 in Montgomery County on S side of **Little Sugar Run, waters of Walkers Creek, Waters of New River** joining the lands of **Joseph Cloyd and John White**, bounded as follows: Beginning at a white oak Corner to John Whites land, now the head of a spring, N 49° E 6 poles to a white oak and poplar ..."²²⁰

COMMENT:

Farley, according to a reasonably-well documented tree at Ancestry, was the husband of Sarah Chitwood and son of Thomas Farley and Elizabeth Clay of Henrico, Cumberland, and Bedford.²²¹



8 DECEMBER 1800

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

"Protest against the petition for the formation of a new county from parts of Montgomery, Franklin & Patrick?"

{image 19; col. 2} **Abijah White**²²²

1800— [N.D.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

²¹⁸ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Will Book 1, 1786–1809* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1986), 9; citing p. 78.

²¹⁹ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 44.

²²⁰ Virginia Land Office Grants, vol. 44, 1799–1800:278; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990008476650205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en : accessed 20 June 2019).

²²¹ sfarley 20, "Farley Family Tree," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/35485037/person/28095278732/facts> : accessed 20 June 2019), "Henry Farley," Facts page.

²²² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 47.

Request for part of Montgomery County to be annexed to Monroe County.

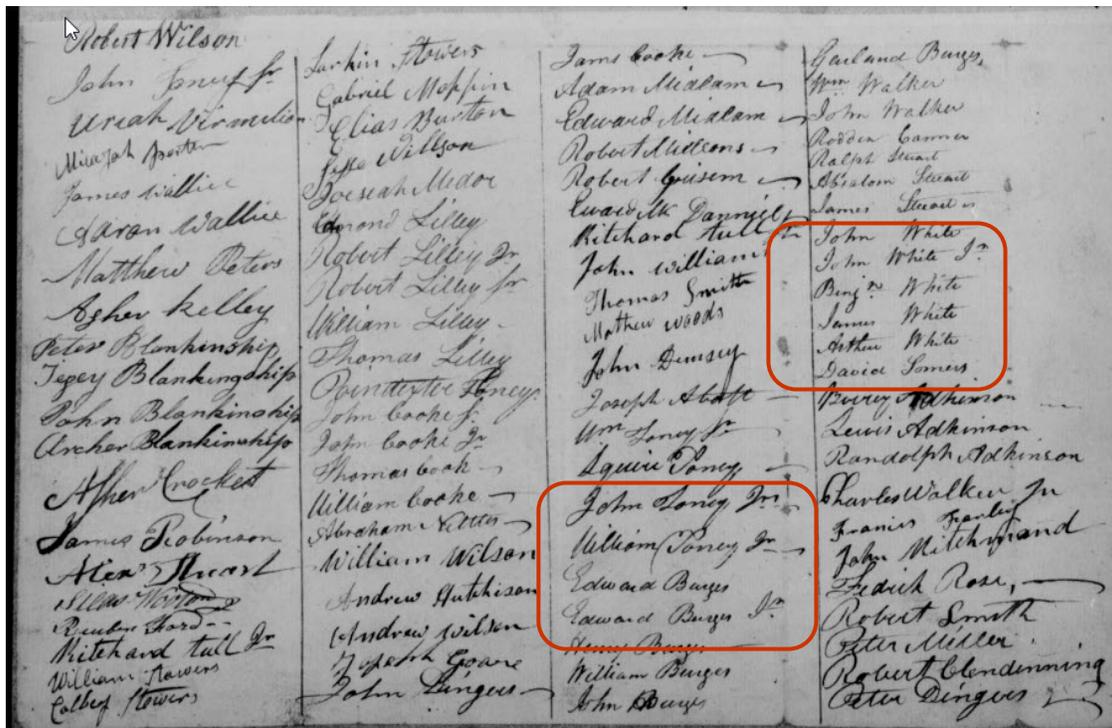
“The Petition of Sundry Inhabitants of Montgomery County Resident on **New River below Wolf Creek Mountain** Humbly Represents That your Petitioners Occupa a Strip of the Said County, from the aforesaid Mountain To the Kanawa line about 70 Miles and Generally from 12 to 15 Miles in Width, Situated Between the Countys of Munroe and Tazewell ...” , and as your Petitioners are generally Seated on the Banks of the New River, with Dispersed Settlements on its branches and the most Convenient of us to our Present Seat of Justice has to Travel thirty eight miles and Still the River to Pass—We therefore pray that your Honorable House will pass a law at your present Session to Incorporate us with the County of Munroe, by a Line to begin on New River at the end of Peters Mountain thence up the River so as to Include the Settlers on Wolf Creek, to Wolf Creek Mountain, thence with the Said Mountain, to the Tazewell County line, thence with Tazewell line, to Kanawa, line, thence with Kanawa line to New River, thence up the Same to Kerney’s Knobbs, at the line of Munroe County.”

{image 1, col. 3} **William Toney Sr.**, Squire Toney, **John Toney Jr.**, William Toney Jr., Edward Burgess, Edward Burgess jr., Henry Burgess, William Burges, John Burges

{image 1, col. 4} Garland Burges, Wm. Walker, John Walker, Rodden Conner?, Ralph Stuart, Absalom Stuart, James Stuart, **John White, John White Jr., Benjn White, James White, Arthur White**, David Somers, Berry Adkinson, Lewis Adkinson, Randolph Adkinson, Charles Walker Jr., Francis Farley, John Mitchmand, Fedrick Rose, Robert Smith, Peter Miller, Robert **Clendenning**, Peter Dingués ...”²²³

COMMENT:

The Whites, along with the Tanners, the Stuarts, and the Burgesses. were subsequently cut off into Giles County (1806).



²²³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, Virginia Memory (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019), Record No. 000613439; citing accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 16. Monroe County (now WV) and Tazewell County were both formed in 1799.

27 OCTOBER 1801

MONTGOMERY & FRANKLIN COUNTIES, VA

Land sale

Sale for £100. "William/Sarah **Weaks** of **Montgomery Tenn** [sic] to **Samuel McCarrell** of Franklin. 275a on Story Creek beg at post oak at **Mark Cole's** crn and old survey crn to Rentfro survey; S30E186 to wh oak crn on Early & Callaway: S78W98 crossing brch to wh oak; new line S401/2 W104 crossing brch to post oak ... M/B .. adj **Wm Armstrong**. Signed: William Weaks, Sarah Weaks. Wit: None Proven: Montgomery Tn 27 Oct 1801 by akn, R/Dower; Franklin VA 4 Jan 1802 by certification."²²⁴

9 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for a new county to be formed from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, and Patrick.

{image 7, col. 2}: ... Richard Standly, John Harress, William Shorery, **Bowker Mullins**, Henry Ackerson, George Boyd, James _____, [illegible], John Briantt, _ulten Meguire, William Hunter, John Hunter, **Daniel Prillaman**, Stephen Chidester, **Jacob Prillamen**, William Hunter Senr., Micajah Stone [**Slone?**], Richard Guilliams, George Guilliams, Robert Guilliams ...²²⁵

N.D.

MONTGOMERY, FRANKLIN & PATRICK COUNTIES, VA

Petition to legislature

Request for a new county to be formed from parts of Montgomery, Franklin, and Patrick.

{image 12, col. 2}: ... David Mannin, William More, Hennery Troup, Jonathan Hayes, Swinfield Barton, **Saml. Miles** ...

{image 12, col. 3} ... Evan Miles²²⁶

15 DECEMBER 1801

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to move the seat of justice for the Judicial District from Sweet Springs in Botetourt County to Union in Monroe County.

{image 2} Peter Dingess, Sr., John Dingess, John Guttery, **John White Sen.**, **Jas. White**, James **Coply**, William Chapman, John Burgess, Henry Burgess, William Burgess, Garland Burgess, Edward Burgess Sr., Edward Burgess Jr., John Coleman, James Stewart, Absalom _____, **John Wite Jr.**, Joel Brumfld?, John **Coply**²²⁷

23 APRIL 1802

²²⁴ Barbara Crumpton, *Franklin County, Virginia, Will Book 4, 1799–1804* (Duncan, OK: Creative Copies, 1999), 39, 93; citing Deed Book 4: 279–80, 4: 611–12.

²²⁵ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 5.

²²⁶ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 21 February 2019) citing Accession Number 36121, Box 337, Folder 16.

²²⁷ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 52.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Road order

"\$1900 is awarded to James Devors for the road across his lands. Signed: April 23, 1802 – Sam'l Hickman, Peter Helvey, John Shell, Josiah Baker, **Alexander Maars**, James Reed, Joseph Cloyd, Sam'l Caddall, George Summers, Joseph Reyburn, John Southain, William Godbey."²²⁸

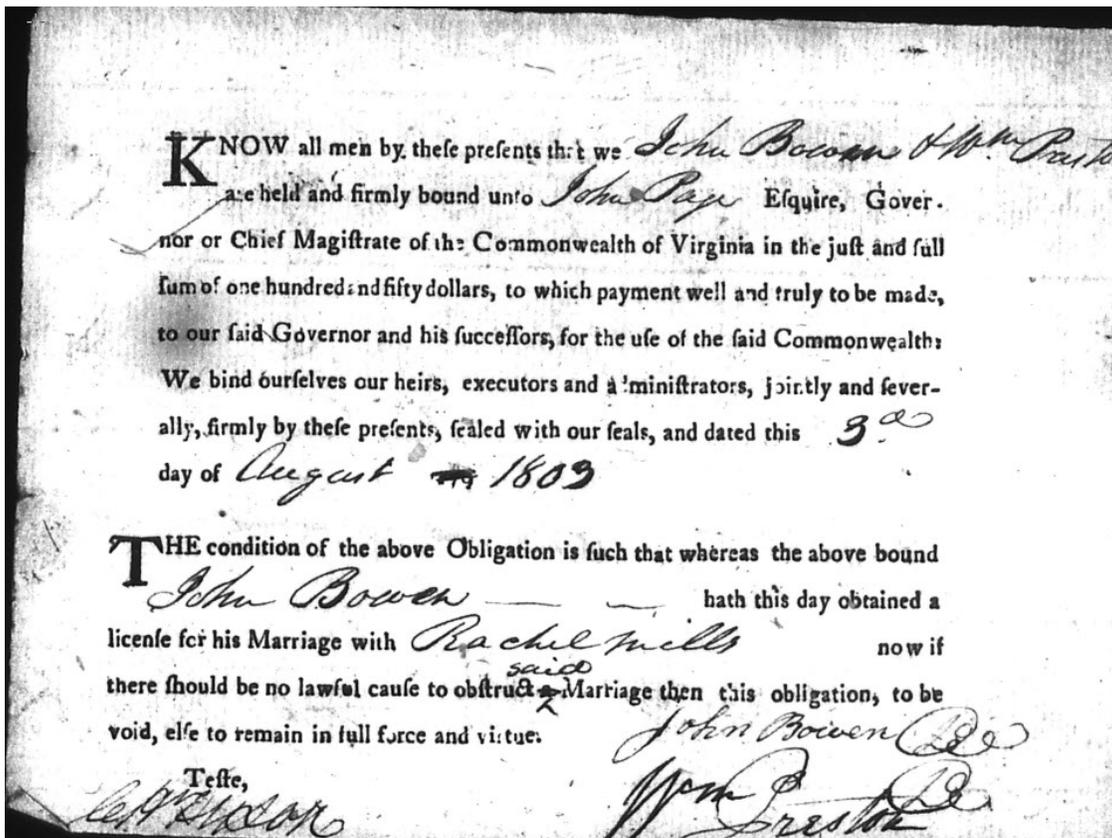
3 AUGUST 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Marriage bond

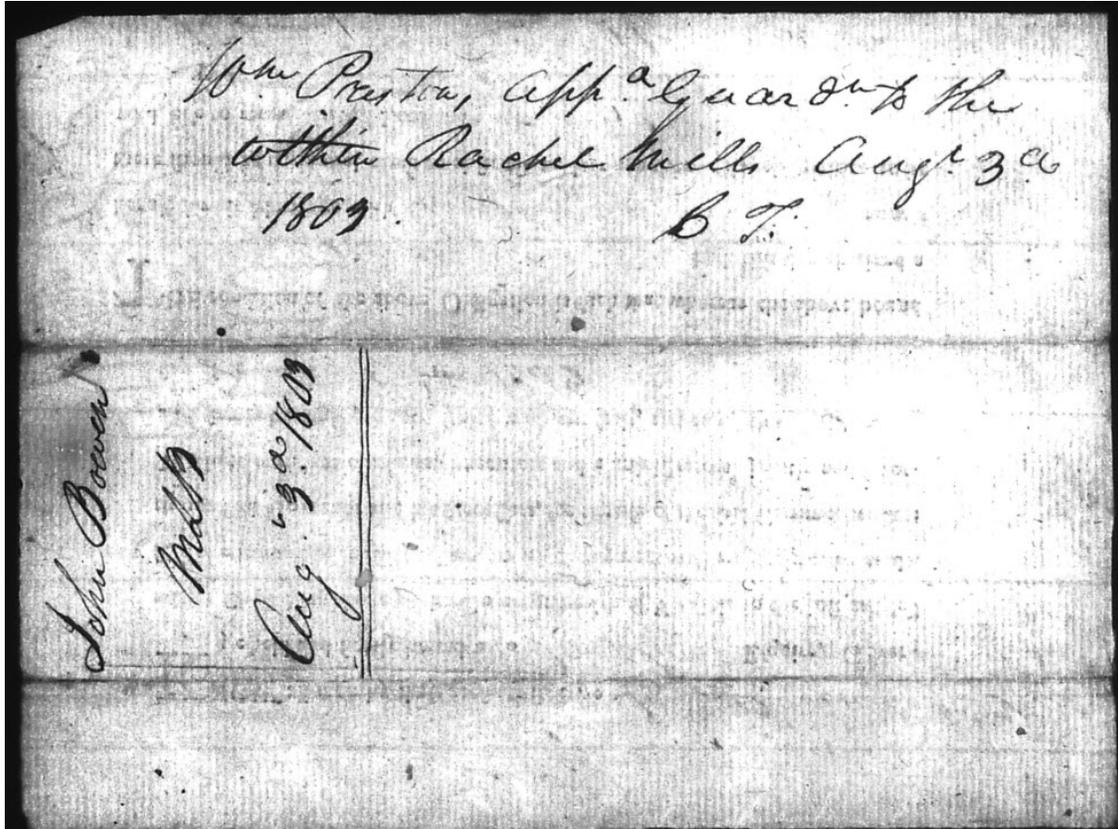
"Know all men by these presents that we **John Bowen & Wm. Preston** are held and firmly bound unto John Pope, Esquire, Governor or Chief Magistrate of the Commonwealth of Virginia in the just and full sum of one hundred and fifty dollars ... this 3d day of August 1803. The condition of the above Obligation is such that whereas the above bound John Bowen hath this day obtained a license for his Marriage with **Rachel Mills** now if there should be no lawful cause to obstruct said Marriage, then this obligation, to be void, else to remain in full force and virtue. [Signed:] John Bowen Wm Preston."

[Backside of bond:] "Wm. Preston, Apptd Guardn to the within Rachel Mills Augt. 3d 1803, C.T."²²⁹



²²⁸ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Will Book 1, 1786–1809* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1986), 22; citing p. 165.

²²⁹ Montgomery County Marriage Bonds, 1796-1803, unnumbered, chronological order; Montgomery Co. microfilm 39, Library of Virginia, Richmond.



8 DECEMBER 1803

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to create new county "from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe."

{image 3, col. 1} **Tom Copley**, Edward Burges, Jr., Edward Burges Sr., John Burges, Henry Burges, William Burges, Garland Burges, Phillip Miller. David Toller, **Benjamin White, Ritchard Whitt, John White, William White, James Copley**²³⁰

COMMENT:

After Giles were cut away in 1806, Thomas Copley and the John Whites fell into Giles County. Richard Whitt remained on the Montgomery side of the line.

7 DECEMBER 1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to create new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.

{Signature sheet 4, col. 1} Thomas **Sertain**, Isaac McKinnie?, Wm. Wilborn, William French, John **Certain**, **Elijah Certain**, James Hall, George Fry, John Lucas Jr., John _____, James McKinsey, David French, John Thomas, Joel **Sertain**

²³⁰ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 58.

{Signature sheet 4, col. 2} James Stafford Jr., Reuben Ford, Joshua **Copley**, Joseph M. McKinney, [skip 14]
James **Whit** [skip 4 to end of column]

{Signature sheet 4, col. 3} Randle **Adkins**, **Wm. White**, **John White**, Samuel Drake, **Robert Whit**, **Wm. White**, Patrick **Napier** Senior, John **Adkins**.²³¹

7 DECEMBER 1804

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to create new county from parts of Montgomery, Tazewell, & Monroe.

{Signature sheet 2} ... "Subscribers names living in the bounds of Montgomery County that is not included in the New County {col. 3} Zachariah Romines, **George Mills**, Archable **Whitt**, Abijah **Whitt**, Richd **Whitt** Junr., Henry Creswell, William Cassady

COMMENT:

- This George Mills [Miles?] has not been identified. His presence amid the Whitts is noteworthy.
- One George Mills was cited for jury duty in **Franklin County** in 1810, then drops out.
- One George Mills is named as a son in the 1841 will of William Mills of Franklin (i.e., a grandson of James of the Maggoty). However, given that William-of-James married in 1796, his son George is too young to be the George who had come of age by 1810 or the George who signed this 1804 petition.

{Signature sheet 5} ... Adam Farrar, Joseph Boothe, _____ Salians?, **R. Whitt**, Geo. Cl _____, Jonathan Acres, John Attozer, Joseph Carl, Nathan Ratliff, Wm. Howaroys?, C. Howard, Thos. Larton, Jacob Akers David Bishop ...²³²

[n.d.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Whereas there is now a petition in cicalation which is intended to be presented to the next General Asembly of this State Signed by a number of the Inhabitants of the Counties of Montgomery Tazewell and Monroe praying for a new county [lines described] your petitioners beg leave to represent that in their humble opinion the above mentioned petition is founded upon incontrovertible facts; that the Inhabitants Living in the west end of Montgomery County labour under many inconveniences and hardships, situated as they now are, in having to attend their present Judicial seat of Justice that there has been a petition in circulation for several years past, the prayer of which was that a New County might be formed and Established off the East end of said County of Montgomery, including a part of Franklin and Patrick Counties, which petition your Memorialists conceive unreasonable ... your petitioners humbly pray your honorable body to pass a Law for a new County to be formed and Established off the west end of Montgomery County, including a small part of the Counties of Tazewell and Monroe ...

First signatures [in sequence]: **Richd Whitt senyr**, James Smith, **Richard Whitt Junr.**, George Gledenger? Junr., William Curnute, Nathaniel Martin, James Curnutt, Barnet Farmer?, Tompson Farmer?, **Abijah**

²³¹ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 61.

²³² Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 61.

Whitt ...²³³

[n.d.]

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Request to form a new county from parts of Tazewell, Monroe, & Montgomery.

{sheet 2 of signatures, col. 3} ... James Taber, John Taber, Richard Parce?, William Surls, Nathaniel Martin, John Raburn, **Archibald Whitt**, Jonathan Grayham, Isaac Honaker, Joseph Covey

{sheet 4 of signatures} ... Samuel Huff, Leonard Aldredge, Wm. Becket, James **Light**, J___ Shockey ...

{sheet 6 of signatures} ... John B. Goodrich, **Richd Whitt Jur.**, J___ Caldwell, Saml. Kister, John Lister, Abner Lester, Josep Carle, Saml Carle, **Richd. Whitt Sr.**, William Lester, Hughlins Lester ...

{sheet 7 of signatures} Jonathan Conner, Andrew Conner, James Templeton, Henry **Light**, Wm. Conner, John Snauffer, Wm. Maham, Reuben Bartlett, Francis Kellor, Jesse Deweese, Henry **Huff**²³⁴

AUGUST 1805

FRANKLIN & MONTGOMERY COUNTIES, VA

Court order

“At a court held for Franklin County at the courthouse the fifth day of August 1805. Ordered that the clerk of this court certify that **Abraham Maris** about twenty-two years of age [sic] a dark mulatto was born of free parents and that his [sic] intitled to his freedom under the law of this Commonwealth. A copy teste: James Callaway CFC. Recorded in Montgomery Co September 1807. Charles Taylor CMC.”²³⁵

24 APRIL 1806

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Neighbor

By virtue of two warrants (one for 65 acres by military warrant no. 330 issued 7 February 1780 under the royal proclamation of 1763; the other for 64 acres by Treasury Warrant no. 1022 issued 25 December 1794), there is granted to **Randall Lucas** a tract of 125 acres surveyed 22 December 1796 in the county of Montgomery “on the head of **Doe Creek**, a branch of New River” bounded as follows:

Beginning at two large chestnuts corner of **John White’s** land, then with a line thereof N 74° E 140 poles to a large chesnut, N 80 poles crossing a small branch to a black oak, N 78° W 178 poles to a buckeye in a branch, S 38° W 57 poles to a sugar tree on a sharp spur, S 20° E 44 poles to three sugar trees on a line of **Thomas Cassidays** land, then with lines thereon N 55° E 42 poles to two sugar trees by a branch, a corner thereof, and then S 16° 98 poles down said branch and crossing the same to the beginning.²³⁶

COMMENT:

²³³ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 173, Folder 49.

²³⁴ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 19 February 2019); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 173, Folder 50.

²³⁵ James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, VA: Will Book 1, 1786–1809* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1986), 41; citing p. 315.

²³⁶ Virginia, Land Office Grants, vol. 40, 1797–1798, p. 588–89; imaged at *Library of Virginia* (https://lva.primo.exlibrisgroup.com/discovery/fulldisplay?docid=alma990007375920205756&context=L&vid=01LVA_INST:01LVA&search_scope=MyInstitution&tab=LibraryCatalog&lang=en) : accessed 20 June 2019).

This is the first reference I've seen to a John White landholding on the east side of New River, specifically Doe Creek. Whether this John White land might be the 130 acres of the tax roll or the 95 acres taxed jointly with William Preston remains to be determined.

2 APRIL 1807

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Association

"James Booth Will. Wife: Frances Booth. Son: William Booth. Executor: **James Forguson**. Signed: April 2, 1807 James Booth (X = his mark). Witnesses **William Guillian, Mary Ferguson**, Ledybeath Dent, and Matthew Scott. Recorded: August 1807, Charles Taylor CMC."²³⁷

COMMENT:

See my Franklin Co. report for Guillian and family as associates of others I am pursuing.²³⁸

26 APRIL 1807 / 1813

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Will

"In the name of God I **Richard Whitt** living in the County of Montgomery being in a State of Declining health but sound in mind do ordain and declare this statement of Writing to be my last Will and Testament, revoking all others, It is my wish after my death and for that purpose declare and bequeath to **my son Archibald Whitt** all the Tract of Land where on I now live and that the title shall fully be entitled in him with all Other Claims that I may have to that and any other adjoining land Tract to him and his heirs forever. This Tract is to be understood to contain the whole of the Land that I bought from *John Harrison on Meadow Creek* supposed to be One hundred Acres be it more or less to include the part which I had allotted to **my son Richard** at the upper end of said Tract which son Archibald has bought and a title never was conveyed for it. I do also Will to **my beloved wife** [not named] her equal one third of all my personal Estate her Natural life time the balance to be equally Divided between **my three daughters**.

"(To Wit) **Elizabeth Cassiday, Ruthy Whitt, and Susanna Creswell**, and also Should there be any part of my Wifes Legasee left at her death also to be equally divided among my three daughters and their Heirs forever. And for the good performance of my will and to execute the content I do appoint *John Ingles* and my son Archibald Whitt to act as executors. And it is my request as I can to leave the fullest confidence in them that they shall act without being bound in security. Signed and Subscribed to this my hand and seal this 25 day of April 1807. Richard Witt. Test: William Casseedy, Thomas Farmer."²³⁹

10 DECEMBER 1807

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

"Freeholders & Inhabitants ... ask for a law establishing a town at Giles Courthouse where 52 acres were given by George Pearis."²⁴⁰

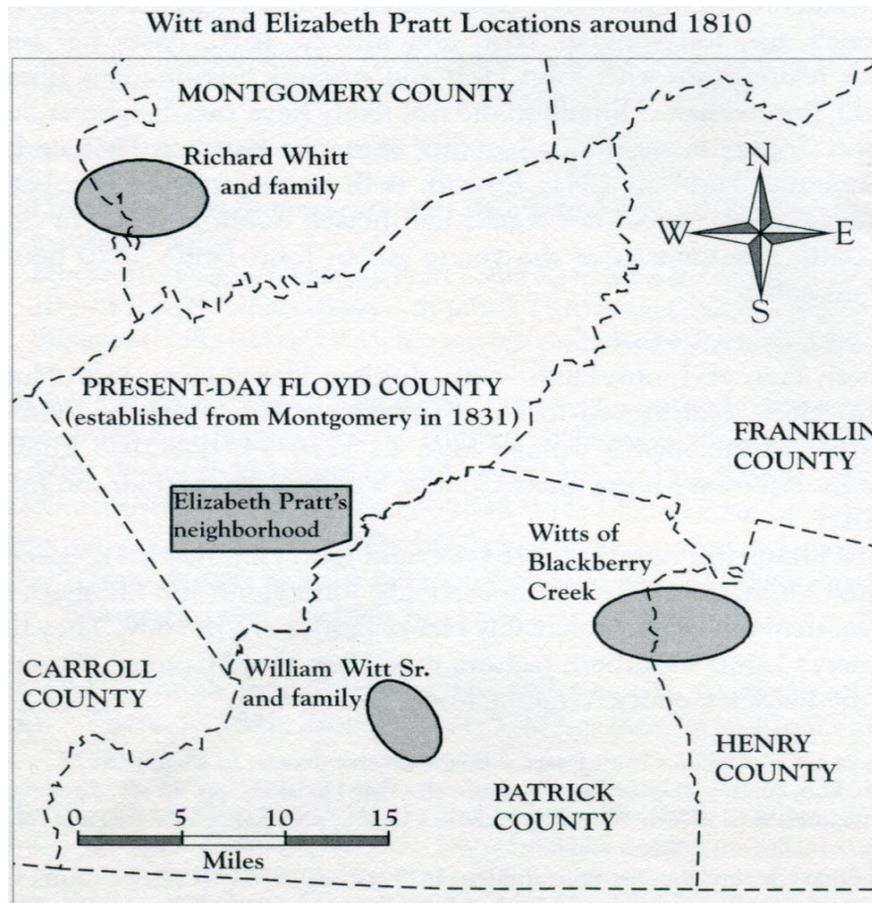
²³⁷ Ibid., 41; citing p. 313.

²³⁸ E. S. Mills, "Mills & Associates: Franklin & Floyd Counties, Virginia: Initial Survey," report to file, 28 August 2018; archived at *Historic Pathways*, under the "Research" tab.

²³⁹ Transcription by David F. Whitt, *Ancestors and Descendants of William Whitt, 1775–1850* (Westminster, MD: Heritage Books, 2004), 58–59; citing "page 120 in the Montgomery County Will Book for 1813."

²⁴⁰ "Legislative Petitions Digital Collection," database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions>) : accessed 27 October 2018); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 2."

Map 7
Whitt-Witt & Pratt Locations about 1810²⁴¹



1810

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Census.

[Beginning first page, line 1]²⁴²

Carrels, Samuel	1 male	45+	1 female	45+
	3 males	16-18		

- Ingles, John
- Graybill, John
- Perry, Andrew
- McDonald, Benjamin
- Warden, Thomas
- Bell, Robert
- Bell, Jeremiah
- Hall Jonathan
- Armour, Joseph

²⁴¹ Warren C. Pratt, "Finding the Father of Henry Pratt of Southeastern Kentucky," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 100 (June 2012): 85–103; this map, drawn by Dr. Pratt, appears as Fig. 1 on p. 90.

²⁴² James L. Douthat, *Montgomery County, Va., Early Settlers: 1810–1850 Census* (Signal Mountain, TN: Mountain Press, 1985).

Miller, Abr'm
 Hedge, Will'm
 Kelly, John
 Brown, Cornelious
 Pate, Dan'l, Sr.
 Patton, Henry, Jr.

COMMENT:

Carrells is the first person on the census of the county, living in the county seat of Christiansburg, where Samuel McCarrell owned a town lot that he sold in 1811. Carrells' position on the census means we can identify "neighbors" on *just one side of him*. He was not the enumerator. This Samuel Carrell's data, however, is not compatible with known facts for Samuel McCarrell of Franklin, the associate (or employer) of William Mills-Witt.

(p. 8; citing p. 23

Helton, Elisha
 Ronald, John

Musgrove, Henry 1 male 45+ 1 female 45+

Martiall, Rob't
 Helton, John
 Whitehead, And'w
 Helton, James
 Helton, Elizabeth
 McPeak, Wm.
 Helton, Edmund
 Wright, Jno. Jr.
 Stegall, Mastin
 Dickerson, Leonard
 Prayter, Newman
 Helton, George
 Eadin, John
 Hawkit, Jonathan

Musgrove, Henry 1 male 26-45 1 female 26-45
 3 males 0-10 1 female 10-16
 1 female 0-10

Thompson, Adam
 Thompson, Nath'l

Musgrove, Thomas 1 male 26-45
 1 male 0-10 1 female 0-10

Harmon, Jacob
 Warde, Dan'l
 Keef, James, Sr.
 Keff [*sic*], Thomas (son of Geo.)
 Keef, James, Jr.
Huff, Joseph
 Rentfro, John
 Ronalds, Sarah
 Sutfin, Henfry
 Wade, Garland
Helton, Arch'd
 Keef, John, Jr.
 Waddle, Jonas
 Waddle, And'w

Moricle, Jno.

[skip 22]

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Wade, Wm., Sr.	1 male 45+	1 female 45+
	1 male 10-16	1 female 16-26
	1 male 0-10	1 female 10-16
		3 females 0-10

Ackes, Wm. [Acres? Akers?]

Hurd, Charles

Acles, Isaac

Howell, Daniel

Bowls, Matthew C.

Carrell, Rob't	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45
	1 male 0-10	1 female 10-16
		2 females 0-10

Peters, Stephin

Thompson, Jas. Sr.

Howell, Benj'n

Johnson Jno. Sr.

Pratt, Elizabeth ²⁴³	1 male 0-10	1 female 16-26	[See Map 3]
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Huff, John	1 male 26-45	
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Briant, Ambrous

COMMENT:

See Map 3, below, for Whitt-Witt & Pratt Locations about 1810.

[skip 13; now on p.25]

Pratt, John	1 male 45+	1 female 45+
		1 female 16-26
		2 females 10-16
		2 females 0-10
Pratt, James	1 male 26-45	1 female 26-45
		3 females 0-10
Wade, John	1 male 45+	
	1 male 26-45	2 females 16-26
	1 male 10-16	1 female 10-16
	1 male 0-10	3 females 0-10

²⁴³ Elizabeth Pratt, daughter of the RW soldier James Pratt who had moved to Kentucky by this point, had a child by John Huff in 1811. Two years earlier (1809), she had borne a son Henry Pratt whose male-line offspring carry the same Witt Y as offspring of William Mills-Witt. At 67 markers, Warren Clark Pratt and Clay B. Mills (my son) are a genetic distance of 1. At 111 markers, they are a genetic distance of 2. Pratt has published his study in which he identifies the probable father of Henry as Henry Witt, son of Lewis and Anne (Mills?) Witt of Bedford. See Warren C. Pratt, "Finding the Father of Henry Pratt of Southeastern Kentucky," *National Genealogical Society Quarterly* 100 (June 2012): 85–103. According to Pratt, Elizabeth and John "lived in Montgomery County's southern section, in modern Floyd County, Virginia, not far from the Patrick County, Virginia, line" (p. 89). This is the region to which William Mills-Witt moved when he left Franklin County in the late 1840s.

David F. Whitt's genealogy of the Whitt-Witt family posits Lewis Witt of Bedford as the first cousin, once removed, of Rev. Richard Whitt of Montgomery, but is short on evidence. A brief sentence on p. 106 states that Lewis is the son of Benjamin. A chart tipped in before p. 51 identifies Benjamin's father William and Rev. Richard's father Richard Sr. as two of the four sons of the original immigrant John Witt-Whitt (wife Ann Daux).

COMMENT:

Related names in county:

Kemp, James (next to Abijah Whitt)

Ferguson, Robt

Maddox, Sarah

Mullins, James

Whitt, Abijah, Archibald, Richard

18 DECEMBER 1813

GILES COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

“Inhabitants of the Loop ... ask for a law authorizing the County Court to appoint some person living in the Loop to celebrate the rights of matrimony until some authorized minister of the Gospel may settle among them.”²⁴⁴

14 OCTOBER 1814

MONTGOMERY COUNTY, VA

Petition to legislature

Subject: “Fishing/Oyster Industry”

Request “for a law compelling owners of dams and other obstructions across the Roanoke River to make slopes or otherwise to provide for the passage of fish.”

{image 2, col. 1} Jacob Kent, William Britt, Jesse Hall, **James Light**, Bolin Childress, John Thrash, Thos. Henderson, Silas Davis, Samuel Davis, **Samuel Maddox**, Robert Barnitt Senr., John Barnitt Junr., Bird Wilson, John H Stratten, George Snuffer, Mical Losders, Andrew Childress, James Rayburn, Andrew Thrash, John Robinson, David Thrash, Thomas Illott, Andrew Wilson, **William Mills**, John **Shockey**, Cyrus Robinson, Green Will.²⁴⁵

COMMENT:

- This William Mills is a viable candidate for the William who married a few months later in Franklin County to Drucilla Kemp, the stepdaughter of Sarah **Maddox**. I have found no other William Mills who might be him.
- Note his proximity to Shockey; numerous Shockey, Shockley petition signatures throughout the years were made adjacent to the Lights—a family William Mills moved next door to when he left Franklin County for Floyd County c1848.
- This petition, with just 2 pages of names, is short by comparison to most. The names are not actual signatures; the petition has been recopied—apparently contemporaneously.

TO DO:

Pursue the Lights.

²⁴⁴ “Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 27 October 2018); citing Accession Number 36121, Box 86, Folder 7.”

²⁴⁵ Legislative Petitions Digital Collection,” database with images, Library of Virginia, *Virginia Memory* (<http://www.virginiamemory.com/collections/petitions> : accessed 19 February 2019); citing accession Number 36121, Box 171, Folder 95.

Jacob Kent	John Kent
William Britt	George Webster
Jesse Hall	James Robinson
James Light	James Walter
Colin Childers	John Batten
John Thrash	Mathew Lee
Thos. Henderson	Thomas Barnwell, Junr
Silas Davis	Sebastian Wygle
Samuel Davis	Robert Barnwell, Junr
Samuel Maddox	Thomas Harrison, Junr
Robert Barnwell, Junr	Robert Rayburn
John Barnwell, Junr	Thomas Harrison, Junr
Bird Wilson	George Peas
John H. Stratten	George Taylor
George Snuffer	John Clifton
Michael Sowers	George Hancock
Andrew Childers	Thomas Mitchell
James Rayburn	Edward Donoho
Andrew Childers	David Robinson
Andrew Thrash	John Deyorle
John Robinson	John Kent, Senr
David Thrash	Joseph Barnwell, Junr
Thomas Mott	Thomas Jones
Andrew Wilson	Charles Deyorle
William Mills	Abraham Deyorle
John Shockey	Edward Billups
Cyrus Robinson	William Billups
Green Will	Joseph King
	Hamblett Wade
	James Craig
	William Lewis

1815

WYTHE COUNTY, VA

Tax roll

"The assessment tickets for Wythe County in 1815 are listed below. The acreage, location of the land, the buildings on each tract, and the number of slaves are given. The size of many of the houses are also described. In 1815, Wythe County included part of Bland, Smyth, and **Pulaski** County; consequently, many of the residents are from those areas. The Town of Evansham (now Wytheville) was also referred to as Wythe Court House, abbreviated C.. or W.C.H. The list is incomplete, because some of the tax tickets were destroyed or lost. There are two brick houses mentioned (Jacob Kent, and Thomas Warner) but most are made of wood, either frame or log."²⁴⁶

COMMENT:

Wythe tax entries are in alphabetical order, diminishing the ability to determine neighbors.

Wythe Co.

AKERS:	John, Michael, Peter, Phillipp (Bear Creek, Middle Fork of Holston) (p. 111)
BOWEN:	No
COPLEY:	No
GLYMPH:	No
MASTIN:	No
SEXTON/SAXTON:	No
WHITE:	No

Other counties:

John Mills. One farm in Rich Valley, on North Fork of Holston, 124 acres having thereon one dwelling house of wood, one story, 16 feet by 15 feet, one stable, one springhouse, all of wood, valued at \$100.²⁴⁷

1815

WASHINGTON COUNTY, VA

Tax roll

"Following the publication of the tax assessment tickets, more than 400 more were discovered, 388 of them from Washington County, 1 more from Lee County, and 24 from Wythe County.

"The ones from Washington County include a couple in the alphabetical listing D and many from E through the end of the alphabet. In Wythe County, many were for the Graham and Miller families, and several of Simmermans, among others.

This supplement has an every name index although the entries have been arranged alphabetically."²⁴⁸

COMMENT:

WHITE: Maj. James, Moses, Richard, Robert, William. No John.

²⁴⁶ Mary B. Kegley, *Southwest Virginia Tax Assessments, 1815: Grayson, Lee, Scott, Russell, Washington, and Wythe Counties* (Wytheville, VA: Kegley Books, 1991), 111.

²⁴⁷ *Ibid.*, 138.

²⁴⁸ Mary B. Kegley, *Supplement to Southwest Virginia Tax Assessments, 1815: Grayson, Lee, Scott, Russell, Washington, and Wythe Counties* (Wytheville, VA: Kegley Books, 1992), 111.

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Anne Lowry Worrell, *A Brief of Wills and Marriages in Montgomery and Fincastle Counties, Virginia, 1773–1831* (Roanoke, VA: P.p., 1932).

(p. 11)

“Carrell, Joseph, and Polly Booth, dau. Abijah Booth, surety—Nov 11, 1811.”

(p. 12)

“Ferguson, George W. and Neomi West. San’l Smith, surety—Spt. 12, 1815.”

“Ferguson, John, and Margaret McKennee. William Wynn, surety—Spt. 1, 1789.”

“Ferguson, Kinder, and Mary Robins. Mar. by Edw. Morgan—June 1, 1792.”

“Ferguson, Thomas, and Rachel Munsey. John Cofer, surety—July 2, 1700.”

(p. 27)

“Maddox, John, and Nancy Watterson, dau. Thomas Watterson, surety—Apr. 29 1817.”

“Maddox, Richard, and Sarah Vanover. Enoch M. Vanover, surety—Jan 28, 1823.”

“Madison, William, and Elizabeth Preston, dau. William Preston. Gabriel Madison of Botetourt Co., surety—Jan. 8, 1779.”

“Mairs, Abram, and Jeremima Oaks. William Morgan, surety—Apr. 8, 1789.”

“Mairs, Christopher, and Mary Fowler, step-dau. Sam’l Maire, sur.--_____, 1788.”

“Mairs, Samuel, Jr., and Lydia Thompson. Sam’l Mairs, surety—Oct. 8, 1788.

“Mairs, Samuel, and Mary Baker. Mar. by Richard Whitt--_____, 1792.”

“Mares, Archibald, and Elizabeth McMullin. Wm. Barger, surety—Aug. 15, 1816.”

(p. 29)

“Mullins, James, and Margaret Walker. Joseph Baker, surety—Sept. 7, 1799.”

“Mullin, William, and Elizabeth Dillon. James Dillon, surety—June 16, 1794.”

“Mullin, William, and Nancy Wright, dau. John Wright, surety—Aug. 18, 1817.”

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PRATT: NO

Prilliman, Jacob, and Lucy Snidow. Christian Snidow, surety—Mar. 2, 1803.”

COMMENT:

- The Snidows lived at the edge of the Glymph-Sartain community on the E bank of New River. See Map 2.
- This Jacob Prilliman needs to be further explored as a potential bridge between William Mills-Witt (who emerged in Franklin in 1806) and the Sartain-Mills-White clan of New River

(p. 43)

“Wood, Henry, and Nancy Bryan. Ambrose Bryan, sur. Mar. by S. Hubbard—Aug. 6, 1821.”

“Wood, John, and Lydia Bryant, dau. Ambrose Bryant, surety—Nov. 3, 1829.”

(p. 51)

Maddox, Samuel, dec. Sale bill June, 1841.

COMMENT:

There is no index to the imbedded names of brides.

There is no index to names embedded in wills.

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Virginia. Franklin County.

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RESEARCH REPORTS

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Individual Research Notes

- "James Mills (bef. 1750–c1823-24) & Wife [?Octavia Breckinridge?]: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 28 August 2018
- "Jesse Mills Sr. (c1740—aft1811) of Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Lucy Tilman: Research Notes," a work-in-progress last updated 15 July 2019.

“William Mills (c1695–1766) of Goochland, Albemarle & Amherst Counties, Virginia; Spouse Mary (Walton?): Research Notes,” a work-in-progress last updated 1 June 2019.

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FURTHER WORK

Montgomery County, VA

1. Tax roll work needs completing, specifically:
 - Land tax lists, 1809–1830
 - Personal tax lists, 1809–1830
2. Courthouse records need to be exhausted, making a page-by-page search of all surviving records rather than relying on the courthouse indexes to principal parties.
3. Land grants for adjacent tracts of Sugar Run (White-Cloyd location), Back Creek, Doe Creek, and Sinking Creek need to be extracted from the “Land Office Patents and Grants” database of the Library of Virginia.
4. Accession nos. **1048924** and **1048926**, Montgomery County (Va.) Circuit Court, and Montgomery County (Va.) Miscellaneous Court Records, 1750–1861, Library of Virginia.”

Revolutionary War

1. "Revolutionary War Pensions." *Fold3*. Search for all known individuals on the published militia rosters that cover Botetourt and Montgomery. Study each file for information that sheds light on Millses, Witts, and their activities.